

Community Comment
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This is Erin Dunn of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce with a Community Comment.

Can we talk? How great is the month of March for sports?

In the NFL—lots of shuffling going on right now. I'm glad Chip Kelly landed somewhere, although with him going to San Francisco it might be a rough time to be a Chip Kelly fan. If the 9ers don't win big and win often, I'm going to have to listen to the complaining and calls to "Fire Kelly" all season long. That may be too much for me to bear. Did I mention it's all about me?

Johnny Manziel left Cleveland. What team would even touch him right now? I once had a community comment asking everyone to please ban the phrase Johnny Football. I can say it now because—stick a fork in him, he's done. RG III has taken his place with the Browns. I always liked that guy—no, not Johnny. So good luck to RG III.

MARCH MADNESS – does anything else even have to be said? It's always the best month of basketball—college or pro. Although the Warriors have brought the NBA back to the fans. You don't have to be from the Bay Area to know the Warriors are exciting and a joy to watch. The slam dunks have finally taken a back seat to finesse and teamwork. Sorry Dr. J., but the slam dunks are boring.

But back to the NCAA tournament. It's safe to say that most brackets are broken with the early upsets, so now there is no pressure. Last Thursday I thought I was going to have a tough night. My first love—the Ducks, played against my second love, Coach K and the Duke Blue Devils.

But it wasn't even close. The Ducks have my heart—period. And will always have my heart, win or lose. Truthfully, I haven't see much of their tournament play so far. I downloaded the March Madness app for my phone—since I don't get the cable channels that have the tournament. But I get too nervous to watch, think I'm a jinx when we fall behind, and then I have to turn it off, but check updates on my bleacher report phone app.

And while the Masters is officially played in April, this month is the LEAD UP to the Masters, which is generally full of surprises. You have to love Augusta.

NHL—March is a great month for watching your hockey team climb or stay at the top of the standings in preparation for the playoffs. It's not a game I like watching on TV, but I'll jump on the Sharks bandwagon if they get in the playoffs. That makes it fun.

Major League Baseball—I have loved reading on facebook about all of the people who have gone down for spring training this month. It doesn't get much better than that—until October—for baseball.

Locally, there is a woman's basketball league in Fortuna through our Parks & Rec department. They are having so much fun! All skill levels and ages are playing. What a great outlet for these women.

Ah March, you came too soon and left too early.

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