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Indiana Fever and TEGNA Announce Partnership to Broadcast Games Locally on WTHR and WALV

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The Indiana Fever and TEGNA have announced an agreement to air select Fever games for free on WTHR and WALV in Indianapolis

The announcement follows on the heels of the Fever's historic 2024 draft and a renewed excitement by fans across the basketball world for the Fever, one of the WNBA's most successful franchises

INDIANAPOLIS & TYSONS, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 22, 2024-- Fresh off a historic WNBA draft night and broad fan excitement for one of the League's most successful franchises, the Indiana Fever and TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA) today announced a partnership to broadcast select Fever games during the 2024 season. Seventeen games will be shown for free over the air on WTHR or WALV, TEGNA'S NBC and MeTV affiliates in Indianapolis, giving fans across central Indiana the opportunity to watch the team and its young superstars compete to return to the WNBA playoffs.

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During the 2024 season, 17 Indiana Fever games will be shown for free over the air on WTHR or WALV, TEGNA'S NBC and MeTV affiliates in Indianapolis. (Graphic: Business Wire)

TEGNA will work with additional broadcast companies in the coming weeks to expand free over the air access to all available television markets outside of Indianapolis.

"So many new fans are tuning in to watch

the world's best basketball players compete in the WNBA, and the Fever have built a roster of incredible young talent that has caught the attention of basketball fans all over the globe," said Rick Fuson, CEO of Pacers Sports & Entertainment. "TEGNA and WTHR have been amazing local partners for years, and we are excited that more fans than ever before will get the chance to watch these amazing athletes play."

"This is an exhilarating moment for women's sports. The WNBA and Fever are leading the charge with this groundbreaking local broadcast rights agreement," said Dave Lougee, President and CEO, TEGNA. "The remarkable journey of Caitlin Clark and her teammates has captured the hearts and minds of millions. We're thrilled to deliver all the Fever action to every household in the Indianapolis region."

"We're delighted to build on our strong marketing partnership with the Pacers and Fever and our longstanding commitment to local Indianapolis sports," said Michael Brouder, General Manager, WTHR. "Our station has always been at the center of the biggest local events that capture the spirit of Hoosiers far and wide. Our entire team in front of and behind the camera will be helping the Fever connect with our community and fans like never before."

The partnership between the Fever and TEGNA was brokered and negotiated by Dan Granik and David Sternberg of Range Sports, a Division of Range Media Partners, long-time consultants to Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

The following games will be shown for free over the air on WTHR or WALV:

May 16 vs. New York, 7 p.m. WTHR May 22 @ Seattle, 10 p.m. WTHR May 25 @ Las Vegas, 9 p.m. WTHR May 30 vs. Seattle, 7 p.m. WTHR June 1 vs. Chicago, 1 p.m. WALV June 10 @ Connecticut, 7 p.m. WTHR June 13 vs. Atlanta, 7 p.m. WTHR July 10 vs. Washington, Noon WTHR August 24 @ Minnesota, 8 p.m. WALV August 26 @ Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. WTHR August 28 vs. Connecticut, 7 p.m. WALV September 1 @ Dallas, 4 p.m. WALV September 4 vs. Los Angeles, 7 p.m. WALV September 8 vs. Atlanta, 4 p.m. WTHR September 11 vs. Las Vegas, 7 p.m. WALV September 15 vs. Dallas, 3 p.m. WALV September 19 @ Washington, 7 p.m. WTHR *All times ET

Last week, the Fever selected lowa star Caitlin Clark with the first pick in the 2024 WNBA Draft. Clark, the NCAA's all-time leading scorer, joins a talented roster that includes Olympian, WNBA All-Star, and unanimous 2023 Rookie of The Year Aliyah Boston; WNBA All-Star and 2023 Dawn Staley Community Leadership Award winner Kelsey Mitchell; NaLyssa Smith, the 2nd pick in the 2022 WNBA Draft; and more.

Earlier this month, the WNBA announced that 36 of the Fever's 40 regular season games will be broadcast on national television, as well.

Fever season ticket packages and single-game tickets for the upcoming season are on sale now at www.FeverBasketball.com/tickets.

About TEGNA

TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA) is an innovative media company that serves the greater good of our communities. Across platforms, TEGNA tells empowering stories, conducts impactful investigations and delivers innovative marketing solutions. With 64 television stations in 51 U.S. markets, TEGNA is the largest owner of top 4 network affiliates in the top 25 markets among independent station groups, reaching approximately 39 percent of all television households nationwide. TEGNA also owns leading multicast networks True Crime Network and Quest. TEGNA offers innovative solutions to help businesses reach consumers across television, digital and over-the-top (OTT) platforms, including Premion, TEGNA'S OTT advertising service. For more information, visit www.TEGNA.com.

About Pacers Sports & Entertainment

Pacers Sports & Entertainment (PS&E) is the corporate identity exemplified by the Indiana Pacers, Indiana Fever, Indiana Mad Ants, Pacers Gaming, Pacers Foundation, Inc., and Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Its team of inspired and dedicated employees promises to deliver quality entertainment and unparalleled service.

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