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# NFL rebounds off troubled seasons

By Eddie Pells AP National Writer

The most compelling drama in the NFL this season unfolded on the field, not off it.

And any thought that the league was in jeopardy of losing its spot as America's favorite sport has been set on the back burner, which is mostly where the domestic abuse cases, national anthem controversies and even the concerns about player safety resided for the bulk of the season.

To be sure, 2019 was far from perfect. Antonio Brown, a handful of overmatched officials and even a cameo appearance by Colin Kaepernick kept a spotlight on the warts this behemoth of a league will always carry. And certainly the Super Bowl will offer an opportunity to discuss Chiefs receiver Tyreek Hill's history with domestic violence and the NFL's response to it.

But for the better part of the season, the stickiest topics have included

the quarterback-turnedpitchman Baker Mayfield, and his overrated Cleveland Browns, the underachieving Cowboys and the possible end of the Patriots' dynasty, to say nothing of a legion of rising young stars who were scattered throughout the league. It is led by Patrick Mahomes, the 24-year-old quarterback who brought the Chiefs to the Super Bowl to face the 49ers, the team trying to complete the NFL's version of a fairy tale by going from 4-12 to hoisting the Lombardi Trophy in the span of a year.

America's ever-expanding gambling landscape, the continued strength of fantasy football, the league's steady growth in Britain and other countries, along with a fair share of good games placed in the correct time slots and made available on a growing number of platforms also played roles in keeping eyeballs focused on the games.

It all helps explain the league's back-to-back 5%



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Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes holds the Lamar Hunt Trophy as he celebrates winning the AFC Championship game against the Tennessee Titans on Jan. 19 in Kansas City, Mo. The most compelling dramas in the NFL this season unfolded on the field, not off of it. And any thought that the league was in jeopardy of losing its spot as America's favorite sport has been set on the back burner.

TV ratings increases two straight years with an uptick after a two-year stretch (2016-17) during which the NFL's status as the king of American sports took a hit, due in part to President Donald Trump's withering criticism and, more broadly, to the league's problematic handling of myriad problems that came fast and furious. The league accounted for 47 of the 50 most-watched shows

on TV last year.

"The NFL is in a better space leading up to the ... Super Bowl, than they have been in a few years," said Bettina Cornwell, the academic director at University of Oregon's Warsaw Sports Marketing Center. "Less limelight can be a good thing.'

While staying out of the constant crisis-management loop, the league took advantage of trends

that have been evolving for a decade or more.

The NFL's embrace of fantasy football at the beginning of the 2000s — replete with instadium Wi-Fi advances, stat-heavy tickers and updates that permeate the telecasts and both league and team endorsements with fantasy websites — set a template that, in turn, positioned the league to take advantage of the more recent expansion of legalized gambling.

Long the most reluctant (and hypocritical) of the American pro leagues when it came to acknowledging the reality that gambling is a key driver of fan interest, the NFL signed a marketing deal with Caesars Entertainment at the start of 2019. A handful of teams have inked their own casino deals, as well. Next season, the Raiders are moving into a \$1.8 billion stadium in Las Vegas a city that NFL officials worked hard to keep at arm's length for decades.

#### IN BRIEF Fostoria v'ball coach needed

Fostoria High School has a vacancy for the head volleyball coach position.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest, resume, and any other coaching materials to Michele Wolf at mwolf@ fostoriaschools.org or mail to 1001 Park Ave,

Fostoria, OH 44830. Experience as a head coach is preferred.

### Adult men's hoops leagues

Registration is open for the adult men's basketball leagues at the Bowling Green Community Center.

The season begins Feb. 9 and runs through mid April. Divisions will consist of Competitive (ages 18 and over), Recreational and 30+ Recreational (Recreational divisions may be combined if necessary).

Teams will receive a minimum of five games and a single elimination tournament. Game times vary from noon-6 p.m. on Sundays and will take place at the Bowling Green Community Center.

