

Timbers fall to last-place DC United, 4-1

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WASHINGTON — Wayne Rooney scored two goals and D.C. United beat the Portland Timbers 4-1 on Wednesday night to move out of last place in the Eastern Conference.

D.C. (6-9-6) won its third consecutive home game. Portland (10-5-7) has lost two straight after going unbeaten in its previous 15 matches.

Rooney, the English star who joined the Washington club in June, tied it at 1 in the 43rd minute by running past the defense for Yamil Asad’s through ball and rolling it by Jeff Attinella. Rooney bent in a free kick in the 68th for his third MLS goal.

Oniel Fisher made it

2-1 in the second minute of the second half with his first career goal. Luciano Acosta’s individual effort set it up, drawing multiple defenders and finding Fisher for a shot off the post and in.

Former Timber Darren Mattocks capped the scoring on a breakaway in stoppage time for his ninth goal. D.C. goalkeeper Bill Hamid started in his first appearance since rejoining United on a 1 1/2-year loan from the Danish club FC Midtjylland.

For Portland, Samuel Armenteros scored his eighth goal of the season in the 35th and nearly scored again two minutes later, but Hamid came out of his area to deny a header.



Staff photo by Eric Singer

Hermiston quarterback Andrew James is one of only a few returning starters from last season’s state championship team, and prepares for his third year as a starter.

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ton must replace more than 2,000 receiving yards and 27 touchdowns as well as more than 2,000 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns.

“It’s all changed,” James said. “It’s a whole new team, a lot of younger guys, but it’s not going to stop us. We have the same coaches, the same mentality as last year and years before. We have no clue what’s in front of us, but we’re just going to try and do what we do best.”

The Bulldogs have nearly just as much production to replace on the defensive side of the ball as well, though Faaeteete is excited to see how his kids battle things out throughout these next few weeks in camp.

“We have tons of new faces,” he said. “I think I’ll know more once we finish up camp and get into that first game week, but right now we’re just trying to teach fundamentals, trying to coach them up and knock the rust off after being out for a while. Right now it’s setting our depth chart, finding out who our ones, twos, threes are, and building depth that way.”

As preparations for the season begin, the Bulldogs will have no easy games on the schedule against their Mid-Columbia Conference opponents; nearly every school brings a state championship pedigree to the field. Hermiston opens the season at home against the Pasco Bulldogs, a battle being dubbed the ‘Battle of the Bulldogs,’ but then hits the road in Week 2 to take on the defending 4A state champion Richland Bombers.

The Bulldogs then have home games against Kennewick (Sept. 14), Southridge (Sept. 28), Eisenhower (Oct. 12, non-league) and

Kamiakin (Oct. 26), while traveling to Walla Walla (Sept. 21), Chiawana (Oct. 5) and Hanford (Oct. 19).

“We have to play a state championship-caliber team every week in our conference and that’s just how it is for us now,” Faaeteete said. “And Tri-Cities schools are going to travel well. Hundreds of fans each week and one school maybe even (bring) a thousand, and it’s going to be that kind of atmosphere every game at home, every game on the road, so we’re pretty excited about it.

“That type of venue you don’t always get in high school football, unless you’re in the big city like West Linn versus Jesuit ... it’s going to be a great atmosphere and we’re super excited.”

UNI WATCH

The Bulldogs will also have another change to its uniform this season, as the team has changed the helmet paint from a matte black to a glossy white shell with purple facemask. This comes on the heels of changing the helmets from gold to black for the 2016 season, and then introducing new purple and white jerseys last season.

Faaeteete said it’s just a coincidence the team has yet another new look for its first year in the WIAA.

“It’s part of the rotation,” he said. “We have to get our helmets refurbished every two years, and it costs the same to just paint a different color, so we tried to dabble a little bit, be a little flashy. We can’t afford multiple helmets, I wish we could, but that’s probably from me playing at Oregon a bunch of years ago.

“It’s something a little bit different, but the kids like the look.”

After McNair death, Maryland focuses on safety at practice

By DAVID GINSBURG
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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland interim coach Matt Canada has taken steps to ensure that the Terrapins are poised to deal with the heat of summer during his practices following the death of offensive lineman Jordan McNair.

In the first workout since Maryland publicly accepted responsibility for mistakes that contributed to McNair’s death, two tents were in place at the practice field Wednesday to provide shade. Underneath the awnings are several fans, along with liquids and ice.

