

NFL Editorial

Record-setting Patriots WR Troy Brown retires

By HOWARD ULMAN,

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) Troy Brown was too short and too slow. He couldn't make the big play. His NFL career was bound to be brief.

Wrong. Wrong. Wrong.

In 15 NFL seasons, all with the New England Patriots, the eighth-round draft choice kept disproving those assumptions. Brown holds the team record for career catches - and also returned punts and kickoffs, made interceptions and helped win three championships.

Finally, the 5-foot-10 wide receiver decided he can't keep up with younger players.

"I can't think of anything better in life to do than to enjoy a Sunday afternoon playing football," Brown said Thursday, "and now I enjoy those Sunday afternoons watching football and still saying in my head, 'I can make that play.' "

But at 37, the soft-spoken Brown, who hasn't played this season, conceded, "You can't outrun Father Time," and so he announced his retirement while fighting back tears. "It's just kind of hard to let it go."

In the front row, Brown's 10-year-old son Sir'mon cried during the news conference as his mother, Kim, and 8-year-old brother SaanJay sat beside him.

Bill Belichick, the dour coach, seemed to choke up as he recalled highlights of Brown's career, some of which were shown on a screen behind Brown.

Belichick recalled Brown's 27-yard punt return to the Patriots 46-yard line in the snowy "tuck rule" playoff game on Jan. 19, 2002. That set up Adam Vinatieri's tying 45-yard field goal with 27 seconds left in the fourth quarter after an apparent fumble by Tom Brady was ruled an incomplection.

"Without the punt return to set that up and put us in field position where we could at least get in field goal range, I don't know if there ever is a kick," Belichick said.

Two weeks after that 16-13 overtime win against Oakland, the Patriots won their first Super Bowl.

Then there was Brown's 82-yard touchdown catch in overtime that beat Miami 19-13 in 2003.

"Nobody thought that Troy could go deep. Nobody thought that he could make the big plays," Belichick said. "But all he did was make plays, just kept making them."

And when the Patriots needed help in their injured secondary, Brown filled in there in 2004 and intercepted three passes after learning enough about the Patriots' complicated defense.

"I couldn't go play wide receiver," safety Rodney Harrison said.

One of Brown's proudest accomplishments is that he spent his entire career with the Patriots even though they allowed him to become an unrestricted free agent after four different seasons when he could have made more money elsewhere.

"I would give anything in the world to be able to put those pads on again and do it and I probably had the opportunity to do it, but it just wasn't the right color. I didn't think I would be in green and white," he said, an apparent reference to the New York Jets.

"The only colors you'll ever see on my back as a football player, that's the red, white and blue of the New England Patriots, and I'm proud to say that."

New England drafted Brown out of Marshall in 1993 and he holds the club record with 557 catches. He's second with 6,366 yards receiving to Stanley Morgan's 10,352. Brown played in one Pro Bowl after the 2001 season.

"I remember several times in the staff meetings we talked about getting rid of him," said Cleveland coach Romeo Crennel, the Patriots defensive coordinator from 2001-04, "but you never could."

Brown was primarily a kickoff and punt returner in his first four seasons, catching a total of 37 passes and never starting a game. In 1997, he started six games and finished with 41 receptions. He caught 83 passes in 2000, then set a single-season team record in 2001 with 101 catches. Wes Welker broke that last season with 112.

Robert Kraft bought the team one year after Brown joined it.

"Troy Brown," he said, "is the consummate Patriot."

Brown began last season on the physically unable to perform list before being activated with five games left. He was inactive for all but one, against Miami in the next-to-last game in which he fielded six punts but had no receptions and didn't play defense.

The Patriots plan to honor Brown on Nov. 13, when the Jets visit New England.

"He had such a presence in the locker room and was a great leader," quarterback Matt Cassel said. "A lot of these Super Bowl banners that are hanging up around the stadium have a lot to do with Troy Brown."

Brown thanked Belichick "for giving me that opportunity to be somebody that everybody said I wasn't going to be, and that was a starting receiver in this league."

As the news conference was ending, Brown's son Sir'mon asked the final question.

"If you love the game so much," he wanted to know, "why are you retiring?"

