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MEDIA ADVISORY

Maryland Public Television to air “Battle for Greater Baltimore” football game between Morgan State and Towson on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Saturday evening broadcast culminates day of sports programming as part of network’s HBCU Week content initiative

WHAT:

Maryland Public Television (MPT) will broadcast the “Battle for Greater Baltimore” football game between Morgan State University and Towson University. The Morgan State Bears will travel to Johnny Unitas® Stadium to take on the Towson Tigers in this annual matchup between regional rivals.

The football game broadcast, immediately preceded by a special pregame show hosted by MPT Sports Desk anchors Jim Hunter and Mark Gray, culminates a day of sports programs airing on MPT as part of the statewide public TV network’s HBCU Week content initiative. More information about HBCU Week is available at mpt.org/hbcu/.

Other productions airing on Saturday are *The Morgan Lacrosse Story* at 2:30 p.m.; *Our Blues Make Us Gold* at 3:30 p.m.; *Sounds of the Game* at 4 p.m.; *Black College Football Hall of Fame: Journey to Canton* at 4:30 p.m.; and *Breaking Ground: A Story of HBCU Football and the NFL* at 5:30 p.m.

WHEN:

Saturday, September 10
6:30 p.m. – *MPT Sports Desk* pregame show
7:00 p.m. – *The Battle for Greater Baltimore* football game

WHERE:

The broadcast will be available for viewing on MPT and via the network’s livestream, online video player, and the PBS Video App. Information about how to watch MPT can be found at mpt.org/anywhere.

MORE INFO:

During the week of September 5-11, MPT is delivering more than 22 hours of content exploring the past, present, and future of HBCUs in the statewide public TV network's viewing area and throughout the United States. The full slate of programs airing on MPT as part of HBCU Week's day of sports on Saturday, September 10 is as follows:

- ***The Morgan Lacrosse Story – 2:30 p.m.***
 - Set against the racially turbulent 1970s, *The Morgan Lacrosse Story* chronicles the accomplishments the nation's first and only college lacrosse team at a historically Black institution.
- ***Our Blues Make Us Gold – 3:30 p.m.***
 - This half-hour film explores the history and legacy of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T).
- ***Sounds of the Game – 4:00 p.m.***
 - This MPT special report provides an inside look at the history of HBCU marching bands and what makes homecomings special. The report includes the film *Blue and Gold Marching Machine*, which follows the NC A&T marching band, plus original interviews with members of the Howard University "Showtime" band.
- ***Black College Football Hall of Fame: Journey to Canton – 4:30 p.m.***
 - This half-hour program provides a look at the establishment of the Black College Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, on the campus of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- ***Breaking Ground: A Story of HBCU Football and the NFL – 5:30 p.m.***
 - Narrated by late HBCU alumnus and actor Chadwick Boseman, *Breaking Ground* is an in-depth look at the legacy of HBCUs within the NFL. NFL legends and groundbreakers, including Jerry Rice, Doug Williams, Mel Blount, and Marquette King, share stories of the impact HBCUs have had in not only shaping their careers but in laying the crucial foundation for what the NFL has become.
- ***MPT Sports Desk – 6:30 p.m.***
 - Hosted by Jim Palmer and Mark Gray, this special pregame show previews the "The Battle for Greater Baltimore" football game between Towson University and Morgan State University.
- ***The Battle for Greater Baltimore: The Towson vs. Morgan Football Game – 7:00 p.m.***
 - The Morgan State University Bears visit Johnny Unitas® Stadium to take on the Towson University Tigers in this annual matchup between regional rivals.

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