

## Serena Williams Breaks Silence, 'The Queen Returns'

Serena Williams has confirmed her comeback to the court!

The legendary tennis player is done sitting on the stands and is ready to swing her racket into action. This confirmation comes after months of rumors and questions surrounding her return, during which she often leaves fans guessing whether her last game was truly the final straw.

Serena Williams hung her racket nearly four years ago at the US Open after building her outstanding career for almost three decades. She shared that at the time, she was stepping away from the sport to expand her family, and has welcomed a second child since then.

### **Serena Williams Is Back Like She Never Left**

Williams has put rest to the burning questions and speculations about her return to tennis with a simple social media update. The 23-time Grand Slam champ will be making her return to professional tennis in next week's HSBC Championship at Queen's Club.

She uploaded a 17-second video showing her dressed in a white tennis dress walking up onto a court with a racket in hand. She walked up to a bench where her phone could be heard ringing and simply said, "I gotta change my number." The words "Guess everybody heard the news" are displayed as the video comes to an end.

"Good news travels fast," Williams captured the [X post](#), which has gathered over 10 thousand reactions from fans. Roundglass Sports quoted the original post, [writing](#), "The Queen returns! [crown emoji] Welcome back, Serena. [applause emoji]." Another fan in celebratory spirit [wrote](#), "The retirement lasted longer than some careers, but not longer than Serena's love for winning," while a different user [added](#), "This trumps a lengthy press release. What a great video."

"Serena walking on that court like she never left Mother is Mothering. Queen's Club ain't ready for this energy! Welcome back Legend #SerenaWilliams," a fan [commented](#) while others noted they could not wait to watch the games as her return will make tennis interesting once again.

### **Rumors Previously Flew About The Champs' Return**

Speculations became concrete after there were rising reports that Williams requested a tournament entry to play alongside a rising international star in an upcoming grass-court event in London. [The Blast](#) shared that the tennis legend had made plans to enter the doubles draw at the upcoming Queen's Club Championships, scheduled to begin June 8.

The news came to light during a broadcast of the "Served" podcast hosted by Williams' close friend and former player, Andy Roddick. During the podcast, it was mentioned that she would be partnering with Victoria Mboko of Canada for her competitive return to the sport.

This came months after the tennis icon made an appearance on the “Today” show with Savannah Guthrie, where she shared that she was enjoying her retirement. During the show, which aired in January, the pro athlete shut down speculations about considering a professional comeback.

### **The 23-Time Grand Slam Champion Also Raised Eyebrows Last Year**

Last December, fans were fueled with high hopes for Williams' return after she informed the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) about her desire to reenter the sport's International Registered Testing Pool. A spokesperson for the ITIA confirmed her inclusion on the list at the time, but not her official return to play.

“She has notified us that she wants to be reinstated into the testing pool. I do not know if this means she is coming back or just giving herself the option. All I can say is she's back in the pool,” Adrian Bassett revealed at the time.

Rejoining the registered testing pool meant that the tennis icon would be subjected to the tennis whereabouts rules, including random drug testing. The registered athletes must provide their whereabouts at a given time every day of the year to the ITIA, something someone uninterested in a comeback wouldn't bother with.

[The Blast](#) reported that shortly after the mom of two shut down the rumors of her return yet again on X, writing, “Omg y'all I'm NOT coming back. This wildfire is crazy.” Her words, however, did not deter fans from expressing their thoughts and questioning why she rejoined the testing pool.

### **The Pro-Athlete Said She Still Has ‘A Lot More To Give’**

Shortly after Williams stepped away from the court in 2022, she appeared at Disrupt with her Serena Ventures partner, Alison Rapaport, where they discussed her plans for the next chapter of her life. She told TechCrunch deputy editor Jordan Crook that she considered herself evolving away from tennis and not retiring, adding that the window was still open for her return.

During a separate appearance on “The Tonight Show” with Jimmy Fallon, she was also asked about the possibility of “unretiring.” Fallon asked, “There's no chance of you pulling a Tom Brady and saying, ‘Maybe I'm evolving to coming back.’” To his question, Williams explained that she believed retirement was something people earned after working so hard.

She added that she had no plans to relax as she felt that phase was “more like an evolution of Serena.” As reported by [The Blast](#), the iconic tennis player said: “I just feel like I'm at an age where I definitely have a lot more to give; there's a lot more I want to do.” Williams also noted that the time off was necessary for quality time and bonding with her family and daughter, Alexis.

## **Serena Williams Is Proud Of The Change Her Career Brought**

The tennis champ previously expressed the significant marks she believes her career has made in the world of tennis and the world of sports at large. She said that she thinks her legacy is “confidence and self-belief” in addition to “teaching other Black kids, in particular Black girls, they can do it too.”

Williams explained that excelling as a Black woman at the sport had made a large change in the way people played, served, and enjoyed the game. “People never had to play so hard to beat two Black girls from Compton,” referring to herself and her sister, Venus, who is also an iconic tennis player.

As shared by [The Blast](#), the 44-year-old champ noted that she also touched on beauty standards and what it means to be masculine when most of the world branded her as “masculine”. She gave confidence and motivation to many women of color, urging them to love themselves regardless of their shape, size, or build.

Welcome back, Serena Williams! The world awaits!