



# MEDIA INFORMATION

## FOX SPORTS NOTES, QUOTES & ANECDOTES

### Giants/49ers Battle in San Fran for the NFC Title Sunday on FOX

#### FOX NFL SUNDAY Pregame Live from Candlestick Park: Coverage at 6:00 PM ET

#### Arsenal and Manchester United Kick-Off #EpicSunday with First-Ever LIVE Barclays Premier League Match on U.S. Broadcast TV at 10:30 AM ET

**NFL ON FOX: NFC CHAMPIONSHIP** – A trip to Super Bowl XLVI is on the line Sunday, Jan. 22 (6:00 PM ET) as **Eli Manning, Hakeem Nicks, Victor Cruz** and the Giants look to orchestrate another improbable run to the Super Bowl against **Alex Smith, Frank Gore, Patrick Willis** and the 49ers. **Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver & Chris Myers** call this matchup for the George Halas trophy and NFC title in the City by the Bay.

Coverage begins at 6:00 PM ET with America’s most-watched pregame show, FOX NFL SUNDAY. **Terry Bradshaw** and **Curt Menefee** co-host the Emmy Award-winning program and are joined by analysts **Howie Long, Michael Strahan** and **Jimmy Johnson** live from Candlestick Park. NFL Insider **Jay Glazer** presents the latest playoff news and scoops from the FOX NFL SUNDAY studio while comedic prognosticator **Frank Caliendo** contributes his weekly “Frank’s Picks” segment. FOX Sports rules analyst **Mike Pereira** is also on hand to go over any impactful officiating issues. In this week’s Championship edition, Bradshaw sits down with **Alex Smith** to discuss San Francisco’s game-winning drive last week against the Saints and how it feels to be one game away from the Super Bowl after many frustrating years in San Fran. Johnson breaks down New York’s impressive defensive turnaround.

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### Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012

<u>GAME</u>	<u>PLAY-BY-PLAY/ANALYST/SIDELINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
New York Giants at San Francisco 49ers	Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver & Chris Myers	6:30PM
Candlestick Park – San Francisco, CA		

**AIKMAN: EXPECT TOUGH PHYSICAL GAME WHEN GIANTS & 49ERS CLASH IN SAN FRAN FOR NFC CROWN** -- NFL on FOX lead analyst **Troy Aikman** looks at the pressure on **Eli Manning** and **Alex Smith** this weekend and the keys to these two evenly matched teams representing the NFC in this year’s Super Bowl.

**ON THE PRESURE ON A QB AND ULTIMATELY WHAT YOU ARE REMEMBERED FOR:** “When you are the top draft pick at quarterback, you were brought in to win a championship. All that matters is winning. If **Alex Smith** or **Eli Manning** had the same years they had statistically but their teams were 5-11, no one would be talking about what a good year they had. As great a year as **Aaron Rodgers** and **Drew Brees** each had, they’d give it all back to still be playing this weekend.”

**ON THE KEYS TO THE 49ERS WINNING:** “Of all the teams, I’ve seen this season, I’d say the 49ers are the most complete. They run the ball well, are excellent on defense and their special teams plays well. There aren’t many holes in San Francisco. They aren’t as explosive offensively as the Giants or Packers but they are a well-coached, tough team. The 49ers need to keep up the formula that’s worked; playing great defense, not giving up points, being physical.”

**ON WHAT MAKES THE GIANTS SUCH A GOOD ROAD TEAM:** “Emotions are really heightened on the road with the crowd reacting to incompletions, missed 3<sup>rd</sup> downs conversations. A lot of teams can think the game is getting away from them when it’s really not. The Giants haven’t let things like that affect them and it’s a testament to **Tom Coughlin** and the job that he and his staff do in getting the Giants ready. The kicking game Sunday is going to be huge factor. Coughlin puts a lot of emphasis on special teams and kicking game. In the tough physical game that I expect, field position could be the deciding factor.”

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**ENGLISH RIVALS ARSENAL AND MAN U MEET LIVE ON FOX** – FOX Sports leads off NFC Championship Sunday with its first-ever live Barclays Premier League match on U.S. broadcast television featuring two of the world’s most storied clubs. Arsenal and Manchester United meet at Emirates Stadium, and coverage on FOX begins at 10:30 AM ET from Studio A in Los Angeles with **Rob Stone** in his first FOX Sports appearance accompanied by FOX Soccer analyst and former U.S. Men’s National Team legend **Eric Wynalda**, and CNN talk show host and Arsenal supporter, **Piers Morgan**.

A century-old rivalry, Arsenal and Manchester United look to leave their stamp on a crucial mid-season match. Hoping to avenge an 8-2 loss last August at Old Trafford, a re-energized Arsenal features the Premier League’s top-scorer **Robin van Persie** and the prolific **Thierry Henry**, while Manchester United looks to **Wayne Rooney** to propel them to the top of the standings.

