

Tennis

# Federer to miss rest of season, including Olympics

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In this July 4, 2016, file photo, Roger Federer looks on during his match against Steve Johnson at the Wimbledon Championships in London.

AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth

Roger Federer is sitting out the rest of this season, including the Rio de Janeiro Olympics and U.S. Open, to protect his surgically repaired left knee.

Federer wrote on his Facebook page Tuesday that he needs "more extensive rehabilitation following my knee surgery earlier this year."

"The doctors advised that if I want to play on the ATP World Tour injury free for another few years, as I intend to do, I must give both my knee and body the proper time to fully recover," Federer said.

The owner of a record 17 Grand Slams titles turns 35 on Aug. 8, so the reference to "another few years" might give his fans increased hope of seeing Federer continue to wield a racket for quite some time.

His agent, Tony Godsick, wrote in an email to The Associated Press that Feder-

er's plan is to "be ready for the start of next year."

Federer is the first member of tennis' so-called "Big 4" — a group that also includes No. 1-ranked Novak Djokovic, 14-time major champion Rafael Nadal and 2012 gold medalist Andy Murray — to pull out of the Rio Games, where that sport's competition starts on Aug. 6, a day after the

opening ceremony.

Federer often has spoken about how much the Olympics mean to him, in part because he met his wife, Mirka, when both were athletes at the 2000 Sydney Games. Federer won a silver medal in singles for Switzerland four years ago in London, and he teamed up with Stan Wawrinka to win a gold medal in doubles at the

2008 Beijing Olympics.

In Brazil, Federer was expected to play singles, doubles with Wawrinka, and mixed doubles with Martina Hingis.

He is the second big draw who will be missing from the Rio tennis tournament: Five-time major champion Maria Sharapova won't be there because she is serving a two-year doping ban.

The arthroscopic procedure Federer had on his knee in February, repairing torn cartilage, was the first operation of his lengthy and accomplished career. Federer said he got hurt while preparing a bath for his twin daughters.

He's also had back issues this season, missed the French Open to end his record 65-appearance streak at major tournaments, and did not win a title of any sort in 2016 — making it the first year since 2000 that he will finish without at least one trophy.

So after participating in every single Grand Slam tournament from the 2000 Australian Open through the 2016 Australian Open, Federer will be sitting out two of the last three this year. He is a five-time champion at the U.S. Open and was the runner-up there to Djokovic last year.

Federer, who has spent more weeks at No. 1 than anyone in the history of the ATP computerized

rankings, currently sits at No. 3, having gone 21-7 this season. Depending on how other players fare, of course, Federer's ranking will tumble over the course of the rest of the year.

He hasn't played since losing to Milos Raonic in the Wimbledon semifinals early this month. Federer fell awkwardly during that match, winding up face-down on the Centre Court grass, and had a trainer come out to check on his left knee afterward.

Federer said at the time he wasn't sure how badly he might have been injured.

In his statement Tuesday, Federer wrote: "The silver lining is that this experience has made me realize how lucky I have been throughout my career with very few injuries."

And he added: "I am as motivated as ever and plan to put all my energy towards coming back strong, healthy and in shape to play attacking tennis in 2017."

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double that was crushed to left field to bring home Maria Lilenthal to cut the deficit to 3-2. Oregon kept their momentum going just one inning later by dropping six runs on Idaho to vault into the lead. Four of the runs scored off of Idaho errors, and the other two came on a bases-loaded walk by Chrisman and a sacrifice fly by Samford to give Oregon the 8-3 lead after four innings.

But Idaho was not ready to wave the white flag just yet. In the top of the sixth, Idaho sent nine batters to the plate with five of those coming around to score to tie the game at 8-8. Mackenzie Burke came on in relief of Sauren Garton with two outs in the inning for Oregon, and induced a ground out to get her team out of the jam.

Then in the seventh inning, the game seemed to be headed to extra innings after Oregon recorded two quick outs to start the frame. But that's when the two-out magic began.

