

NASCAR

Jeff Gordon to replace Earnhardt, Jr. for next 2 races

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INDIANAPOLIS — Dale Earnhardt Jr. will not race again this month because of concussion-like symptoms and the No. 88 car will be turned over to trusted former teammate Jeff Gordon for the next two weeks.

Hendrick Motorsports announced Wednesday that Earnhardt has not yet been cleared to drive by doctors and will miss Sunday's Brickyard 400 as well as next weekend's race at Pocono. NASCAR's most popular driver has been battling balance issues and nausea since a July 2 crash at Daytona.

Earnhardt pulled himself out of the car last weekend in New Hampshire and was replaced by Alex Bowman. After another medical evaluation Tuesday in Pittsburgh, doctors told Earnhardt to take more time off.

"Our focus is giving Dale all the time he needs to recover," team owner Rick Hendrick said. "There's



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In this Feb. 22, 2015, file photo, Jeff Gordon climbs into his car before the Daytona 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

nothing we want more than to see him back in the race car, but we'll continue to listen to the doctors and follow their lead. What's best for

Dale is what's best for Hendrick Motorsports and everyone involved with the team. We're all proud of him and looking forward to having

him racing soon."

While retirement talk for the 41-year-old Earnhardt might be premature, his history of concussions is clearly a concern. He had two in a six-week span in 2012 and missed two races. The latest symptoms surfaced after a mid-June crash at Michigan International Speedway and the wreck at Daytona. Earnhardt said he felt steadily worse, believing it was allergies at first. A neurological specialist later confirmed Earnhardt had sustained a head injury.

"I've struggled with my balance over the last four or five days, and I definitely wouldn't have been able to drive a race car this weekend," Earnhardt told fans in a recording made Sunday night. "I made the decision I had to make."

A team spokeswoman said Earnhardt will not take questions this week or next and that Gordon is not expected to speak publicly until Friday in Indy.

The move comes at a time that Hendrick's powerhouse team has been out of sync. Its drivers have

been shut out of the top three finishing spots in four consecutive races. Hendrick is now turning to Gordon, the four-time NASCAR champion who retired at the end of last season. He's a five-time winner at the Brickyard, which has struggled with sluggish ticket sales in the lead up to Sunday's race at a track that is just a short drive away from his childhood home in Pittsboro, Indiana.

Gordon has not competed since retiring after the 2015 season finale.

The 44-year-old Gordon will get one more chance to become the first driver to reach victory lane six times at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He also counts a record six wins at Pocono among his 93 career Cup victories, all with Hendrick's team.

Gordon steps into Earnhardt's No. 88 Chevrolet at a time when Axalta, a longtime primary sponsor of Gordon's, is scheduled to sponsor four of the next five races for Earnhardt. He will be racing against his much more familiar No. 24 car, which Chase Elliott drives.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	53	39	576	—
Baltimore	53	40	570	½
Toronto	54	42	563	1
New York	48	46	511	6
Tampa Bay	37	57	394	17
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	56	38	596	—
Detroit	49	46	516	7½
Kansas City	47	47	500	9
Chicago	46	48	489	10
Minnesota	35	59	372	21
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	55	41	573	—
Houston	51	44	537	3½
Seattle	48	47	505	6½
Los Angeles	43	52	453	11½
Oakland	42	53	442	12½

Wednesday's Games				
Minnesota 4, Detroit 1				
Cleveland 11, Kansas City 4				
Tampa Bay 11, Colorado 3				
Houston 7, Oakland 0				
Toronto 10, Arizona 4				
Seattle 6, Chicago White Sox 5, 11 innings				
N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 0				

