

Chiefs press on with stadium negotiations

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs are making progress in stadium negotiations with lawmakers on both sides of the Kansas-Missouri state line, though it remains unclear whether the team will stay at Arrowhead Stadium or ultimately move elsewhere.

The Chiefs recently were granted an extension to an end-of-June deadline for a financing package from the state of Kansas, an indication that the NFL franchise’s potential move from its longtime home in Missouri is a legitimate possibility.

Missouri has countered with a funding package signed by Republican Gov. Mike Kehoe following a special session of the state legislature.

“We’ve had more meetings, more discussions,” Chiefs president Mark Donovan said Tuesday. “At this point it’s literally — you’re taking an agreement this long and whittling it down to this paragraph and this line, and we need an agreement on this, and we’re doing this on both sides. You’re in that process where you’re not sure which way it will go.”

The Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals have played for more than five decades at the Truman



AP Photo/Reed Hoffmann

Fans fill Arrowhead Stadium during the first half of an NFL football game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Cincinnati Bengals on Sept. 15, 2024 in Kansas City, Mo.

Sports Complex on the east side of Kansas City, Missouri, where Arrowhead Stadium and Kauffman Stadium share parking facilities. But leases with Jackson County are due to expire in January 2031, and the two franchises have been trying to plot a course forward for years.

Last year, Jackson County voters defeated a sales tax extension that would

have helped to finance an \$800 million renovation of Arrowhead Stadium — the home of the Chiefs — and a \$2 billion ballpark district for the Royals in downtown Kansas City.

Now, the franchises are pursuing their own paths in landing a stadium deal.

In the case of Missouri, legislation has authorized bonds covering up to 50% of the cost of new or reno-

vated stadiums in the state, plus up to \$50 million of tax credits for each stadium and unspecified aid from local governments. Lawmakers in Kansas have authorized up to 70% of the cost of new stadiums to be built in their state.

Chiefs owner Clark Hunt has acknowledged a deep sentimental attachment to Arrowhead Stadium, which was built by his

father and team founder Lamar Hunt when he moved the franchise from Dallas.

But the most visible face of the Chiefs ownership family also is an astute businessman, and he understands the importance of revenue streams generated by a new facility. So while a comprehensive renovation of Arrowhead remains a possibility, so

does an enclosed stadium that could fulfill Hunt’s desire to one day host the Super Bowl, Final Four and other big events.

The Royals, meanwhile, have made it clear that renovations to Kauffman Stadium are not going to happen.

Principal owner John Sherman has expressed a desire for downtown baseball, and options there still exist. But news surfaced about a month ago that an affiliate of the Royals purchased the mortgage on a large property in the southern Kansas City suburb of Overland Park, Kansas, raising the possibility of building a new stadium and ballpark district there.

“Our job, and the team around me, is to get the two best possible partnerships figured out down to the detail,” Donovan said, shortly before the Chiefs took the field for their first full-squad workout on training camp at Missouri Western. “At that point we go to the Hunt family and say, ‘Here are the options. What do you want to do?’”

“It’s the detail of those deals. What deal makes the most sense from a business perspective, a future perspective? What makes the most sense for our fans and the next generation? There are a lot of strong arguments on both sides.”

What do NFL roster designations mean?

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NFL rosters constantly evolve as general managers juggle injuries, try to improve position groups and add depth.

Teams enter training camp with a maximum of 90 players, who try to prove they belong on the 53-man active roster for the regular season.

But there are other roster designations that fill the NFL’s transactions wire daily. What do they all mean?

INJURED RESERVE

Players are put on the reserve/injured list — more commonly referred to as IR — when they have a football-related injury and need to miss at least a few weeks. Players on IR don’t count against the active roster, but their salaries count against the cap.

If a player is placed on this list before the regular season begins, he could miss the entire season unless they are designated to return during the roster cutdown to 53 players after

training camp. Teams can designate up to two such players to return.

Players on IR need to miss a minimum of four games. NFL teams can designate up to eight players to return from IR during the regular season (and up to 10 if they make the postseason) and an individual player can be so designated twice.

Players designated for return from IR before the season count against a team’s eight- or 10-player limit.

When a player is cleared to practice, a 21-day window begins and the player must be activated to the 53-man roster or be placed on season-ending injured reserve at the conclusion of that three-week period. They could also be released or traded.

PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM

Players put on the active/physically unable to perform list — or PUP — at the start of training camp have football-related injuries, like those on

IR, but count against the active roster.

These players can participate in all team activities other than practice and can be activated at any point during camp when they are medically cleared.

A player can’t be placed on the PUP list after he has practiced once or played in a preseason game.

Players on the active/PUP list could be moved to the reserve/PUP list during roster cutdowns. If placed on the reserve/PUP list, a player wouldn’t count against the active roster and must sit out the first four games.

If a player is placed on the reserve/PUP list before final cutdowns, he will miss the season.

NON-FOOTBALL INJURY/ILLNESS

Players can be placed on this list if they are injured outside of football — perhaps working out in the offseason or doing a recreational activity — or have a long-term illness not associated with playing.

Rookies still recovering

from injuries suffered in college often are placed on the active/NFI list to start their pro careers.

If a player remains on NFI after the final roster cutdowns, they can be placed on the reserve/NFI list and will sit out four games. They don’t count against the 53-man roster limit.

RESERVE/SUSPENDED

Players who are suspended by the NFL for violating league rules are placed on this list and don’t count against a team’s roster limit.

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING WAIVED AND BEING RELEASED?

