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Mike Greenberg

Michael Robinette^[1] **Greenberg** (born August 6, 1967) is a television anchor, television show host, radio show host for ESPN and ABC, and novelist. At ESPN, he hosted the weekday evening, most often Monday, *SportsCenter* and previously ESPN Radio's *Mike & Mike* show with Mike Golic. At sister network ABC, he was the host of *Duel*, which aired from 2007 to 2008, and co-hosted *Battle of the Network Stars* with Joe Tessitore.

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Early life and career

Mike was born to a Jewish^[2] family in New York, New York, and graduated from Stuyvesant High School in 1985. In 1989, Greenberg graduated from Northwestern University,^[3] where he joined the Theta Chi Fraternity, and started work as a sports anchor and reporter at WMAQ-AM in Chicago. He left WMAQ in 1992 to work for WSCR-Radio as a reporter (covering events such as the World Series and the Super Bowl) and talk show host. From 1993 to 1995, he also wrote a weekly syndicated column for the California-based Copley News Service. In 1994, he added reporting for SportsChannel Chicago to his résumé. In 1995, he left SportsChannel Chicago to work at CLTV, becoming an anchor, reporter, and host of a live call-in show. He left Chicago in September 1996 for ESPN, where he became one of the first hosts^[3] of ESPNEWS when it began broadcasting in November of that year.

ESPN career (1996–present)

In 1999, with ESPN Radio airing in just four markets, Mike

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Greenberg during ESPN The Weekend in February 2010

Born	Michael Robinette Greenberg August 6, 1967 <u>New York, New York</u>
Other names	Greeny
Alma mater	<u>Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University (B.S.)</u>
Years active	1989–present
Career	
Show	<i><u>Mike & Mike</u></i> (2000–2017)
Station(s)	<u>ESPN Radio</u>
Time slot	Monday–Friday 6 am – 10 am <u>ET</u>
Show	<i><u>Get Up!</u></i>
Station(s)	<u>ESPN</u>
Time slot	Various
Country	<u>United States</u>
Previous show(s)	<i><u>Mike and Mike</u></i>



Greenberg on ESPN Radio in 2009

Greenberg was approached about returning to radio to be a part of a morning drive-time show with Mike Golic as co-host. Greenberg agreed, with the understanding that he would continue anchoring *SportsCenter* on a regular basis. On April 26, 2004, the show started a regular simulcast on ESPNEWS.^[4] Because of their continued success, the duo moved to ESPN2 in January 2005.^[4]

One of the most popular segments of the entire year on *Mike & Mike* was the annual "Sheet of Integrity" wager, a bracket wager based on the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament and the massive ESPN.com bracket contest. The bet originated after Golic told of how he would enter a massive number of sheets into different pools to win the money involved in the pool. Greenberg, believing picks required a sort of integrity, insisted that any such entrant be required to enter only one "Sheet of Integrity". Golic would select one of his (presumably) dozens of sheets against Greenberg, with the loser having to perform a humiliating stunt, usually on the air. The first year, Greenberg won and Golic had to have an eyebrow wax on the air. The next two years, Golic won, and Greenberg had to wear the University of

Notre Dame Leprechaun mascot costume on the air, the second time on the Notre Dame campus. In the 2007 competition Greenberg, an admitted die-hard New York Jets' fan, agreed to wear a New England Patriots' jersey to a Jets' game and to milk a cow live on-air. Greenberg received advice about milking a cow from ESPN baseball analyst Buster Olney, who grew up on a dairy farm.

Mike Greenberg's final day as co-host of the *Mike & Mike* program was November 17, 2017. On November 27, Trey Wingo, host of NFL Live and ESPN's *SportsCenter*, became Golic's new morning show co-host, and the duo are now part of *Mike & Mike's* successor show, *Golic and Wingo*.^[5] Greenberg joined a new ESPN morning show, *Get Up!*, which premiered April 2, 2018.^[6] He also returned to ESPN Radio with a new show, called *Greeny*.^[7]

Other television

Greenberg hosted the ABC game show *Duel*.^[8] The first season of the show, a week-long six-episode special, premiered on December 17, 2007, and ended on December 23, 2007. The show was renewed, and premiered its second season (consisting of ten episodes) on April 4, 2008; the show's sixteenth and final episode aired on July 30.

On February 20, 2008, Greenberg appeared, along with his radio partner Mike Golic, on the soap opera *Guiding Light*^[9] as reported on ESPNradio.com.

On April 18, 2012, Greenberg co-hosted *Live! with Kelly*.^[10]

Books

On March 7, 2006, Greenberg released his first book entitled *Why My Wife Thinks I'm An Idiot: The Life and Times of a Sportscaster Dad*, which reached 14th on the New York Times Bestseller list and was nominated in the 2006 Quill Awards for best sports book.^[11] In April 2010, Greenberg, along with co-host Mike Golic, released a book entitled *Mike and Mike's Rules for Sports and Life*. Along with the release, the two Mikes embarked on a 15-city book tour that included stops in New York City,

Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Dallas, Boston, and Tampa. Greenberg released a novel entitled *All You Could Ask For* in 2013.^[12] He released the novel *My Father's Wives* in January 2015.

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