Today's Games				
Baltimore (Tillman 13-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 5-7), 10:05 a.m.				
Minnesota (Duffey 5-6) at Boston (Wright 11-5), 4:10 p.m.				
Detroit (Pelfrey 2-9) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 4-11), 5:10 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Moore 5-7) at Oakland (Gray 4-8), 7:05 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	57	38	600	—
Miami	51	43	543	5½
New York	50	44	532	6½
Philadelphia	44	52	458	13½
Atlanta	33	62	347	24
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	57	37	606	—
St. Louis	50	44	532	7
Pittsburgh	48	46	511	9
Milwaukee	40	52	435	16
Cincinnati	36	59	379	21½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	57	38	600	—
Los Angeles	53	43	552	4½
Colorado	43	51	457	13½
San Diego	41	54	432	16
Arizona	40	55	421	17

Wednesday's Games				
Cincinnati 6, Atlanta 3				
St. Louis 4, San Diego 2, 1st game				
Chicago Cubs 6, N.Y. Mets 2				
Milwaukee 9, Pittsburgh 5				
Philadelphia 4, Miami 1				
Washington 8, L.A. Dodgers 1				
St. Louis 3, San Diego 2, 2nd game				
Today's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers (Urias 1-2) at Washington (Strasburg 13-0), 9:05 a.m.				
Miami (Koehler 6-8) at Philadelphia (Eickhoff 6-10), 4:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Garza 1-3) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 5-9), 4:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Cashner 4-7) at St. Louis (Wainwright 9-5), 4:15 p.m.				
Atlanta (Polynneyne 3-3) at Colorado (Bettis 7-6), 5:40 p.m.				

MLB				
NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
North Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Tri-City (Padres)	17	16	515	—
Everett (Mariners)	16	17	485	1
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	16	17	485	1
Spokane (Rangers)	16	17	485	1
South Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Eugene (Cubs)	23	10	697	—

Hillsboro (Dbacks)	16	17	485	6½
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	14	19	424	9
Boise (Rockies)	14	19	424	9

Wednesday's Games				
Spokane 7, Vancouver 2				
Boise 5, Salem-Keizer 2				
Eugene 4, Hillsboro 0				
Tri-City 6, Everett 5				
Today's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
Spokane at Boise, 6:15 p.m.				
Everett at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.				
Eugene at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.				
Hillsboro at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.				

Cycling

Tour de France				
Wednesday				
At Finhaut-Emosson, Switzerland				
17th Stage				
114.6 miles from Bern, Switzerland to Finhaut-Emosson in the Swiss Alps, with a Category 1 climb to the Col de la Forclaz followed by an "Hors categorie" finish at Finhaut-Emosson.				
1. Ilnur Zakarin, Russia, Katusha, 4 hours, 36 minutes, 33 seconds.				
2. Jarlinson Pantano, Colombia, IAM Cycling, 55 seconds behind				
3. Rafal Majka, Poland, Tinkoff, 1:26.				

4. Kristijan Durasek, Croatia, Lampre-Merida, 1:32.				
5. Brice Feillu, France, Fortuneo-Vital Concept, 2:23.				
6. Thomas Voeckler, France, Direct Energie, 2:46.				
7. Domenico Pozzovivo, Italy, AG2R La Mondiale, 2:50.				
8. Stef Clement, Netherlands, IAM Cycling, 2:57.				

Overall Standings (After 17 stages)				
1. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 77:25:10.				
2. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek-Segafredo, 2:27.				
3. Adam Yates, Britain, Orica-BikeExchange, 2:53.				
4. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 3:27.				
5. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 4:15.				
6. Richie Porte, Australia, BMC Racing, 4:27.				
7. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, 5:19.				
8. Fabio Aru, Italy, Astana, 5:35.				

Basketball

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
New York	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	18	7	720	—
Chicago	11	12	478	6
Indiana	11	12	478	6
Washington	9	14	391	8
Connecticut	7	16	304	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	20	3	870	—
Minnesota	20	4	833	½
Phoenix	10	14	417	10½
Seattle	9	14	391	11
Dallas	9	15	375	11½
San Antonio	5	18	217	15

Wednesday's Games				
New York 88, Washington 81				
Connecticut 89, Dallas 78				
Minnesota 83, Atlanta 65				
Seattle 83, San Antonio 69				
Today's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana at New York, 8 a.m.				

Soccer

Friday's Game				
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m.				

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