Practice sessions have been shortened to less than two hours, with time for breaks.

“The focus of our player’s health and safety is No. 1, and our players are feeling that and understanding that,” Canada said before leading the team onto the field.

Overcome by heat and exhaustion, the 6-foot-4, 325-pound McNair collapsed during a preseason conditioning drill on May 29. He died on June 13. According to the family attorney, the preliminary death certificate listed the cause of death as heatstroke.

On Tuesday, the school accepted responsibility for mistakes made in treating McNair at the scene, and promised safety would never again be an issue.

“We will do everything within our power to ensure that no University of Maryland student-athlete is ever again put in a situation where his or her safety and life are at foreseeable risk,” university President Wallace Loh said.

Canada took visible steps in that direction.

“We have two cooling tents, water, Gatorade,



Hilary Scheinuk/The Advocate via AP, File

Then-LSU offensive coordinator Matt Canada coaches in the first half of the NCAA college football team’s spring game, in Baton Rouge, La. Placing a priority on player safety after the death of Jordan McNair, Maryland interim coach Matt Canada has taken significant steps to ensure that the Terrapins are poised to deal with the heat of summer.

snacks in the breaks, all those things,” he said.

Head coach DJ Durkin was placed on administrative leave Saturday after McNair’s death and a subsequent ESPN report revealing that coaches bullied players.

While making a point not to criticize Durkin, Canada insisted that the players are in good spirits as they work toward the Sept. 1 opener against Texas in Landover, Maryland.

“Our culture right now is awesome. Our kids are excited to practice, excited to play,” Canada said. “They’re loving each other.”

That’s not to say that McNair isn’t on their minds.

“At times, are we grieving for Jordan? We are,” Canada said.

This was the first time this summer that the media was allowed to watch practice. No players were made available.

Understanding that some parents might be wary of the program in the wake of McNair’s death, Canada and athletic director Damon Evans are looking to establish more transparency and better communication.

“We’ve got a meeting that we set up on Saturday

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE					MLB
East Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	86	36	.705		
New York	75	45	.625	10	
Tampa Bay	61	59	.508	24	
Toronto	55	65	.458	30	
Baltimore	36	85	.298	49½	
Central Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	69	51	.575	—	
Minnesota	56	63	.471	12½	
Detroit	50	71	.413	19½	
Chicago	44	76	.367	25	
Kansas City	36	84	.300	33	
West Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	74	47	.612	—	
Oakland	72	49	.595	2	
Seattle	70	52	.574	4½	
Los Angeles	62	60	.508	12½	
Texas	53	69	.434	21½	

Wednesday’s Games
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 5
Minnesota 6, Pittsburgh 4
Seattle 2, Oakland 0, 12 innings
N.Y. Mets 16, Baltimore 5
Philadelphia 7, Boston 4
Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Yankees 1
Cleveland 4, Cincinnati 3
Houston 12, Colorado 1
Toronto 6, Kansas City 5
L.A. Angels 3, San Diego 2

Thursday’s Games
Tampa Bay (Stanek 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 9-3), 10:05 a.m.
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 8-8) at Texas (Jurado 2-2), 5:05 p.m.
Detroit (Liriano 3-7) at Minnesota (Santana 0-1), 5:10 p.m.
Toronto (Gaviglio 2-5) at Kansas City (Sparkman 0-1), 5:15 p.m.

Wild Card Standings				
	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	75	45	.625	+4
Oakland	72	49	.595	—
Seattle	70	52	.574	2½

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	68	51	.571	—
Philadelphia	66	53	.555	2
Washington	60	61	.496	9
New York	51	67	.432	16½
Miami	48	75	.390	22
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	69	50	.580	—
Milwaukee	68	55	.553	3
St. Louis	66	55	.545	4
Pittsburgh	61	60	.504	9
Cincinnati	52	69	.430	18
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	66	55	.545	—
Colorado	64	56	.533	1½
Los Angeles	64	57	.529	2
San Francisco	61	60	.504	5
San Diego	48	75	.390	19

Wednesday’s Games
Minnesota 6, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago Cubs 8, Milwaukee 4
N.Y. Mets 16, Baltimore 5
Philadelphia 7, Boston 4
Cleveland 4, Cincinnati 3
Atlanta 5, Miami 2
Houston 12, Colorado 1
St. Louis 4, Washington 2
L.A. Angels 3, San Diego 2
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late finish

Thursday’s Games
N.Y. Mets (Matz 5-9) at Philadelphia (Nola 13-3), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Chicago Cubs (Lester 12-5) at Pittsburgh (Nova 7-6), 4:05 p.m.
Washington (Roark 7-12) at St. Louis (Weaver 6-10), 4:15 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 9-7) at Atlanta (Teheran 8-7), 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Oswalt 1-2) at Philadelphia (Eflin 8-4), 4:35 p.m., 2nd game
Arizona (Buchholz 5-2) at San Diego (Nix 1-0), 7:10 p.m.

