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ALL WEEK 10 GAMES SOLD OUT;
ALL TV BLACKOUTS LIFTED FOR THIRD TIME THIS SEASON

All 14 games of the NFL's Week 10 schedule this Sunday and Monday have sold out in advance of the local TV blackout deadline, enabling every game to be televised in the home-team market, the NFL announced today.

It is the third time this season that all blackouts have been lifted for a weekend. All games also were sold out in advance of the blackout deadline on Kickoff Weekend on September 8, 11-12; and on Week 3, September 25-26.

It will be the 12th time in NFL history that all games were sold out and televised locally on a single weekend since the blackout policy took effect in 1973. The previous 11 times have been on Kickoff Weekend in 1998; three times in 2000; once in 2001; four times in 2002; and in the three weeks of this season.

To support the goal of playing games before large stadium crowds, the NFL blackout policy requires games to be sold out 72 hours prior to kickoff in order to be televised in the home city.

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