

Balogun has little impact in US World Cup loss

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SEATTLE — Folarin Balogun's presence on the field for the United States against Belgium had a seismic impact on the world of soccer, but he ultimately played a forgettable role in the Americans' 4-1 loss in the World Cup round of 16 on Monday.

The 25-year-old striker, who had three goals in this World Cup, was shown a red card during the U.S. victory over Bosnia-Herzegovina, but FIFA lifted his suspension for Monday's match after U.S. President Donald Trump intervened on Balogun's behalf.

FIFA's decision prompted soccer leaders to question the integrity of the World Cup, with European soccer body UEFA saying FIFA "crossed a red line" and Belgium's soccer federation contesting Balogun's eligibility.

"I accepted the decision when I was given the red card, and I accepted the decision when I was told I was allowed to play,"



Lindsey Wasson/AP photo

United States' Folarin Balogun (20) and Belgium's Brandon Mechele (4) battle for the ball during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between the United States and Belgium in Seattle on Monday.

Balogun said. "I didn't have any involvement in the process, and that's not something that has anything to do with me personally."

Balogun did not score on Monday. He helped set up Malik Tillman's goal in the 31st minute when he was fouled by Belgium defender Brandon Mechele roughly 25 yards outside the Red Devils' goal.

Tillman scored on the

ensuing free kick. Just before the goal, Balogun waved his arms and pumped up the American fans.

The U.S. tried to set up Balogun multiple times. He made use of his speed on several runs but could not get past Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois. His best chance came in the 82nd minute, when Courtois got in front of a left-footed attempt. Balogun

was replaced by Haji Wright in the 92nd minute.

To a suggestion that Balogun wasn't a major presence on the field, U.S. midfielder Tyler Adams responded: "Was anyone a major presence on the field today?"

"We were happy that we had the opportunity for him to play," Adams said. "He tried today to be a presence and a nuisance, and at times he was — getting the ball in behind and doing what he does. Just didn't have too many opportunities."

Balogun said it was difficult to understand why the U.S. didn't play with the intensity the team brought to its earlier games.

"Today we didn't give the crowd a lot to cheer for," he said. "That's the most disappointing thing, and that's the part that hurts the most for me

personally."

Last Wednesday during the Americans' 2-0 win over Bosnia-Herzegovina, Balogun was shown a red card by Brazilian referee Raphael Claus for stepping on an opponent's ankle, triggering an automatic one-game suspension.

After Trump spoke by phone to FIFA president Gianni Infantino, FIFA's disciplinary committee suspended the discipline for a year on Sunday.

Infantino said he did not play a role in the decision by the disciplinary committee, which also fined Balogun \$40,000, a penalty that can be paid by the U.S. Soccer Federation.

The FIFA president was in attendance for the match, watching from a suite with Pascale Van Damme, chair of the Belgian Football Association, and Cindy Parlow Cone,

president of the USSF. U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin was seated nearby.

Belgium fans chanted "FIFA Mafia!" during their pregame march to Lumen Field.

Balogun's three goals matched Landon Donovan in 2010 for the second most by an American in a World Cup. Bert Patenaude holds the U.S. record with four in the initial tournament in 1930.

Balogun, who was playing in his first World Cup for the Americans, became the first U.S. player to score two goals in a match in the tournament since 1930. But he failed to lead the U.S. to what would have been its first consecutive knock-out-stage wins. The best performance by the Americans since 1930 remains their run to the quarterfinals in 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE

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SUMMARY PUBLICATION
PURSUANT TO KRS 83A.060
CITY OF PIONEER VILLAGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERSONNEL BENEFITS FOR THE PIONEER VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Section I: General Information

Section II: Holidays

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| 1. New Years Day | 7. Thanksgiving Day |
| 2. Martin Luther King | 8. Christmas Day |
| 3. Presidents Day | 9. New Years Eve |
| 4. Memorial Day | 10. Day Following Thanksgiving |
| 5. Independence Day | 11. Christmas Eve |
| 6. Labor Day | |

Section III: Vacation

Years of Service	Annual Leave
1 year	5 days
2 years	10 days
5 years	15 days
10 years	20 days

Section IV: Paid Time Off

Section V: Bereavement Leave

Section VI: Special Leave

Section VII: Military Leave

Section VIII: Benefits

Section IX: Repealer

Section X: Effective Date

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF HUNTERS HOLLOW, BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared by the Mayor and delivered to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made modifications as required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTERS HOLLOW, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOURCES AVAILABLE	GENERAL FUND	MUN. AID ROAD FUND	ARPA
FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2025-2026	\$235,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$76,041.00
ESTIMATED REVENUES:			
Insurance Tax	\$80,000.00		
Personal Tangible Taxes	\$5.00		
Public Service Taxes	\$270.00		
Real Property Taxes	\$15,000.00		
Telecommunication Tax	\$2,200.00		
Vehicle Tax	\$3,500.00		
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$800.00		
Savings Interest	\$460.00	\$43.00	
Intergovernmental Revenue		\$6,000.00	
LGEA		\$650.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$102,235.00	\$6,693.00	-0-
TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE	\$337,235.00	\$26,693.00	\$76,041.00
APPROPRIATIONS:			
General Government	\$61,022.00		
Stormwater	\$2,000.00		
Mayor's Discretionary Fund	\$1,500.00		
Donations	\$700.00		
Code Enforcement	\$15,000.00		
Travel/Training	\$2,000.00		
Roads	\$26,693.00		
ARPA Approved Projects	\$76,041.00		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$82,222.00	\$26,693.00	\$76,041.00
EXCESS OF RESOURCES OVER APPROPRIATIONS	\$255,013.00	-0-	-0-
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO FISCAL YEAR 2027-2028	\$255,013.00	-0-	-0-

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall be published according to law.

SECTION IV: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance or any part of this Ordinance are repealed.

SECTION V: Should any section, clause, line, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Given first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hunters Hollow, Bullitt County, Kentucky, on the 18th day of May, 2026. Given second reading, voted upon and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hunters Hollow, Bullitt County, Kentucky, on the 15th day of June, 2026.

Votes For 5:

Votes Against 0:

Not Voting 1:

Shawn MacIntyre
SHAWN MACINTYRE, MAYOR

Attested By:

Nancy J. Steele
NANCY J. STEELE, CITY CLERK