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Stephen A. Smith Kicks Off New Era at SiriusXM

"The Stephen A. Smith Show" premieres today, airing live every weekday exclusively on the Mad Dog Sports Radio channel

"Straight Shooter with Stephen A.," focused on politics and culture, debuts September 17, first on SiriusXM P.O.T.U.S.

With big-name guests, live listener calls, and unfiltered commentary, both programs give fans access to Smith like never before



NEW YORK – September 2, 2025 – Acclaimed broadcaster, *New York Times* best-selling author, and television personality Stephen A. Smith will launch his new daily SiriusXM sports

talk program, “The Stephen A. Smith Show,” today at 1 pm ET exclusively on Mad Dog Sports Radio (ch. 82). In addition, SiriusXM unveiled the premiere date for Smith’s upcoming live politics and culture program, “Straight Shooter with Stephen A.,” which will debut September 17 on SiriusXM’s bipartisan P.O.T.U.S. channel (ch. 124).

Airing live at 6 pm ET every Wednesday, “Straight Shooter” will welcome notable figures from the worlds of politics, entertainment, business, and beyond, while offering Smith’s trademark no-nonsense commentary on the day’s most pressing headlines. The show will also give listeners the chance to join the conversation, with Smith taking live calls from across the country.

Following its live broadcast exclusively on P.O.T.U.S., “Straight Shooter” will be available as a podcast on all major platforms and as a full-length video on YouTube the next day.

“I’ve spent my career speaking my mind, asking tough questions, and zeroing in on the issues that matter most,” said Smith. “Whether it’s my new sports show on Mad Dog Sports Radio or talking politics on P.O.T.U.S., I’m here to challenge, entertain, and engage SiriusXM listeners.”

“Stephen A.’s unique voice, unparalleled energy, and range of interests make him a perfect fit for SiriusXM,” said Scott Greenstein, SiriusXM’s President and Chief Content Officer. “Starting today, from sports to politics, his curiosity, candor, and unfiltered perspective will resonate with audiences across our platforms.”

With the debut of “The Stephen A. Smith Show,” SiriusXM is also launching [Get Serious with Stephen A. Smith](#),” which gives fans a way to join the debate and be a core part of the show. In addition to calling in, listeners can now submit short voice notes or written “hot takes” on the biggest sports stories, with only the boldest making it on air. Stephen A. will then react live – agreeing, firing back, or even roasting outrageous takes – while dishing out his signature “Stamp of Approval” ratings as shareable graphic cards. Listeners can earn instant bragging rights for social media and a chance to go toe-to-toe with Stephen A. himself. He shares some of what his listeners can expect from the “Get Serious” experience [here](#).

“The Stephen A. Smith Show” will air live every weekday from 1 – 3 pm ET on Mad Dog Sports Radio (ch. 82), while “Straight Shooter with Stephen A.” will air live on Wednesdays from 6 – 8 pm ET on SiriusXM P.O.T.U.S. (ch. 124).

About Stephen A. Smith

Stephen A. Smith is one of the most prominent personalities on the air today. He is a featured commentator and executive producer on ESPN’s “First Take” weekday mornings, discussing and debating the sports topics of the day with a cast that includes Molly Qerim and SiriusXM’s own Christopher “Mad Dog” Russo. Since 2021 Smith has been an analyst on “NBA Countdown,” ESPN and ABC’s longstanding NBA pregame show.

Smith has hosted radio shows for ESPN and Fox Sports Radio. He began his career as a print journalist, first as a reporter with the *Winston-Salem Journal*, the *Greensboro News and Record* and the *New York Daily News*, before moving on to the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and serving as that paper’s NBA beat writer and NBA columnist, before becoming a general

sports columnist, spanning 17 years.

In 2023 Smith released his *New York Times* bestselling memoir, “Straight Shooter: A Memoir of Second Chances and First Takes,” where he revealed his untold personal story for the first time.

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