Wild Card Standings				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	66	53	.555	—
Milwaukee	68	55	.553	—
St. Louis	66	55	.545	1
Colorado	64	56	.533	2½
Los Angeles	64	57	.529	2½
Pittsburgh	61	60	.504	6
San Francisco	61	60	.504	6



AP Photo/John Bazemore

Atlanta Braves’ Ronald Acuna Jr. (13) is tended to by a member of the training staff after Acuna was hit by a pitch from Miami Marlins starting pitcher Jose Urena during the first inning of Wednesday’s game in Atlanta. Both benches cleared after the pitch, and Urena was ejected from the game for intentionally hitting Acuna with the pitch.

Soccer

NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
North Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	13	7	.650	—
Spokane (Rangers)	11	9	.550	2
x-Everett (Mariners)	10	10	.500	3
Tri-City (Padres)	7	13	.350	6
South Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Hillsboro (D-Backs)	12	7	.632	—
Eugene (Cubs)	9	10	.474	3
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	10	10	.500	3
Boise (Rockies)	7	13	.350	5
x-first-half division winner				

Wednesday’s Games
Salem-Keizer 6, Boise 3
Everett 4, Spokane 3
Vancouver 5, Tri-City 2
Hillsboro at Eugene, late finish

Thursday’s Games
Tri-City at Vancouver, 1:05 p.m.
Salem-Keizer at Boise, 6:15 p.m.
Everett at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.
Hillsboro at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE
World Series
At South Williamsport, Pa.
All games televised on ESPN Networks and online at ESPN+.

UNITED STATES
NEW ENGLAND, Coventry (R.I.): MID-ATLANTIC, Staten Island (N.Y.); SOUTHEAST, Peachtree City, Ga.; GREAT LAKES, Grosse Pointe Woods (Mich.); MIDWEST, Des Moines (Iowa); SOUTHWEST, Houston; NORTHWEST, Coeur d’Alene (Idaho); WEST, Honolulu

INTERNATIONAL
ASIA/PACIFIC, Seoul (South Korea); AUSTRALIA, Gold Coast; CANADA, Surrey (British Columbia); CARIBBEAN, Guayama (Puerto Rico); EUROPE/AFRICA, Barcelona (Spain); JAPAN, Kawaguchi; LATIN AMERICA, Arraijan (Panama); MEXICO, Matamoros

Double Elimination Thursday, Aug. 16
Game 1: Guayama (Puerto Rico) vs. Seoul (South Korea), 10 a.m.
Game 2: Staten Island (N.Y.) vs. Des Moines (Iowa), Noon
Game 3: Matamoros (Mexico) vs. Gold Coast (Australia), 2 p.m.
Game 4: Coventry (R.I.) vs. Houston, 4 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 17
Game 5: Barcelona (Spain) vs. Kawaguchi (Japan), 11 a.m.
Game 6: Grosse Pointe Woods (Mich.) vs. Coeur d’Alene (Idaho), 1 p.m.
Game 7: Arraijan (Panama) vs. Surrey (British Columbia), 3 p.m.
Game 8: Peachtree City (Ga.) vs. Honolulu, 5 p.m.

Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pts GF GA
Atlanta United FC	14	4	6	48 50 28
New York	15	6	2	47 45 23
New York City FC	14	5	5	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	7	8	29	38 38
Orlando City	7	15	2	23 37 57
Toronto FC	6	12	5	23 39 44
Vancouver	9	6	33	38 47
Chicago	6	14	5	23 35 49
D.C. United	6	9	6	23 37 39
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pts GF GA
FC Dallas	12	5	6	42 37 30
Sporting K.C.	11	6	6	39 42 30
Los Angeles FC	11	7	6	39 47 39
Portland	10	5	7	37 35 31
LA Galaxy	10	8	7	37 48 42
Real Salt Lake	10	10	5	35 34 43
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

Wednesday’s Games
D.C. United 4, Portland 1
Los Angeles FC 2, Real Salt Lake 0

Saturday’s Games
LA 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				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	22	10	.688	—
x-Washington	20	11	.645	1½
x-Connecticut	19	13	.594	3
Chicago	12	20	.375	10
New York	7	24	.226	14½
Indiana	5	26	.161	16½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	24	8	.750	—
x-Los Angeles	19	13	.594	5
x-Phoenix	18	14	.563	6
x-Minnesota	17	15	.531	7

morning,” Canada said. “We have a scrimmage. They’re going to come to that and we wanted to be available, so we’re going to talk to them.”

