

New Voices To Be Heard Around ACC

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Fred White, play-by-play announcer for the Kansas City Royals, and Mike Patrick, George Washington University's basketball announcer the past three years, will share play-by-play duties for the ACC's package of televised basketball games this season.

The schedule, which opens Dec. 8 with Virginia at Duke, comprises 38 games, including all seven in the ACC tournament. WBTV (channel 3) again will be the Charlotte affiliate for the ACC's package, produced this season by Raycom and Jefferson Productions. Counting cable and network deals, at least 56 games involving ACC teams are to be televised this season.

Neither Raycom nor the ACC would confirm the selection of announcers or the television schedule, to be released officially tonight. But college sports and broadcast sources said both the announcers and the schedule



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had been set.

Raycom had wanted Marty Brennaman, the Cincinnati Reds' play-by-play announcer and a 1965 North Carolina graduate, to share the announcing with White. But the Reds refused to allow Brennaman to take the assignment because he would miss a few exhibition games and off-season duties.

Billy Packer and Jeff Mullins will provide commentary. Former Kentucky player Larry Conley will fill in for Packer when his CBS commitments clash with the ACC schedule.

White and Patrick basically will split the 38-game schedule. Last year, Jim Thacker and Packer worked most ACC games. Thacker, however, will become the play-by-play man for the Big Ten basketball network, at least in part because he declined to work a reduced ACC schedule.



Billy Packer

White, a nine-year veteran in the Royals' radio booth, has been the basketball announcer for Kansas State and worked extensively for ESPN and regional networks.

Patrick, sports director for Washington radio station WMZQ, did play-by-play for Jacksonville basketball for four seasons, Washington Redskins' exhibition games for three years and Maryland football and basketball for four seasons.

North Carolina and Virginia are each featured nine times in the Raycom/Jefferson Productions package. Duke, Wake Forest and Maryland will make eight appearances. Clemson, Georgia Tech and N.C. State will appear seven times.

ESPN will carry most Raycom games on its national cable network. Both CBS and NBC will televise several games involving ACC teams. WTBS (Atlanta's channel 17, which has wide cable distribution) will carry the Virginia-Georgetown game Dec. 11.

The ACC basketball telecast schedule, including Raycom, ESPN, CBS, NBC and WTBS games:

NOVEMBER
20 — North Carolina vs. St. John's, CBS, 1 p.m.; 27 — North Carolina vs. Missouri, CBS, 1 p.m.

DECEMBER
4 — North Carolina vs. Louisiana State, NBC, 2 p.m.; 8 — Virginia vs. Duke, Raycom, 9 p.m.; 11 — Virginia vs. Georgetown, WTBS, 8 p.m.; 21 — N.C. State vs. Louisville, ESPN, 8 p.m.

JANUARY
8 — Georgia Tech vs. Wake Forest, Raycom,