Brown paused, made eye contact with his son and said: "I would love to keep playing, but there comes a time when the man upstairs called God, you can't outrun him as much as you try to and want to. He just catches up to you and tells you that you're 37 years old."

Then, he told his son, "It's a sad day for me, too. I saw you out there crying for me and I love you and it's going to be OK."

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MLB Editorial

Mariners malcontent centering on Suzuki

SEATTLE (AP) Things got so bad in the Seattle Mariners clubhouse during this discouraging season that one player reportedly threatened to "knock out" outfielder Ichiro Suzuki, the team's highest profile player.

A "clubhouse insider" quoted in Thursday's edition of The Seattle Times said, "I just can't believe the number of guys who really dislike him. It got to a point early on when I thought they were going to get together and go after him."

The story went on to say that coaches and then-manager John McLaren, who was fired June 19, intervened when one player was overheard talking about wanting to "knock him out." A meeting was called to clear the air.

Suzuki did not comment on the story, but pitcher J.J. Putz said he doesn't remember any such incident and said there was no meeting to talk about it.

"It's very troubling if it was a player who said that," Putz said. "People have a lot of differences of opinion on a lot of things, but to say something like that in the paper and not fess up as to who it is, whoever said it is a coward.

"You have something to say about somebody, step up and say it. Don't hide behind (a writer). Anybody can sit around and talk behind somebody's back. I think it's ridiculous."

Suzuki, who got off to a slow start, reached 3,000 hits combined between Japan and the U.S. on July 29. He achieved 200 hits Sept. 17 for the eighth straight season, matching a big league record. He was second in the league in hits (207) entering Thursday night and needs one more to become the quickest to 1,800 hits for any player who started his career after 1954.

But rumors persist that some players believe he is selfish and more interested in his hit totals than the team's success.

"You're talking about a guy who is more prepared to play than anybody probably in this game," Putz said. "He goes out every single season and has 200 hits and scores 100 runs. All of a sudden people talk about knocking him out. That's the one thing that's usually sacred in there. You have something to say about somebody, you walk up to them and say something."

Mariners manager Jim Riggleman also said he doesn't remember any such clubhouse turmoil centered on Suzuki, nor a meeting to deal with it.

"When you lose a lot of games, you're going to have some griping and finger-pointing and things like that," said Riggleman, who moved from bench coach to manager after McLaren was fired. "But I can honestly tell you I don't remember anytime when I was coaching or managing here where it got the point where someone was going to go after someone."

Riggleman said the real reason for the malcontent this season is simply the weariness of losing. The Mariners, with a \$117 million payroll and big expectations, have lost 100 games for the fourth time in club history, and the first time since 1983.

"We've lost so many games, so these type of things surface," Riggleman said. "When the ship is sinking, the rats are the first ones off. They're the ones scavenging everything on the ship when it's going good, but when it's sinking they're the first ones off."

Riggleman added that when Suzuki is called selfish it takes away from some of the accomplishments.

"It's hard to comprehend that someone is looking at 200-plus hits and it's not helping the ballclub," he said. "It's seventh-grade mentality. It's pettiness, jealousy, pointing fingers, deflecting responsibility, lack of accountability, lack of character. People takes shots at people in the paper. You get a feeling for who those people are and you try to eliminate those people."

NBA Editorial

Arenas avoids media; teammates wonder 'What if?'

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WASHINGTON (AP) Gilbert Arenas ducked out of the Washington Wizards' annual preseason media day Friday, avoiding any discussion of his third left knee operation in 1 1/2 years.

A few of his teammates who did speak wondered aloud about when - and whether - their All-Star point guard would be back to his Agent Zero self.

"I think probably everybody's worried about that. I think Gil's got to be worried about that," center Brendan Haywood said.

"It's one of those things. I want to see him bounce back and be the player he was when he averaged 30 points, six assists, and was one of the top five vote-getters in the Eastern Conference. I think he can get back there. The doctors all say he can get back there," Haywood added.

"But in the back of everybody's mind, you're a little worried: 'What if?'"

What if Arenas takes longer to return than the vague, December-or-January target he wrote about on his blog the day after last week's knee surgery?

What if when Arenas does return, it takes a while for him to get into shape?

What if when Arenas does get into shape, it takes a while for him to play at his best?

