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Rafael Nadal

Flash Interview



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Q. Unfortunate for you to have to pull out of this tournament. Talk about how you feel and about the injury.

RAFAEL NADAL: Well, I have had this issue for a couple of months, as people know. Yeah, of course is not a happy situation after all the success that I had here in Canada, not be able to play this year after missing a year.

Is a tough one, but that's how it is today, no? I need to go back and try to find a way to be better again, no? At the end of the day, for me is most important thing is enjoy playing tennis. Today, with this pain, I am not able to enjoy, and I really don't believe that I have chances to fight for the things that I really need to fight.

Q. Had it been bothering you in practice when you came here to Toronto? Constant pain?

RAFAEL NADAL: Well, I have been under this process of pain last couple of months. I wanted to try even like this. I went to Washington. I tried hard there. People who follow tennis, watched on TV, I was suffering, especially in that first match. And I was suffering on the practices, too, but you always expect an improvement or you hope to improvement, and that's why I came here.

And this improvement didn't happen, no? So I really believe that I am not able to compete at the level that I need because the foot don't allow me to move the way that I need.

Q. Is it your left or right foot?

RAFAEL NADAL: It's the left foot.

Q. So what's your plans now from here?

RAFAEL NADAL: I don't know. I gonna check. Just taken my decision. The main thing now is I'm not able to play here, something that I feel bad for it. I really wanted to play here a lot, but now is the moment to take a decision, and that's unfortunately the decision that I taked, and probably in the next couple of days we're gonna know more.

