

Byard no longer needs Sanders' tweet for fuel

NASHVILLE (AP) — Kevin Byard no longer needs the tweet of Deion Sanders calling the All-Pro and Pro Bowl safety "a fan" as the lock screen on his cellphone.

The Tennessee Titans safety believes he squeezed all the motivation needed from that Twitter exchange, which fueled him throughout the offseason in his quest to be the NFL's best in his third season.

"You could be All-Pro, no matter what, you still have guys, you still have things to prove," Byard said Tuesday. "You still have to keep working."

That Twitter exchange in March started after the Hall of Fame cornerback and now NFL Network analyst tabbed Tyrann Mathieu as the NFL's top safety. Byard tweeted at Sanders, asking how he didn't mention either of 2017's All-Pro safeties. Sanders responded he knew who players and for-

mer players believe is the league's best.

"You continue to be a fan and i will continue being the man," Sanders wrote back to Byard on Twitter. Byard answered back that neither numbers nor film added up with Sanders overlooking Minnesota's Harrison Smith, Earl Thomas of Seattle and Kansas City's Eric Berry.

Support flowed in on Twitter for Byard from Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey, Ravens safety Eric Weddle and Chargers cornerback Casey Hayward.

Byard's numbers in 2017 speak for themselves.

He led the NFL with 10 total takeaways and tied for the league lead with a career-high eight interceptions and 87 total tackles to earn All-Pro honors along with his first Pro Bowl berth. He had the most interceptions by a player for this franchise since Richard Johnson had

eight picks in 1990 for the then-Houston Oilers.

Defensive coordinator Dean Pees has coached safeties such as Ed Reed in his career. He's not looking to compare Byard to anyone, but Pees has made clear how impressed he is by Byard's hard work, leadership and professionalism.

"He'll come in and tell me, we always try to keep ahead of them and let them know

what's coming in in the next day, and he'll come back the next day and have a question on something we haven't even covered yet, which tells me then he's doing all the right things," Pees said.

Byard had eight of the Titans' 12 interceptions last season, and the secondary has been working together since March with the target of being the NFL's best group.

Passing the bucks



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Kidd Ford made a big donation to the Pioneer football program. As part of the Drive One 4UR School event, the Pioneers received over \$5,000. Pictured are, from left, WCHS coach Tom Moore and Kidd Ford owner Terry Kidd.

Team Storm

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Carter took a 10-player squad to Beaver Creek, where 10 teams from five states had their sights set on a title. The local team found itself in the finals against Turn 2, which led the entire tournament in scoring over the weekend.

Team Storm entered the championship out of the winner's bracket, having beaten the Cyclones 9-6, TNT 10-8 and Turn 2 17-11 to earn its spot in the finals.

Turn 2 worked its way out of the loser's bracket for a rematch, knowing it would need to take two games from the Warren County squad. Turn 2 forced an if game with a 11-10 victory, but Team Storm came through when it mattered the most.

Clinging to a one-run lead in bottom of the seventh of the championship game, Carter shocked his team with a strategy that ended up paying off in a big way.

"The tying run was on third and the winning run was on second. They had a big lefty who had hit some long shots up, so I walked her to load the bases," said Carter. "We drew in the outfield for the final batter.

"If she hit a long ball, they were going to win. It was a gamble."

He made the right bet.

A hot shot went through the left side of the infield, but Caitlin Cantrell rushed in from left center to corral the ball. Cantrell came up

gunning for second, beating the runner by a step to end the game.

It was the culmination of a big comeback for Team Storm in the championship. The team went into the sixth inning trailing 12-7, but rallied for nine runs to take the lead.

"We had six straight hitters shoot the middle to get on base. No long balls, we just had base hit after base hit," said Carter.

Bailey Barrett was a big part of the offensive barrage all weekend, finishing with an average topping .700. Her overall play earned her the MVP in the tournament.

"Bailey was very motivated. She was second in hitting and played hard defensively. She was a team leader," said Carter.

Cantrell, Rebecca Bain, Megan Underwood and India Fann were named all-tournament for their performance over the weekend. Allison Fann, Jaylen Boyd, Bell Underwood, Abi Terry and Kylie Fann rounded out the championship roster.

"This one was special because we were reunited. It was a great weekend to be back hanging with the girls," said Carter. "Being away for a year, I got to see how they've matured as players.

"They listened to me all these years and sometimes I didn't think they were. But they got into situations and they did what they were supposed to do. They played



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Q: My neighbors tree is hanging over my property line. I'm afraid it will fall on my house. Can I force them to cut it or do I have the right to cut it?

A: Under Tennessee law, the "self-help" rule states that a property owner may, at their own expense, cut or trim the limbs, branches, roots, or other portions of a tree or shrub that encroaches upon their property from an adjoining property. Although still in effect, this rule is no longer the exclusive remedy as the Tennessee Supreme Court held in 2002 that a property owner may have a nuisance claim when the encroaching trees and plants from an adjoining property cause actual harm or pose an imminent danger of actual harm. The Court clarified that falling leaves, flowers, and shaded areas do not rise to the level of actual harm constituting a nuisance. Thus, if you are able to prove that an encroaching tree has already damaged your house or can reasonably be expected to at any moment, a Court may make your neighbor remove the encroaching tree and pay for any damages you suffered as a result. If you cannot prove a nuisance, you can still solve the problem on your own dime. Galligan & Newman has decades of experience in most types of civil litigation and stand ready to fight for you!

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