

= Fox Sports Detroit =

Fox Sports Detroit is an American regional sports network that is owned by Fox Cable Networks , a unit of the Fox Entertainment Group division of 21st Century Fox , and operates as an affiliate of Fox Sports Networks . It provides coverage of local sports teams in the state of Michigan , primarily focusing on those in the Metro Detroit area . The network exclusively broadcasts games involving the Detroit Tigers , Detroit Pistons and Detroit Red Wings , and state college and high school sports .

Fox Sports Detroit is available on cable television throughout Michigan , as well as in northeastern Indiana , northwest Ohio and some portions of northeastern Wisconsin and nationwide on satellite via DirecTV and Dish Network . The network 's production facilities and offices are based in Southfield , Michigan , with master control operations based at the headquarters of Fox Sports Networks in Houston , Texas . The network also maintains dedicated remote sets in the concourses of Comerica Park , The Palace of Auburn Hills and Joe Louis Arena .

= = History = =

= = = Beginnings = = =

Fox Sports Detroit traces its origins to 1996 , when News Corporation purchased 50 % of the Prime Network , a group of regional sports networks owned by Liberty Media , and immediately rebranded them under the " Fox Sports Net " banner . At the time of the purchase , Post @-@ Newsweek Stations (owners of Detroit NBC affiliate WDIV @-@ TV , channel 4) owned the Detroit @-@ based Pro @-@ Am Sports System (PASS Sports) , which served the local affiliate of the Prime Network . News Corporation announced plans to launch a Fox Sports Net affiliate in Michigan by 1998 , and made a surprise bid for , and won , the local cable television rights to NBA games involving the Detroit Pistons .

When PASS Sports ' respective National Hockey League and Major League Baseball broadcast rights to the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers franchises came up for renewal , Fox Sports Net made a bid for the contracts and won them both . Fox Sports decided to push the launch date of the new channel forward in time for the beginning of the 1997 ? 98 NHL season and 1998 MLB season ; Fox Sports Detroit began broadcasting on September 17 , 1997 . Post @-@ Newsweek , meanwhile , concluded that its coverage area was not large enough to support two RSNs and sold the remainder of its Tigers and Pistons contracts , and the contract of sportscaster John Keating , to Fox Sports Detroit . Post @-@ Newsweek shut down PASS Sports on October 31 , 1997 , leaving Fox Sports Detroit as the sole regional sports network in Michigan .

= = = Studios = = =

From its launch until January 16 , 2008 , Fox Sports Detroit broadcast its studio shows out of FSN Northwest 's facilities in Bellevue , Washington . On October 1 , 2009 , the network unveiled a new all @-@ digital high definition @-@ capable studio in its Southfield headquarters dubbed the " Call Sam Studio " , named after its sponsor , the Sam Bernstein Law Firm . It serves as the production base of the pre @-@ game / post @-@ game shows Tigers Live , Pistons Live and Red Wings Live , as well the magazine shows of all three teams and all of the channel 's other local programming . It was expected that 80 % of the shows produced from the studio would be produced and broadcast in HD . The first program to originate from the new studio was Wingspan , a special previewing the 2009 @-@ 10 Red Wings season , on October 1 .

= = = Tigers , Pistons and Red Wings switch to cable full @-@ time = = =

The channel shared professional team coverage rights with some Detroit area broadcast television

stations until the spring of 2008 . In March 2008 , the channel signed new long @-@ term contracts with the Pistons , Red Wings and Tigers to broadcast more games than in previous years , becoming the exclusive local home of all three teams for the first time until at least 2018 . This leaves only the NFL 's Detroit Lions as the only local professional sports team in Detroit to have all of its games on broadcast television .

= = = Detroit Lions = = =

On May 21 , 2015 , the Detroit Lions announced a multi @-@ year broadcast partnership with Fox Sports Detroit and WJBK (Fox 2) . Fox Sports Detroit produces the preseason game broadcasts with Fox 2 producing the pre @-@ game and post @-@ game segments . The games air live on Fox 2 and the rest of the Detroit Lions Television Network , with re @-@ airings on Fox Sports Detroit . Fox Sports Detroit also airs Lions Live after regular season games , and Monday head coach press conferences .

= = Programming = =

= = = Local team coverage = = =

= = = = Professional teams = = = =

Detroit Red Wings ? Fox Sports Detroit holds the exclusive local television rights to 70 Detroit Red Wings regular season games , as well as some preseason games and the first round of the playoffs . Red Wings Live airs before and after all games .

Detroit Tigers ? Fox Sports Detroit holds the exclusive local television rights to at least 150 Detroit Tigers regular season games , as well as some Spring Training games . Tigers Live (which was extended to an hour @-@ long program in 2013) airs before and after all regular season games , and after all playoff games .

Detroit Pistons ? Fox Sports Detroit holds the exclusive local television rights to up to 70 regular season Detroit Pistons games , as well as some early round playoff games . Pistons Live airs before and after all games .

Detroit Lions ? Fox Sports Detroit airs repeats of Detroit Lions preseason games . It also airs Lions Live after regular season games , and the Monday press conference with the Lions ' head coach .

