



MEDIA INFORMATION

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FOX SPORTS NOTES, QUOTES & ANECDOTES

John Lynch: NFL Rules To Protect QB's Starting to Question Integrity of the Game

Rosenthal: Pujols & Cardinals Bats Need to Hit Lefties...Or Else!

NFL ON FOX WEEK 2: KOLB LEADS EAGLES IN HOME OPENER – The 2009 NFL on FOX campaign rolls into Week 2 on Sunday, Sep. 20 with singleheader coverage of six exciting matchups—each presented in crystal clear HD. The 1:00 PM ET starts feature **Kevin Kolb** taking the QB controls for an injured **Donovan McNabb** as the Eagles host **Drew Brees** and the high-powered Saints while the **Adrian Peterson/Brett Favre**-led Vikings travel to Detroit to take on **Matthew Stafford** and the Lions. Also at 1:00 PM ET, **Jake Delhomme** and the Panthers look to overcome a tough season-opening loss as they head to Atlanta to face **Matt Ryan** and the Falcons. Later at 4:00 PM ET, the Bills host the Bucs and **Matt Hasselbeck** leads the Seahawks in an early-season NFC West clash against the 49ers.

Coverage begins at 12:00 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**. The crew is joined by NFL Insider **Jay Glazer** who presents the latest league news and scoops in the FOX NFL SUNDAY studio and comedic prognosticator **Frank Caliendo** contributes his weekly "Frank's Picks" segment. In this week's show, reporter **Pam Oliver** sits down with new Eagles defensive coordinator **Sean McDermott** to find out how this season is being dedicated to the late, great **Jim Johnson**. Howie Long takes viewers on the field to demonstrate how defensive linemen attack a quarterback's three-step drop. For instant updates during the week and games from the entire NFL on FOX crew, follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/NFLONFOX>.

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

<u>GAME</u>	<u>PLAY-BY-PLAY/ANALYST/SIDELINE</u>	<u>COV.</u>	<u>TIME</u>
New Orleans Saints at Philadelphia Eagles Lincoln Financial Field – Philadelphia, PA MARKETS INCLUDE: Albuquerque, Austin, Birmingham, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Hartford, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Diego, West Palm Beach	Joe Buck, Troy Aikman & Pam Oliver	33%	1:00PM
Minnesota Vikings at Detroit Lions Ford Field – Detroit, MI MARKETS INCLUDE: Chicago, Columbus, Dayton, Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Louisville, Minneapolis, Oklahoma City, Tulsa	Ron Pitts & John Lynch	15%	1:00PM

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Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons **Dick Stockton & Charles Davis** **10%** **1:00PM**
Georgia Dome – Atlanta, GA
MARKETS INCLUDE: Atlanta, Charlotte, Greensboro, Greenville, Jacksonville, Knoxville, Raleigh

St. Louis Rams at Washington Redskins **Sam Rosen & Tim Ryan** **9%** **1:00PM**
FedEX Field – Landover, MD
MARKETS INCLUDE: Baltimore, Norfolk, Richmond, St. Louis, Washington

Arizona Cardinals at Jacksonville Jaguars **Chris Myers & Trent Green** **2%** **1:00PM**
Jacksonville Municipal Stadium – Jacksonville, FL
MARKETS INCLUDE: Phoenix

Tampa Bay Bucs at Buffalo Bills **Kenny Albert, Daryl Johnston** **20%** **4:00PM**
Ralph Wilson Stadium – Buffalo, NY **& Tony Siragusa**

MARKETS INCLUDE: Boston, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Houston, Fort Myers, Kansas City, Nashville, New York, Orlando, Providence, Tampa

Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers **Thom Brennaman & Brian Billick** **10%** **4:00PM**
Candlestick Park – San Francisco, CA
MARKETS INCLUDE: Milwaukee, Portland, Sacramento, San Francisco, Seattle

LYNCH ON THE NFL'S RULES TO PROTECT QB'S – NFL on FOX analyst **John Lynch** this week calls an NFC showdown featuring two quarterbacks garnering a lot of headlines around the league when the Lions host the Vikings at Ford Field. While the quarterback is a vulnerable position and needs special protect to keep players from being seriously injured, Lynch thinks the number of rules in place to shield the position from major injury on the field may go too far. "I'm a huge fan of **Roger Goodell** and what he's done for the league in his short time as Commissioner, in particular, the harsh penalties off the field. The intent of the rules on the field is in the right spirit - you have to keep your players safe. But I think at some point you start to mess with the integrity of this game with the numbers of rules. I've always thought one of the great things about this game is that even though it can be violent, the players still have a great deal of mutual respect for each other. There are very few guys in this league that are out there trying to hurt people. I appreciate the leagues efforts but at a certain point the integrity of the game comes into question with all of these rules."

