



MARQUEE SPORTS NETWORK ANNOUNCES RETURN OF CHICAGO BEARS STUDIO SHOW

"Bear Essentials" premieres tonight with a special season preview episode, followed by weekly shows throughout the season

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CHICAGO – Marquee Sports Network and the Chicago Bears today announced the return of *Bear Essentials* presented by BetRivers, a weekly half-hour studio show hosted by Cole Wright, featuring interviews with Bears personnel and expert analysis from former Bears Dan Hampton and Tom Thayer.

Bear Essentials will premiere with a special season preview edition tonight at 10:30 p.m. CT following *Cubs Postgame Live!*, and continue primarily on Tuesday nights throughout the remainder of the regular season, breaking down the key storylines from the previous week and looking ahead to the next Bears matchup. Episodes will also re-air throughout each week with the full schedule available at <https://www.marqueesportsnetwork.com/schedule/>.

Marquee Sports Network and the Chicago Bears launched their partnership last year with the initial season of *Bear Essentials*, featuring interviews with Allen Robinson, David Montgomery and Darnell Mooney, among many others.

"We're thrilled to have *Bear Essentials* back on Marquee Sports Network for another season," said Marquee Sports Network General Manager, Mike McCarthy. "Marquee Sports Network is proud of its partnership with the Bears, especially with all the exciting developments on the field this year."

"We look forward to building on the successful relationship we launched last year with Marquee Sports Network," said Chicago Bears SVP, Marketing and Communications, Scott Hagel.

Bear Essentials will be available to Marquee Sports Network viewers within the local Chicago market. Marquee subscribers outside this market will receive alternate programming during each week's episode. The Bears begin the season on Sunday, September 12 with a primetime matchup at the Los Angeles Rams.

ABOUT MARQUEE SPORTS NETWORK: In partnership with the Chicago Cubs and Sinclair Broadcast Group (Nasdaq: SBGI), Marquee Sports Network brings together one of the most iconic sports franchises in the country with one of the largest television broadcasting companies to deliver unparalleled Cubs coverage, as well as additional local live sporting events and original programming. Marquee Sports Network is available within the Cubs home television territory in portions of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin, and is carried on more than 50 cable providers, as well as streaming platforms DIRECTV Stream (formerly AT&T TV) and fuboTV. For more information, visit [marqueesportsnetwork.com/about](https://www.marqueesportsnetwork.com/about).

ABOUT CHICAGO BEARS: One of the founding franchises of the National Football League, the Chicago Bears were established in 1920 as the Decatur Staleys by legendary player, coach and owner, George S. Halas. The team moved to Chicago in 1921 and has gone on to win the most games in league history along with nine championships. The Bears 30 Hall of Famers is the most of any team in the NFL. In the community, the Bears strive to be leaders throughout Chicago and its suburbs by supporting initiatives focused on social justice, youth football, health and fitness, volunteerism and civic involvement, and education. For more information, visit [ChicagoBears.com](https://www.ChicagoBears.com).

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