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Rookie quarterback Matthew Stafford took snaps with the first-team offense at practice Tuesday and hopes to play Sunday.

## Stafford back at practice

Rookie's status for Sunday's game still remains a question

BY TIM TWENTYMAN  
The Detroit News

*Allen Park* — The Lions quarterback of the present and future was at practice Tuesday, feeling better than he has in nearly a month.

Matthew Stafford took snaps with the first-team offense during the portion of practice open to media. He showed no ill effects from a partially dislocated right kneecap suffered Oct. 4 that forced him to miss two games.

Afterward, he said he took approximately half the snaps and didn't feel restricted at all.

"I'm not getting surgery," he said, laughing off rumors he would need season-ending surgery. "I don't know where that came from. When I first hurt my knee it's the first question anybody has, 'Do I need surgery or not?' They said no from the jump."

Now the question is whether Stafford will start Sunday against the Rams.

"I don't know," Stafford said. "We'll see. It's a long week. We've got to figure out how this thing is going to react."

If Stafford doesn't start, Daunte Culpepper likely will. Culpepper, who had been bothered by a knee injury, also returned to practice Tuesday.

Team officials should have a better idea today when they reevaluate Stafford's knee

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### Rams at Lions

**Kickoff:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Ford Field, Detroit  
**TV/radio:** Fox (pending blackout)/WXYZ 97.1 and 1270

**Records:** St. Louis 0-7, Detroit 1-5  
**Line:** No line (Stafford injury)

WORLD SERIES, GAME 1: 7:57 P.M. TV: FOX

## JETER'S SECRET: HARD WORK



Jacob de Golph/Getty Images



Derek Jeter, seated in the front row far left in the team photo, showed an impressive dedication to baseball at a young age, his Connie Mack coach said.

Photos from Mike Hinga



### Coach saw player's ethic during Connie Mack days

BY DAVID GORICKI  
The Detroit News

*Portage, Mich.* — Sitting comfortably in his living room on a fall night, Mike Hinga watched as his former star pupil hit a home run in the American League Championship Series at Yankee Stadium.

Hinga coached Yankees captain Derek Jeter 20 years ago with the Kalamazoo Maroons. For three summers, Jeter would play 70 games in Connie Mack competition to perfect his skills.

Little did Hinga know then that Jeter would become one of the best players in baseball history, leading the Yankees to four World Series titles, and vying for a fifth beginning tonight against the Phillies.

Jeter is as good as ever at age 35, hitting .334 with 212 hits and 30 stolen bases this season.

"We knew he'd be a good one, but how could you know (he'd be this good)?" Hinga said of Jeter, who has more hits (2,747) than any Yankees player, including Babe Ruth, Lou

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### Cissoko kicked off U-M team

Michigan cornerback **Boubacar Cissoko** has been kicked off the team.

Cissoko, a sophomore from Cass Tech, started four games this season for the Wolverines before a two-game suspension for what coach Rich Rodriguez called a violation of team rules.

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Cissoko



Vincent Yu/Associated Press

Andre Agassi won eight Grand Slam singles titles during his 20-year career.

### Report: Agassi admits in book he used drugs

According to an upcoming book, **Andre Agassi** used crystal meth while he was playing professional tennis.

The New York Daily News reported that an official at Knopf, a division of Random House which is publishing the book, confirmed the report. The paper said he used the drug in 1997.

Excerpts of the book will appear in issues of People and Sports Illustrated later this week.

### Chiefs running back apologizes for slur

Chiefs running back **Larry Johnson** issued his second apology in 12 months Tuesday and was told to stay away from the team while the NFL and the Chiefs complete their investigation into his use of a gay slur.

A national gay rights advocacy organization called on the league and the team to take disciplinary action against Johnson, a two-time Pro Bowler.

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## Prince rates Pistons' chances as 'D'

*Auburn Hills*  
His signature block has been captured on posters all over the city. It came on a play that changed the 2004 Eastern Conference finals against the Pacers.



TERRY FOSTER

On that block on Reggie Miller, Pistons forward Tayshaun Prince gave every ounce of energy to run cross-court on what the NBA called one of the 60 best plays in history.

Hustle plays like that made the 2004 Pistons champions.

But Prince doesn't see that hustle and grit now, not on this



Robin Buckson/The Detroit News

Tayshaun Prince, left, hopes the Pistons' newer players like Charlie Villanueva can show dedication to good team defense.

Detroit team. And that's why he's disturbed as Detroit opens the season tonight in Memphis.

Prince believes the Pistons are a decent team, but he realizes

they need to play better defense if they expect to challenge in the competitive Eastern Conference.

"That is what we have to do to win," he said. "That is what I have

### Pistons at Grizzlies

**Tip-off:** 8 tonight, FedEx Forum, Memphis, Tenn.

**TV/radio:** FSD/WXYT 97.1

**Outlook:** Tayshaun Prince (cut toe) and Charlie Villanueva will play.

to do. It has shown (during the exhibition season) we struggle defensively."

The Pistons are a bad defensive team struggling in a league that has put more of a premium on offense.

Team president Joe Dumars seems to be buying into the new emphasis on scoring, as evi-

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Fall Classic: The Detroit News' Tony Paul takes a look at the 2009 World Series. 3B

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