

## Sports & Entertainment Spotlight

# From Historic Ides to Pies and Pitches: This Week's Spirited Sports & Entertainment Roundup

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Happy Ides of March to all who celebrate—apologies to Julius Caesar who was famously assassinated for his tyranny over the Roman Empire in dictating that people's salads be topped with anchovies (...or something like that). I would also be remiss if I did not wish my readers Ramadan Kareem. For those looking to raise a pint (or five) this weekend, may you have a Happy, sham-rockin' St. Patrick's Day and end the day more clothed than John Cena at the Oscars (we *can* see you, John) and less shame than Jonathan Glazer at the Oscars (we refute you, Jonathan). And for the mathletes out there—a belated Happy (3.14) Day! Unlike , I will not keep going on and on but will instead wrap with this:

- French footballer Kylian Mbappé is threatening legal action against a French kebab vendor, taking issue with an unauthorized use of his name in the description of a menu item that is made with “baker round bread, as round as Mbappé's skull.” Meanwhile, I take issue with the lack of creativity – how about “bread so fresh it will make Kylian introduce himself as “Mmmmkebabappé?”
- This past week, Senator Ted Cruz oversaw a panel on the issues in college athletics that proposed legislation seeks to address by providing antitrust protection and regulation to the multibillion dollar industry. Cruz put the chances of legislation passing at a 50-50 shot—which is not all that different from saying that whoever scores the most points in a football game will win.
- Wrexham AFC owners (along with a whole host of other titles) Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds announce that Ally Bank is sponsoring its stateside summer tour, by way of a commercial produced by an arm of McElhenney's newly formed, multifaceted company, “More Better Industries.” Now that's setting the bar high for ambition and low for grammar!

### Endorsement Deals, Sponsorships & Investments

#### **PSG star Kylian Mbappé sues kebab maker for using his name**

March 14, 2024 via ABC News

#### **Lawsuit against Banksy could force the artist to reveal their identity**

March 12, 2024 via 23 ABC News Bakersfield

#### **Wrexham Lands Ally Financial as Sponsor for U.S. Summer Tour**

March 11, 2024 via Sportico

#### **NWSL, Amazon Expand Business Partnership With Retail Deal**

March 11, 2024 via Sportico

#### **Logan Paul's 'Prime' becomes WWE's largest sponsor in company history, will be first in-ring ad**

March 9, 2024 via Fox Business

#### **Barstool Sports pulls plug on NIL platform**

March 8, 2024 via Awful Announcing

#### **The Caitlin Clark business is booming. Here's how her WNBA sponsorships are lining up**

March 8, 2024 via Athletice

#### **Slam Acquires College Basketball Apparel Brand 19nine**

March 8, 2024 via Sportico

#### **Business Beyond the Game: Jamal Mashburn's Post-NBA Biz Success**

March 8, 2024 via Sportico

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### Sports

#### **Sen. Ted Cruz says there's a 50-50 chance of Congress passing college sports legislation this year**

March 12, 2024 via Washington Post

#### **NWSL set to kick off revolutionary season**

March 11, 2024 via Sports Business Journal

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**Film & TV**

**Rob McElhenney Launches Multi-Faceted Company More Better Industries**

*March 12, 2024 via Variety*

**Lori Loughlin Parodies College Admissions Scandal on 'Curb Your Enthusiasm,' Playing Herself as a Liar and Golf Cheater**

*March 11, 2024 via Variety*

**Las Vegas lands a major film industry event**

*March 11, 2024 via Las Vegas Review Journal*

**Rams Announce Matthew Stafford Documentary at SXSW**

*March 11, 2024 via Sportico*