

Federer expects battle to get back to the top

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AFP | London

Roger Federer said yesterday he expects to return to the top tier of tennis even though the next generation of players will have gained ground during his lengthy injury lay-off.

Federer begins his comeback-proper on Swiss home soil in Geneva on Tuesday, with the 39-year-old tennis legend starting a run of tournaments including the French Open, Halle, Wimbledon and then the Tokyo Olympics.

Federer returned to the courts in March, having been out for more than a year following two knee surgeries, winning his first match in Qatar before losing his second.

Doha was his first appearance since January 2020 and an Australian Open semi-final defeat to Novak Djokovic.

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Roger Federer hits a return during a match

on tour are all in a good rhythm. The level that everybody is producing in great. I want to achieve that as well again," Federer told reporters.

His old rivals Djokovic and Rafael Nadal played out a two-hour 49-minute final in Rome on Sunday, with Nadal claiming a 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 victory to match the Serbian world number one's record of 36 Masters 1000 series titles.

"I'm excited about the comeback, that's what my focus needs to be on and not about trying to be at the same level as Rafa and

Novak right now," Federer said. But the 20-time Grand Slam title winner added: "I believe I will be part of the top tier."

'Next Gen' threat

Federer said he was impressed by the level of tennis on show during his absence from the tour.

He said the so-called "Next Generation" of players such as Stefanos Tsitsipas, Andrey Rublev, Alexander Zverev and Daniil Medvedev plus 2020 US Open winner Dominic Thiem would all prove a much tougher

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challenge now.

"One thing is for sure, I would expect that the generation of Tsitsipas, Zverev, Rublev, Medvedev have all again gotten better naturally because they have more experience," he said.

"Dominic won a Slam in the meantime. Rafa, Novak are still where they are. You would think that the game has improved again.

"For me, that's going to be an extra challenge, extra hard for me to find that level, but I guess I knew from the get-go it was never going to be simple, regardless of whether I was going to be out for three months or almost a year and a half."

Cricket legend Tendulkar reveals anxiety, insomnia



Sachin Tendulkar signs autographs during a celebrity cricket match in Melbourne AFP | New Delhi

Record-breaking Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar has revealed he struggled with anxiety for much of his career, often suffering sleepless nights before a game.

The "Little Master," who accumulated more Test and one-day runs than any other player, said he would shadow bat, watch TV and play video games in the small hours when he was unable to sleep.

"In my mind the match started long before I entered the ground. The anxiety levels were very high," he said, according to the Times of India.

"I felt anxiety for 10-12 years, and had many sleepless nights before a game. Later on I started accepting that it was part of my preparation.

"Then I made peace with the times I was not able to sleep at night. I would start doing something to keep my mind comfortable."

200

Tests and 463 ODIs were played by Sachin Tendulkar during his 24-year international career

Mental health has become a key consideration among athletes, including cricketers and especially during the pandemic when many are spending long periods in bio-secure "bubbles".

Tendulkar, who played 200 Tests and 463 ODIs during a 24-year international career, said it was vital to accept first that there is a problem.

"When there is an injury, physios and doctors examine you and diagnose what is wrong with you. Same is the case with mental health," he said.

Djokovic admits 'long shot' to beat Nadal at Roland Garros

AFP | Rome

Novak Djokovic admitted Sunday that he's "a long shot" to win Roland Garros where he would likely have to dethrone rival and 13-time Paris champion Rafael Nadal.

Djokovic may be world number one, but it's Nadal who is the undisputed king of clay in the French capital where he has lost just twice in 102 matches since 2005.

On Sunday, Djokovic again felt the full, raw power of Nadal on clay as the Spaniard clinched a 10th Italian Open title with a 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 win in the final.

In the pair's 57th meeting, the victory also took Nadal level with his Serb rival on 36 Masters 1000 titles.

"Going into Paris brings me a good sensation," insisted Djokovic despite a roller-coaster clay court swing which yielded a round-of-16 exit in Monte Carlo and a semi-final loss on home ground in Belgrade.

Nadal, by comparison, has two titles in Rome and Barcelona but sobering quarter-final losses in Monte Carlo and Madrid.

"I actually now started to feel like I actually want to feel



Rafael Nadal shakes hands with Novak Djokovic after Italian Open final

on clay," added Djokovic.

"So I think if I manage to play the way I played last night (against Lorenzo Sonego in a three-set semi-final) and today, I think I have a good chance to go all the way in Paris.

"Of course it's a long shot." Djokovic has 18 Grand Slam titles to his name -- two behind the record of 20 shared by Nadal and Roger Federer.

However, only one of those has been captured at Roland Garros, in 2016 when Nadal withdrew with a wrist injury after the second round.

Djokovic was swept aside by Nadal in the 2020 final.

Before that, he had lost three other finals in Paris, two also to Nadal and one against Stan Wawrinka.

