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#### Atlantic City Gaming Win & Total Casino Revenue

Source: NJ. Division of Gaming Enforcement

Monthly Revenue	February 2019	Change from Prior Year	February 2018	YTD February 2019	Change from Prior Year	YTD February 2018
Total Gaming Win (includes Internet & Sports Wagering)	241,170,792	25.6%	192,056,722	470,816,120	25.1%	376,369,731
Sports Wagering Revenue	12,732,740	n/a	-	31,507,678	n/a	-
Internet Gaming Win	31,748,726	44.4%	21,992,124	65,343,118	48.7%	43,954,464
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Casino Gaming Win 196,689,326 15.7% 170,064,598 373,965,324

### **Atlantic City Information**

Atlantic City to host Collegiate Esports Grand Finals- As reported by The Press of Atlantic City, the Collegiate Starleague's 29 North American Collegiate Grand Finals be held at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hallon April 26-28. The tournament will include eight games with 100 competitionse than 52,000 students from more than 1,600 university and college campuses in the telephologial Canada have registered and competed in Collegiate Starleague tournaments leading up to the finals in Atlantic City.

Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) to fund community policing program - As reported by The Press of Atlantic Citythe CRDA voted on March 19 to fund a fiyear community policing program in Atlantic City. The program, modeled after one in New York City, will cost \$1.5 million per year or \$7.5 million in total. Twelve veteran officers will be assigned in pairs to each of the city's six wards, and three will assigned to address vagrancy and homelessness in the Tourism District.

City Council introduces ordinance to curb rooming house violations As reported by The Press of Atlantic City, on March 20 the City Council of Atlantic City induced a new ordinance addressing rooming house violations. The ordinance allows for the city's director of licensing and inspections handle appeals of code violations that are not in compliance.

Location selected for Atlantic City grocery store - As reported by The Press of Atlantic CityUplift Solutions Inc. the consultant company contracted by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) to develop a grocery store project for the city, has announced plans to openofatherest, 30,000squarefoot grocerystore on land owned by the CRDA at Ohio and Baltic Avenues. Uplift Solutions presented their plan to the city council on March 20 and followed up with community meetings on March 21, April 11 and April 23.

Plans to demolish 'eyesore' motel stalled over lawsuit As reported by The Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic City's plans to demolish the former

Stockton University opens esports gaming facility on its Galloway campus according to a University Press Release, Stockton University has officially opened a competitive gaming computeritial main campus in GallowayThe lab serves the university's mopetitive gaming teams with compete in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, Collegiate Star League, LAN events and Rocket League tournaments. The growing program has 50 active, competitive players cared han 100 students interested in joiningThe lab's 16 computers we castom built by Stockton students. Stockton's esports team won the ECAC For ite Championship on March 3001- at the Hudson Valley Gamer Con in Albany, N.Y.

# **New Jersey Gaming News**

California gambler forfeits \$90,000 after illegally gambling through New Jersey online accounts - As reported by Calvin Ayre, a gambler from California bypassed New Jersey geolocation technology to establish accounts at two New Jersey based online casinos. The gambler and the two online casinos cooperated with the Division of Gaming Enforcement, surrendering the funds representing the funds representing the gaming transactions theoreticall3ao(L)7 ()]TJr,prr (lly)2 ((l)-2)1 (he)43 (or)3 (c-10 (ga)4 (m)-2 (bbhnol)-2 (As reported by

Showboat Owners receive preliminary approval to pursue casino licens a reported by The Press of Atlantic City, on March 18 the Casino Control Commission approved the owner of Showboat, Bart Blatstein's petition for a statement of complian his is the first of several steps on the path toward a full casino license.

## **National Gaming News**

California, Florida and Texas unlikely to legalize sports betting – According to an Associated Press article published in The Press of Atlantic Citythree of the nation's largest states are unlikely to pass legislation legalizing sports wagering. The states, which host 27 percethtee franchises if our major sports leagues, are the "brass rings" of the sports betting industry according to Sara Slane, a spokeswoman for the American Gaming Association. However tribal gaming interests in California and Florida, and outof-state political interests, and moral opposition to gambling in Texas represent obstacles to expansion.

Carl Ichan to control largest share of Caesars Entertainment As reported by Calvin Ayre and Las Vegas Review Journal Carl Ichan purchased 10 percent of Caesars in February 2019, bringing his ownership of the company, according to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) percentas of March 8Due to his majority ownership of the company, Ichan was permitted to appoint three members to the 12 ember Caesars boald nder Ichan's influence Caesars Entertainment is expected to pursue sale or merger in the near future.

MGM Resorts seeks fullscale casino license from PTj EMh-.4 (s)-Pf -(o)-14 (r)-1 (t)-6 (ed)-4 (45 (eek)J 0 T

Virginia passes lawthat could bring casino, sports and online gambling to the stateAs reported by Online Poker Report, on March 22 Virginia Governor, Ralph Northasigned SB 1126 into law. The law authorizes casino gaming to be regulated by the Virginia Lottery Bootavdill not be enacted until Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARO) dies casino gaming laws, regulators create laws to govern casino, sports and online gambling and legislators reenact the bill in the 2020 legislative session.

# Regional Hospitality & Tourism News

American Dream Meadowlands to open closer to JuneAs reported by Patch, American Dream Meadowlands' opening date has been pushed back from March to 'closer to June.' The mixed use, retail 8 entertainment complex is expected to generate \$1.2 billion in income and 16,000 jobs in its first year of operation.

New Jersey positioned to be a 'fast mover' in growing esports industryAs reported byNew Jersey 101.5, esports (competitive video gaming) is a rapidly growing industry projected to realize \$1.65 billion worldwide by 2021. Recent investment by the Casinin Restment Development Authority set to bring esports events to Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall and the Atlantic Oity Ontion Centerthroughout 2019, including a trade conference for esports event organizers scheduled for June. As written, New Jersey spost betting law allows wagering on espoetents provided all event participants are 18 years or older.

Seaview Hotel to open first phase of renovated room as reported by The Press of Atlantic Citythe first phase of a two haseroom renovation project at Seaview Hotel & Colub is scheduled to open April 1 with second phase renovations scheduled to open May 1. Renovations to the hotel's public areas are currently underway, including updates to the lobby. Construction of a new restaurant and

Two upscale resorts to be operated by Hyatt as part of San Diego coastline development reported by Hotel Management the largest beachfront development on the San Diego coastline in more than 20 years will include two new beach resorts operated by Hyatt.