HHH-The Story Behind March 11

Entrance Question-Would you rather pick 3 championships for your favorite teams to win, but you have to live with your worst enemy for ten years, or never see a championship.

Review grading philosophy. You can see the grading agreement here.

For many, March 11 was the day the coronavirus pandemic hit home. That was the day the NBA announced it was suspending its season after Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert tested positive for COVID-19, just minutes before the team's game.

Over the next several months, the entire sporting world was thrown into flux. March Madness was canceled. The MLB season was pushed back. The NFL draft was conducted remotely. NBA and NHL players went into "bubbles" to finish their seasons. Even as games and matches returned, no fans were allowed in the stadiums.

According to an ESPN analysis, an estimated \$12 billion in sports revenue and hundreds of thousands of jobs were lost due to the COVID-19 shutdowns. While some of those revenues have started to come back with sports resuming, it could take a while for things to return to normal. All of this will have significant impact, both short-term and long-term, on franchises, colleges, and communities that rely on sports.

The question is when and how will (sports with fans) come back, and that may take time. It's still going to take months and months to get back to any semblance of a pre-COVID state. 2021 could easily also be rocky, and I think realistically for sports, 2022 is when we can start to see the effects on an economic recovery start to take place. Let's take a look at the behind the scenes of how this all started on March 11th to gain a better understanding of how that historic night actually took place.

The timeline of events on March 11 started hours before any NBA Cancellations took place. ESPN put together a timeline of events which led up to the NBA cancelling their season. Let's take a closer look at the <u>events of that day.</u>

As mentioned earlier, the world's economy took a large loss financially once the sports dominoes started to fall on March 11. ESPN put this video together to put the <u>potential loss</u> into perspective.

Exit Question-You are named the commissioner of the professional sports league of your choice. The date is March 11, 2022. As the Commissioner, in a minimum 4-5 sentences, tell me your plan of action on how you will get your league back to where it was prior to March 11, 2020? I'm looking for well thought out answers.

Physical component of class.