

Baltimore ties sac-fly record in first game of battle of the birds

# Orioles sweep Blue Jays in doubleheader

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BALTIMORE — Tyler O'Neill homered for a fourth consecutive game, and the Baltimore Orioles tied a major league record with five sacrifice flies on Tuesday in a 16-4 rout of the Toronto Blue Jays in the opener of a doubleheader.

Ramón Urías homered twice, and Gunnar Henderson also went deep for the last-place Orioles, who outscored the AL East leaders 27-8 in the first two games of this series.

Charlie Morton (7-8) allowed three runs in six innings for the Orioles, yielding a two-run homer by Addison Barger in the fourth.

Baltimore loaded the bases with nobody out in the first and third against Blue Jays starter Easton Lucas (3-3). O'Neill and Cedric Mullins hit sacrifice flies in the first, and Urías and Mullins did so in the third.

Toronto fought back to within a run before the Orioles scored six in the sixth. Henderson hit an RBI single, and O'Neill followed with a three-run shot. Then Urías hit a drive to center that made it 9-3.

Henderson added a three-run shot and Urías hit another solo homer in the seventh.

Joey Loperfido hit a solo homer for Toronto in the eighth.

Ali Sánchez, who caught the first seven innings, pitched the eighth for the Blue Jays. He struck out fellow catcher Alex Jackson swinging on a looping pitch clocked at 35 m.p.h. Jackson Holliday hit Baltimore's fifth sacrifice fly later that inning.

The sacrifice fly became official in 1954. The Orioles are the fourth team to hit five in a game since, the most recent being Seattle in 2008.



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Baltimore's Gunnar Henderson tosses his bat after striking out Tuesday in Game 2 of a doubleheader against the Toronto Blue Jays.

## Bring out the brooms

Adley Rutschman doubled home the tiebreaking run in the bottom of the eighth inning, as the Orioles completed a doubleheader sweep of the Blue Jays, 3-2 on Tuesday night.

With Henderson on second and one out, Rutschman lifted a drive to right off Jeff Hoffman (6-4) that Nathan Lukes tried to catch against the big wall in right field at Camden Yards. Lukes reached for the ball and initially seemed unsure of where it ended up, only to find it down at his feet.

Andrew Kittredge (2-2) won in relief, and Corbin Martin worked out of a ninth-inning jam for his first career save.

The last-place Orioles have dealt away several relievers recently — including Seranthony Domínguez, who was traded to Toronto between games of this doubleheader and pitched a scoreless seventh in the nightcap.

The Blue Jays had men on second and third against Martin with one out, but Lukes struck out looking and Bo Bichette went down swinging.

Lukes and Myles Straw hit RBI grounders in the second and fourth for Toronto before Ryan O'Hearn tripled home a run for the Orioles in the bottom of the fourth. O'Hearn then scored on a grounder by Urías.

Blue Jays hitting coach David Popkins was ejected while Toronto was batting in the seventh.

Martin made it through the ninth despite throwing 14 balls and eight strikes. His next-to-last pitch was a curveball in the dirt, but Rutschman was able to block it and prevent a

game-tying wild pitch.

Bichette went 0-for-5 with three strikeouts and a double-play grounder. The Jays have lost four consecutive games, and three in a row against the Orioles.

## Trade bait

Domínguez switched teams in between games of the doubleheader.

Domínguez did not pitch in the opener, which his Orioles won 16-4.

Then the trade — Domínguez for minor league right-hander Juaron Watts-Brown — was announced about an hour before the scheduled first pitch of the nightcap.

Domínguez is 2-3 with a 3.24 ERA in 43 relief appearances this season. The last-place Orioles have also traded away relievers Bryan Baker and Gregory Soto as part of what has been a mild sell-off so far.

— The Associated Press

# NFL community reacts to fatal shooting at league office

NEW YORK — Coaches and players around the NFL expressed their sadness and condolences on Tuesday after a gunman killed four people at the league's Manhattan office a day earlier.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams said the gunman was attempting to reach the league's part of the building but took the wrong elevator. An NFL employee was among those wounded, according to Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Multiple coaches, including Aaron Glenn of the New York Jets and Brian Daboll of the Giants, opened their news conferences by referencing the shooting. Glenn said he wished it were a better morning, and Daboll called it a tragic event at 345 Park Ave.

