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TONY BARNHART TO HOST WEEKLY COLLEGE FOOTBALL PRIMETIME SHOW ON CBS COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK

“THE TONY BARNHART SHOW” PREMIERES SEPT. 8 AT 9:00 PM, ET

“Mr. College Football,” **Tony Barnhart** joins CBS College Sports Network as host of **THE TONY BARNHART SHOW**, a new weekly one-hour primetime college football talk show. The hard-hitting program will debate and analyze the hot topics and issues facing college football both on and off-the-field. **THE TONY BARNHART SHOW** premieres on Tuesday, Sept. 8 (9:00 PM, ET) and will air each Tuesday throughout the college football season.

Throughout the season Barnhart will invite a variety of high-profile guests from the college football community, including coaches, administrators, writers, broadcasters and former players to the program. Barnhart, along with CBS College Sports Network studio analyst **Brian Jones** and the distinguished guests, will offer in-depth lively, opinionated, topical discussions on the world of college football.

“Tony Barnhart is recognized as one of the premier journalists in college football,” said Mike Aresco, EVP, Programming, CBS Sports. “We are excited to offer him a new platform to share his knowledge and opinions with our viewers. The Tony Barnhart Show will become a must-watch for college football fans.”

“I can’t tell you how thrilled and excited I am about this opportunity at CBS College Sports Network,” said Barnhart. “When we first started talking about this project our goal was to put together a college football show on Tuesday nights that people will be talking about the rest of the week. With the help of Mike Aresco, Brian Jones and all the other talented people at CBS College Sports, that is what we will do. I can’t wait to get started.”

This season marks Barnhart’s 33rd year covering college football. Last year, he stepped-down from his full-time position at the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* after 24 years and continues to write the daily college football blog, “Mr. College Football,” on *ajc.com*. Barnhart has served as a contributor on **COLLEGE FOOTBALL TODAY**, the CBS Sports pre-game, halftime and post-game college football studio show, since 2004 alongside **Tim Brando** and **Spencer Tillman**.

Barnhart is a former president of the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and a former president of the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA). For six years he served on the National Football Foundation’s prestigious Honors Court, which selects the incoming members to the College Football Hall of Fame.

The 1999 Georgia Sports Writer of the Year, Barnhart was recently named the winner of the 2009 Bert McGrane Award, which represents the FWAA Hall of Fame. On July 18 he was inducted during ceremonies at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind.

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