Players with less than four seasons of accrued NFL time are waived, meaning they are subject to waivers and can be claimed by other teams. If they go unclaimed after the 24-hour waiver period, they become a free agent.

Players with four or more seasons accrued are considered vested veterans

and are not subject to waivers, so they immediately become free agents when they are released. This is the case until the NFL trade deadline in October, when all players regardless of their veteran status are subject to waivers.

Players can also be waived/injured, which means they can be claimed by another team or revert to their original team’s IR list after the claiming period. The team can then decide whether it wants to move forward with the player or release him with an injury settlement.

WHAT IS THE PRACTICE SQUAD?

Teams can form practice squads after final cuts. NFL teams can have 16 players on their practice squad — or 17, as long as one of those players is part of the league’s International Player Pathway program. (Those players have a primary residence outside of the United States or Canada).

While most players on the practice squad are

rookies or have limited playing experience, six of the 17 can be veterans with no limit on the amount of seasons they have accrued.

Players on the practice squad participate in practice during the regular season, but don’t play unless they’re promoted to the active roster before a game. Players can be promoted a maximum of three times in a season.

They can be signed by other teams at any point, but that team must keep them on its 53-man roster.

Paret-Peintre wins Tour de France stage on Mont Ventoux

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONT VENTOUX, France — Valentin Paret-Peintre triumphed on Mont Ventoux to become the first home rider to win a stage at this year’s Tour de France, while Tadej Pogacar consolidated his overall lead Tuesday.

Paret-Peintre followed former yellow jersey holder Ben Healy on a breakaway and then beat the Irish rider in a sprint for the line at the top of the famed barren mountain known as the “Beast of Provence.”

“A victory at the Tour is extraordinary, but to do it on the Mont Ventoux, that’s something completely different,” said Paret-Peintre, a climber and the first French winner on the mountain since Richard Virenque in 2002. “I can’t tell you what this win means for me. I’ll need some time for everything to sink in.”

Santiago Buitrago was third, 4 seconds behind, ahead of Ilan Van Wilder



AP Photo/Mosa'ab Elshamy

France’s Valentin Paret Peintre crosses the finish line ahead of Ireland’s Ben Healy to win the sixteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 171.5 kilometers (106.6 miles) with start in Montpellier and finish on the Mont Ventoux, France on Tuesday.

and fifth-placed Pogacar, who withstood repeated attacks from Jonas Vingegaard to cross the line 2 seconds before his main rival.

After the Tour’s second rest day Monday, Pogacar stretched his overall lead to 4 minutes, 15 seconds over Vingegaard. The Danish rider won the Tour in 2022 and 2023 but seems powerless to stop defending champion Pogacar

from achieving his fourth win when the race finishes Sunday on the Champs-Élysées in Paris.

“I think we’ll race until Paris and we’ll see who will be the winner,” Pogacar said. “Today was a proper hard day after the rest day, also for me.”

Stage 16 took the riders 171.5 kilometers from Montpellier in the south of France on a long flat course until they reached

the brutal climb up Ventoux.

During the 1967 Tour, English rider Tom Simpson died ascending the 1,910-meter-high mountain after he had taken a mixture of amphetamines and alcohol. Simpson had been unwell and the heat was likely another contributing factor. Doping checks were not common at the time.

Mathieu van der Poel, who had been third in the points classification, withdrew before Tuesday’s stage with pneumonia.

Wout van Aert, the last winner when the route went through Ventoux in 2021, attacked from the off, prompting responses from Jonathan Milan, Ivan Romeo and others.

Six were in the lead by the time they got to Bedoin at the bottom. Only 22 kilometers remained, but they were to get increasingly tough with 15.7 kilometers at an 8.8% incline from Saint-Estève to the finish.

Healy, leading a group of chasers, overtook Julian

Alaphilippe while Vingegaard made his initial move. Vingegaard attacked again, then again, but Pogacar stayed doggedly on his wheel. The gap was closing on Spanish rider Enric Mas in the lead.

Vingegaard got support when he caught up with Visma-Lease a Bike teammate Victor Campenaerts, but Healy was moving fast in front of them and took the lead from Mas with 3.7 kilometers to go. Paret-Peintre followed and was supported by Soudal-Quick-Step teammate Van Wilder to finish just ahead of Healy.

Vingegaard could not shake off Pogacar, who attacked with 2 kilometers to go to deal his rival another demoralizing blow.

“There were some points of course where I was suffering,” Pogacar said. “But I think today was just one climb, one effort, and it was more or less full gas from bottom to the finish line. But in the next days I think it will be just more and more tiring for the body.”

LEGAL NOTICE

The Hancock County Board of Health meeting will be held on July 29th at 12pm at the Hancock Co Health Department.

LEGAL NOTICE

Whitesville Town Market, Mailing address 10000 Main St., Whitesville, KY 42378, hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a NQ1 Retail Beer Beverage Package License no later than August 6th, 2025. The licensed premises will be located at 10000 Main St., Whitesville, KY 42378. The owner(s) is Vikas Gollen of 814 E. Byers Avenue, Owensboro, KY 42303. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Metro St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of the legal publication.

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---- Public Notice ----

Notice is hereby given that City of Owensboro, Engineering Department, P.O. 10003 Owensboro, KY 42302, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to replace (1) 42-inch corrugated metal pipe with new 42-inch corrugated metal pipe in Cowhide Slough Stream at Ben Hawes Municipal Golf Course. The site is located approximately 5.0 miles northwest of Owensboro. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOW-Floodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.