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Maryland athletic director Damon Evans pauses as he speaks at a press conference held Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, to address the school’s football program and the death of offensive lineman Jordan McNair, who collapsed on a practice field and subsequently died, in College Park, Md.

University of Maryland takes responsibility for mistakes in player death

By DAVID GINSBURG
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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The University of Maryland acknowledged Tuesday that the football player who collapsed during practice and subsequently died did not receive proper medical care and the school must accept “legal and moral responsibility for the mistakes.”

Maryland has parted ways with strength and conditioning coach Rick Court, who resigned in the wake of the death of offensive lineman Jordan McNair. Athletic director Damon Evans acknowledged that “mistakes were made” in the treatment of McNair, who was hospitalized on May 29 after a team workout and died June 13.

The attorney for the McNair family said a preliminary death certificate indicates the cause of death was heatstroke.

Court posted his letter of resignation on Twitter on Tuesday. He wrote: “I am stepping down to allow the team to heal and move forward.” He had previously been placed on administrative leave.

Head coach DJ Durkin is also on administrative leave and his future is unclear. McNair family attorney Billy Murphy Jr. has said Durkin should be fired immediately.

Evans said Tuesday

the university has “hired an external review team to take a look at this, but as additional information comes forward, we will do what’s appropriate.”

Dr. Rod Walters, a former college athletic trainer, has been hired by Maryland to investigate the circumstances of McNair’s death. A report is expected by Sept. 15, but the school has been provided preliminary findings and shared some of those in a news conference.

“We have learned that Jordan did not receive appropriate medical care, and mistakes were made by some of our athletic training personnel,” Evans said. “Walters found that the emergency response plan was not appropriately followed” and that McNair’s symptoms “were not properly identified or treated.”

Evans said the training staff did not take McNair’s temperature or immerse him in cold water, the suggested treatment for an individual overcome by heat.

University President Wallace Loh said the visit to the McNair home was to apologize personally for the loss.

“They entrusted their son to us, and he did not return home,” Loh said. “The University accepts legal and moral responsibility for the mistakes that were made on that fateful day. ... They misdiagnosed the situation.”

Seahawks hope Mingo can be dual threat on defense



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Seattle Seahawks linebacker Barkevious Mingo (51) running a drill during NFL football training camp.

By TIM BOOTH
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RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks would be thrilled if Barkevious Mingo became the new version of what Bruce Irvin was during their championship run — strong on stopping the run in early downs, a threat as a rusher in passing situations.

Doing so would mean Mingo is finally meeting the expectations that came with being the No. 6 overall pick five years ago, which has happened only briefly during his first three steps in the NFL.

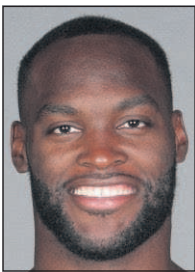
Seattle made only a few free agent signings on the defensive side in the offseason and none has the chance to flash as much as Mingo because of what Seattle believes he could add to its revamped defense. And especially in a defensive scheme that is geared even more toward the linebackers with Ken Norton Jr. taking over as defensive coordinator.

“It’s definitely finding roles for guys and getting to figure them out and who they

are and all that,” coach Pete Carroll said. “He has done a lot of stuff, even back in college. Right now, to have him playing outside linebacker and also rushing in the nickel package, it’s just the right spot for him. He also has a lot of drop ability in there so we can do some things and we can do some intricate things with him as well. Very lucky to have him.”

The strongside linebacker’s impact in Seattle’s defensive scheme is somewhat limited unless he can be an exceptional pass rusher. Whenever Seattle goes with an extra defensive back it’s the strongside linebacker that comes off the field with middle linebacker Bobby Wagner and weakside linebacker K.J. Wright remaining on it.

The way to stay on the field in that position is get to the quarterback. It’s what Irvin did so well during his four seasons with Seattle and what the Seahawks haven’t been able to fully replicate



Mingo

since he left for Oakland in free agency.

