

**Jauzion, Martin doubtful for France**

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Centre Yannick Jauzion and flanker Remy Martin are doubtful for France's Six Nations opener against Scotland on Monday through injury and illness respectively.

Team manager Jo Maso told reporters that Jauzion had a scan on Friday after suffering a bone injury in the little toe of his right foot while Martin was suffering from a fever.

"Professor Didier Fontes, a specialist in traumatology, said he saw no reason why Yannick shouldn't play but stated the final decision should only be taken after a physical test and an x-ray," he said.

"Yannick doesn't feel any pain when he is running. The main problem is that he can't put his shoe on. We don't want to take a chance."

At 27 and with 32 caps to his name, Jauzion is now regarded as the undisputed backline leader in a French team who are eyeing a Six Nations grand slam after recording wins over Australia, South Africa, Tonga and Canada last November.

Maso said if Jauzion were to withdraw from the Scotland match, Ludovic Valbon, who has two caps and plays club rugby with Brive, would be promoted from the bench. Bourgoin's uncapped centre Guillaume Bousses would be drafted into the squad.

"The case of Martin is less serious. He has a fever but he is under treatment and was feeling better today and we hope he will resume training tomorrow," Maso said.

"The good news is that (Frederic) Michalak is back with the team."

The Toulouse first-five had been exempted from training since the team assembled because of a groin injury which has been nagging him for a month and a half.

"I'm really feeling better because I prefer to be on the training than in the gym or in my room", he said after Friday's morning session.

"I still feel the pain but it's slowly going away. I'm confident I'll be fine."

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