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ALL GAMES SOLD OUT FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE WEEK -- **MOST EVER IN A SEASON**

For the first time, all NFL local TV blackouts have been lifted five times in one season, the NFL announced today.

All games of the NFL schedule for this Sunday and Monday (Week 5) have sold out in advance of the local TV blackout deadline, enabling every game to be televised in the home-team market for an unprecedented fifth time in a season.

Every game of the 2006 NFL season has sold out through five weeks.

It will be the 18th time since the NFL blackout policy took effect in 1973 that blackouts have been lifted for all games on a single weekend. The previous 17 times have been on Kickoff Weekend in 1998; three times in 2000; once in 2001; four times in 2002 and 2005; and four times 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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