GOZILLA VS. KONG

(PG-13) (ACTION/THRILLER) (NEW)

● ALEXANDER SKARSG' RD

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 + 12.45 MN + (3.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 10.45 AM + 11.15 PM

CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM + 12.00 MN + (2.00 AM + 2.30 AM + 4.30 AM + 7.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE (VIP I): 4.15 + 11.45 PM

CITY CENTRE (VIP II): 12.00 + 7.30 PM + (3.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (I): 10.00 AM + 12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 + (1.00 AM + 3.00 AM + 6.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

WADI AL SAIL: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN + (2.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

WRATH OF MAN

(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER) (NEW)

● JASON STATHAM, HOLT MCCALLANY

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.45 AM + 2.15 + 4.45 + 7.15 + 9.45 + 12.15 MN + (2.45 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 1.15 + 6.15 PM + (1.45 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE: 9.30 AM + 12.00 + 2.30 + 5.00 + 7.30 + 10.00 + 12.30 MN + (3.00 AM + 5.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE (VIP I): 1.45 + 9.15 + (4.45 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE (VIP II): 9.30 AM + 5.00 + 12.30 MN

SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 11.30 AM + 1.00 + 2.00 + 3.30 + 4.30 + 6.00 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 9.30 + 11.00 PM + 12.00 MN + (1.30 AM + 2.30 AM + 4.00 AM + 5.00 AM + 7.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

WADI AL SAIL: 12.00 + 2.30 + 5.00 + 7.30 + 10.00 + 12.30 MN + (3.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

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(PG-15) (HINDI/ACTION/CRIME) (NEW)

● SALMAN KHAN, DISHA PATANI

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN + (2.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE: 10.00 AM + 12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 + (1.00 AM + 3.30 AM + 6.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

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WADI AL SAIL: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM + (2.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

MORTAL KOMBAT

(15+) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/FANTASY) (NEW)

● LEWIS TAN, JESSICA MCNAMEE

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM + (2.15 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 3.45 + 8.45 PM

CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN + (2.30 AM + 5.00 AM + 7.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D): 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM + (2.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE (VIP I): 11.15 AM + 6.45 + (2.15 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE (VIP II): 2.30 + 10.00 PM + (5.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (II): 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM + (2.15 AM + 4.45 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

WADI AL SAIL: 11.45 AM + 2.15 + 4.45 + 7.15 + 9.45 + 12.15 MN + (2.45 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON

(G) (ANIMATION/ACTION ADVENTURE) (NEW)

● KELLY MARIE TRAN, AWKAFINA

OASIS JUFFAIR: (KIDS CINEMA): 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM

CITY CENTRE: 10.00 AM + 12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 PM + (1.00 AM + 3.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE: (3D): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM + (1.30 AM + 4.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM + (1.30 AM + 4.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

WADI AL SAIL: 10.00 AM + 12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 PM

WAFAF REGGAALA

(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY) (NEW)

● MAGED EL KIDWANY, AMINA KHALIL

CITY CENTRE: 10.00 AM + 12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 PM + (1.00 AM + 3.30 AM + 6.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM + (1.00 AM + 3.15 AM + 5.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

WADI AL SAIL: 1.30 + 6.00 + 10.30 PM + (3.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

AHMED NOTREDAM

(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY/CRIME) (NEW)

● RAMEZ GALAL, GHADA ADEL

CITY CENTRE: 10.00 AM + 12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 PM + (1.00 AM + 3.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM + 12.30 MN + (2.45 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN) WADI AL SAIL: 11.15 AM + 3.45 + 8.15 + 12.45 MN

PETER RABBIT 2: THE RUNAWAY

(G) (ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FAMILY) 2 (NEW)

● SUKI WATERHOUSE, MADISEN BEATY

OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 PM

CITY CENTRE: 9.30 AM + 11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM + (1.15 AM + 3.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 + 12.30 MN

JAMES CORDEN, ELIZABETH DEBICKI, LENNIE JAMES

SEANCE (15+) (HORROR/THRILLER) (NEW)

OASIS JUFFAIR: (1.00 AM + 3.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 3.00 + 7.30 + 12.00 MN + (4.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (I): 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 PM + (4.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

WADI AL SAIL: (1.00 AM + 3.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

GREAT WHITE

(PG-15) (THRILLER) (NEW)

● NATSUKI HANAE, AKARI KITO

CITY CENTRE: 12.45 + 5.15 + 9.45 PM + (2.15 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

KATRINA BOWDEN, AARON JAKUBENKO, TE KOHE TUHAKA

DEMON SLAYER: MUGEN TRAIN (PG) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE/FANTASY) (NEW)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 PM

CITY CENTRE: 9.30 AM + 10.30 + 1.00 + 3.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM + (1.30 AM + 3.00 AM + 4.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (I): 11.30 AM + 12.00 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 5.00 + 7.30 + 9.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.30 MN + (1.30 AM + 3.00 AM + 5.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (II): 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM + (2.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

DIDO

(PG) (ARABIC/COMEDY)

● KARIM FAHMI, HAMDI ALMEGHANI

CITY CENTRE: 10.30 PM + (1.00 AM + 3.30 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

SEEF (II): 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 PM

THE MAURITIAN

(18+) (DRAMA/THRILLER/BIOGRAPHY) (NEW)

● FELICITY JONES, THOMAS BRODIE-SANGSTER

CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 6.00 + 12.00 MN

TAHAR RAHIM, NOUHE HAMADY BARI, SAADNA HAMOUD

DRAGON RIDER (G) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY) (NEW)

SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 PM

KARNAN

(PG-15) (TAMIL) (NEW)

● DHANUSH, LAL, RAJISHA VIJAYAN

OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.45 PM + (1.45 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

AL HAMARA: 12.00 + 6.00 + 12.00 MN

CHATHUR MUKHAM

(PG-13) (MALAYALAM) (NEW)

● SUNNY WAYNE, MANJU WARRIER

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.00 PM + (1.45 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

AL HAMARA: 3.00 + 9.00 + (3.00 AM THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN)

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