

Naomi Osaka pregnant, to return 2024

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Naomi Osaka is pregnant and plans to return to competition in 2024, the tennis star announced Wednesday.

The former world No. 1 posted what she called “a little life update for 2023” on social media, including a picture of an ultrasound.

The 25-year-old Osaka has been dating Cordae, a rapper, for years.

“I know that I have so much to look forward to in the future, one thing I’m looking forward to is for my kid to watch one of my matches and tell someone, ‘that’s my mom,’” Osaka wrote.

Osaka hasn’t played a competitive match since September and withdrew from the Australian Open, which begins Sunday. She has won that tournament twice, along with two U.S. Open championships.

She has taken mental health breaks in recent years and didn’t play again after the Pan Pacific



Open in Tokyo, shortly after falling in the first round of the U.S. Open. Osaka said the few months away have given her “a new love and appreciation for the game I’ve dedicated my life to.”

Ash Barty, the 2022 Australian Open champi-

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Naomi Osaka of Japan smiles during her first round match against Camila Osorio of Colombia at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 17, 2022.

on, announced last week she was pregnant. She retired last year while holding the No. 1 ranking.

Grand Slam season

But Osaka said she will return to tennis and plans to be in Melbourne next year for the start of the Grand Slam season.

“2023 will be a year that’ll be full of lessons for me and I hope I’ll see you guys in the start of the next one cause I’ll be at Aus 2024,” Osaka wrote. “Love you all infinitely.”

Osaka closed by saying she doesn’t know if there’s a perfectly correct path in life, but that “if you move forward with good intentions you’ll find your way eventually.”

US women’s soccer striving for diversity

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Crystal Dunn was often the only Black girl on her youth soccer clubs, and even when she finally made it to the national team, she did her own hair and makeup for photo shoots because “there wasn’t someone set up for me.”

While the U.S. national team has steadily become more representative, Dunn says there’s still work to be done. That starts with making sure young women of color feel included all the way down to the youth level.

“I had very supportive parents who explained to me that, ‘This is OK, you are still welcome in this sport. And just because there aren’t many people that look like you, this is still your game,’” Dunn said. That support was key to her success “because honestly at the end of the day, it’s



AP PHOTO

U.S. national team player Crystal Dunn, second from left, listens to instructions with teammates during practice for a match against Nigeria Aug. 30, 2022, in Riverside, Missouri. Women’s soccer in the United States has struggled with diversity, starting with a pay-to-play model that can exclude talented kids from communities of color.

pretty lonely to feel like you’re the only one in this space and to not feel as if you belong.”

Women’s soccer in the United States has long had a diversity problem: The sport’s pay-to-play model means that it’s expensive, especially at higher levels. Club teams and traveling teams can cost thousands of dollars in some cases. Almost from the start, players without financial re-

sources — including many from marginalized communities — are left behind.

Even U.S. Soccer President Cindy Parlow Cone has lamented that American soccer is seen as a “rich, white kids’ sport.”

Dunn first played for the national team in 2013 and was on the squad that won the 2019 World Cup in France. The job also involved off-field duties such as participating in professional

photo shoots and public appearances.

Such events often included hair and makeup assistance for white players, but with no guarantee that the stylists would know how to work with Black skin or Black hair.

“Those are things that a lot of people didn’t ever have to think about because there weren’t that many of us,” Dunn said.

She was among just

five players of color out of 23 on the roster for the World Cup-winning team. In contrast, France had 12.

The most recent U.S. roster had 10 women of color — including young stars Trinity Rodman, Naomi Girma and Mallory Pugh Swanson — as the team readies for this summer’s World Cup. The United States will face New Zealand twice next week as the teams ramp up for the tournament, which will be co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand.

“Representation matters,” said Sophia Smith, who had a team-high 11 goals for the United States last year and won U.S. Soccer’s Female Player of the Year award. “And I think for young girls to be able to look on the screen or come to a game and see a lot of people that look different, it’s great.”

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