

IND vs SA Test Series: WTC-Winning Captain Returns as South Africa Announce 15-Man Squad for India Tour

The excitement is building as South Africa have officially announced their 15-man squad for the upcoming Test series against India, marking the return of their WTC-winning captain. The Proteas are set to tour India for a high-stakes two-match Test series, which will play a crucial role in the World Test Championship (WTC) 2025-27 cycle.



Dean Elgar Makes Way as Temba Bavuma Returns

The biggest highlight of the announcement is the return of **Temba Bavuma**, the WTC-winning skipper, who is back to lead the South African side after recovering from a

hamstring injury. Bavuma's comeback brings experience and stability to a squad that has shown immense promise in recent months.

Meanwhile, **Dean Elgar**, who retired earlier this year, will not be part of the squad, signaling the beginning of a new chapter for South African cricket under Bavuma's leadership.

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Core Squad Retained, Youngsters Get Opportunities

The Proteas have retained their core group featuring **Kagiso Rabada**, **Marco Jansen**, **Anrich Nortje**, and **Keshav Maharaj**, ensuring a strong bowling lineup against India's formidable batting order. **Gerald Coetzee** also keeps his place after impressive performances in previous series.

On the batting front, **Aiden Markram**, **Tony de Zorzi**, and **Keegan Petersen** form the backbone of the top order, while **Kyle Verreynne** and **Heinrich Klaasen** are likely to battle for the wicketkeeper's slot.

A Fiery Contest Awaits in India

With India dominating at home in recent years and South Africa eager to prove their mettle in subcontinent conditions, this series promises to deliver intense battles. The return of Bavuma adds leadership strength and a tactical edge that could challenge Rohit Sharma's men.

Both teams have their eyes on crucial WTC points, making every session and spell vital. Fans can expect fiery fast-bowling duels, gritty batting displays, and plenty of drama as two cricketing powerhouses collide once again.

Predicted South Africa XI: Aiden Markram, Tony de Zorzi, Keegan Petersen, Temba Bavuma (C), Heinrich Klaasen (wk), Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, Gerald Coetzee, Lungi Ngidi.

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