





SPORTS Montana's arm, career on hold

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - After two elbow operations and months of rehabilitation, Joe Montana still can't throw

His return to the San Francisco 49ers remained on hold indefinitely Monday due of fatigue and lingering pain in his surgically repaired passing elbow

Despite Montana's history of overcoming injuries - he pulled off a dramatic return from 1986 - the persistent nature of the elbow back surgery problems, the cumulative effect of past injuries and his age all raise serious questions about whether he can play again.

Montana was unavailable for comment Monday. Team president Carmen Policy failed to return a phone call and team spokesmen said they had nothing to say about Montana's status.

Montana, 36, has said before that he is determined to resume his career, although he recognizes it is getting close to the end. He has even suggested in recent interviews that he would be willing to finish it as a backup.

His immediate future, however, could hinge on a meeting with team physician Dr. Michael Dil-lingham and other club officials to go over his medical options. The meeting was expected to take place before the club's exhibition opener Monday night against Denver.

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to four Super Bowl wins, Montana missed all of last year with a torn right elbow tendon. It was reattached during an October operation performed by Dillingham. In May, Dillingham performed a second procedure to loosen a buildup of scar tissue in the elbow.

There apparently has been a new buildup of scar tissue in the elbow area, causing Montana pain whenever he throws.

The San Francisco Chronicle, citing an unidentified source, reported Monday that Dillingham was hesitant to rush into a third operation and recommended that Montana try resting his arm completely for two weeks.

Montana, according to the San Francisco Examiner, has told teammates that he wants to get to the bottom of the problem now even if it means going in for another operation.

He reportedly wants to undergo surgery so he could get his rehabilitation back on track quicker and because the operation would be inevitable if the rest period didn't help.

The third operation would involve a cleanup of scar tissue. The procedure is not as serious as the initial surgery, and Montana could possibly return in about six weeks, the Chronicle said.

Peeler may go to Italy, not NBA

MILAN, Italy (AP) - Anthony Peeler, the first-round pick of the Los Angeles Lakers, reportedly is looking into the possibility of playing in Italy.

Milan's sports daily Gazzetta dello Sport said Monday that Benetton Treviso is talking contract with the former Missouri star.

Benetton, one of the wealthier Italian major league teams, would not confirm the negotiations, but said it was looking for an American to replace Vinny Del Negro, who hopes to go back to the NBA after two seasons in Italy

Too much fun for athletes BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - Whoops and hollers resound

through the Olympic village, the sound of athletes partying the night away. Others, though, want peace and quiet. With more than half the 9,000 athletes living in the village fin-

ished with their competitions, some have found an outlet in dancing, drinking and carousing. That can be a nuisance for those still

competing. "There has been a certain relaxation in the discipline and order in the Olympic village," said Pedro Palacios, spokesman for the Barcelona organizing committee. "We are concerned about the complaints from some of the delegations.'

Village administrators sent out notices Monday to all Olympic

delegations urging them to "respect the right to rest and silence." "These are all young, generally noisy people," Armando Calvo, the village director, said. "They go out into the city and they drink. They're not all coming back drunk. Let's say they come back very happy. They are noisy and this creates problems for the athletes who are still in competition.'

Calvo said no one in particular was to blame.

"Being Spanish, I would have thought the Latin American coun-tries would be the noisiest," he said. "But here the Scandinavians, the Americans, Italians, they make noise, too. Generally, everyone wants to be happy."

Any athlete found drunk or disorderly should be dealt with by his own delegation, Calvo said. There are no plans to call in police patrols

"I don't want to use the police for that," Calvo said. "That could be badly misunderstood.'



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