"One thing I'm expecting to happen is that when he comes back, we're going to see Gilbert this year, but we probably won't see Agent Zero until the end of the season," forward Antawn Jamison said, "or maybe towards next year."

Arenas has yet to answer any questions in front of a group of reporters since announcing his \$111 million, six-year contract in July. His first public discussion of his latest surgery was supposed to come Friday, but he was the only Wizards player the media wasn't able to talk to at the team's arena.

He did show up long enough to pose for photographs, but the team said Arenas cited his knee rehab work in declining to speak. Instead, a Wizards spokesman said, Arenas will address the media Saturday, when the team opens training camp in Richmond, Va.

The Wizards haven't offered any timetable for when Arenas might be able to start practicing or playing. He first had surgery on the left knee in April 2007, then had another operation in November, and appeared in only 13 regular-season games last season.

Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld, coach Eddie Jordan and several players have been optimistic about playing well until Arenas does don a uniform. They made the playoffs last season by relying on All-Star forwards Caron Butler and Jamison, veteran guards DeShawn Stevenson and Antonio Daniels, and Haywood.

"We need to go out there and understand that if Gilbert's here, it's a great thing," Stevenson said, "and if not, we're just going to have to work a little bit harder."

Whatever worries Arenas' teammates might harbor, they are looking on the positive side.

Long as it might take, they figure, certainly the day will come when their enigmatic guard is hitting buzzer-beating 3-pointers, just like in the old days.

"Eventually, he's going to be back to normal. I think so," Jamison said. "He's going to do everything possible to make sure he's at that level and healthy."

Stevenson has spoken to Arenas about what the future may hold.

"We're tight, so obviously, we've talked about it. I know him. I know he's going to work hard. He's not one of them guys who gets his money and goes out the window," Stevenson said. "So you will see a Number Zero jersey back on the court."

A reporter pointed out that about half the questions put to Stevenson were about his pal and backcourt mate.

Stevenson shrugged, smiled and replied: "Making \$111 million, it's going to be like that."

NHL Editorial

Sakic gets break as Avalanche open camp

By PAT GRAHAM,

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DENVER (AP) Avalanche captain Joe Sakic pulled rank Friday and instituted what he called the "old-man rule," thereby getting himself out of fitness testing.

While his teammates went through lactic threshold exams, played catch with a medicine ball and had their leaps measured in standing long jumps, Sakic took it easy.

Not that his teammates begrudged his preferential treatment - they're just glad Sakic decided to keep playing, returning for a 20th season.

"He's starting to look old, though, isn't he?" defenseman John-Michael Liles said with a grin. "Nah. He's Joe. It's great to have him back."

Sakic's return calmed an otherwise turbulent offseason for the Avalanche. The team underwent dramatic changes after being swept by Detroit in the second round of the playoffs.

They lost Jeff Finger, Andrew Brunette, Kurt Sauer and Jose Theodore to free agency and decided to part ways with coach Joel Quenneville, hiring Tony Granato for a second stint.

Granato thinks he's more confident and more relaxed this time than when he inherited the team in 2002.

"You always learn a lot," said Granato, who was replaced by Quenneville in July 2004 and served as an Avalanche assistant, before receiving the promotion. "You try to get better each day."

With Theodore gone, Granato is handing the goaltending duties back to Peter Budaj, who was 16-10-4 last season. Backing him up will be free agent Andrew Raycroft.

"Peter is our go-to guy," Granato said. "He's deserved that. He's proven with what he's done in the past he's ready for it. We're very solid, and very confident in the guys we have in net."

Granato has promised a revamped offense that will play with more tempo, kind of like the Red Wings, who captured the Stanley Cup championship.

"We want to be a speed team, a team that dictates the pace of the game with our quickness," Granato said. "We're excited to get this thing going."

So is Sakic.

"I see a lot of good possibilities for this team, the 39-year-old center said.

The Avalanche added some grit in the offseason, bringing in Per Ledin, Daniel Tjarnqvist, Darcy Tucker and Brian Willsie.

Avalanche forward Ian Laperriere will take grit any day.

