

Serena To Look Ahead - US Open
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NEW YORK: It was a disappointing night for Serena Williams at the US Open as her hopes of getting past Justine Henin and taking another step to the title were brought to an end. The Belgian player scored a 76 61 victory to reach the semifinals.

The capacity crowd did all they could to help Serena and she tried so much in an effort to turn the match around. Justine Henin broke serve in the first game and then went up 3-1, but Serena fought back bravely and levelled the first set at 5-5. She even had a set point on Henin's serve in the eleventh but that was saved.

They went into the tiebreaker and Henin clinched that 7 points to 3.

In the second set Serena's serve was broken in the second game and then held for 3-0. Serena had a break point in the fifth game but it was saved by the Belgian with a smash and she continued to put together some solid tennis going on to win 76 61.

"She played better and I made a lot of errors," said Serena. "I think she just played a little more aggressive and started hitting really, really hard balls. She played real strong."

Serena will put this result behind her in a few days and start looking towards events that would be coming up and before long it will be time to defend her Australian Open crown.