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Tennis: Wimbledon champ Borg suffers severe dog bite

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Five-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg suffered a severe bite in the leg over the weekend

BEIJING, June 12 (Xinhuanet) -- Five-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg suffered a severe bite in the leg over the weekend while trying to intervene in a dogfight and was forced to withdraw from his first grass-court match in 26 years.

Borg was bitten in his right leg when he tried to pull a German shepherd named Wolf away from his golden retriever, Lipton, at his home in Sweden.

He was scheduled to play 1987 Wimbledon champion Pat Cash in an exhibition at the Liverpool International this week, marking his first grass-court singles match since losing to John McEnroe in the 1981 Wimbledon final.

"I'm so disappointed that I cannot play at Liverpool," Borg said on the tournament website. "I've been really looking forward to this event and have been practicing hard for four months to get ready."

Borg, who received medical treatment at a Stockholm hospital, cannot put any weight on the leg for at least six weeks.

Former Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek will replace Borg, who is still expected to attend the event as a spectator.

(Agencies)

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