"Just want to start out addressing the senseless violence that happened in New York," Atlanta Falcons coach Raheem Morris said. "Just send our thoughts and prayers to everybody involved, including one of our own."

Kansas City Chiefs coach Andy Reid said his and his staff's thoughts go out to the people affected.

"The people at the league office that had to go through all that," Reid said.

"It's a bad deal. We've got to try to keep peace somewhere here. There's too much of this."

Goodell said in a memo to staff that a league employee was seriously injured in the attack and was hospitalized in stable condition.

"We are deeply grateful to the law enforcement officers who responded to this threat quickly and decisively and to Officer Islam, who gave his life to protect others," said Goodell, referring to Didarul Islam, an off-duty police officer working a corporate security detail who was killed in the attack.

Goodell praised the swift law enforcement response and honoured Islam. NFL employees in New York were instructed to work remotely Tuesday or take the day off, he said, and additional security will be in place.

"Every one of you is a valued member of the NFL family," Goodell said. "We will get through this together."

Chicago Bears coach Ben Johnson said the shooting "keeps things in perspective as we enter training camp and the guys are going hard that there's a little bit more to life than just football."

Investigators believe Shane Tamura, of Las Vegas, was trying to get to the

NFL offices after shooting several people Monday in the building's lobby but accidentally entered the wrong set of elevator banks, Adams said.

"It's always tough to hear things like that and really to try to stay focused," Glenn said. "You have to because you have a job to do, but you think about the families that go through that and it's tough."

Police said Tamura had a history of mental illness, and a rambling note found on his body suggested that he had a grievance against the NFL over a claim that he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease that can be diagnosed only after someone has died.

Tamura played high school football in California nearly two decades ago but never in the NFL.

Daboll said he had not had any conversations with players or staff about the situation or if they were concerned for their safety. Kicker Graham Gano, the Giants' union representative, watched coverage of the shooting at the practice facility late Monday, learned of the connection to the league early Tuesday and did not express any worry about he and his teammates.



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New York police officer Didarul Islam was shot and killed Monday in Mahattan.

"Our security staff here is fantastic," Gano said. "It's sad to see no matter who it is, league office or not. It's definitely really sad, but I think we're fully confident in our security team here."

Three-time Tennessee Titans Pro Bowl defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons saw reports of the shooting Tuesday morning. With an 8 a.m. local time practice, he didn't have the chance to read up on the attack, but Simmons said that's why mental health is one of the things brought up in football circles these days.

"Mental health is a big thing in this world, and it's our job, especially in this building," Simmons said. "One thing we talked about as the leaders you never know when a guy's last day may be in this building or he could be on this team forever. So I just want to treat everybody the same."

Cleveland Browns owner Dee Haslam expressed her sympathies to the victims of the "horrendous acts" in New York during her opening remarks at training camp on Tuesday.

"I would be remiss if we didn't start out acknowledging what happened yesterday at the NFL headquarters," Haslam said, flanked by her husband, Jimmy. "Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families that have lost their loved ones and we honour the policeman that also died in the line of duty, and our prayers are with the ones that are injured."

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"It's really important for their development," said Taylor. "You know, you can shoot at local events and do really well, and then, you only really get better when you start shooting with the best, right? So getting to an event like the World Archery Youth Championships, getting to an event like the Gator Cup, which is in Florida, major events like that, it's a real eye-opener for archers that might have been sort of the cream of the crop in their home market, but realize that they need a little bit more development to take that next step."

Manitoba's athletes will look to make the most of the familiar setting, as competing at home can be a big advantage in a mentally taxing sport like archery, says Van Berkel.

In addition to individual events, countries also compete in team rounds, a high-energy format where spectators and team members are encouraged to cheer on their favourite teams.

The event will also feature a "Try Archery" tent, offering anyone who hasn't shot a bow before the chance to give it a go and experience the sport firsthand.

"We hope it raises a profile of the sport," said Taylor. "We're hoping that it will drive interest in the sport and where, you know, you don't necessarily need to have biceps the size of tree trunks, or quads that can bend metal, to be a world-class athlete."

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