Samp, Burke, and Kylie Parsons rattled off three-straight singles into the outfield, with Parsons' getting mishandled by Idaho's centerfielder to allow Samp to score for the 9-8 walk-off victory.

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## MARINERS: Also acquire RP Drew Storen from Toronto

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hits, including his 13th homer, but Pittsburgh left nine men on base and went 1 for 13 with runners in scoring position.

"I liked the game plan throughout the game," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "We pushed him every inning. We were able to score but he kept us off the board late."

Hernandez spent nearly two months on the disabled list and hardly looked like his dominant self while slogging through 6 2/3 innings in a no-decision against the Chicago White Sox last Wednesday.

It looked like more of the same early. Polanco's shot to center field just cleared the wall in the first. Starling Marte drilled an RBI triple off the wall in right and Jung Ho Kang added a run-scoring groundout to stake Liriano to a quick 3-0 lead.

When Liriano sent a Hernandez offering into the bushes beyond center in the second, the Pirates appeared to be in command with a 4-1 advantage.

"I didn't have good mechanics," Hernandez said. "I was missing a lot of pitches in the middle of the plate. That's what you get when you've been out for a long time. I've got to have better mechanics."



AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar

Seattle Mariners' Shawn O'Malley scores on a single by Robinson Cano off Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Francisco Liriano during the fourth inning of Tuesday's game in Pittsburgh.

But Hernandez eventually settled down and his teammates went after Liriano, who was dogged by control issues again. He threw nearly as many balls (34) as strikes (38) while walking four. The pitches he did get around the plate were often hammered. Gutierrez homered leading off the third and Seager tied it at 4 four batters later.

An RBI double by Shawn O'Malley and a run-scoring single by Robinson Cano helped chase Liriano in the fourth. An RBI

groundout by Nelson Cruz against Jared Hughes gave the Mariners a three-run lead they would not surrender.

### BULLPEN HELP

The Mariners got some help for their bullpen after the game, acquiring right-hander Drew Storen and cash considerations from Toronto for pitcher Joaquin Benoit. Storen was designated for assignment by Toronto on Sunday after going 1-3 with three saves and a 6.21 ERA in 38 relief appearances.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

**Mariners:** RHP Taijuan Walker (right foot tendinitis) will pitch a simulated game Wednesday in Pittsburgh. It will be the first time he has faced hitters since going on the disabled list July 6. ... SS Ketel Marte (mononucleosis) played catch in Seattle in his first baseball activity since he was placed on the DL last Wednesday. Servais said Marte is still regaining his strength after losing eight pounds.

**Pirates:** RHP Ryan Vogelsong (facial fractures) will pitch for Triple-A Indianapolis on Wednesday in Gwinnett. Vogelsong, out since May 28 after taking a pitch to the face while batting against Colorado on May 23, left his last start with Indianapolis due to neck stiffness. ... The Pirates have yet to make a decision on who will start on Friday night in Milwaukee in place of injured RHP Tyler Glasnow (shoulder fatigue).

### UP NEXT

**Mariners:** James Paxton (3-4, 4.18 ERA) will try to back up perhaps his strongest start of the season on Wednesday. Paxton held Toronto to one run in seven innings last Saturday.

**Pirates:** Gerrit Cole (5-6, 2.99 ERA) will try for his first win since May 26. Cole is 0-3 with a 3.96 ERA in his last five starts.

## CARROLL: Constructed the NFL's top scoring defense

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tional coaching methods have been proven successful in his third stint as an NFL head coach.

Given the autonomy over player personnel in concert with Schneider, the Seahawks are on a run of success never before seen in the Pacific Northwest with four straight playoff appearances that included the Super Bowl title after the 2013 season and a return trip to the Super Bowl a year later that came up 1-yard short of a possible repeat.

Seattle had five 10-win seasons in franchise history before Carroll arrived, and has reached double-digit victories in each of the past four seasons.

Carroll has constructed a team based around a core that includes the likes of Russell Wilson, Richard Sherman, Earl Thomas, Bobby Wagner and Doug Baldwin to name a few, and supplemented with talent around that targeted group.