"Detroit won it with skill and speed, it's good to have," Laperriere said. "I still believe in grit. It cracks me up - I'd like to have a (Henrik) Zetterberg and (Pavel) Datsyuk, too, but there's only one or two of those guys in the league. You have to find a way to win with grit. We do have skills and we'll bring some grit."

Sakic gave serious consideration to calling it a career after the Avalanche season ended. If Sakic had been forced to make his mind up in June, he probably would've stepped away.

But as the summer wore on, he realized he didn't want to leave the game.

"I got the itch and fire back," Sakic said.

That came as a relief to Laperriere, who pestered Sakic to return with frequent text messages.

"Everybody knows he's still a premier player in this league," said Laperriere, who's already sporting a cut under his eye, the result of a wayward stick in a summer game. "It's very exciting."

Sakic had reason to ponder his future after coming off his most trying season, missing 38 games following hernia surgery.

Despite being banged up, he was still effective, scoring 40 points in 44 games. Sakic enters the season ranked eighth on the NHL career list in points (1,629), 11th in assists (1,006) and 14th in goals (623).

"Him being 100 percent and feeling excited and ready to go gets everybody else that much more excited," forward Paul Stastny said. "I like what we've got here."

As does Sakic.

"We're all excited to see what we have here," he said.

Sakic scanned the room Friday, smiling as some of his teammates went through comprehensive fitness drills.

"I'm very excited with my testing this year. I passed," Sakic proudly said.

The "old-man rule" served him well.

Tennis Editorial

Roddick into semis; Ivanovic upset at China Open

By STEPHEN WADE,

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BEIJING (AP) Andy Roddick overcame four double-faults in the first set - and a smashed racket to show for it - to defeat Juan Carlos Ferrero 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 Friday and reach the semifinals of the China Open.

The second-seeded American, who tossed another racket in anger in the second set, served 23 aces to defeat the Spaniard.

Roddick will face unseeded Bjorn Phau in the semifinals, with Dudi Sela playing Rainer Schuettler in the other.

In women's quarterfinal play, second-seeded Ana Ivanovic was ousted by home favorite Zheng Jie 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-4. A semifinalist at Wimbledon, Zheng overcame the French Open champion and former top-ranked Serb, whose serves and ground strokes were erratic.

Roddick fell behind early as Ferrero found a weak spot.

"He had a little bit of a different strategy than he normally does," Roddick said. "He came in and attacked my forehand."

Roddick grew so frustrated that he slammed his racket into the court after one missed shot, breaking the head in half.

"I had to let it out," Roddick said.

Asked if losing his temper helped, Roddick shrugged.

"I can give you 20 examples of when it's helped, and I can give you 20 when it hasn't," he said. "I thought it was necessary. I was pretty upset, pretty fed up with the way I was playing."

In the three other quarterfinals, Jelena Jankovic defeated Daniela Hantuchova 7-5, 6-1; Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated Dominika Cibulkova 6-2, 6-4 and Vera Zvonareva stopped Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-0, 6-1.

In the semifinals, Zheng plays Kuznetsova, while Jankovic plays Zvonareva.

Wimbledon semifinalist Zheng had the support of home fans at the Beijing Tennis Center. She is the only Chinese woman still playing in the tournament after four others lost in the first round.

Zheng previously beat Ivanovic en route to the Wimbledon semifinals.

"This is a good win for me," she said. "It was in China and in front of my home crowd. There were lots of fans supporting me, which gave me even more motivation."

The 30th-ranked Zheng is hoping the ranking points earned will push her past her previous career high of No. 27.

Ivanovic has battled hand and leg injuries since winning in Paris, which has limited her play and confidence. However, she described her match Friday as "one of the best" since the French Open.

"I haven't had many matches in the last three months," she said. "Since the French Open, you can count them on one hand the number of matches I played."

"I've been really struggling with injuries and it was a very frustrating time. But now I am confident again that I play 100 percent - and I can go on the court and work 100 percent."

In the men's quarterfinals, Sela upset No. 6 Tommy Robredo 6-4, 6-1 to reach his first semifinal in a major ATP event. Sela was boosted by two wins over the weekend in a Davis Cup tie against Peru.

Sela trailed early against Robredo, but turned things by attacking and hitting to the Spaniard's backhand.