= = = = College coverage = = = =

Detroit Titans men 's basketball

Oakland Golden Grizzlies men 's basketball

Michigan Wolverines and Michigan State Spartans hockey

Michigan Wolverines and Michigan State Spartans coaches shows and magazine shows

= = = = High school sports = = = =

Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) football playoffs

MHSAA girls and boys basketball state finals

MHSAA Championships (for all sports ; events are either broadcast on television or streamed on the channel 's website)

= = = = Weekly shows = = = =

Pistons Weekly ? A 30 @-@ minute in @-@ season show featuring off the court stories from the

Detroit Pistons . Hosted by George Blaha , the program also airs on WDIV @-@ TV .

Pistons In Focus ? A 30 @-@ minute show that premiered during the 2009 ? 10 season with biographies of notable Pistons players and coaches past and present , hosted by Eli Zaret . Those examined have included Isiah Thomas , Chuck Daly , Bill Laimbeer , Dave Bing and Tayshaun Prince .

Wingspan ? Formerly titled Red Wings Weekly , a 30 @-@ minute in @-@ season show featuring off @-@ the @-@ ice stories of the Detroit Red Wings .

Tigers Weekly ? A 30 @-@ minute in @-@ season show featuring off @-@ the @-@ field stories of the Detroit Tigers .

Inside Michigan Football ? A 30 @-@ minute weekly discussion of University of Michigan Wolverines football with head coach Jim Harbaugh , hosted by Jim Brandstatter . The program also features interview segments with Wolverines players , as well as locker room footage and special features presented by Doug Karsch . Formerly known as Michigan Replay , which began on WDIV @-@ TV in 1980 (its original title was retired in honor of former Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr) . It is also shown on Big Ten Network and ABC affiliate WXYZ @-@ TV (channel 7) and via Big Ten Network On Demand .

Inside Michigan Basketball ? A 30 @-@ minute weekly discussion of University of Michigan Wolverines men 's basketball with head coach John Beilein , hosted by Matt Shepard . Maintaining a format similar to Inside Michigan Football , the program is also shown on Big Ten Network and available via Big Ten Network On Demand .

Michigan Sports Weekly ? A weekly series chronicling the University of Michigan Wolverines sports scene ; it is hosted by Doug Karsch . The program is also shown on Big Ten Network and the Michigan Channel .

Spartan Sports Zone ? A weekly program chronicling the Michigan State University Spartans sports scene ; it is hosted by Dave Ellis . The program is also shown on Big Ten Network and Fox College Sports Atlantic .

One on One with Tom Izzo ? A 30 @-@ minute show featuring Michigan State University Spartans men 's basketball head coach Tom Izzo and sports anchor Mickey York . It is also shown on Big Ten Network .

One on One with Mark Dantonio ? A 30 @-@ minute show featuring Michigan State University Spartans football head coach Mark Dantonio and sports anchor Mickey York . It is also shown on Big Ten Network .

Michigan Golf Live ? A pre @-@ recorded weekly show that promotes golfing and golf courses in Michigan , hosted by Doug Karsch .

MHSAA Football Friday Overtime ? Debuted in August 2011 , the program includes highlights , analysis and interviews from high school football games around the state . Hosted by Mickey York and Rob Rubick , it airs live Friday nights at 12 : 00 a.m. during the fall .

= = = = Former programs = = = =

The Detroit Sports Report (or simply DSR) ? A Detroit / Michigan @-@ centered sports news show created in September 2000 by Fox Sports Net to help increase ratings for the National Sports Report . Marc Soicher and Angie Arlotti (now Mentink) were the original anchors of the 10 : 00 p.m. show , while Soicher hosted a 7 : 00 p.m. edition of the program solo . Mickey York and Brad Adam hosted the weekend editions of the program . In 2003 , Mickey York promoted to weeknight co @-@ anchor replacing Soicher , following his departure for FSN Rocky Mountain , with Ryan Field (previously with WJBK and sports radio station WDFN) replacing York as weekend anchor in addition to serving as a correspondent . Ratings for the Detroit Sports Report remained decent , despite declining ratings for the National Sports Report , which itself was canceled in 2004 ; FSN dropped many of the regional sports news programs later that year or in 2005 , with the Detroit Sports Report being the last to be canceled in April 2007 .

Pistons Insider ? A 30 @-@ minute pre @-@ recorded in @-@ season pregame show in which Matt Shepard and Pete Skorich preview the night 's Pistons opponent . It was canceled after the

2008 ? 09 season .

Motor City Memories ? Discussion of memorable Detroit Pistons teams of the past , hosted by George Blaha . It was replaced by Pistons In Focus for the 2009 ? 10 season .

Spotlight : Detroit ? A series profiling prominent Detroit sports figures .

In My Own Words : Detroit ? A 30 @-@ minute interview featuring a sports figure in Detroit . This show is similar to Chris Myers Interview . The show debuted September 9 , 2007 . John Keating was the host . The program was canceled in 2008 .

Fox Sports Detroit was the home of the WNBA 's Detroit Shock until the 2009 season , after which the team relocated to Tulsa , Oklahoma .

