

# Mike Patrick

ESPN Sportscaster Mike Patrick is recognized as one of the premier play-by-play announcers in the country. He has been a television sports broadcaster for more than 30 years and has been with ESPN for more than 20 years. For 19 of those years he teamed with former Washington Redskins quarterback and later with former NFL lineman Paul McGuire on ESPN's Sunday Night NFL Football telecasts where he called some of the most memorable games in NFL history. He has joined with longtime friend and colleague Steve Bassett to present *Mike Patrick Sports Media Training – The Truth About The Sports Media*, a comprehensive program which guides athletes through the finer points of conducting effective interviews with the sports media.



A graduate of George Washington University in Washington, DC, Mike began his sportscasting career in Jacksonville, Florida where he was the lead sports anchorman for WJXT television. With a lifelong passion for play-by-play, Mike began his play-by-play career as the television voice of the Jacksonville Express of the World Football League and handled play-by-play for the University of Jacksonville.

Mike moved to Washington, DC where he anchored sports broadcasts for WMAL Television, the ABC affiliated station in the nation's capital. He also handled the play-by-play for University of Maryland basketball telecasts and later for Raycom Sports/Jefferson Pilots Sports where he handled play-by-play duties for Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) basketball telecasts, was the radio voice of the George Washington Colonials basketball team – his alma mater, and anchored sports for WMZQ Radio.



It was while doing ACC basketball for Raycom/Jefferson Pilot Sports that he was discovered by ESPN where he began doing play-by-play for the fledgling cable network's national college football and basketball broadcasts.

In 1987 ESPN secured a contract with the National Football League to broadcast NFL games on Sunday nights and the network immediately called on Mike to handle the play-by-play for ESPN Sunday Night NFL Football. For nearly two decades he teamed with good friend and former Washington Redskins Quarterback Joe Theismann on the Sunday night games. The duo was later joined in the broadcast booth by former NFL lineman Paul McGuire and the three formed arguably the best NFL broadcast team in the country.

He continued to be the lead play-by-play announcer for ESPN's Big Ten Conference and later Atlantic Coast Conference basketball broadcasts. Besides calling ACC basketball, Mike also handles the play-by-play duties for ESPN's telecasts of the NCAA Women's College Basketball Final Four and Championship Game and the college baseball World Series played each year in Omaha, Nebraska. He is also the play-by-play voice for Washington Redskins Pre-Season Football Telecasts.

This year Mike returns to his roots. In addition to his other national broadcasts, Mike teams with former Penn State, Kansas City Chiefs, and Pittsburgh Steelers Quarterback Todd Blackledge on ESPN's premier Saturday night national college football telecasts.