IT'S RIVALRY DAY ON THE FOX SATURDAY BASEBALL GAME OF THE WEEK – On Saturday, Sep. 20 at 4:00 PM ET, **Lou Piniella's** Cubs enter Busch Stadium looking to knock off **Albert Pujols** and the NL Central leading Cardinals. In Los Angeles, it's another Giants/Dodgers slugfest as **Andre Ethier** looks to provide more late-inning heroics against LA's most-heated rival. Also, AL Central rivals meet as the Twins host the Tigers. This week, the pregame show originates live from Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles with host **Chris Rose**. Once game action begins, Rose joins analyst **Eric Karros** to handle play-by-play duties. For instant updates during the week and games from the entire MLB on FOX crew, follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/MLBONFOX>.

CARDINAL CONCERN – As the St. Louis Cardinals gear up for the postseason, MLB on FOX Insider **Ken Rosenthal** sees two areas of concern: a bullpen without much postseason experience and the offenses' inability to hit left-handed pitching. "The Cardinals should CRUSH lefties – **Albert Pujols**, **Matt Holliday**, **Mark DeRosa** are all right-handed batters. But for some reason, they have not hit lefties well. Two of the Dodgers' best pitchers, **Randy Wolf** and **Clayton Kershaw**, are left-handed as are the Phillies' best, **Cliff Lee** and **Cole Hamels**," said Rosenthal. Despite those potential issues, Rosenthal still believes the Cardinals will win the NL Pennant and face the Yankees in this year's World Series but he adds – "things change every day!"

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

<u>GAME</u>	<u>PLAY-BY-PLAY/ANALYST</u>	<u>COV.</u>
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals	Josh Lewin, Tim McCarver & Ken Rosenthal	59%

Busch Stadium – St. Louis, MO

MARKETS INCLUDE: Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Buffalo, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Fort Myers, Greensboro, Greenville, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Knoxville, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, Norfolk, Oklahoma City, Orlando, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Richmond, San Antonio, St. Louis, Tampa, Tulsa, Washington, West Palm Beach

Probable Pitchers: Carlos Zambrano, RHP (8-6, 3.94 ERA) vs. TBA

San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers	Chris Rose & Eric Karros	21%
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Dodger Stadium – Los Angeles, CA

MARKETS INCLUDE: Albuquerque, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle

Probable Pitchers: Tim Lincecum, RHP (14-5, 2.30 ERA) vs. TBA

Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins	Dick Bremmer & Mark Grace	19%
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Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome – Minneapolis, MN

MARKETS INCLUDE: Boston, Dallas, Detroit, Hartford, Minneapolis, New York, Providence

Probable Pitchers: TBA vs. Scott Baker, RHP (13-8, 4.35 ERA)

LUNCHTIME IS THE NEW PRIME TIME -- FOX Sports Digital Entertainment launched its new “Lunch with Benefits” webcast lineup this Monday. Premiere week continues on Thursday with “Cubed” - *The Office* meets shock-jock radio and Friday’s “Inside Call” - hear the candid comments of analysts **Terry Bradshaw**, **Howie Long**, **Michael Strahan** and **Jimmy Johnson** as they prepare for America’s No. 1 pregame show.

MONDAY - THE AFTERPARTY WITH JAY GLAZER: FOX NFL SUNDAY/FOXSports.com on MSN insider Jay Glazer uses his unparalleled access to current players to hook up with the five best performers from the previous day’s action via Internet camera or phone. This week’s guest list: Falcons’ **Tony Gonzalez**, Saints’ **Drew Brees**, Vikings’ **Jared Allen**, Giants’ **Antonio Pierce**, Broncos’ **Brandon Stokley** & Eagles’ **Trent Cole**

TUESDAY - COACH SPEAK WITH BRIAN BILLICK: Billick is joined by a group of five NFL head coaches to discuss the games X’s and O’s. It is a show for coaches by coaches that only hardcore football fans will appreciate. This week Billick broke down Week 1 with 49ers’ **Mike Singletary**, Jaguars’ **Jack Del Rio**, Falcons’ **Mike Smith**, Packers’ **Mike McCarthy**, Raven’s **John Harbaugh**

WEDNESDAY - THE COLLEGE EXPERIMENT: Hosted by **Josh Wolf**, a unique, high-energy comedian who brings his contemporary brand of humor to a college football scene. This week, the “Hot Girl on Campus” hung out with all the crazy Buckeyes before the biggest game of last weekend - USC/Ohio State; FSN College Football Saturday’s favorite loudmouth **Petros Papadakis** took a different look at the resurgence of Michigan and legendary **Joe Paterno** shows what he “really” sees during his press conferences.

Log onto FOXSports.com to catch this week’s editions of the entire Lunch with Benefits lineup:
<http://msn.foxsports.com/lunchwithbenefits>

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