

# Sports

## ESPN changes announcers for the first 'Monday Night Football' broadcast of 2018

By Barry Wilner  
AP Pro Football Writer

ESPN is going with a fresh approach for its first 2018 regular-season broadcast of "Monday Night Football."

Two announcers with plenty of NFL credentials but far more entrenched in the college game these days will be handling the Jets-Lions game from Detroit: Beth Mowins and Brian Griese.

"We are pretty excited to bring the franchise on the air, and hoping some pretty good story lines will play out," says Mowins, who did last year's second half of the opening doubleheader with analyst Rex Ryan. Mowins also does a few CBS telecasts of NFL games during the season, as well as Oakland Raiders preseason contests, but her main gig is college sports.

Griese is one of the top analysts of the college game, an insightful and often critical but fair voice.

"Guys who can shoot from the hip are always fun to work with," Mowins says.

Of course, he also played 11 pro seasons, starting 83 games. So his knowledge of both levels of football is

expansive.

"I think the pro game in a lot of ways is more familiar to me than the college game," Griese notes. "I have had to learn the college game as it has grown. I spent 11 years in the NFL playing quarterback and it's more similar to what I know."

What both Mowins and Griese know is that the fan bases of both teams will be stoked for the game, even though Jets-Lions isn't quite the marquee matchup. Indeed, the NFL gave ESPN what appears to be a better game in the nightcap, Jon Gruden's return as the Raiders host the Rams. The regular and new Monday night crew of Joe Tessitore and Jason Witten will be in the booth for that one.

"No question both these teams have reasons for optimism, for different reasons," Griese says. "Jets fans should be excited about Sam Darnold, who can be a game changer and a franchise quarterback in the making. For Detroit, it's a whole new ballgame for the fans with Matt Patricia hired as coach, a new way of doing things. I'm eager to see how he will impact the franchise. And they have their

bellwether in Matthew Stafford at quarterback."

Adds Mowins: "You tell the truth with a heavier emphasis on the hope, and that is what all of these fan bases are having. The history is part of the story heading into the season and something we absolutely talk about graphically. The nice thing about the opener is everyone has hope again, and we can also focus on the changes these teams have made to improve."

To its credit, ESPN is willing to make changes or go outside the box for its Monday night showcase. One area of expertise that Mowins and Griese — and sideline reporter Laura Rutledge — bring to the telecast is an advanced awareness of NFL newcomers.

That could be particularly enlightening for Jets-Lions with the likes of Darnold — even if he doesn't play and Josh McCown starts — and Lions rookie running back Kerryon Johnson on hand.

"One of the things I have noticed over the last several years and doing the Raiders games in preseason, you have a head start on rookies coming into the league," Mowins says. "I sort

of have that background of who they were and relationships they might have with other players and coaches. That provides a nice jumping-off point, especially early in the season. Some of the rookies the NFL fans may not have seen in college, but I have had a chance to call their games in college, and so has Brian."

Mowins and Griese have not done game broadcasts together, but have had many conversations and learning sessions. Last year, when the Broncos played in the opener Mowins and Ryan announced, she reached out to Griese, who does Denver's preseason games.

"I've talked with Beth quite a bit through the years, we are in the same college football realm, so we see quite a bit of each other's work," Griese says. "I'm very familiar with her work in college football."

"The approach for me will be a little bit different because I will probably go to both teams' training camps to familiarize myself with the teams. I don't ever do a game where I have not seen a team live or in person (at practice or in a game). That will be the only difference for you in preparation."

### TOUR DE FRANCE

## Thomas keeps yellow jersey

By Andrew Dampf  
AP Sports Writer

ALPE D'HUEZ, France — One of cycling's big attractions is that fans don't have to pay to watch — and they can get as close as they want to the riders.

The sport paid for that unlimited access Thursday when unruly spectators interrupted the most iconic climb of the Tour de France.

With fans pressing too close to an elite group of riders at the conclusion of the 21 hairpin bends up to Alpe d'Huez, top contender Vincenzo Nibali crashed into a police motorbike, four-time champion Chris Froome received some undesired contact on his back, and yellow jersey holder Geraint Thomas was booed on the podium.

"If people don't like Sky and want to boo, that's fine. Boo all you like, but don't affect the race," Thomas said. "Don't touch the riders. Don't spit at us. Voice your opinions all you want but let us do the racing."

Attitudes toward Sky soured when Froome was involved in an asthma drug case stemming from last year's Spanish Vuelta — even though he was cleared of wrongdoing just days before the Tour started. Froome is attempting to match the record of five Tour victories shared by Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain.

Thomas sprinted away from Sky teammate Froome and a couple of other riders to win Stage 12, becoming the first rider in Tour history to win atop Huez in the yellow jersey.

But Thomas acknowledged that Nibali's crash took some of the luster away from his victory.

Thomas rode over Nibali's rear wheel — when the Italian went down — but managed to stay upright. Nibali, the 2014 champion got back up but finished seventh in the stage, then was taken to the local hospital for medical exams for a suspected back injury.

