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Dear friends in Sport Integrity,

Slowly, incrementally and with pending issues firmly in mind, some countries are now preparing their lockdown exit strategies.

Slowly, but carefully, sports federations, leagues, clubs and athletes are getting ready to return to the stadiums, courts, gyms and training grounds.

We are making progress, but we must remind ourselves that we can't lower our guard. The war against COVID-19 is not yet won. Health is and must remain the main concern, and no precaution can be neglected.

Before the ball starts rolling across the pitches, everyone needs to be assured that it is safe to resume sporting practice.

We still have a long way to go, and, judging by the latest developments, not all leagues will be able to resume. Regrettably, in those cases, the 2019/2020 sporting season will be cancelled. There will be no champions, no promotions, nor relegations. Such is the bitter fate of the French and Dutch football leagues, for example.

Notwithstanding all these setbacks, on a broader scale and considering where we were just a short time ago, there can be no doubt: times are getting (a little bit) better.

On a positive note, the spotlight should shine on the recent expression of support for the Sport sector from the European Commission and EU member States. What remains to be done is to ensure that any public funding goes to those who effectively need it, with full transparency and rigorous accountability. This is what we, as global custodians of the integrity of sport, requested today, in an Open Letter, to the relevant EU institutions and Member States.

In the meantime, from the world of Sport, examples of solidarity and altruism continue to proliferate. They will constitute this week's **#BePositive** news story roundup.

We trust you will find them inspirational and leave you in good spirits.

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- 1. UEFA releases €236.5m to support its member associations at this difficult time**
<https://www.uefa.com/insideuefa/mediaservices/mediareleases/newsid=2641748.html>
- 2. Croatian Presidency of the European Union, Ministers of Sport and EU Commissioner discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the sport sector.**
[file:///C:/Users/PC/Desktop/EU%202020%20HR_EU%202020%20HR%20Presidency%20Summary%20of%20discussion_sport%20ministers%20videoconference%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/PC/Desktop/EU%202020%20HR_EU%202020%20HR%20Presidency%20Summary%20of%20discussion_sport%20ministers%20videoconference%20(1).pdf)
- 3. 'We're getting closer to having another female F1 driver'**
<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/sport/formula1/were-getting-closer-to-having-another-female-f1-driver/ar-BB13dfOI?ocid=spartandhp>
- 4. Hibernian FC proud to announce NHS thank you**
<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/sport/football/hibernian-fc-proud-to-announce-nhs-thank-you/ar-BB13dQ9J?ocid=spartandhp>
- 5. Drivers deserve credit for Esports boom, says Norris**
<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/sport/formula1/drivers-deserve-credit-for-esports-boom-says-norris/ar-BB13djEM?ocid=spartandhp>
- 6. GENEROUS Real Madrid star Gareth Bale donates almost £1million to fight coronavirus in Spain and Wales**
<https://talksport.com/football/697961/real-madrid-bale-1m-coronavirus-donation-spain-wales/amp/>
- 7. NFL Draft: #BooTheCommish for Charity with Bud Light**
<https://www.wapl.com/2020/04/21/nfl-draft-boothecomish-with-bud-light-for-charity-video/#>
- 8. Tiger Woods, Peyton Manning to face Phil Mickelson, Tom Brady in coronavirus charity golf match**
https://www.espn.co.uk/golf/story/_/id/29084168/tiger-woods-phil-mickelson-tom-brady-peyton-manning-play-golf-match%3fplatform=amp
- 9. Colin Kaepernick contributes to coronavirus relief in POC communities**
<https://www.google.com/amp/s/clutchpoints.com/nfl-news-colin-kaepernick-contributes-to-coronavirus-relief-in-poc-communities/amp/>
- 10. NFL Draft 2020: Raiders' Henry Ruggs wears bathrobe for rookies' charity**
<https://www.nbcsports.com/bayarea/raiders/nfl-draft-2020-raiders-henry-ruggs-wears-bathrobe-rookies-charity>



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- 11. Marcus Rashford's crusade to help feed Manchester's young has now passed £20 million**
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-8241497/How-Marcus-Rashfords-childhood-driven-20m-crusade-feed-Manchester-kids-Covid-crisis.html>
- 12. How NBA got unprecedented access to Michael Jordan and Bulls for 'The Last Dance' documentary**
<https://eu.usatoday.com/story/sports/nba/bulls/2020/04/17/how-nba-got-access-chicago-bulls-the-last-dance-documentary/5146174002/>
- 13. Polish league sets May 29 as date for re-start**
<https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-health-coronavirus-soccer-poland-idUKKCN2270NZ>
- 14. U.F.C. Says Its Fights Are Back On, Next Month in Florida**
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/24/sports/ufc-249-florida.html>
- 15. How Charlton's Trust is supporting people with Down's syndrome during the coronavirus pandemic**
<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/football-league/charlton-upbeats-coronavirus-downs-syndrome-charity-trust-efl-a9480081.html>
- 16. Premier League moves closer to behind closed doors return in June.** Discussions with broadcasters are ongoing to determine the best way to televise the season's remaining matches
<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/premier-league/premier-league-coronavirus-restart-behind-closed-doors-june-tv-epl-a9483566.html>
- 17. PROPOSALS - Premier League could return in 'matter of weeks' behind closed doors under plans shown to Boris Johnson**
<https://talksport.com/football/698835/premier-league-return-weeks-plans-boris-johnson-coronavirus/>
- 18. Hoop dream: ESPN's hit Jordan series builds on years of work in documentary world** - Sports documentaries, once an afterthought, have become critical and commercial darlings.
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/all/hoop-dream-espns-hit-jordan-series-builds-years-work-n1189856>
- 19. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell hosts draft live from his basement** - Coronavirus forced the event to go virtual, taking viewers into the homes of prospects, coaches and general managers.
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/sports/nfl-commissioner-roger-goodell-hosts-draft-live-his-basement-n1191321>
- 20. Coronavirus: Francis Benali completes garden marathon in aid of charity**
<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/sport/more-sports/coronavirus-francis-benali-completes-garden-marathon-in-aid-of-charity/ar-BB13e7sv?ocid=spartandhp>