

ESPNU, ESPN, ESPN2 & ESPN360.com Offer Most-Ever College Softball & Baseball Schedule Beginning with Regular-Season Action

ESPNU, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN360.com will televise 53 regular-season college softball and baseball games leading into the networks' extensive postseason action of up to 110 contests. It is ESPN's most coverage overall of the two sports and the most games scheduled of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship – up to 55 -- with the addition of a Regional round.

Regular-season softball action will begin with two games from the No. 13 Florida at No. 5 Alabama series Saturday, March 27, at 2 p.m. ET on ESPN2 HD and Sunday, March 28, at 2:30 p.m. on ESPNU HD. Baseball coverage will start the following weekend with three telecasts, all featuring at least one ranked team: Georgia at No. 4 LSU (Friday, April 2, at 8:30 p.m. on ESPNU HD), No. 8 Texas at No. 12 Oklahoma (Saturday, April 3, at 3 p.m. on ESPNU HD) and Mississippi State at No. 23 South Carolina (Sunday, April 4, at 2 p.m. on ESPNU).

Regular-season schedule details:

- ESPNU will televise the majority of the action, with 41 of the 53 games. ESPN360.com will simulcast the 12 ESPN and ESPN2 telecasts.
- Thirty-one of the telecasts will be in high definition.
- The schedule includes 30 softball and 23 baseball games.
- The networks will combine to televise six conference title games, comprising:
 - The entire SEC Softball Tournament.
 - The SEC Baseball Tournament championship game.
 - The SWAC softball and baseball championships.
 - The baseball championships from the BIG EAST and MEAC.

ESPNU, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN360.com will offer up to 55 games each from the NCAA Division I Softball Championship and NCAA Division I Baseball Championship for a potential of 110 total telecasts (the entire schedules for both will be released at a later date). Coverage for both events will include two Regional series, all eight of the Super Regionals and the entire Championships.

A minimum of 62 games will be offered in high definition, including every game from both of the softball and baseball Regional series and the entire Women's College World Series and College World Series.

Softball and baseball commentators

ESPN's telecasts will feature former top players and coaches providing analysis. The softball lineup will include:

- Three U.S. Olympic Medalists working softball games: two-time gold medalist Michele Smith (2000 and 1996), Jessica Mendoza, who won gold in 2004 and silver in 2008, and Amanda Freed, who won gold in 2004.
- Former Northwestern standout Garland Cooper, a three-time Big Ten Player of the Year and all-time Big Ten home runs leader.
- National Pro Fastpitch commissioner Cheri Kempf.
- Cindy Bristow, former head softball coach at Arizona State, New Mexico State and Wichita State.

The baseball telecasts will include:

- Kyle Peterson, a former Stanford All-American, participant in the College World Series and first-round MLB Draft pick of the Milwaukee Brewers, entering his seventh season of college baseball analysis with ESPN.
- Morgan Ensberg who won the College World Series with USC in 1998 and played eight years in Major League Baseball (Houston Astros, San Diego Padres and New York Yankees).
- Former LSU All-American and Gold Spikes Award winner Ben McDonald, who also played eight years in Major League Baseball (Baltimore Orioles and Milwaukee Brewers).
- Leland Maddox, a former Major League Baseball Director of Scouting for the Cincinnati Reds and Oakland A's.

ESPNU, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN360.com Regular-Season Schedule

Note: Softball and baseball championship schedules will be released at a later date

Fri, Apr 2 8:30 p.m. Georgia at No. 4 LSU

Eric Collins & Kyle Peterson

Baseball ESPNU HD

Sat, Apr 3 3 p.m. No. 8 Texas at No. 12 Oklahoma

Dan McLaughlin & Morgan Ensberg

Baseball ESPNU HD

Sun, Apr 4 2 p.m. Mississippi State at No. 23 South Carolina

Justin Kutcher & Kyle Peterson

Baseball ESPNU

Fri, Apr 9 8 p.m. No. 18 Ole Miss at Georgia

Dan McLaughlin & Kyle Peterson

Baseball ESPNU

5 p.m. Cal State Fullerton at No. 22 UC Irvine

Troy Bender & Morgan Ensberg

Baseball ESPNU

Fri, Apr 16 7 p.m. Georgia at No. 17 Arkansas

Clay Matvick & Kyle Peterson

Baseball ESPN2 HD / ESPN360.com

2 p.m. Auburn at No. 20 Vanderbilt

Clay Matvick & Morgan Ensberg

Baseball ESPNU

Fri, Apr 23 4:30 p.m. Radford at Winthrop Baseball ESPNU

8 p.m. No. 4 LSU at No. 18 Ole Miss Baseball ESPNU HD

Fri, Apr 30 5 p.m. No. 24 Kentucky at Tennessee Baseball ESPNU

Sat, May 1 2 p.m. No. 4 LSU at No. 9 Florida Baseball ESPNU HD

9 p.m. Baylor at No. 8 Texas Baseball ESPNU

Sun, May 2 1 p.m. No. 4 LSU at No. 9 Florida Baseball ESPN HD / ESPN360.com

Fri, May 7 8 p.m. No. 17 Arkansas at No. 18 Ole Miss Baseball ESPNU

Sat, May 8 8 p.m. No. 17 Arkansas at No. 18 Ole Miss Baseball ESPNU

Sun, May 9 5 p.m. No. 22 UC Irvine at Cal Poly Baseball ESPNU

Fri, May 14 8 p.m. Georgia at No. 9 Florida Baseball ESPNU HD

Sat, May 15 4 p.m. No. 18 Ole Miss at No. 16 Alabama Baseball ESPN2 HD / ESPN360.com

Thu, May 20 6 p.m. No. 11 Louisville at Notre Dame Baseball ESPNU

Mon, May 24 5 p.m. MEAC Championship * Baseball ESPNU

Sun, May 30 Noon BIG EAST Championship Baseball ESPNU

2 p.m. SEC Championship Baseball ESPN2 HD / ESPN360.com

Mon, May 31 6 p.m. SWAC Championship * Baseball ESPNU

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