

ROONEY SLEEPS IN OXYGEN TENT



Down and maybe out . . . Rooney after injury

Ace's fitness boost

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CROCKED soccer star Wayne Rooney will sleep in an OXYGEN TENT to boost his World Cup fitness fightback.

The tent, which will maintain muscles while his foot injury heals, is big enough for fiancée Coleen McLoughlin to snuggle up with him.

But last night Rooney's Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said it might not be enough to get the striker fit in time for next month's tournament. Sir Alex added: "At the moment I doubt

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That's a real pain . . . Rooney grimaces

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he'll take part because of the recovery time." The 12ft x 8ft tent is used by United to treat injuries like the broken metatarsal suffered by Rooney, 20. David Beckham was helped by one before the last World Cup, when he was still a Man U player.

The tent recreates low oxygen conditions found at high altitude. This helps bone marrow to produce more oxygen-carrying blood cells to fuel muscles.

Rooney, who has an X-ray today that will show the full extent of his injury, could have one in his house — and can even use training equipment in it as he recovers.