McNair’s death and the ensuing revelation that some members of the staff were physically and verbally abusive brought about the resignation of Rick Court, the strength and conditioning coach. Two other unidentified staff members remain on administrative leave.

One of Canada’s challenges is to bring stability to the program while the investigation into McNair’s death continues — and the interim coach said he is getting a lot of help.

“Our entire staff has done a tremendous job of coming together, of bonding together of making it about our players,” Canada said. “It’s amazing what you can accomplish when nobody cares who gets the credit, and we’re seeing that now in our building.”

Just in case there’s another medical issue, a staff has been put in place to deal with any potential situation.

“We’re pulling them from all parts of our department. Outside of our department,” Canada said. “We’re making sure that everything is taken care of.”

Canada, 46, came to Maryland after a one-year stint at Louisiana State as the Tigers’ offensive coordinator. He has never been a head coach at the college level.

After being thrust into the top job, he had a brief conversation with Durkin.

“I’ve talked to coach Durkin to call him and support him in a situation that’s really challenging,” Canada said. “That’s as far as I’m going to go with that.”

Dallas	14	18	.437	10
Las Vegas	13	18	.419	10½
x-clinched playoff spot				
Wednesday’s Games				
Washington 76, Indiana 62				
Las Vegas 85, New York 72				
Friday’s Games				
Minnesota at Connecticut, 4 p.m.				
Los Angeles at Washington, 4 p.m.				
Las Vegas at Dallas, 5 p.m.				
Atlanta at Phoenix, 7 p.m.				
New York at Seattle, 7 p.m.				

PGA TOUR				
WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP				
Site: Greensboro, N.C.				
Course: Sedgefield CC. Yardage: 7,127.				
Par: 70.				
Purse: \$6 million. Winner’s share: \$1,080,000.				
Television: Thursday-Friday, 12-3 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 10-11:45 a.m. (Golf Channel), 12-3 p.m. CBS Sports.				
Defending champion: Henrik Stenson.				

LPGA TOUR				
INDY WOMEN INTECH CHAMPIONSHIP				
Site: Indianapolis.				
Course: Brickyard Cross GC. Yardage: 6,456. Par: 72.				
Purse: \$2 million. Winner’s share: \$300,000.				
Television: Thursday-Friday, noon-2:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 5-7 p.m. (Golf Channel).				
Defending champion: Lexi Thompson.				
Race to CME Globe leader: Anya Jutanugarn.				
Last tournament: Georgia Hall won the Women’s British Open.				

Auto Racing

NASCAR CUP SERIES	
Playoff Standings	
Through August 12	
(*denotes drivers locked into playoffs with a win; Top 16 make the playoffs)	
1. Kevin Harvick*	—
2. Kyle Busch*	—
3. Martin Truex Jr.*	—
4. Clint Bowyer*	—
5. Joey Logano*	—
6. Chase Elliott*	—
7. Erik Jones*	—
8. Austin Dillon*	—
9. Kurt Busch	+270
10. Brad Keselowski	+229
11. Ryan Blaney	+207
12. Denny Hamlin	+204
13. Kyle Larson	+201
14. Aric Almirola	+159
15. Jimmie Johnson	+92
16. Alex Bowman	+62
17. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-62
18. Paul Menard	-70
19. Daniel Suarez	-82
20. Ryan Newman	-86
Upcoming Schedule	
BASS PRO SHOPS NRA NIGHT RACE	
Site: Bristol, Tennessee	
Schedule: Friday, practice 7:30 a.m. & 9:40 a.m., (NBCSN); qualifying 2:40 p.m., (NBCSN); Saturday, race 4:30 p.m., (NBCSN).	
Track: Bristol Motor Speedway (oval, 0.526 miles).	
Race distance: 266.5 miles, 500 laps.	
Last year: Kyle Busch overcame pole sitter Erik Jones to win after starting 18th.	