It was definitely in play longer than it needed to be. We wondered if the next victory would come courtesy of the Cavaliers or the Browns, and that's certainly a question that we can entertain again since the NBA season tips off in Cleveland in a few weeks.

What's worse than that is considering whether Terry Francona would lead a Cleveland team to victory before Pat Shurmur.

No one expected much from the Browns this year; we all hoped for a few wins, but I doubt anyone would have bet their life on the Browns winning at least one.

For those who did bet their lives, the governor called in with a reprieve for them by sending reinforcements from the southern part of the state to spare the NFL's Northeast Ohio chapter the type of futility that was seen on other shores of Lake Erie not long ago. This was not the closest call the Browns have had with the infamy of a Blutarsky, but we almost would have been more willing to accept it from the 1999 team in their inaugural Expansion year.

John McKay's 1976 Bucs had that going for them; Rod Marinelli's 2008 Detroit Lions did not.

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