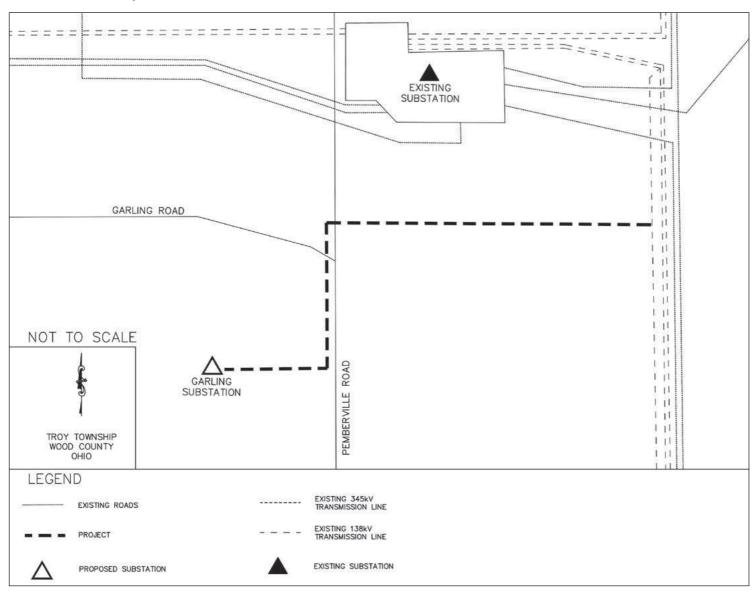
Team fees are \$150/ team (by Feb. 3), plus officials fees (\$20 cash/ game). Non-Resident player fees are \$15 per player for 2020. Team fees are \$200 after Monday, Feb. 3 (if spaces are available).

For more details, call 419-354-6223 or visit www.bgohio.org/parks.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI") a FirstEnergy company, has proposed a new 0.83 mile long transmission line tap from an existing 138 kV transmission line to a new customer owned substation in a Letter of Notification application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board"). The NSG Glass North America Tap Project ("Project"), will consist of a transmission line tap from the existing Fostoria West End (AEP)-Lemoyne-West Fremont 138kV Transmission Line to the proposed NSG Garling Substation, a customer owned substation.

The Project is located in Troy Township, Wood County, Ohio. ATSI is proposing the Project to provide power to NSG Glass North America, Inc.



The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners

Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners

Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office

Mr. Dave Steiner, Director of Wood County Planning Commission

Mr. Jim Carter, District Administrator of Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Matthew Brinker, Troy Township Trustee

Mr. Skip Recker, Troy Township Chairman

Mr. Richard Greulich Jr., Troy Township Trustee

Ms. Linda Biniker, Fiscal Officer of Troy Township

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Utilities Department, 12th Floor, Borden Building, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, www.opsb.ohio.gov. A copy of the application has also been sent to the following library:

Luckey Branch Library, 228 Main Street, Luckey, Ohio 43443

A copy of the application and information on how to request a hard copy of the application can also be found on FirstEnergy's website for transmission projects, www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\_project/ohio.html.

A Letter of Notification Application for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the above named transmission line is now pending before the Board. The Project application has been assigned Docket No. 20-0013-EL-BLN, and this docket number should be referenced in all communications about this proceeding.

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-6-08(A)(6), please be advised that interested persons may file motions to intervene and/or file comments with the Board within ten days of the date of publication of this notice, in accordance with OAC Rule 4906-2-12, or later if good cause is shown. Petitions to intervene and comments should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number 20-0013-EL-BLN.

#### **Browns**

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with him from his previous stint in Cleveland. He's the sixth GM hired by owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam since 2012.

Berry, who served as the Eagles' vice president of football operations last season, will have final say over Cleveland's 53-man roster.

The Haslams are determined to have alignment between their coach and general manager after numerous failed tries at restructuring the Browns, who haven't made it to the playoffs since 2002 and have been in nearly constant disarray. Berry was well-liked during his first stint with the team and the Haslams hope his connection with Stefanski finally brings needed stability.

The Browns have spent the past two weeks looking for a GM to replace John Dorsey, who resigned on Dec. 31 after two years with the team. Dorsey rebuilt Cleveland's roster during his tenure, but he fell from favor when he recommended Freddie Kitchens to be hired as coach a year ago and was asked to accept a reduced role after a 6-10 season.

During Berry's first stay in Cleveland, the Browns were brutally bad. They went 8-39-1 while he served as the team's vice president of player personnel. That run included a 1-15 record in 2016 and 0-16 in 2017. Clearly, it wasn't all Berry's fault, but he's tied to that dreadful span, something Browns fans haven't forgotten and why many of them will reluctantly welcome

his return.

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