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Baltimore Ravens head coach Jesse Minter watches from the sideline before an NFL preseason football game against the Washington Commanders on Aug. 28 in Baltimore.

Minter begins a new era for the Ravens with a visit to Indy

New coach in Baltimore would prefer to make Week 1 all about football

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — New Baltimore Ravens coach Jesse Minter would prefer to make Week 1 all about football.

He understands the excitement and angst of a coaching debut might be complicating factors.

Two years after calling his first NFL game as a defensive coordinator for Jim Harbaugh, the 43-year-old, first-time head coach will open a new era for the Ravens as John Harbaugh's replacement when Baltimore visits Indianapolis on Sunday.

"There is just that feeling of — there is a lot of self-thought during the week of, 'Man, do we have enough? Do we have enough answers? Are we well prepared?' " Minter said, summing up his pregame thoughts. "I think that is human nature just to kind of overthink it. But at the end, you just realize you have to trust what you have done, trust your training, trust all the preparation."

Minter has plenty of experience to rely upon. He started his coaching career as an intern at Notre Dame in 2006. And he's familiar with the Ravens, having spent 2017-20 as a defensive assistant on John Harbaugh's staff.

Now he's calling the shots after succeeding

the Super Bowl-winning coach who was the longest-tenured of the first three coaches in Baltimore history.

Colts coach Shane Steichen remembers the angst of his debut in 2023, and he's expecting to see some new wrinkles from Minter.

"They do have a foundation I think of what coach Minter is about," Steichen said. "They'll have some adjustments for us. The same thing with the new offensive coordinator they got in (Declan) Doyle. Just kind of looking at his background, where he's been from and just be ready to adjust to anything and everything come Sunday."

Baltimore's offense still revolves around two-time league MVP Lamar Jackson and record-breaking running back Derrick Henry, while the Colts' offense continues to feature 2021 NFL rushing champion Jonathan Taylor and quarterback Daniel Jones, who is trying to rebound from a torn Achilles tendon.

Both coaches are hoping improved defenses will help get their teams back to the postseason. The Ravens barely missed the playoffs last year, for just the second time in eight seasons, while the Colts' drought dates to 2020 and has put Steichen on the hot seat.

Minter, meanwhile, is just getting started.

"He is very matter-of-fact and a really good communicator," 40-year-old defensive end Calais Campbell said. "He has that fiery side to him. I like that he just says what needs to be said."

Seahawk's QB Darnold played just five snaps

BY ROB MAADDI
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Sam Darnold played just five snaps. A.J. Brown will be sidelined for a while. De'Zhaun Stribling was carted off the field.

High-profile injuries are adding up just two games into the NFL season. It's not even Sunday yet.

And Tua Tagovailoa got hurt in practice.

Darnold got good news about his hip injury. Not so much for Brown. Stribling's status wasn't immediately known.

"It's been positive news," Seahawks coach Mike Macdonald said Thursday about Darnold. "Right now we're just working through the extent of the injury and put a plan in place to get back rocking and rolling."

Macdonald called it a muscle injury for Darnold near his hip and that the team would have a better idea of his status for the game against Arizona on Sept. 20 when practice resumes next week.

Drew Lock replaced Darnold and led Seattle to a 13-10 comeback win over New England in a Super Bowl rematch Wednesday night. Lock proved he's a capable backup so the defending Super Bowl champions won't have to rush Darnold back to face the Cardinals.

"He's been tremendous," Macdonald said about Lock. "He operates like a starter does in terms of preparation. The chemistry and the personality of our quarterback room is one that is very supportive of each other and also trying to bring out the best in one another. Drew provides a cool, confident, loose and focusedness to the whole equation, which you need — you need that. On top of that, since he's got here, he's played great football in practice and in the preseason. We saw what he could do last night. If he has to play again then we expect the same moving forward."

The Patriots won't have Brown for at least four games because he's being placed on injured reserve with a right



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Seattle Seahawks quarterback Sam Darnold, center, is sacked by New England Patriots linebacker Dre'mont Jones, left, as Seattle Seahawks linebacker Connor O'Toole is at right, during the first half of an NFL football game Wednesday in Seattle.

ankle injury, a person with knowledge of the move told The Associated Press on Friday. The star wide receiver went down in the second half against Seattle. He has a high-ankle sprain and will miss several games, another person with knowledge of his injury told the AP on Thursday night. The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the Patriots haven't announced the severity of Brown's injury, said an MRI confirmed the diagnosis.

Without Brown, New England's offense fizzled. The Patriots went three-and-out twice and then Drake Maye threw three straight interceptions.

"I wish life was like that, where you could wait for your guys to come back and be healthy again but, it's NFL football," Patriots veteran receiver Mack Hollins said.

New England traded a 2028 first-round pick to Philadelphia in the deal for Brown to give Maye a top playmaker. Now, he'll be without him for a few weeks. The Patriots have a tough schedule coming up with three games against 2025 playoff teams. They'll host Pittsburgh on Sept. 20, and visit Jacksonville and Buffalo.

"You've got to stick together and that starts with me getting back to work and having the right intention in practice," Maye said. "These guys are here for me. I think they've done a great job in supporting me and have had my back. I've got to earn their trust. I know I have

their trust, but I got to keep on putting better football out there. I think it's Week 1 but at the same time, there's a full season ahead but you got to get this going early. We got to start off on the right foot. I know what we had last year, but we got a new season, a new team, and we need to build that."