FOX’s soccer coverage on Jan. 22 begins when FOX Soccer, America’s premier soccer destination, presents Manchester City vs. Tottenham at 8:25 AM ET in a matchup of championship contenders fighting for all available points, featuring superstar **Mario Balotelli** (Manchester City) and American goalkeeper **Brad Friedel** (Tottenham). Fans can catch highlights from both matches on *Goals On Sunday* at 1:00 PM ET.

Viewers can join in on the social conversation on Twitter surrounding the matches and NFC Championship game, coverage of which begins at 6:00 PM ET by using #EpicSunday, and by visiting <https://twitter.com/foxsoccer>, [www.facebook.com/foxsoccer](http://www.facebook.com/foxsoccer), and [www.facebook.com/foxsports](http://www.facebook.com/foxsports)

**WYNALDA: ARSENAL IS VULNERABLE** – FOX Soccer analyst and former U.S. Men’s National team legend **Eric Wynalda** believes Sunday’s match features a very wide open contest between two teams both in need of a win. “This game is going to be fantastic because both teams desperately need a win for different reasons,” said the U.S. Men’s all-time second leading goal scorer. “Manchester United has had a bit of a rough patch but they look pretty good right now and I expect them to throw everything at Arsenal. They’ll throw everything at them because Arsenal is vulnerable defensively. This is going to be a wide open very high pace game.”

**ROB STONE AND BARCLAY'S PREMIER LEAGUE MAKE BROADCAST DEBUTS ON FOX SPORTS SUNDAY** – Seasoned sportscaster **Rob Stone** makes his FOX Sports debut as the lead studio host this Sunday, Jan 22 with coverage of Arsenal vs. Manchester United match, Sunday, Jan. 22, the first-ever live Barclay's Premier League match on U.S. broadcast television. Stone talked about what he expects to see this when these legendary teams meet Sunday.

**ON WHAT HE EXPECTS FROM SUNDAY'S MATCH** – “Arsenal may not admit it, but revenge will be a huge factor after they were humiliated 8-2 in their last outing vs. the Red Devils. Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said that not only did he start to feel uncomfortable as that result was transpiring, but he also knew it would be used against his club in the return match. I bet Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has the lowlights of the match cut up already for pregame motivation.”

**ON THE ICONIC HISTORY OF THESE TWO CLUBS** – “Sir Alex Ferguson broke into smile when he reflected back on the glory days of this rivalry. In the heyday this was a brutally challenging encounter, both physically and mentally. Both clubs have high levels of respect and contempt for one another, which traditionally adds up to a classic cocktail of soccer entertainment.”

**ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BEING THE FIRST-EVER LIVE BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE MATCH ON U.S. BROADCAST TELEVISION** – “This is just another example of the continued growth and mainstream acceptance of soccer in the United States. Every day more and more people are seeing the light, respecting the skills and athleticism, and embracing the game. That list will grow on Sunday.”

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**UFC ON FX: GUILLARD VS. MILLER WEIGH-INS LIVE ON FUEL TV** – FUEL TV telecasts the **UFC on FX: *Guillard vs. Miller*** weigh-ins live from Nashville on Thursday, Jan. 19 (5:00 PM ET). Host **Jay Glazer** is joined by UFC veteran **Stephan Bonnar** for the half-hour show, previewing the upcoming fights and discussing the fighters. Two-time MMA Journalist of the Year **Ariel Helwani** will be reporting from backstage.

**UFC ON FX: GUILLARD VS. MILLER PRELIMS LIVE ON FUEL TV** – FUEL TV kicks-off action for **UFC ON FX: *Guillard vs. Miller*** with three hours of live preliminary bouts Friday, Jan. 20 (6:00 PM ET). Host **Jay Glazer** is joined by UFC Veteran fighter **Stephan Bonnar** to introduce the fight, while **Jon Anik** and three-time UFC title-contender **Kenny Florian** will be calling the action live from the Octagon. Main event coverage of *Guillard vs. Miller* airs on FUEL TV sister network FX beginning at 9:00 PM ET. **Ariel Helwani** interviews fighters live backstage.

**UFC ON FX: GUILLARD VS. MILLER RECAPPED ON FUEL TV'S LIVE POST-FIGHT SHOW** – All the action and results from Friday's **UFC on FX: *Guillard vs. Miller*** will be analyzed live on FUEL TV during its “**UFC on FUEL TV: Post-Fight Show**” Friday, Jan. 20 (11:30 PM ET). Host **Jay Glazer** is joined by UFC Veteran fighter **Stephan Bonnar** and two-time MMA Journalist of the Year **Ariel Helwani**.