

Michael Barkann has become an indelible part of Philadelphia's sports landscape, and one of the market's best-known and most-respected sports media figures, during a 26-year tenure as a host and anchor for NBC Sports Philadelphia and over three decades overall covering the city's teams, athletes and events.

An original member of NBC Sports Philadelphia, Barkann has held a variety of prominent on-air roles including bringing the network on the air at its inception in 1997 as Comcast SportsNet. He currently serves as the host of the network's Philadelphia Eagles and Philadelphia Phillies pregame and postgame coverage.

Previously, Barkann led NBC Sports Philadelphia's daily sports talk and entertainment program, "Philly Sports Talk," previously entitled "Daily News Live," for more than 20 years. He's also been the lead anchor for the network's Flyers and 76ers game day programs, specials and original programming.

In addition to his work with NBC Sports Philadelphia, Barkann has been a high-profile contributor to other media outlets, including radio. For more than five years, he co-hosted a radio program on SportsRadio 94.1 WIP with former Eagles player Ike Reese, entitled the "Mike & Ike Show."

Barkann has covered several national and international sporting events for USA Networks and CBS Sports, including three Olympic Winter Games (1998, 1994 and 1992), two NCAA Final Fours (1996 and 1995) and the U.S. Open Tennis Championships for nearly two decades, beginning in 1991.

Barkann joined NBC Sports Philadelphia after five years as sports director for Boston's WLVI-TV. Prior to that position, he was a sports anchor and reporter for Philadelphia's KYW-TV (CBS) for five years and for New Jersey Network in Trenton for more than four years. Barkann began his career with NBC News in Washington, D.C.

Barkann has collected numerous professional honors throughout his career, including six Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards, and has been named the Pennsylvania Sportscaster of the Year seven times.

Barkann is involved in numerous charities throughout the Philadelphia area including the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia; Legacy Youth Tennis and Education. In 2013, he and his wife Ellen founded the Barkann Family Healing Hearts Foundation. The charity provides grants to local organizations and families throughout the Delaware Valley who are overcome by the financial burdens caused by family crisis, long term illness, or sudden loss of life.

In 2010, Michael was inducted into the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and was honored by the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association for his work with the organization.

A native of East Brunswick, N.J., Barkann is a graduate of the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University. He lives in Newtown Square, PA with his wife, Ellen. The Barkanns have two children, Emily, 27 and Matthew, 23.