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Wayne Rooney will not start against Spain tonight

ENGLAND captain Wayne Rooney will not start tonight's friendly against Spain and fellow forward Jeremy Vardy is struggling with a knock and is unlikely to feature, manager Roy Hodgson said yesterday.

Hodgson told a news conference he was keen to experiment against both the European champions and France in another friendly

on Tuesday, when Rooney would be playing, but refused to reveal his starting lineup for the Spain game.



With Rooney and Vardy missing, Hodgson is likely to deploy Harry Kane and

Ross Barkley up front for the clash in Alicante, the first meeting between the pair since England beat La Roja 1-0 in a friendly in London in late 2011.

"Jeremy Vardy is struggling with a knock he picked up on Saturday," Hodgson said.

"We're monitoring it, we're still working on it but it looks unlikely at this moment in time that he'll be able to play tomorrow."

An early start to holiday season

THE message that Majorca can easily be a low season holiday destination has at last been heard with hotels opening two months earlier next year. Also figures released by the Hoteliers Federa-

tion yesterday said that there would be an increase in the number of hotels which would be opening in January. The news comes just weeks after British tour firm Jet2 announced that they would be starting flights from Britain

in February and that Palma had been added to their list of weekend winter holiday destinations.

Even the hoteliers, who are bitterly opposed to the controversial tourist tax which the Balearic government want to

introduce for next season, have said that the islands are on course for an exceptionally good holiday season in 2016 helped by the continuing security concerns about resorts in North Africa and the strength of sterling.

Man killed after car hit by train



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