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Hewitt fit for a major assault

by Lee Sallick

AFTER completing the most gruelling campaign of his professional career, Lleyton Hewitt is no more fit than ever.

"Confident he is more than ever, because he knows he's got to have that in order to be able to win," says the 27-year-old Australian.

His words, however, are not only empty but also false. Hewitt has been in the hospital for weeks, recovering from a severe case of pneumonia. He has lost 10 pounds (4.5 kg) and is looking like a man who has been through a war.

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After finishing the Sydney Open in seventh place, Hewitt ended up with three straight wins since then. Against the odds.

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