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FOX SPORTS ARIZONA WILL TELEVISION AIA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL THIS FALL

“FARMERS GAME OF THE WEEK” PACKAGE KICKS OFF WITH A LIVE TELECAST OF PEORIA AT THREE-TIME DEFENDING 4A CHAMPION SAGUARO ON SEPTEMBER 17

Fans of local prep football have a lot to look forward to on FOX Sports Arizona this Fall, as eight high school football games will be televised live on the network in the “Farmers Game of The Week” package. The telecasts mark the first time Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) football has appeared on the network since 2000 and the games will be seen in 2.8 million households FOX Sports Arizona reaches in Arizona and New Mexico.

The first game to air on the network will be between Peoria and three-time defending 4A champion Scottsdale Saguaro on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. FOX Sports Arizona will also feature the games of defending 5A Division I champion Hamilton and 5A Division II champ Centennial, as well as 2008 state runner-ups Brophy and Chaparral.

“Adding AIA football to our programming lineup is another accomplishment in our mission to offer the most comprehensive coverage of the local sports scene,” said Mike Connelly, FOX Sports Arizona Senior Vice President & General Manager. “Nothing is as local as high school athletics, so creating a new partnership with the AIA is a natural fit for us.”

FOX Sports Arizona's Brad Steinke and Mark McClune will rotate as the play-by-play announcers and the analyst will be announced at a later date. Here is the FOX Sports Arizona's 2009 “Farmers Game of the Week” high school football schedule:

Thursday, Sept. 17	Peoria at Scottsdale Saguaro (7 pm)
Thursday, Sept. 24	Millennium at Centennial (7 pm)
Friday, Oct. 2	Chandler at Hamilton (7 pm)
Friday, Oct. 9	Greenway at Paradise Valley (7 pm)
Friday, Oct. 16	Highland at Mesa Mountain View (7 pm)
Friday, Oct. 23	Hamilton at Brophy (7 pm)
Friday, Oct. 30	Chaparral at North Canyon (7 pm)
Friday, Nov. 6	Basha at Mesa Mountain View (7 pm)

FOX Sports Arizona televises the most regional sports action in the state and is the exclusive local cable television home of the Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Coyotes, Arizona Cardinals, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and Phoenix Mercury. FOX Sports Arizona is currently seen in 2.8 million households in Arizona & New Mexico and can also be seen across the country via home satellite services.