

VICE SPORTS PRESENTS ARENA FOOTBALL ONE, LIVE ON VICE TV, SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Primetime Arena Gridiron Action Kicks-Off with SW Kansas at Washington

NEW YORK (March 13, 2025) – **Arena Football One** (AF1) premieres on VICE TV on <u>Sunday.</u> <u>March 16</u> (7:00 - 10:00 PM ET), when VICE Sports presents the **SW Kansas Storm** visiting the **Washington Wolfpack**, live in primetime from Angel of the Winds Arena in Everett, Wash., on the first full weekend of the 2025 season.

Late last year, AF1 entered a new broadcast agreement with VICE TV, making VICE Sports the exclusive home for "Sunday Nights in the Arena," the league's weekly live primetime match-up. The game between the Storm and Wolfpack is the first of 14 regular-season games VICE Sports will air on VICE TV this season (see schedule below). Following the regular season, VICE TV will televise three AF1 playoff games, including the Arena Championship Game, on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>July 11</u>.

Two-time Emmy Award-winning play-by-play announcer **Ari Wolfe** calls Storm-Wolfpack, with arena football Hall of Famer **Sherdrick "Sed" Bonner** serving as a game analyst, and **Sofia Gutierrez** reporting from the sidelines. Wolfe joined NFL Network in 2010 and serves as a news anchor and reporter. In addition, he broadcasts preseason games for the Kansas City Chiefs and calls events for ESPN, Stadium Network, Tennis Channel, Pac-12 Networks, CBS Sports Network, and NBC Sports. Bonner's career as an Arena Football quarterback spanned 15 seasons, 14 with the Arizona Rattlers. Gutierrez's football broadcast resume includes covering Super Bowl LVI and LVII for DAZN.

The Southwest Kansas Storm won the inaugural Arena Football One game 40-26 over the Nashville Kats, as the league officially kicked off on Saturday night in Dodge City. The Storm look to keep rolling this week against the Wolfpack. Head Coach Gary Thomas, in his second year as an arena coach, has taken to the game quickly. Storm quarterback Jalen Morton, a fixture in the CFL and UFL, threw for 169 yards and rushed for an additional 48 against the Kats. His top receiving options were Da'Quan Bailey-Brown and Shiloh Flanagan. Bailey-Brown, a speedster in his second year with Southwest Kansas, is well-known among arena fans and had 71 receiving yards versus Nashville. Flanagan, who did not play college football and was discovered last season during a scrimmage by Coach Thomas, had 76 yards last week. Defensively, the Storm secondary forced five interceptions against the Kats, three by defensive back Michael Lawson, returning two for touchdowns.

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J.R. Wells is in his second year as head coach of the Wolfpack, and his revamped roster is ready to go. Leading the offense for Washington is well-traveled arena quarterback Joseph Hess. A solid performer throughout his Arena Football career, Washington is banking on his veteran presence to put points on the board. His prime targets are DeShon Williams and Aakiel Greer, two big, play-making receivers. Williams is a physical force entering his second season with the Wolfpack and should be a reliable target for Hess. Greer was a sought-after free agent who, at 6'4" with blazing speed, caught the Wolfpack's eyes last season after carving them up for three touchdowns. Caleb Brown leads a defensive secondary that will fly to the ball, playing true to their Wolfpack namesake.

As global demand for sports programming continues to grow, VICE Media recently launched the VICE Sports brand, coupled with a significantly expanded original sports programming strategy. VICE TV, the cable television network in partnership with A+E, has shifted its programming to a sports-first model (find VICE TV viewing and streaming options here). Recent VICE Sports premieres include Brady vs Belichick: The Verdict, with host Christopher "Mad Dog" Russo; two original docuseries, Pitino: Red Storm Rising and Calipari: Razor's Edge; Dark Side of the Ring (season 6). In addition to its recently introduced taped programs, VICE Sports has bolstered its schedule with live event programming led by Arena Football One and last month's first-ever live event series, BKB Bare Knuckle Boxing. Overall, the company will televise more than 150 hours of sports-themed docuseries, programs, events, and podcasts for global distributors across television and digital.

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ABOUT VICE MEDIA

VICE Media is a global media and entertainment company that produces authentic, high-quality content across television, digital, film, news, and branded advertising. The company has four main businesses in its portfolio: VICE Studios (award-winning television, documentary, film, and digital production company); Virtue (full-service advertising agency), VICE TV (40M plus subscriber sports and entertainment cable network in partnership with A+E); and Pulse (leading commercials and music video production company). Recent VICE Studios' content includes the hit UK series *Gangs of London*, MAX documentary *Bama Rush* and the newly launched VICE News podcast *Shane Smith Has Questions* (in partnership with Bill Maher's Club Random Studios). The company also has a joint venture with Savage Ventures to operate its VICE brand digital channels.

ABOUT ARENA FOOTBALL ONE

Arena Football One is committed to delivering action-packed football to fans nationwide. With established teams and veteran leadership, AF1 is poised to return arena football to the national stage. Don't miss the return of Arena Football! For more information on Arena Football One, visit the official AF1 website or follow us on social media.

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2025 AF1 ON VICE SPORTS LIVE TELECAST SCHEDULE*

All Times Eastern *Subject to change

DAY	DATE	TIME	MATCH-UP
Sunday	March 16	7:00 - 10:00 PM	SW Kansas Storm at Washington Wolfpack
Friday	March 21	7:00 - 10:00 PM	SW Kansas Storm at Albany Firebirds
Sunday	March 30	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Oregon Lightning at SW Kansas Storm
Sunday	April 6	6:30 - 9:30 PM	Albany Firebirds at Salina Liberty
Sunday	April 13	7:00 - 10:00 PM	Billings Outlaws at Albany Firebirds
Sunday	April 20	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Albany Firebirds at Billings Outlaws
Friday	April 25	8:00 - 11:00 PM	Salina Liberty at Billings Outlaws
Sunday	May 4	7:00 - 10:00 PM	Oregon Lightning at Washington Wolfpack
Saturday	May 10	7:00 - 10:00 PM	Nashville Kats at Albany Firebirds
Saturday	May 17	8:00 - 11:00 PM	SW Kansas Storm at Billings Outlaws
Sunday	May 25	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Washington Wolfpack at SW Kansas Storm
Sunday	June 1	8:00 - 11:00 PM	Oregon Lightning at Billings Outlaws
Sunday	June 8	8:00 - 11:00 PM	Corpus Christi Tritons at Oregon Lightning
Sunday	June 15	6:30 - 9:30 PM	SW Kansas Storm at Salina Liberty
Sunday	June 22	TBD	First Round Playoff Game
Sunday	June 29	TBD	Conference Championship Game
Sunday	July 11	TBD	Championship Game

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