The Seahawks have been competitive in nearly every game since the beginning of the 2012 season, never losing by more than 10 points since the middle of the 2011 season — regular and post-season combined.

And not surprising considering his background, Carroll's defenses have been among the elite of the NFL despite going through three defensive coordinators in the past four seasons.

The Seahawks have been the best scoring defense in the NFL each of the past four seasons, becoming the first team since the Cleveland Browns in the mid-1950s to accomplish that feat.

## SCOREBOARD

### Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	58	41	.586	—
Toronto	57	44	.564	2
Boston	55	43	.561	2½
New York	52	48	.520	6
Tampa Bay	38	61	.380	20
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	57	41	.582	—
Detroit	53	48	.525	5½
Chicago	50	50	.500	8
Kansas City	48	51	.485	9½
Minnesota	37	62	.374	20½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	58	43	.574	—
Houston	54	46	.540	3½
Seattle	51	48	.515	6
Oakland	46	55	.455	12
Los Angeles	45	55	.450	12½

Tuesday's Games				
Colorado 6, Baltimore 3	Seattle 7, Pittsburgh 4	Toronto 7, San Diego 6, 12 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 0	Cleveland 7, Washington 6
Detroit 9, Boston 8	Oakland 6, Texas 3	Atlanta 2, Minnesota 0	N.Y. Yankees 6, Houston 3	L.A. Angels 13, Kansas City 0
L.A. Dodgers 3, Tampa Bay 2				

Wednesday's Games				
Washington (Strasburg 13-1) at Cleveland (Carrasco 7-3), 9:10 a.m.	San Diego (Perdomo 4-4) at Toronto (Estrada 5-4), 9:37 p.m.	Detroit (Fulmer 9-2) at Boston (Rodriguez 2-4), 10:35 a.m.	Tampa Bay (Moore 6-7) at L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 2-0), 12:10 p.m.	Colorado (Gray 6-4) at Baltimore (Bundy 3-2), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Cole 5-6), 4:05 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Ranaudo 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 9-5), 5:05 p.m.	Oakland (Manaea 3-5) at Texas (Darvish 2-2), 5:05 p.m.	Atlanta (Foltynewicz 3-4) at Minnesota (Duffey 5-7), 5:10 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-2) at Houston (McCullers 5-4), 5:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 5-10) at Kansas City (Duffey 6-1), 5:15 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	58	42	.580	—
Miami	54	46	.540	4
New York	53	46	.535	4½
Philadelphia	46	56	.451	13
Atlanta	34	66	.340	24
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	53	40	.566	—
St. Louis	53	47	.530	6½
Pittsburgh	51	48	.515	8
Milwaukee	43	55	.439	15½
Cincinnati	39	61	.390	20½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	59	41	.590	—
Los Angeles	57	44	.564	2½
Colorado	48	52	.480	11
San Diego	43	58	.426	16½
Arizona	41	59	.410	18

Tuesday's Games				
St. Louis 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 1st game	Colorado 6, Baltimore 3	Seattle 7, Pittsburgh 4	Toronto 7, San Diego 6, 12 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 0
Cleveland 7, Washington 6				

Miami 5, Philadelphia 0	N.Y. Mets 3, St. Louis 1, 2nd game
Atlanta 2, Minnesota 0	Milwaukee 9, Arizona 4
L.A. Dodgers 3, Tampa Bay 2	Cincinnati at San Francisco, late

Wednesday's Games				
Philadelphia (Eflin 3-3) at Miami (Conley 6-5), 9:10 a.m.	Washington (Strasburg 13-1) at Cleveland (Carrasco 7-3), 9:10 a.m.	San Diego (Perdomo 4-4) at Toronto (Estrada 5-4), 9:37 a.m.	Tampa Bay (Moore 6-7) at L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 2-0), 12:10 p.m.	Cincinnati (Straily 5-6) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 10-5), 12:45 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 6-4) at Baltimore (Bundy 3-2), 4:05 p.m.	Seattle (Paxton 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Cole 5-6), 4:05 p.m.	St. Louis (Wainwright 9-5) at N.Y. Mets (Verrett 3-6), 4:10 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Ranaudo 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 9-5), 5:05 p.m.	Arizona (Bradley 3-6) at Milwaukee (Nelson 6-8), 5:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 3-4) at Minnesota (Duffey 5-7), 5:10 p.m.				

NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
North Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Spokane (Rangers)	20	19	.513	—
Tri-City (Padres)	19	20	.487	1
Everett (Mariners)	19	20	.487	1
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	16	23	.410	4
South Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Eugene (Cubs)	28	11	.718	—
Hillsboro (Dbacks)	20	19	.513	8½
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	18	21	.462	10
Boise (Rockies)	16	23	.410	12

Tuesday's Games				
Spokane 5, Tri-City 4	Hillsboro 8, Boise 3	Salem-Keizer 5, Eugene 1	Everett 7, Vancouver 4	Wednesday's Games
Vancouver at Everett 11:05 a.m.	Tri-City at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.	Boise at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.	Salem-Keizer at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.	

Soccer					
MLS					
EASTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	T	Pts	GF GA	
NYC FC	9	7	6	33 35	39
New York	9	9	4	31	36 28
Philadelphia	8	7	6	30	35 33
Montreal	7	5	8	29	35 30
Toronto FC	7	7	6	27	23 23
New England 6	7	8	26	27	33
Orlando City 4	5	11	23	32	35
D.C. United 5	8	7	22	19	25
Columbus 3	7	10	19	26	32
Chicago 4	10	5	17	17	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	T	Pts	GF GA	
FC Dallas	12	6	5	41	35 31
Colorado	10	2	8	38	23 14
Los Angeles 9	3	8	35	34	19
Sporting KC	9	10	4	31	27 25
Real Salt Lake 8	6	7	31	30	31
Vancouver 8	6	7	30	33	35
Portland 7	7	8	29	33	33
San Jose 6	6	8	26	22	23
Seattle 6	12	2	20	20	27
Houston 4	9	7	19	23	26

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Game				
Colorado at New York City FC, Noon	Sunday's Games	Portland at Sporting Kansas City, 11 a.m.	Los Angeles at Seattle, 1 p.m.	Vancouver at FC Dallas, 3 p.m.

Montreal at D.C. United, 3:30 p.m.	New York at Chicago, 4 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.	Columbus at Toronto FC, 4:30 p.m.
New England at Orlando City, 4:30 p.m.	

### Motorsports

NASCAR Sprint Cup	
Series Schedule	
July 24 — Combat Wounded Coalition 400 (Winner: Kyle Busch)	Sunday, July 31 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond, Pa. (TV: NBCSN)
Aug. 7 — Cheez-It 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (TV: NBCSN)	

Points Leaders	
Through July 24	
1. Kevin Harvick	671
2. Brad Keselowski	647
3. Kurt Busch	627
4. Joey Logano	606
5. Kyle Busch	601
6. Carl Edwards	593
7. Martin Truex Jr.	573
8. Jimmie Johnson	552
9. Matt Kenseth	545
10. Denny Hamlin	542
11. Chase Elliott	525
12. Austin Dillon	520
13. Ryan Newman	507
14. Jamie McMurray	496
15. Kyle Larson	472
16. Casey Mears	462
17. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	461
18. Trevor Bayne	458
19. Ryan Blaney	450
20. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	449
21. AJ Allmendinger	421
22. Greg Biffle	397
23. Paul Menard	397
24. Danica Patrick	373
25. Aric Almirola	363
26. Clint Bowyer	359
27. Tony Stewart	317
28. Casey Mears	310
29. Brandon Goins	305
30. David Ragan	278

PGA Tour Schedule	
July 28-31 — PGA Championship, Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N.J.	Aug. 4-7 — Travelers Championship, TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, Conn.