= = = = Specials = = = =

FSN Basement : All Star Edition 2005 ? Featuring interviews with George Kell and Al Kaline , each recalling their memories of playing for the Tigers and working together in the television booth . It was re @-@ aired several times in late March 2009 in memory of former long @-@ time Tigers play @-@ by @-@ play announcer George Kell , who died on March 24 , 2009 at age 86 .

Ernie Harwell : We 'll Remember ? A tribute special shown after the death of legendary Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell on May 5 , 2010 .

= = = = National programming = = = =

= = Notable on @-@ air staff = =

= = = Hosts and reporters = = =

John Keating ? Live host , field / clubhouse reporter (1997 ? present)

Matt Shepard ? field / clubhouse reporter (1999 ? present)

Trevor Thompson , Justin White , Mickey York , Johnny Kane , Kristen Keith- hosts / reporters

= = = Detroit Tigers = = =

Mario Impemba ? Tigers play @-@ by @-@ play (2002 ? present)

Rod Allen ? Tigers color commentator (2003 ? present)

Craig Monroe ? Tigers studio analyst (2012 ? present)

Jack Morris ? Tigers color commentator and studio analyst (2015 ? present)

Kirk Gibson - Tigers color commentator and studio analyst (2015 ? present)

= = = Detroit Red Wings = = =

Ken Daniels ? Red Wings play @-@ by @-@ play (1997 ? present)

Mickey Redmond ? Red Wings analyst (1997 ? present)

Darren Eliot ? Red Wings studio analyst , select road games analyst (2012 ? present)

Chris Osgood ? Red Wings studio analyst , select road games analyst (2013 ? present)

= = = Detroit Pistons = = =

George Blaha ? Pistons play @-@ by @-@ play (1997 ? present)

Greg Kelser ? Pistons color commentator (1997 ? present)

Mateen Cleaves ? Pistons studio analyst / fill @-@ in color commentator (2010 ? present)

Grant Long ? Pistons Analyst and Sideline Reporter (2014 ? present)

Jerry Stackhouse ? Pistons analyst (2013 ? present)

Matt Dery ? Fill @-@ in Pistons play @-@ by @-@ play (2006 ? present)

= = = College and high school = = =

Ben Holden ? high school and college sports play @-@ by @-@ play (2010 ? present)

Stan Edwards ? high school football analyst (2002 ? present)

Rob Rubick ? high school football analyst (2003 ? present)

Jim Brandstatter ? Inside Michigan Football host (1997 ? present)

Doug Karsch ? Michigan Sports Weekly host , reporter on Inside Michigan Football (2006 ? present)

Earl Cureton ? college basketball analyst (2007 ? present)

Rick Mahorn ? college basketball analyst (2008 ? present)

Dan Petry ? college baseball analyst (2008 ? present)

Manny Legace ? college hockey analyst (2013 ? present)

= = Other services = =

= = = Fox Sports Detroit HD = = =

Fox Sports Detroit HD is a 720p high definition simulcast feed of Fox Sports Detroit . It telecasts all Detroit Pistons , Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers games in HD , their respective pre @-@ game and post @-@ game shows and team magazine shows , as well as all college and high school games and programs . Wingspan became the first locally produced pre @-@ recorded program to be broadcast in HD when it began in 2009 . In 2010 , Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) and MHSAA games began airing in HD . Nationally televised FSN games and other programs are also broadcast in HD . Like the standard @-@ definition feed , it is available nationwide via DirecTV and Dish Network , and on most cable providers in Michigan and some in Ohio , Indiana and Wisconsin .

= = = Fox Sports Detroit Plus = = =

Fox Sports Detroit Plus is a game @-@ time only alternate feed of Fox Sports Detroit . It was launched in 2007 to solve scheduling conflicts , such as those of the Detroit Tigers , Pistons and Red Wings , as well as CCHA games , MHSAA finals for football and basketball , and The Mid @-@ American Conference Basketball Tournament (via Fox Sports Ohio) . It is frequently used for live college football , college basketball , college baseball and tennis telecasts and other events distributed nationally by FSN , to avoid conflicts with local coverage .

Fox Sports Detroit Plus has been used for special alternate feeds of local games , such as the annual " ¡ Fiesta Tigres ! " game which celebrates Latin American players , in which alternate announcers conducted Spanish language play @-@ by @-@ play ; a " Position @-@ by @-@ position " Tigers game , with the camera isolating on a different defensive player every inning featuring John Keating on play @-@ by @-@ play ; as well as a " Social networking " Tigers telecast in which the channel 's staff answered viewer questions from Facebook , Twitter , and their own website .

Fox Sports Detroit Plus also has an HD feed which is available on DirecTV , Dish Network , AT & T U @-@ verse , Comcast , WOW ! and some smaller regional cable systems .

= = = Fox Sports Detroit On Demand = = =

Fox Sports Detroit On Demand is the video on demand service of Fox Sports Detroit , which is currently available on Comcast . Launched in October 2008 , its offerings include the channel 's magazine and coach 's shows , which are presented commercial @-@ free . On August 7 , 2009 ,

Fox Sports Detroit On Demand began carrying full @-@ length presentations of the channel 's Tigers game broadcasts .