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IGA SWIATEK, KAROLINA PLISKOVA & PETRA KVITOVA ENTER 2022 CREDIT ONE CHARLESTON OPEN PLAYER FIELD

Strong Charleston field for April tournament includes five top 10 players & five Grand Slam Champions

<u>Twitter:</u> The @CreditOneBank @CharlestonOpen announced @Iga_Swiatek, @KaPliskova & @Petra_Kvitova will compete in #CHS in 2022. Tournament now features 5 top 10 players in the field. #CharlestonOpen will celebrate 50 years at the new @CreditOneStad, April 2-10.

CHARLESTON, S.C. – The <u>Credit One Charleston Open</u>, the largest women's-only tennis tournament in North America, has added top tennis players Iga Swiatek, Karolina Pliskova and Petra Kvitova to an impressive tournament field, which now features five of the world's top 10 players and five Grand Slam champions. The Credit One Charleston Open will celebrate its 50th year in 2022, in the newly renovated <u>Credit One Stadium</u> on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina, April 2 - 10.

Swiatek, Pliskova and Kvitova join Garbiñe Muguruza, Simona Halep, Paulda Badosa, Ons Jabeur, Sloane Stephens, Madison Keys and more in the expanding, highly competitive field.

"Adding two more Grand Slam champions and a perennial top 10 participant to our player list truly strengthens an already impressive field. We couldn't be more excited to welcome Iga to Charleston for the first time and welcome Petra and Karolina back! Karolina is coming off an injury that delayed her start of the year so we're eager to see her back on court. We knew once we convinced Petra to join us here in our beautiful city, she would be returning on a regular basis. We believe we'll have the same effect on Iga in April," said Bob Moran, Tournament Director of the Credit One Charleston Open. "Our new player facilities and stadium will be second to none and we are confident that all of our players will be blown away with the investment and commitment our ownership has made on behalf of women's tennis."

20-year-old Swiatek recently rose to a career-high World No. 4 ranking after capturing the title in Doha in February. She won her maiden WTA title in 2020 at Roland Garros and has been a mainstay in the top 20 by capturing titles in Adelaide and Rome in 2021 and reaching the quarterfinals of Roland Garros in 2021 and semifinals of the Adelaide International and Australian Open in 2022. She also had fourth round finishes at the Australian Open, US Open and Wimbledon in 2021. This year will be the Polish player's first time competing in the Credit One Charleston Open.

World No. 8 Pliskova holds 16 career singles titles and is a two-time Grand Slam finalist. The Czech player was the 2021 Wimbledon finalist and a 2021 US Open quarterfinalist. Last season, she also reached the Rome and Montreal finals, the semifinals in Cincinnati and the quarterfinals in Doha and Stuttgart. The former World No. 1 has remained part of the world's top 10 rankings for seven consecutive

seasons. The 2022 Credit One Charleston Open will be her third time competing in Charleston and second time appearing in the tournament's main draw since 2012.

Kvitova, who is currently ranked World No. 31, holds 28 career titles and is a two-time Grand Slam champion, winning Wimbledon in 2011 and 2014. She recently reached the quarterfinals in Dubai this past February. Last season she captured the title in Doha and reached the semifinals in Bad Homburg and Ostrava and the quarterfinals in Stuttgart, Madrid and Cincinnati. In 2020, she competed in the Australian Open's quarterfinals and Roland Garros' semifinals. The Czech player will appear in the Charleston field for the third time this year.

The nine-day Credit One Charleston Open showcases a singles draw of 56 players, a qualifying draw of 32 players and a doubles draw of 16 players. The event traditionally hosts more than 90,000 attendees on Daniel Island.

The highly anticipated Credit One Charleston Open will welcome back fans this spring for the first time since 2019. The modernized Credit One Stadium will also be unveiled during the upcoming event, offering upgraded seating options and elevated hospitality experiences for patrons and players.

Charleston Tennis, LLC, which manages <u>Credit One Stadium</u> under a lease from the City of Charleston, is currently renovating the 20-year-old facility. The city-owned venue is undergoing upgrades to enhance the stadium experience for patrons, performers, tennis players and event management, allowing the venue to attract world-class athletes and talent to Daniel Island.

The Credit One Charleston Open will celebrate its 50th year in 2022. The tournament has been a pioneer in women's professional sports since 1973, paving the path for female tennis players to receive equal recognition, respect and pay in the sport. Originally held on Hilton Head Island, the event moved to Charleston in 2001 and is played on Daniel Island at the LTP Daniel Island tennis center, home to the Credit One Stadium.

When purchasing <u>tickets</u> for the 2022 Credit One Charleston Open, patrons have the option to choose from <u>single session tickets</u> (\$25+) and a range of <u>upgraded ticket packages</u> and seat offerings, including the Intro Package (\$280) and Tournament Long Package (\$600+). Packages provide exclusive and premier views of the court from 100 and 200 level stadium seating, as well as the best value on tickets. In addition, select packages will also offer tennis patrons shaded seating, a new feature this year as part of the renovated stadium's stage house.

Tickets and packages can be purchased online at <u>creditonecharlestonopen.com</u> or by calling (843) 856-7900. For additional information, please email tickets@charlestontennisllc.com. For more information on the Credit One Charleston Open, visit <u>creditonecharlestonopen.com</u> or call 843-856-7900.

About the Credit One Charleston Open:

The Credit One Charleston Open is North America's largest women's-only tennis tournament. The event, formerly known as the Volvo Car Open, moved to Charleston, S.C., in 2001 from Hilton Head Island, S.C., and will celebrate its 50th year in 2022. The Credit One Charleston Open traditionally welcomes more than 90,000 spectators each year. The tournament features a singles draw of 56 players, a qualifying draw of 32 players and a doubles draw of 16 players. In conjunction with Tennis Channel and WTA Media, the Credit One Charleston Open is showcased from the first ball struck in main draw competition to the last ball played in finals, throughout the U.S. and 174 international partners. The tournament receives more than 100 hours of tennis coverage, broadcast live from Charleston across the globe to millions of fans. The tournament is operated by Charleston Tennis, LLC. For more information on the Credit One Charleston Open, visit creditonecharlestonopen.com, call (843) 856-7900, email info@charlestontennisllc.com, Facebook (Credit One Charleston Open), Twitter (@CharlestonOpen) or Instagram (@CreditOneCharlestonOpen).

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