

## ***Allen Is Ready, Willing to Make Hoped-for Return***

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At the start of the week, Dick Allen couldn't have felt much better. He rehearsed his words. He got a haircut. He was as ready for the media as he would have been a 3-1 pitch years ago.

Then physicians told the former White Sox great that they wanted take a closer look. The news conference scheduled for Monday is on hold for now, but the delay promises to make his return to Chicago that much better.

“Dick very much looked forward to this event,” his agent Howie Bedell said. “Obviously, we're disappointed about the delay, but I can tell you that he will be back in Chicago in the very near future.”

Expect Allen to be front and center at our 1972 White Sox tribute later this month.

Said Bedell, “He wouldn't miss it for anything.”