"Every short ball he hit, I didn't wait," said Sela, who upset top-seeded David Ferrer on Thursday. "I went for the ball. I knew I had to attack him. If not he's going to move me around."

Two other seeded players also lost on Friday.

Schuettler ousted No. 4 Richard Gasquet 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, while unseeded Bjorn Phau upset third-seeded defending champion Fernando Gonzalez 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Golf Editorial

No Ryder Cup hangover for Anthony Kim

By DOUG FERGUSON,

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ATLANTA (AP) One of many compelling images of Anthony Kim at the Ryder Cup was how he made an 8-foot par putt on the 14th hole, then storming off the green without realizing he had won his match against Sergio Garcia.

According to several American players and caddies, their victory party Sunday night at Valhalla began with U.S. captain Paul Azinger offering this synopsis of Kim's match:

"He's the only guy in Ryder Cup history who wasn't satisfied winning 5 and 4 - he wanted it to be 6 and 3."

"Oh, yeah," Kim said of the ribbing he took. "I make fun of myself for that."

The celebration lasted well into morning, Kim the center of attention, as he had been most of the week in the team room. The fear was that U.S. players would have a hard time getting over their Ryder Cup hangover - physically and emotionally - in time for the FedEx Cup finale at the Tour Championship.

For Kim, that wasn't the case Thursday at East Lake.

Four days after he humbled Garcia in his singles match, he beat 29 players in the Tour Championship just as badly.

Kim was dressed in a red shirt, just like Sunday at Valhalla. He made birdie on nearly half his holes, just like the Ryder Cup. The result was a 6-under 64 and a four-shot lead over Masters champion Trevor Immelman, Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els.

"It took me a couple of days to get over that celebration," Kim said of a 16 1/2-11 1/2 victory over Europe. "Obviously, it's nice when you walk up to a green and you've got a couple of people (saying), 'Nice job at the Ryder Cup. Way to bring the cup back home,' little things like that. I feel like when I'm happy, having a good time, I'm going to make some birdies.

"So it was a good vibe out there."

About the only player not surprised was Mike Weir, who played with him.

Playing before a home crowd last year in Canada at the Presidents Cup, Weir beat Tiger Woods in a singles match, and he wound up winning a few weeks later.

"I think it's an advantage," Weir said. "I know coming off the Presidents Cup - especially if you played well in that event, like Anthony did - you have a lot of momentum going, and I think he's carried that in here."

As well as he played at the Ryder Cup on a Valhalla course with soft greens and minimal rough, Kim was equally spectacular on an East Lake course that was tough as ever.

Golf balls disappeared in Bermuda rough that was only 2 inches deep. The real challenge was getting the ball close to the cup on greens that were rebuilt in the spring. It usually takes a few years for new greens to settle, making them particularly firm. Add to that gusts up to 15 mph on a warm, dry afternoon and it's no wonder only five players broke par.

K.J. Choi was the other with a 1-under 69.

The real marvel was Kim posting eight birdies in his round of 64 in his Tour Championship debut. He attributes most of that to a simple fix in his putting before he teed off.

"It was the most basic thing you can think - keep your eye on the ball," Kim said. "Now that I've got that under control, I'm going to try to make some more putts."

He didn't have to make them from very far.

Kim hit sand wedge to 2 feet on the third hole and to 3 feet on the fourth. The longest putt he made came from just behind the 11th green when he knocked in a 25-footer to start building a gap between him and the rest of the field that made it to the final event in the PGA Tour Playoffs.

"I didn't really know what score was out there," Kim said. "I had heard the greens were really receptive last year, so I didn't know what to expect. And obviously, it took me a couple of days to get over that celebration that we had on Sunday night, so I wasn't expecting too much. Just taking what the course gave me."

What was so tough about that American party?

"I did a lot of reading that night," Kim said, smiling. "My eyes were tired."

Vijay Singh looked that way. He only has to complete all four rounds at East Lake to capture the FedEx Cup, and that might have been the best part of his opening round at East Lake - he finished. But he started poorly, 5 over through 11 holes, before settling for a 73.

Kenny Perry, the Kentucky hero from the Ryder Cup, also found little reason to smile. He opened with a 76, and while that won't take away from his memories of red, white and blue, what irritated him was a pink slip.

