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STAR-STUDED LINEUP SET FOR *FOX NFL KICKOFF*

FOX SPORTS LIVE's Charissa Thompson Hosts

Newcomer Champ Bailey Joins Cowherd, Moss and Wannstedt

Cooper Manning Serves as Special Contributor; Debut Segment Features Saints' Brees
(Preview: <http://foxs.pt/1OjsGxl>)

Los Angeles – FOX NFL KICKOFF, making the move from FS1 to FOX broadcast network, takes the field with a formidable on-air lineup this season. The revamped on-air team is led by host **Charissa Thompson**, who is joined for analysis and commentary by **Colin Cowherd**, future Pro Football Hall of Famers **Champ Bailey** and **Randy Moss** and former NFL head coach **Dave Wannstedt**, with **Cooper Manning** contributing special features and interviews. The announcement was made today by FOX Sports President of Production, John Entz.

The new-look FOX NFL KICKOFF premieres Sunday, Sept. 13, and airs every week during the NFL regular season, live at 11:00 AM ET on local FOX stations, immediately preceding FOX NFL SUNDAY, America's most-watched pregame show. Both shows are simulcast nationally on FOX Sports Radio.

"Once we decided to move FOX NFL KICKOFF to the network, our goal was to present something that was different from other football shows airing in its window," said Entz. "This is an excellent mix of voices and original perspectives that will review the news of the day and preview the schedule's most highly-anticipated games in a unique, thought-provoking way."

Thompson, the versatile host who appears weeknights on FOX Sports 1's flagship news and highlights program FOX SPORTS LIVE, has previously served as a sideline reporter for FOX NFL game broadcasts during the 2008 and 2014 seasons. She has also worked sidelines for Big Ten Network and covered Super Bowl XLV on behalf of Yahoo Sports.

"Since returning to FOX Sports, we've seen Charissa thrive in every role we've presented her," added Entz. "Her experience with football and her ability to guide the various elements and personalities that come together on a show like this really makes her a perfect fit."

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Bailey is a newcomer to FOX Sports. A shutdown cover-man who spent 15 seasons in the NFL, he was named to the Pro Bowl 12 times, the most by a cornerback in league history. In addition, he was voted a first-team All-Pro selection three times and was chosen as one of two cornerbacks for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's 2000's All-Decade first-team. He retired following the 2013 season, having appeared in 215 games (212 starts) and posted 52 career interceptions, including four returned for touchdowns and 174 passes defended.

Moss, who with his reputation for forthright commentary has quickly established himself as one of the sport's premier analysts, returns to FOX NFL KICKOFF where he has served as analyst since the show's inception in 2013 on FS1. Moss was a six-time Pro Bowler, four-time first-team All-Pro and 2000's All-Decade selection that transcended the wide receiver position during his Hall of Fame-bound playing career.

Joining Bailey and Moss is the 39-year collegiate and pro coaching veteran **Wannstedt**, who spent 18-plus seasons at the NFL level, including stints as a head coach for the Chicago Bears (1993-98) and Miami Dolphins (1999-2004). Wannstedt, who won a Super Bowl ring as the defensive coordinator for Jimmy Johnson's 1992 Dallas Cowboys, joined FOX Sports in 2014 as an analyst on FOX NFL KICKOFF as well as for the network's college football studio coverage.

As was announced at the time of his joining FOX Sports last month, **Cowherd** offers commentary and opinion to FOX NFL KICKOFF on storylines in addition to participating in panel discussions. A passionate enthusiast for both college and pro football, he hosted *Colin's New Football Show* on ESPN2 in 2013 and 2014. Cowherd was also the original co-host of *SportsNation* on ESPN2, enjoying a successful five-year run on the afternoon news and opinion show, including from 2012 to 2013, when he was teamed with Thompson. THE HERD WITH COLIN COWHERD airs weekdays from 12:00 to 3:00 PM ET on FS1, FSR and iHeartRadio.

Manning, the older brother of record-setting, Super Bowl-champion quarterbacks Peyton and Eli, was an All-State standout wide receiver as a prep at Isidore Newman High School in New Orleans. He accepted a scholarship to the University of Mississippi before his promising football career was cut short after he was diagnosed with spinal stenosis prior to his freshman season in 1992. A director at the New Orleans energy firm Scotia Howard Weil, he is an accomplished public speaker and has also appeared in a variety of media roles, including as a correspondent for the *Dan Patrick Show* during the week of Super Bowl XLVII in 2013 for his segments, "Manning on the Street." For FOX NFL KICKOFF, he conducts feature interviews and contributes other special content pieces throughout the season. Manning makes his FOX Sports debut on Sunday in a segment that features him alongside New Orleans Saints' Pro Bowl quarterback Drew Brees.

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