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Roberto Carlos being careful

MADRID, April 10 (Reuters/Internet): Real Madrid have given Roberto Carlos time off to rest a troublesome knee injury this week amid concerns that a punishing domestic, European and international schedule could lead to serious fitness problems.

The Brazilian, who has started all but one of Real's Spanish league games this season, has been excused from Wednesday's cup semifinal first leg against Espanyol after he complained of the cumulative effects of a hectic season.

"If I don't take a break then I'm going to snap a tendon," the defender said after he limped off the field following Sunday's 1-0 victory over Celta Vigo.

"I don't feel tired, but it shows. I'm not as fast as usual. If the injury wasn't in the knee then maybe I'd carry on, but the thought of something happening to my knee is scary."

Roberto Carlos said he was confident that either Aitor Karanka or Javier Dorado were capable of deputising for him.

"They're both great players, you have to give an opportunity to those who are less tired," he added.

Shirt gets on Boksic's nerves

ROME, April 10 (Reuters/Internet): Lazio's Croatian striker Alen Boksic faced a fine and possible suspension on Monday after complaining that his playing shirt was too tight.

Boksic lost his temper after struggling to pull his shirt on before Lazio's league match against Perugia at the Olympic Stadium on Sunday.

Coach Sven Goran Eriksson responded by dropping him from the starting line up and fielding Fabrizio Ravanelli instead.

"(Boksic) didn't take the pitch because he wasn't composed," Eriksson explained.

The team change worked to Lazio's advantage. Ravanelli's close range header in the 48th minute set up Attilio Lombardo to score the only goal of the match.