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Can we talk a little bit about what Cal McNair is about to do to the NFL, and the leverage owners have had over players for roughly 100 years?

I would be FASCINATED to know what the NFL league office and other owners are thinking about the Watson/Texans standoff

Every 8-10 years, the owners and players negotiate multi-billion dollar CBA agreements, where the owners are trying (and succeeding) to maintain leverage over players through the salary cap, franchise tag, penalties over holdouts, etc. etc.

if a 25 year old QB forces his way out of an NFL team, it's a Crossing the Rubicon moment. It's never happened before in NFL history, and it would be almost solely due to Cal McNair's inability to properly run an NFL franchise

if the Texans trade Deshaun Watson, it sets a major precedent. I don't expect it to happen often, but if it happens once, it will happen again with another young QB

The Texans already screwed the rest of the NFL by allowing Bill O'Brien to make the incredibly impulsive Laremy Tunsil trade, getting hammered in the contract negotiation, and completely re-setting the market for left tackles in the league, which other teams now have to deal with

It's one thing for Jalen Ramsey and Jamal Adams, two star DBs, to force themselves out of losing situations. A QB is way, way, way bigger than that.

If Watson wins this standoff, it makes one owner very happy, but Cal McNair would have basically destroyed what NFL owners have built and desperately maintained for a long, long time

and I think there's a conversation that needs to be had about how exactly it is that Cal McNair is "qualified" to own the Houston Texans.

The culture is so bizarre that people are discussing the following questions behind the scenes:

if the Texans trade Watson to the Jets, would they be able to even draft Justin Fields, another David Mulugheta client?

Would they draft Zach Wilson, a good prospect but one who is Mormon?

I would really like to know, big picture, how it is that Bob and Janice McNair chose Cal to be the one to take over the Texans.

I don't know who this Cary McNair guy is, but his bio seems way better than Cal's - https://t.co/SkowcJRQSR

I've been super critical of Tilman Fertitta and still have never bet a human being who likes working for him, but by comparison, at least the Rockets have seemingly hired a good coach and promoted a GM who's made 2 pretty interesting deals

if the Texans trade Watson, I'm genuinely wondering how radioactive this situation in Houston could become. Will other people follow Andre Johnson in being vocally critical of Cal, on the record? Will guys like Tunsil/Cunningham/Cooks also ask out?