

# MARQUEE SPORTS NETWORK ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL MINOR LEAGUE BROADCASTS

Network adds 12 minor league games across all Cubs full-season affiliates through remainder of season; Elise Menaker to cover minor league storylines on Cubs broadcasts

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CHICAGO – Marquee Sports Network today announced expanded coverage of the Cubs minor league system, including live game broadcasts presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. Highlights of the upcoming coverage include:

- Marquee to broadcast **12 Cubs minor league contests beginning Thursday, August 19**, including games from each of the Cubs full-season minor league affiliates: Triple-A Iowa (three games), Double-A Tennessee (four), High Single-A South Bend (three) and Low Single-A Myrtle Beach (two).
- Including Cubs games, Marquee will air **32 live baseball games in the 24-day span from August 19-September 11**, including at least one game on 23 of the 24 days, and two games on nine occasions.
- All told, the network will air **54 live baseball games in the next 49 days**, concluding with the Cubs regular season finale, October 3.

Additionally, Elise Menaker will serve as Marquee Sports Network's lead minor league reporter, contributing to Cubs pregame and in-game broadcasts with storylines and interviews from the Cubs minor league system, while serving as game analyst on select Iowa Cubs games alongside play-by-play broadcaster Alex Cohen. Former Cubs great Jody Davis joins play-by-play announcer Mick Gillispie on the Tennessee broadcasts. Broadcast teams for each affiliate are on page two.

Including 14 minor league games (12 Iowa games and two Myrtle Beach games) that have already aired this season, Marquee Sports Network will air a total of 26 minor league games in its first season on the air with a minor league schedule.

"We're thrilled to be able to showcase the entire Cubs minor league system on our network, bringing Cubs fans an unprecedented level of access to their favorite team," said Marquee Sports Network General Manager, Mike McCarthy. "This was something that has been a priority since we started the network, and we're eager to continue these partnerships in the years to come. Special thanks to Programming Director Allison Bertucci for her diligent work in securing these broadcasts."

The full minor league broadcast schedule is on page two.

**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 AT&T TV and

fuboTV. For more information, visit marqueesportsnetwork.com/about.

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## MINOR LEAGUE BROADCASTS ON MARQUEE SPORTS NETWORK (BY DATE)

Date	Time (CT)	Team	Opponent
Thu., Aug. 19	6:00 p.m.	South Bend (High-A)	<b>Quad Cities</b>
Fri., Aug. 20	6:00 p.m.	Tennessee (AA)	Birmingham
Sat., Aug. 21	8:00 p.m.^	Tennessee (AA)	Birmingham
Sun., Aug. 22	5:00 p.m.^	South Bend (High-A)	<b>Quad Cities</b>
Wed., Aug. 25	6:00 p.m.	Myrtle Beach (Low-A)	Columbia
Thu., Aug. 26	7:00 p.m.	Iowa (AAA)	Omaha
Fri., Sept. 3	6:00 p.m.	Myrtle Beach (Low-A)	Lynchburg
Sun., Sept. 5	6:00 p.m.	South Bend (High-A)	Lake County
Wed., Sept. 8	12:00 p.m.	Iowa (AAA)	Toledo
Thu., Sept. 9	7:00 p.m.	Iowa (AAA)	Toledo
Fri., Sept. 10	6:00 p.m.	Tennessee (AA)	Chattanooga
Sat., Sept. 11	6:00 p.m.	Tennessee (AA)	Chattanooga

## MINOR LEAGUE BROADCASTS ON MARQUEE SPORTS NETWORK (BY TEAM)

#### **IOWA CUBS (AAA)**

Date	Time (CT)	Opponent
Thu., Aug. 26	7:00 p.m.	Omaha
Wed., Sept. 8	12:00 p.m.	Toledo
Thu., Sept. 9	7:00 p.m.	Toledo

#### Broadcasters:

Alex Cohen (PBP) and Elise Menaker (Analyst)

#### **TENNESSEE SMOKIES (AA)**

Date	Time (CT)	Opponent
Fri., Aug. 20	6:00 p.m.	Birmingham
Sat., Aug. 21	8:00 p.m.^	Birmingham
Fri., Sept. 10	6:00 p.m.	Chattanooga
Sat., Sept. 11	6:00 p.m.	Chattanooga

#### Broadcasters:

Mick Gillispie (PBP) and Jody Davis (Analyst)

### **SOUTH BEND CUBS (HIGH-A)**

Date	Time (CT)	Opponent
Thu., Aug. 19	6:00 p.m.	<b>Quad Cities</b>
Sun., Aug. 22	5:00 p.m.^	<b>Quad Cities</b>
Sun., Sept. 5	6:00 p.m.	Lake County

Broadcasters: Darin Pritchett/Brendan King (PBP) and Max Thoma (Analyst)

#### **MYRTLE BEACH PELICANS (LOW-A)**

Date	Time (CT)	Opponent
Wed., Aug. 25	6:00 p.m.	Columbia
Fri., Sept. 3	6:00 p.m.	Lynchburg

Broadcaster: Sam Weiderhaft (PBP)

^Tape-delayed broadcast