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**Dominic West  
and Wood  
Harris**

If you haven't guessed it, we love "The Wire." No need to front — it's one of the most watched and talked-about shows by a circle of us here at MTV (R.I.P. Boadie!!!). In any event, we're all waiting for the next and final season of the Baltimore drama, and word is there may be a major return by one of the show's most notorious castmembers: Wood Harris! We had a chance to holla at our boy Avon Barksdale while he was on the set on his next film, "Jazz in the Diamond District."

"That's a possibility," he said in noncommittal fashion about his potential return to "The Wire." "I signed a five-year contract with them, so I have another year of obligation to the show."

Harris, who's getting ready to get his rap career off the ground with two independent albums, says he enjoyed this season of the show he helped start, even though he was not featured on it.

"I liked it," he said. "I didn't see the whole season. I saw a couple of episodes. What I saw I liked. Them kids man, those kids are dope. They're great actors."

If the incarcerated Barksdale were to come back to reclaim his corners, Harris says he would have to go head up with his previous foes.

"I like to see him have to go against Marlo and Omar," the actor said. "Omar is still out there. I don't like what they do with the Omar character. They're making him sort of a caricature. They're doing too many things. They used to have something else going on that's not really there anymore. He doesn't really have an opponent I guess. I guess that would be me. The same with Marlo. I would just take them cats out and possibly go out myself. It's the last season, so go out in a blaze."

Barksdale has been in jail a couple of years now, ever since his former friend Stringer Bell (played by Idris Elba) gave him up to the police. Barksdale had Stringer set up to be murdered.

When asked if Avon might be remorseful over his best friend getting killed at his doing, Harris replied, "Yeah, I think he would. Maybe not remorse, more like the whole situation was so bad with my nephew. What he did with my nephew [in season 2] is unacceptable, so he went out. It's unacceptable."



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