Seattle wanted to see just how much Mingo could affect the game from that position in the preseason opener against Indianapolis so he was on the field with second- and third-team players with the specific task of rushing the passer. While the rest of Seattle’s defensive starters were resting, Mingo was recording one of Seattle’s three sacks.

“I believe in my ability to the highest degree and I know when it’s time to get to the quarterback I know I can do that,” he said.

Mingo was part of an underperforming first-round draft class. Only three of the top 17 picks in that draft — Lane Johnson, Ezekiel Ansah and Sheldon Richardson — have been voted to a Pro Bowl. Mingo has been lumped into the group of disappointments along with Eric Fisher, Luke Joeckel and Dion Jordan.

Part of Mingo’s trouble is a lack of stability. He was drafted by the Browns, but Cleveland was in chaos during his time there. He was traded to New England shortly before the start of the 2016 regular season and lasted just one year after starting one game with the Patriots. He spent last year with Indianapolis, recording a career-high 32 tackles, but was again without a home after the season.

Seattle made a simple offer: prove he could set the edge against the run and when called upon, get some sacks.

“First off, I’ve been on a team that’s had a lot of turnover from the get go. So there were different coaches there,” Mingo said. “I feel like some of the other coaches, maybe it’s been a lack of communication between us and we haven’t gotten the play style ... down, and that position wasn’t right for me. I feel like this thing here, and being with these coaches and players, it’s the right fit.”

Baseball

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	86	35	.711	—
New York	75	44	.630	10
Tampa Bay	60	59	.504	25
Toronto	54	65	.454	31
Baltimore	36	84	.300	49½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	68	51	.571	—
Minnesota	55	63	.466	12½
Detroit	50	70	.417	18½
Chicago	43	76	.361	25
Kansas City	36	83	.303	32
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	73	47	.608	—
Oakland	72	48	.600	1
Seattle	69	52	.570	4½
Los Angeles	61	60	.504	12½
Texas	53	69	.434	21

Tuesday’s Games				
Chicago 6, N.Y. Mets 3				
Baltimore 2, Philadelphia 1				
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 1				
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 3				
Cleveland 8, Cincinnati 1				
Arizona 6, Texas 4				
Colorado 5, Houston 1				
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 2				
Seattle 6, Kansas City 3				
Oakland 3, Seattle 2				
L.A. Angels 7, San Diego 3				
Wednesday’s Games				
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 3-3) at Detroit (Zimmermann 5-4), 10:10 a.m.				
Pittsburgh (Archer 4-5) at Minnesota (Berrios 11-8), 10:10 a.m.				
Seattle (Leake 8-7) at Oakland (Anderson 2-3), 12:35 p.m.				
Boston (Eovaldi 5-4) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 8-9), 4:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 7-6) at Baltimore (Bundy 7-10), 4:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Faria 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 1-2), 4:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Bieber 6-2) at Cincinnati (Stephenson 0-1), 4:10 p.m.				
Colorado (Anderson 6-4) at Houston (Cole 10-5), 5:10 p.m.				
Toronto (Estrada 5-9) at Kansas City (Smith 1-4), 5:15 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Pena 1-3) at San Diego (Erlin 2-3), 6:10 p.m.				

Wild Card Standings				
	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	75	44	.630	+4
Oakland	72	48	.600	—
Seattle	69	52	.570	3½

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	67	51	.568	—
Philadelphia	65	53	.551	2
Washington	60	60	.500	8
New York	50	67	.427	16½
Miami	48	74	.393	21
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	68	50	.576	—
Milwaukee	68	54	.557	2
St. Louis	65	55	.542	4
Pittsburgh	61	59	.508	8
Cincinnati	52	68	.433	17
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	66	55	.545	—
Colorado	64	55	.538	1
Los Angeles	64	57	.529	2
San Francisco	61	60	.504	5
San Diego	48	74	.393	18½

Tuesday’s Games				
Milwaukee 7, Chicago Cubs 0				
Baltimore 6, N.Y. Mets 3				
Boston 2, Philadelphia 1				
Cleveland 8, Cincinnati 1				

