

Sports & Entertainment Beat

Retreats, Treats, and Sports Feats: Snoop's Bowl, Payton's Ambitions and Parker's New Role

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If you were wondering where last week's edition was—allow me to put the rumors to rest. I was not at the tailor getting fitted for the Met Gala. I was not practicing my set for the Roast of Tom Brady—I thought about it, but apparently you had to be famous or gifted at sports (the ship on the latter has sailed, but the former...). Instead, I was at my firm's attorney retreat meeting, getting better acquainted with and forming a rapport with teammates located across the country. So, in the spirit of the word "retreat," I guess I pulled back. Next week, I'll be out of the country taking another retreat of sorts, recharging my batteries and taking the week off. But this week, in the spirit of the word "treat" I'll provide you with just enough decadent mind morsels to tide you over. Read it again until I'm back and you'll be re-treated.

- The honor of holding the first ever (official) alcohol sponsorship of a college football bowl game will be held by some guys who know a thing or two about money and bowls as the Arizona Bowl will be branded "The Snoop Dogg Arizona Bowl presented by Gin & Juice by Dre and Snoop."
- NBA Hall of Fame and former Seattle SuperSonics point guard Gary Payton appears super interested in owning a piece of a potential Seattle expansion team (years after the Seattle franchise relocated to and rebranded as the Oklahoma City Thunder. The investment would be fitting for Payton—you might say like a glove.
- Just ten days after retiring from the WNBA, highly decorated Candace Parker shuns the shuffleboard courts in favor of a boardroom, landing at Adidas as the President of Women's Basketball.

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Irish sports marketing agency Sport Endorse targets potentially highly lucrative US college athlete base

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