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ESPN Announces USFL Schedule

ESPN will telecast 34 United States Football League games during the league's inaugural season in 1983, including the USFL's first Monday night contest, Michigan at Birmingham, March 7.

ESPN's plans generally call for a game every Saturday night at 8 p.m. Eastern time and every Monday night at 9 p.m. The network's first Saturday game on March 12 will feature head coach George Allen of the Chicago Blitz, which plays at the Arizona Wranglers.

Three doubleheaders appear on ESPN's schedule: Saturday, May 7; Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day); and Saturday, June 25.

The network's agreement with the USFL represents the first time an American professional football league will be seen on cable. The 1983 season will be the first of a two-year exclusive national cable television agreement announced June 17, 1982.

The USFL's 12 franchises comprise three divisions: *Atlantic* (Boston Breakers, New Jersey Generals, Philadelphia Stars, Washington Federals); *Central* (Birmingham Stallions, Chicago Blitz, Michigan Panthers, Tampa Bay Bandits); and *Pacific* (Arizona Wranglers, Denver Gold, Los Angeles Express, Oakland Invaders.).

The USFL previously announced a 108-game regular-season schedule which will run from Sunday, March 6 through Sunday, July 3. Each team will play 18 games divided into nine home and nine road contests.

The schedule follows:

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1983 ESPN/USFL Schedule

GAME NO.	DATE	DAY	TEAMS	TIME (EST)
1	March 7	Monday	Michigan at Birmingham	9:00 PM (L)
2	March 12	Saturday	Chicago at Arizona	9:00 PM (L)
3	March 14	Monday	Washington at Los Angeles	9:00 PM (L)
4	March 19	Saturday	Oakland at Michigan	8:00 PM (L)
5	March 21	Monday	Philadelphia at Birmingham	9:00 PM (L)
6	March 26	Saturday	Arizona at Birmingham	8:00 PM (L)
7	March 28	Monday	Oakland at Denver	9:00 PM (L)
8	April 2	Saturday	Chicago at Tampa Bay	8:00 PM (L)
9	April 9	Saturday	Tampa Bay at Denver	8:00 PM (L)
10	April 11	Monday	Arizona at Washington	9:00 PM (L)
11	April 16	Saturday	Philadelphia at Oakland	5:00 PM (L)
12	April 18	Monday	Los Angeles at Tampa Bay	9:00 PM (L)
13	April 23	Saturday	Los Angeles at Michigan	8:00 PM (L)
14	April 25	Monday	New Jersey at Chicago	9:00 PM (L)
15	April 30	Saturday	Philadelphia at Tampa Bay	8:00 PM (L)
16	May 2	Monday	Arizona at Oakland	9:00 PM (L)
17	May 7	Saturday	Boston at Los Angeles	7:00 PM (L)
18	May 7*	Saturday	Michigan at Arizona	10:00 PM (L)
19	May 9	Monday	Birmingham at New Jersey	9:00 PM (L)
20	May 14	Saturday	Los Angeles at Birmingham	8:00 PM (L)
21	May 16	Monday	New Jersey at Michigan	8:00 PM (L)
22	May 21	Saturday	Oakland at Tampa Bay	8:00 PM (L)
23	May 23	Monday	Birmingham at Michigan	8:00 PM (L)
24	May 27	Friday	Birmingham at Denver	9:00 PM (L)
25	May 30	Monday	Tampa Bay at Michigan	6:00 PM (L)
26	May 30*	Monday	Arizona at Chicago	9:00 PM (L)
27	June 4	Saturday	New Jersey at Oakland	8:00 PM (L)
28	June 6	Monday	Chicago at Boston	9:00 PM (L)
29	June 13	Monday	Denver at Oakland	9:00 PM (L)
30	June 20	Monday	Washington at Michigan	9:00 PM (L)
31	June 25	Saturday	Boston at Oakland	5:00 PM (L)
32	June 25*	Saturday	Arizona at New Jersey	9:00 PM (L)
33	June 27	Monday	Denver at Tampa Bay	9:00 PM (L)
34	July 2	Saturday	Tampa Bay at Birmingham	8:00 PM (L)

*second game of a doubleheader