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ALL WEEK 11 GAMES SOLD OUT;
ALL TV BLACKOUTS LIFTED FOR RECORD-TYING
FOURTH TIME THIS SEASON

All 16 games of the NFL's Week 11 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.

This is the fourth time this season that all blackouts have been lifted for a weekend – tying 2002 for the most in one season. All games also were sold out in advance of the blackout deadline this year on Kickoff Weekend on September 8, 11-12; in Week 3, September 25-26; and last week, November 13-14.

It will be the 13th time in NFL history for all games to be sold out and televised locally on a single weekend since the blackout policy took effect in 1973. The previous 12 times have been on Kickoff Weekend in 1998; three times in 2000; once in 2001; four times in 2002; and in the four 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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