## SCOREBOARD

Baker Ladies Golf Association				
July 18				
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MAJOR LEAGUES				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	68	30	.694	—
New York	62	33	.653	4½
Tampa Bay	49	47	.510	18
Toronto	43	52	.453	23½
Baltimore	28	69	.289	39½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	52	43	.547	—
Minnesota	44	50	.468	7½
Detroit	41	57	.418	12½
Chicago	33	62	.347	19
Kansas City	27	68	.284	25
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	64	35	.646	—
Seattle	58	39	.598	5
Oakland	55	42	.567	8

Los Angeles	49	48	.505	14
Texas	41	56	.423	22

Today's Games				
All Times PDT				
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m.				
Baltimore at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.				
Boston at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.				
Miami at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.				
Cleveland at Texas, 5:05 p.m.				
Minnesota at Kansas City, 5:15 p.m.				
San Francisco at Oakland, 6:35 p.m.				
Houston at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 7:10 p.m.				

Saturday's Games				
All Times PDT				
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 10:05 a.m.				
Baltimore at Toronto, 10:07 a.m.				
Boston at Detroit, 3:10 p.m.				
Miami at Tampa Bay, 3:10 p.m.				
Houston at L.A. Angels, 4:15 p.m.				
Minnesota at Kansas City, 4:15 p.m.				
Cleveland at Texas, 5:05 p.m.				
San Francisco at Oakland, 6:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 7:10 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Philadelphia	53	42	.558	—
Atlanta	52	42	.553	½
Washington	48	48	.500	5½
Miami	41	57	.418	13½
New York	39	55	.415	13½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	56	38	.596	—
Milwaukee	55	43	.561	3
St. Louis	48	46	.511	8½
Pittsburgh	48	49	.495	9½
Cincinnati	43	53	.448	14
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	53	43	.552	—
Arizona	53	44	.546	½
Colorado	51	45	.531	2
San Francisco	50	48	.510	4
San Diego	40	59	.404	14½

Thursday's Game				
All Times PDT				
Chicago Cubs 9, St. Louis 6				

Today's Games				
All Times PDT				
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 11:20 a.m.				
Atlanta at Washington, 4:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m.				
San Diego at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.				
Miami at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 5:10 p.m.				
San Francisco at Oakland, 6:35 p.m.				
Colorado at Arizona, 6:40 p.m.				

Saturday's Games				
All Times PDT				
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 10:05 a.m.				
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 10:05 a.m., 1st game				
Miami at Tampa Bay, 3:10 p.m.				

Atlanta at Washington, 4:05 p.m.				
San Diego at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 4:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m.				
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 4:15 p.m., 2nd game				
Colorado at Arizona, 5:10 p.m.				
San Francisco at Oakland, 6:05 p.m.				

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	14	9	.609	—
Washington	13	10	.565	1
Connecticut	12	11	.522	2
Chicago	7	16	.304	7
New York	7	16	.304	7
Indiana	2	21	.087	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Seattle	17	6	.739	—
Phoenix	15	8	.652	2
Dallas	14	9	.609	3
Los Angeles	14	9	.609	3
Minnesota	13	10	.565	4
Las Vegas	10	13	.435	7

Wednesday's Games				
All Times PDT				
Seattle 101, Chicago 83				
Minnesota 89, Indiana 65				

Thursday's Games				
All Times PDT				
Dallas 90, Washington 81				
Atlanta 82, New York 68				
Las Vegas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.				

Today's Games				
All Times PDT				
Seattle at Connecticut, 4 p.m.				
Dallas at Chicago, 6 p.m.				
Indiana at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.				

Saturday's Games				
All Times PDT				
Washington at New York, noon				
Minnesota at Phoenix, 7 p.m.				

### MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	T	Pts	
Atlanta United FC	12	4	5	41
New York City FC	12	4	4	40
New York	11	5	2	35
Columbus	8	7	6	30
New England	7	5	7	28
Montreal	9	12	0	27
Philadelphia	7	9	3	24
Chicago	6	10	5	23
Orlando City	7	11	1	22
Toronto FC	4	11	4	16
D.C. United	3	7	5	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	T	Pts	
FC Dallas	11	3	5	38
Los Angeles FC	10	4	5	35
Sporting Kansas City	9	5	6	33
Portland	8	3	6	30
Real Salt Lake	9	9	2	29
LA Galaxy	8	7	4	28
Houston	7	6	5	26
Vancouver	7	8	5	26
Minnesota United	7	11	1	22
Seattle	4	9	5	17
Colorado	4	11	4	16
San Jose	2	11	6	12

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games				
All Times PDT				
D.C. United at Atlanta United FC, 12:30 p.m.				
Vancouver at Seattle, 1 p.m.				
LA Galaxy at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.				
New England at New York, 4 p.m.				
Toronto FC at Chicago, 4 p.m.				
Orlando City at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.				
FC Dallas at Houston, 6 p.m.				
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 7 p.m.				
Montreal at Portland, 8 p.m.				

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