Atlanta 10, Miami 6				
Arizona 6, Texas 4				
Colorado 5, Houston 1				
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 2				
St. Louis 6, Washington 4				
L.A. Angels 7, San Diego 3				
San Francisco 2, L.A. Dodgers 1				
Wednesday’s Games				
Pittsburgh (Archer 4-5) at Minnesota (Berrios 11-8), 10:10 a.m.				
Milwaukee (Guerre 6-7) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 8-9), 11:20 a.m.				
Boston (Eovaldi 5-4) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 8-9), 4:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 7-6) at Baltimore (Bundy 7-10), 4:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Bieber 6-2) at Cincinnati (Stephenson 0-1), 4:10 p.m.				
Miami (Urena 3-12) at Atlanta (Gausman 6-9), 4:35 p.m.				
Colorado (Anderson 6-4) at Houston (Cole 10-5), 5:10 p.m.				
Washington (Hellickson 5-2) at St. Louis (Gomber 2-0), 5:15 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Pena 1-3) at San Diego (Erlin 2-3), 6:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Holland 6-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 3-0), 7:10 p.m.				

Wild Card Standings				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	68	54	.557	+1
Philadelphia	65	53	.551	—
St. Louis	65	55	.542	1
Colorado	64	55	.538	1½
Los Angeles	64	57	.529	2½
Pittsburgh	61	59	.508	5
San Francisco	61	60	.504	5½
Washington	60	60	.500	6

MLB NORTHWEST LEAGUE North Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Vancouver (Blue Jays) 12	7	6	.532	—
Spokane (Rangers) 11	8	5	.579	1
Everett (Mariners) 9	10	4	.714	3
Tri-City (Padres) 7	12	3	.800	5

South Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Hillsboro (D-Backs) 12	7	6	.532	—
Eugene (Cubs) 9	10	4	.714	3
Salem-Keizer (Giants) 9	10	4	.714	3
Boise (Rockies) 7	12	3	.800	5
Tuesday’s Games				
Boise 9, Salem-Keizer 5				
Spokane 7, Everett 3				
Hillsboro at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.				
Tri-City at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.				

Soccer

MLS EASTERN CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Atlanta United FC	14	4	6	48	50	28			
New York	15	2	6	47	45	23			
New York City FC	14	5	6	47	48	31			
Columbus	11	7	6	39	31	29			
Philadelphia	9	11	3	30	32	39			
Montreal	9	13	3	30	31	41			
New England	10	7	6	36	45	39			
Orlando City	7	15	2	23	37	57			
Toronto FC	6	12	5	23	39	44			
Chicago	6	14	5	23	35	49			
D.C. United	5	9	6	21	33	38			
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
FC Dallas	12	5	6	42	47	30			
Sporting K.C.	11	6	6	39	42	30			
Portland	10	4	7	37	34	27			
L.A. Galaxy	10	8	7	37	48	42			
Los Angeles FC	10	7	6	36	45	39			
Real Salt Lake	10	9	5	35	34	41			
Vancouver	9	9	6	33	38	47			
Seattle	9	9	5	32	26	26			
Minnesota United	9	13	2	29	38	48			

Houston	7	10	6	27	39	34
Colorado	6	12	6	24	31	40
San Jose	3	13	7	16	33	43

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Tuesday’s Game				
Colorado 2, L.A. Galaxy 2				
Wednesday’s Games				
Portland at D.C. United, 5 p.m.				
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC, 7 p.m.				
Saturday’s Games				
L.A. Galaxy at Seattle, 1 p.m.				
New York at Vancouver, 4 p.m.				
New York City FC at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.				
Chicago at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.				
Minnesota United at FC Dallas, 5 p.m.				
Portland at Sporting Kansas City, 5:30 p.m.				
Real Salt Lake at Houston, 6 p.m.				
Toronto FC at San Jose, 7 p.m.				

Sunday’s Games				
Columbus at Atlanta United FC, 1 p.m.				
New England at D.C. United, 4:30 p.m.				
Colorado at Los Angeles FC, 7 p.m.				

Basketball

WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE
