



Issues and Programs Lists Q2 2022

WKGN broadcast the following local programs each weekday: 3&OUT with Nate Hodges and Houston Kress 7-10 a.m., The Blitz 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Talk Sports with Jon Reed 12-3 p.m., The Drive with Russell Smith 3-6 p.m. and Overtime 6-8 p.m. Each of these shows focus is the local sports community and social commentary on sports issues effecting the local community.

The Drive 3-6 p.m. on 4-14-22 for multiple segments—The Drive hosts discuss the University of Tennessee football team moving its home opening game from Saturday to Thursday night. This is of particular interest to the local community for a variety of reasons. First, not as many fans from out of town can attend the Thursday night game. This hurts the local economy since those out-of-town dollars will be forced to stay home. However, the Thursday night slot should in theory put more eye balls on the contest of television and provide the team itself with more rest heading into week 2 of the season.

Talk Sports 12-3 p.m. on 4-18-22 for multiple segments—The Talk Sports hosts discuss the current state of the local baseball team, The Tennessee Volunteers. The young, energetic head coach Tony Vitello has the team playing at an extremely high level behind a blend of veteran and young players. The hosts debate whether some of the younger players, specifically pitchers are starting to show some signs of inconsistency.

3&OUT 7-10 a.m. on 5-17-22 for multiple segments—Here's another topic that impacts the local University athletic department's bottom line. The hosts discuss that the University of Tennessee has decided to cancel the away game with BYU and replace it with a neutral site game in Nashville against Virginia. The school has

to pay BYU to get out of the game with them. However, they will recoup that money and then some by playing in Nashville and splitting the revenue with the Virginia Cavaliers. As a state school, the topic is relevant not only in the sports world but in local news as well.

The Drive 3-6 p.m. on 5-25-22 for multiple segments – The Drive hosts discuss the SEC baseball tournament that is in progress. The Tennessee team is the #1 seed and the heavy favorite to win it, something the local community is very excited about. Also, the show delves into the new possibilities for the SEC football scheduling format, which could change the way fans approach attendance to certain games, especially away from home.

Talk Sports 12-3 p.m. on 6-6-22 for multiple segments—The hosts discuss the Deshaun Watson saga. The Browns quarterback is in trouble in the NFL due to poor personal conduct. The Browns owner is from Knoxville and still owns one of the premier brands in the trucking industry. The Browns decision to sign and pay Deshaun Watson was a curious one with his future in doubt.

The Drive 3-6 p.m. on 6-7-22 for one segment—The Drive hosts interview Tony Vitello, the current head baseball coach at the University of Tennessee.

The Drive 3-6 p.m. on 6-23-22 for multiple segments—The Drive hosts discuss a big point of pride to residents of the area, the seating capacity of Neyland Stadium. Neyland Stadium is the home of University of Tennessee football and has been over 100k in seating capacity for many years. With renovations there was concern it would go back below it, which may not seem like a big deal, but to many fans it is. The school announced that the stadium would remain over 100k going into the 2022 football season.