

Schumacher out of race for three months

BONN, July 15 (Reuters/Internet): Ferrari's Michael Schumacher is likely to be out of Formula One for three months, the former world champion's manager said on Thursday.

"The most important thing is for him to become fully fit and recover from his leg injury properly," manager Willi Weber told the German sports agency SID after visiting the double former world champion at a clinic in Switzerland.

"For those reasons, a pause of three months sounds realistic. He will need that long for a full recovery."

A three-month absence, as suggested by Weber, would definitely rule out all but the last two races of the season -- Malaysia on October 17 and Japan on October 31.

That would mean the German, whose hopes of a third career title ended when he broke his right leg in a dramatic high-speed crash at the British Grand Prix on Sunday, will miss the next six races.

Weber said Schumacher would concentrate on being 100 percent fit for next season and would not rush back.

"We don't want to take any risks and the doctors have advised him not to," Weber said. "He doesn't want to come back too early and risk long-term sequels."

Weber refused to comment on reports that Schumacher might put his career to an end.

"I wish I hadn't heard that," he said.

"So few days after this accident, it's too early to talk about a comeback. We should only be concerned about his recovery. Then will come rehabilitation."

"The most important thing for Michael is his health. He's not thinking about motor racing at this stage."

His words contradicted those of the English surgeon who treated Schumacher in hospital and who quoted the German as saying he was desperate to race again.

Finland's Mika Häkkinen has been named as Schumacher's temporary replacement, joining Briton Eddie Irvine.

Irvine is currently joint second in the championship, eight points behind Finland's world champion Mika Häkkinen.

Rubin reaches last four

MAHWAH, New Jersey, July 15: Two-time winner Chanda Rubin beat last-minute replacement Jane Chi 7-5, 7-6 in the quarterfinals of the A and P Tennis classic on Wednesday night, reports AP.

Chi, a former UCLA All American who is ranked 71st, only got into the exhibition event on Tuesday night when Jana Novotna withdrew because of a tender right ankle.

Rubin, who won here in 1995 and '97, wasn't sharp in her first action on hardcourt this year.

"I was a little annoyed with myself a couple of times, which doesn't help," said Rubin, ranked No. 24. "But I made the shots when I needed."

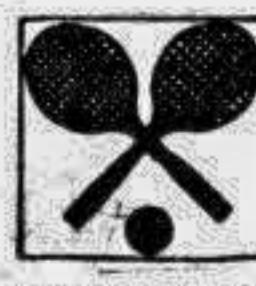
Rubin didn't finish the grass season well, losing in the first round in her last two tournaments, including Wimbledon.

The hardcourt season is highlighted by the US Open, which begins in about five weeks.

"I don't want to play my best tennis now," Rubin said. "I want to wait a little while."

Chi has made two other appearances here, losing in the second round last year in the accompanying USTA Challenger event.

Aussie-USA Davis Cup tie starts today



BROOKLINE, July 15: Pete Sampras insists on dragging out the mystery, but few doubt the Wimbledon winner will play singles for the United States in a Davis Cup quarterfinal tie against Australia, reports AFP.

"I don't think he has come all this way to sit on the sidelines," said world number two Pat Rafter, who leads the Aussies into the centennial celebration matchup that starts here Friday at Longwood Cricket Club.

Sampras does not want to displace Todd Martin or Jim Courier, whose five-set heroes against Greg Rusedski in round one lifted the US team over Britain and inspired Sampras to end a two-year Davis Cup holdout.

"What Jim and Todd did was really an inspiration," Sampras said. "When I decided to be part of the team, I was sensitive to how they would feel. Those guys deserve to play singles. It's their show, I just happy to be a part of it."

Aussie captain John Newcombe hopes he only sees third-ranked Sampras, a 12-time Grand Slam singles champion, paired with Alex O'Brien in doubles. But he hardly expects it.

"From what their boys are saying, it's a team decision," Newcombe said. "So if you're the team and you want to win... why would you have Pete sitting on the bench?"

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Tennis Association tried to exploit home advantage by laying a slower clay court. Pat Rafter threatened to boycott the match unless a hardcourt was used and the ITF ordered the Americans to drop their clay court plans.

Australia have an impressive 8-0 at this venue, after the US hosted their most recent Davis Cup meeting in 1997. The US is 14-8 on home soil against the Aussies, whose last US victory was in 1973.

To ensure a 100th anniversary tie here, the ITF mandated Australia will host the next two US-Aussie ties.

Now US captain Tom Gullikson is playing coy about singles despite saying that Sampras is the "most logical choice" to be the US number one in Today's draw. Martin has offered to step down to let Sampras play.

"Pete has swallowed enough pride," Martin said.

"Hypothetically, if Jim and I play and lose, what good does that do anyone? If Pete plays and carries the team, I'm going to be the first one patting him on the back."

O'Brien, likely to play alongside Sampras in doubles regardless, added, "He's the best player in the world and I think you always want you best player out there. Anywhere we get him on the court is a bonus."

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Bailey, Greene to skip Pan Am Games

WINNIPEG, July 15: The glamour event of the upcoming Pan American Games will be without its Canadian stars and the United States' world record holder, reports Reuters.

Canada's top sprinters Bruny Surin and Donovan Bailey have decided not to run the 100-metre event in Winnipeg, their agent Ray Flynn said yesterday.

In fact, Surin will not compete in any Games' events, choosing instead to focus on the World Championships in Spain in August.

Bailey, the 1996 Olympic 100-metres champion and former world record holder, will run only the 4x100 metre relay, Flynn said.

"Bruny has decided unequivocally he is not running in the Pan Am Games. He's looking ahead to the world championship and you have to respect that," Flynn said in a telephone interview.

Surin, who is enjoying his finest season, last month ran a 9.92 in Germany and a wind-assisted 9.88 in Winnipeg to win the national title. Flynn said that when Athletics Canada initially named Surin and Brad McCuaig, the second-place finisher at last month's nationals, to the Pan Am team, Bailey altered his training to prepare only for the relay.

Bailey, who finished third at the June nationals, advised Flynn this past weekend that he would not accept Athletics Canada's invitation to fill the spot Surin officially vacated last week.

"Donovan's just coming back anyway. I guess he's not at his best, so that's his decision to do the relay," Flynn said in reference to Bailey's ongoing comeback from a serious Achilles' tendon injury he sustained last year.

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