It was his summons for drug testing, the second of the year for the 48-year-old Perry.

Kim hit mainly fairways and greens, and he took only 26 putts for to match his lowest scores of the year and post his fifth consecutive round in the 60s on the PGA Tour. He played with Weir (70), who watched some of the Ryder Cup on Sunday. He was asked if he saw any of Kim's match against Garcia.

"I saw the start," Weir said. "He got off to a great start."

Four days later, Kim hasn't slowed a bit.

NASCAR Editorial

Stewart within sight of Chase leaders

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KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) So far, 2008 hasn't been Tony Stewart's year.

The two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion is winless this season and, although he did make the Chase for the championship, Stewart hasn't done much in the first two races of the stock car racing's postseason to make anybody's list of favorites to win the title.

Even so, heading into Sunday's Cup race at Kansas Speedway, Stewart is one win - or at least a couple of top-fives - from becoming a serious contender despite beginning the Chase in 10th place.

After finishing eighth at New Hampshire and 11th last Sunday at Dover, Stewart is seventh in the standings, just 113 points behind series leader Carl Edwards with eight of the 10 Chase races remaining.

So, considering he hasn't yet had one of his typical streaks of top-five finishes this season, is Stewart going to be a factor over the next two months?

"It's strictly a week-to-week deal," Stewart said before heading to Kansas. "All of the questions the media ask are all theoretical questions. Well, I'm not a philosopher.

"None of us can predict this. If we could, we'd be bookies in Las Vegas making millions of dollars betting on these races instead of driving in them. And it's a heck of a lot safer sitting in a chair in that dark room letting cocktail waitresses bring you drinks. I don't have the answers."

But Stewart does have an interesting history on the 1.5-mile Kansas oval, where he has five top-10 finishes in seven starts, including a win two years ago when he was not part of the Chase and a tough loss a year ago, when he was a contender.

The victory came in a race where Stewart stretched his final load of gas to the limit, coasting across the finish line with a dry tank.

It appeared he would be the winner last year, too, when heavy rain, accompanied by lightning and thunder, stopped the race past the halfway point with Stewart leading. But NASCAR restarted the race after a 2 1/2-hour delay and Stewart wound up crashing out and finishing 39th.

Instead of coming away from Kansas leading the points, Stewart found himself fourth, 117 points behind eventual champion Jimmie Johnson. Stewart went on to finish fourth in the points. And his winless string now stands at 42 races, dating to Watkins Glen in August 2007.

So, does Kansas owe him a win?

"That was just circumstances," Stewart said. "We were able to win a fuel-mileage race where we really weren't in a position to win, but because of our situation in the point standings, we were able to gamble and go for it. Somebody else that day lost a race they should've won. And last year may have been one of those for us. But it all comes out in the wash and it all averages out eventually."

The way the 26-race regular season went, nobody could have predicted that Stewart would be in the best position of the three Joe Gibbs Racing entries after the first two Chase races.

Kyle Busch, who won eight races and built a big points lead, is last in the 12-man Chase after finishes of 34th and 43rd, while Denny Hamlin, who began the Chase in fourth, is 11th after a 38th-place finish at Dover.

Stewart feels bad for both of them, but particularly for the 23-year-old Busch, who said again Friday that he believes his disastrous start has knocked him out of contention.

"For those guys, they can just throw caution to the wind and go for wins now," Stewart said. "If I were Kyle, I'd go out there and just worry about winning races again. It's been a remarkable, record-setting year for that kid, and the best way to finish it off now is to go out there and win three or four races during the Chase."

"It's hard to tell him to keep his head up. I mean, there's nobody who's going to make him feel better right now, and rightfully so. The kid has worked hard all year. The team has worked hard all year. They've just had two bad races in a row, and that's what you hope doesn't happen, obviously. You feel for those guys."

Unlike his teammates, Stewart knows he has an opportunity to put himself squarely into the championship picture with a few good finishes. But he isn't making any predictions.

"All we can do is speculate on what's going to happen until each week actually happens," he said. "So, all we can do is guess on what's going to happen. If any of us can predict the top-10 positions in Sunday's race, you're a genius, let alone figuring out how the next eight weeks are going to be."