Stribling, who was San Francisco's top draft pick in April at No. 33 overall, limped off the field after running a route in the second quarter of a 27-7 victory over the Los Angeles Rams on Thursday night.

He left the game on a cart and was quickly ruled out for the game. Niners coach Kyle Shanahan said Stribling's Achilles' was intact but he will need more tests to determine the extent of the injury to the ankle.

The 49ers signed veteran Mike Evans and brought back Deebo Samuel, but were counting on Stribling after losing Ricky Pearsall for the season in the summer.

Tight end Jake Tonges also didn't return for San Francisco after injuring his knee. He has an MCL injury and will miss some time. Rams linebacker Nate Landman got hurt late in the game.

The Falcons lost Tagovailoa to an oblique injury early in practice on Thursday. Cooper Rush will start for Atlanta on Sunday.

NFL teams have to deal with injuries every week. It's part of football. The teams with the most depth and best backups find ways to overcome key losses.

The Seahawks and Patriots have to figure it out quickly.

Saleh faces Jets as Titans, New York chase an early spark

BY TERESA M. WALKER
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Robert Saleh's regular-season debut with the Tennessee Titans comes against a familiar foe.

The New York Jetsfired Saleh as their coach five games into the 2024 season. And while the Titans would certainly enjoy beating their new coach's former team, starting the NFL season off with a win — regardless of the opponent — is all that matters to them and Saleh on Sunday.

Same for Aaron Glenn's Jets.

These woeful franchises desperately want proof they've made the right moves during the offseason to stop the misery of too many losing seasons. Tennessee has strung together four straight losing seasons and hasn't won a season opener since 2020.

"Starting fast is always good because you never know, you win a couple early and you start get-



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Tennessee Titans head coach Robert Saleh gestures for a 2-point conversion play against the Chicago Bears during the second half of a preseason NFL football game on Aug. 29 in Nashville, Tenn.

ting momentum, you start getting confidence with a young group and then who knows where it goes," Saleh said.

The Jets are trying to snap a 15-year playoff drought, the longest active skid in the NFL and worst among any team in the four major North American men's sports leagues. New York also has 10 straight seasons of records below .500.

Glenn is going into his second season already having made changes to his coaching staff, and he said it doesn't matter who the opponent is.

"Our job is to go out there and play this game and be the best that we can be on every play and to go out there and win a game, hands down," Glenn said. "Nothing else is to be thought of, and that's how I look at it."

One change both Saleh and Glenn have made for this season is each coach will be calling the defensive plays during games. Glenn didn't last season and Saleh said that's one thing he wants to do differently from his time with the Jets.

This game starts the 28th and final season for the Titans at their current stadium before they move into the new Nissan Stadium next door. The franchise unveiled new uniforms and logos in March tapping their Oilers' roots, and they open the season at home for the first time since 2022.

"To be able to open the season up at home in front of all fans, everyone excited," Titans All-Pro defensive tackle Jeffery Simmons said. "Everything new. New uniform, new vibe, new coaching staff. I'm excited, and I feel like we have worked our tail off this whole training camp and this all season to get where we are at this point."



LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF WHITESVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 26.01

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WHITESVILLE, KENTUCKY, AND THE LEVYING OF AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to relevant provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the City of Whitesville, Kentucky is authorized and empowered to provide a system for the assessment, levying and collection of all city taxes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Whitesville, Commonwealth of Kentucky that,

Section 1
The following provisions shall apply for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Section 2
The January 1, 2026 County assessment for all property situated within the City shall be the basis for this ad valorem tax levy.

Section 3
The City will utilize the services available from the Office of the County Property Valuation Administrator in the assessment of all properties subject to taxation within the city limits of Whitesville, excluding any property exempt by law.

Section 4
Upon delivery of such tax bills, payment shall be made to the City of Whitesville. Collection of all delinquent taxes shall be made in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 5
The ad valorem tax on residential and commercial real property as of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 is hereby levied and fixed at the following rates assessed for taxation of \$0.0700 per \$100.00 of real property, \$0.1508 per \$100 of personal property, and \$0.1790 per \$100 for motor vehicle/watercraft.

Section 6
The terms of payment are the tax bill is due and payable by December 31, 2026. If paid on or after January 1, 2027 through February 28, 2027, the bill shall be subject to a ten percent (10%) penalty of the principal amount due, plus an interest rate of six percent (6%) for each month, or fraction thereof the tax bill remains unpaid, or until the property or the delinquent has been sold for taxes. All taxes paid between March 1, 2027 and April 30, 2027 will be subject to an additional five percent (5%) penalty. All accrued penalties and interest shall be added to all delinquent taxes and be collected from the taxpayer when the taxes are paid.

Section 7
Any unpaid tax, together with collection costs, all costs and expenses incidental to any action taken by the city for collection, including attorney fees of \$100 per lien, lien recording and release fees, and court costs, shall remain a lien against the property in favor of the City until fully paid.

Section 8
The proceeds of such taxes are to be used for general operating purposes of the city and all other necessary and proper municipal functions.

Section 9
This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon final passage and approval.

INTRODUCED AND PUBLICLY READ ON FIRST READING, this the 1st day of September, 2026.

PUBLICLY READ AND APPROVED ON SECOND READING, this the 8th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Patsy Mayfield
Patsy Mayfield, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Monique Brooks
Monique Brooks, City Clerk