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This is what Cablevision currently has airing on FOX5 and MY9

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A carriage dispute between News Corp's FOX and Cablevision had FOX pull several of its channels off Cablevision late last night, and now it appears that no deal will be in place any time tonight. That means that Cablevision customers in Philadelphia and New York will not see Game1 of the NLCS between the Giants and Philles. The blacked-out Fox channels are FOX 5 (WNYW) in New York and FOX 29 (WTXF) in Philadelphia. My9 (WWOR) is Fox's 2nd New York station (a MyNetworkTV affiliate licensed to Secaucus, NJ), also blacked out, but it doesn't affect the MLB or NFL coverage situation.. NFL games could also in danger of not airing on Sunday.

"It is shameful for News Corp. to use Major League Baseball and NFL games to hold viewers hostage in order to extract tens of millions from Cablevision customers," said Charles Schueler, Cablevision's executive vice president of communications. " We have accepted the bipartisan calls from scores of political leaders to reach a fair agreement through binding arbitration, and demand that News Corp. also agree and immediately return its Fox programming to Cablevision customers."

"As long as there is a serious effort on the part of Cablevision, we will be at the table," Fox spokesman Scott Grogin said earlier in the day. "We want to settle this as quickly as possible."

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