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## **ALL WEEK 3 GAMES SOLD OUT;** **ALL TV BLACKOUTS LIFTED FOR SECOND TIME IN THREE WEEKS**

All 14 games of the NFL's Week 3 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 second time in the first three weeks of the season that all blackouts have been lifted for a weekend. The first was on Kickoff 2005 Weekend on September 8, 11-12.

It will be the 11th time in NFL history that blackouts have been lifted for all games on a single weekend since the blackout policy took effect in 1973. The previous 10 times have been on the Kickoff Weekend in 1998; three times in 2000; once in 2001; four times in 2002; and in Week 1 of this season.

The NFL blackout policy states that games sold out 72 hours prior to kickoff can be televised in the home city.

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