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Analysis of Competitive Balance in the National Football League after the 1993 Collective Bargaining Agreement by Travis Lee

Travis Lee' (2010) article on National Football League is an investigation of the overall parity effects that result from the 1993 Collective Bargaining Agreement by determining the correlation among free agency, payroll constraints, league rule, parity, and competitive balance (NFL) (77-78). Lee approach on analyzing competitive balance included both theoretical and empirical methodology for a conclusion that there is no significant effect of the league structure by issues relating to competitive balance. Theoretically, Lee proves the use of hypothetical platforms to explain the correlation between the leagues and their performance since their signing of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (81). In addition, the author uses the empirical studies to ascertain his conclusion on league variations in terms of competitive balance. Notably, lee identifies the effect of, open and closed leagues, intra-seasonal and inter-seasonal measures, and winning percentages aspects on competitive balance.

Lee's methodologies have successfully proved the parity effects of the 1993. Critical assessment of the author on other research and studies appreciates the effect of the 1993 Collective Bargain Agreement for its contributions towards a competitive balance. National football league commitments have led to inter-franchise balance. Although a number of factors are related to competitive balance, CBA triggered an increase in competitive balance. Lee's review distinguish the different levels of competitive balance in the leagues. The author explains the different aspects and factors affecting variations in performance and competitive balance, but used probability analysis in some

parts instead of facts. However, there are drawbacks of the report by Lee. One of the drawbacks is that the empirical method used arbitrary teams, which might have distorted the overall results owing to the fact that different teams differ in terms of rules and regulation not included on the review. Second, the author should have incorporated and compared other Football league associations to come into concise conclusions regarding competitive balance in NFL after the 1993 CBA.

Work cited

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