

Renewed, rejuvenated and ready to play

Tournament welcomes fans back with open arms - and new amenities for 2022

BY NICK MCCARVEL

We will be honest: We have missed you. More than 1,000 days since fans packed the stands on Daniel Island for world-class women's tennis, you're back! And we couldn't be happier to have you.

Monday marks the start of main draw play for the 2022 Credit One Charleston Open and the grand opening of the new Credit One Stadium, a state-of-the-art facility that has been expanded to 11,000 seats and features upgraded amenities for both fans and players alike.

"It's amazing," said world No. 8 Karolina Pliskova, the Czech player competing here for the first time since 2013. "The center court, that space, it's much better than some bigger tournaments [in tennis]. I'm surprised with all the people here supporting [this weekend]."

Pliskova was citing the crowds for Family Weekend, which saw upwards of 15,000 fans over two days come onto the grounds of the LTP Daniel Island Tennis Center, setting the tone for a magical year to come.

Pliskova is joined by top seed Aryna Sabalenka, No. 2 Paula Badosa and No. 4 Ons Jabeur as four members of the world's top 10 make their case at the WTA 500-level event, which is celebrating 50 years of tennis in 2022.

Nineteen Americans are set to feature on the Har-Tru green clay this week, including No. 6 seed Jessica Pegula, No. 9 Madison Keys and No. 13 Sloane Stephens.

Keys (2019) and Stephens (2016) are among three former champions in the field, along with surprise winner from 2021, Veronika Kudermetova.

Charleston native Shelby Rogers brings some of her career-best tennis to the Lowcountry having reached a best-ever ranking of No. 36 in the world earlier



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The Credit One Stadium officially reopens today after a year-long extensive renovation.

this year.

She plays Monday night in Credit One Stadium, while two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova and No. 15 seed Amanda Anisimova of the U.S. will play this afternoon.

The expanded and renovated stadium has 16 new suites, all new concessions, more bathrooms and a 35,000-square-foot Stage House with a partial roof, which includes a modern player lounge, locker room, gym

and training facilities.

While dazzling women's tennis will take center stage throughout the week, off-court activities are a must, including live music, local food options and daily talk shows with Hall of Famers Tracy Austin and Pam Shriver, as well as Olympic gold medalist Bethanie Mattek-Sands at the Match Point Bar & Grill's Feature Stage.

While many tennis legacies have lived on at the Charleston Open, the beloved Althea

Gibson Club Court was re-dedicated with a South Carolina State Resolution on Saturday for the local legend.

The past will also be honored during championship weekend, with former champions Rosie Casals, Jelena Jankovic and Mary Pierce - among many more - set to return.

We welcome them back - and we welcome you back. Now, for the most famous words in tennis: "Ready? Play."

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(9am - 4pm)

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Talking Tennis with Tracy and Pam

(12pm - 1pm)

Join former World No. 1 Tracy Austin and former World No. 3 Pam Shriver as they host the brand-new series, 'Talking Tennis with Tracy and Pam' at the Match Point Bar & Grill's Feature Stage. The daily show will feature live, on-site interviews with top players and coaches, giving Credit One Charleston Open fans an inside look into the journeys, successes and struggles which shape players into the power forces they are today.

Live Music

(1pm-2pm)

Enjoy live acoustic music at the Match Point Bar & Grill's Feature Stage by local artist New Ghost Town Duo.

From the Baseline with Bethanie Mattek-Sands

(3pm - 4pm)

Fan-favorite Bethanie Mattek-Sands will be taking over the Feature Stage at the Match Point Bar & Grill for daily conversations with some of her good friends and fellow players. Known for her sense of humor and spontaneous spirit, afternoons with Bethanie at the Credit One Charleston Open are guaranteed to be entertaining, interactive and a good time.

Nightly Happy Hour & Live Music

(4pm - 6pm)

Enjoy daily drink specials at the Match Point Bar & Grill as well as live acoustic music on the Feature Stage by local artist New Ghost Town Duo.

Credit One Stadium Ribbon Cutting

(6:30pm - 7pm)

The Credit One Charleston Open is excited to be back together in 2022 to open a newly renovated stadium; welcome a new title sponsor and most importantly celebrate our 50th year of professional women's tennis with our loyal fans in person. Join us tonight before the start of the first evening match to officially open the state-of-the-art Credit One Stadium to all fans.

LCTA Night

(7pm - 10pm)

Join in for a very special night to honor LCTA captains, recognizing their efforts in support of the greater Charleston tennis community. Keep an eye out during the start of the second match for a special coin toss, assisted by an LCTA member.

Interactive Fan Zone

Adults and kids are welcome to stop by the Interactive Fan Zone and put their tennis skills to the test. Challenge friends or family to see who has the fastest serve or test your ball kid skills at the Ball Kid Challenge.

Southern Tide Pop-Up Shop

For fans looking to upgrade their wardrobe, a new Southern Tide pop-up shop on the grand lawn is bringing ace-worthy style to our tournament. The coastal-chic themed shop will feature the latest styles from Southern Tide's Spring 2022 collection. Event attendees will also find co-branded merchandise in the main merchandise tent.



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Althea Gibson Club Court re-dedicated in honor of South Carolina sporting legend

A pioneer for Black athletes across tennis and golf, South Carolina native Althea Gibson's name has been on the Club Court at the Credit One Charleston Open since 2004.

In a ceremony Saturday, the court was re-dedicated to Gibson as part of the celebration of 50 years of tennis in South Carolina in 2022.

"What she was truly about is amazing," said tournament director Bob Moran about Gibson, who grew up not far from Charleston. "What she did with her life, that's what we're honoring."

Moran was joined by Don Felder, a member of the Gibson family, as well as State Rep. Jerry Govan – who was there on behalf of Rep. Wendell Gilliard – as well as Rex Miller, whose documentary, *Althea*, tells the incredible story of Gibson's life.

"It's a point of pride for the state of South Carolina to call Althea our own," said Rep. Govan about the rededication. "She was a dual-threat athlete, one of the first in the country, excelling in both tennis and golf. And she excelled at a very pivotal time in history."

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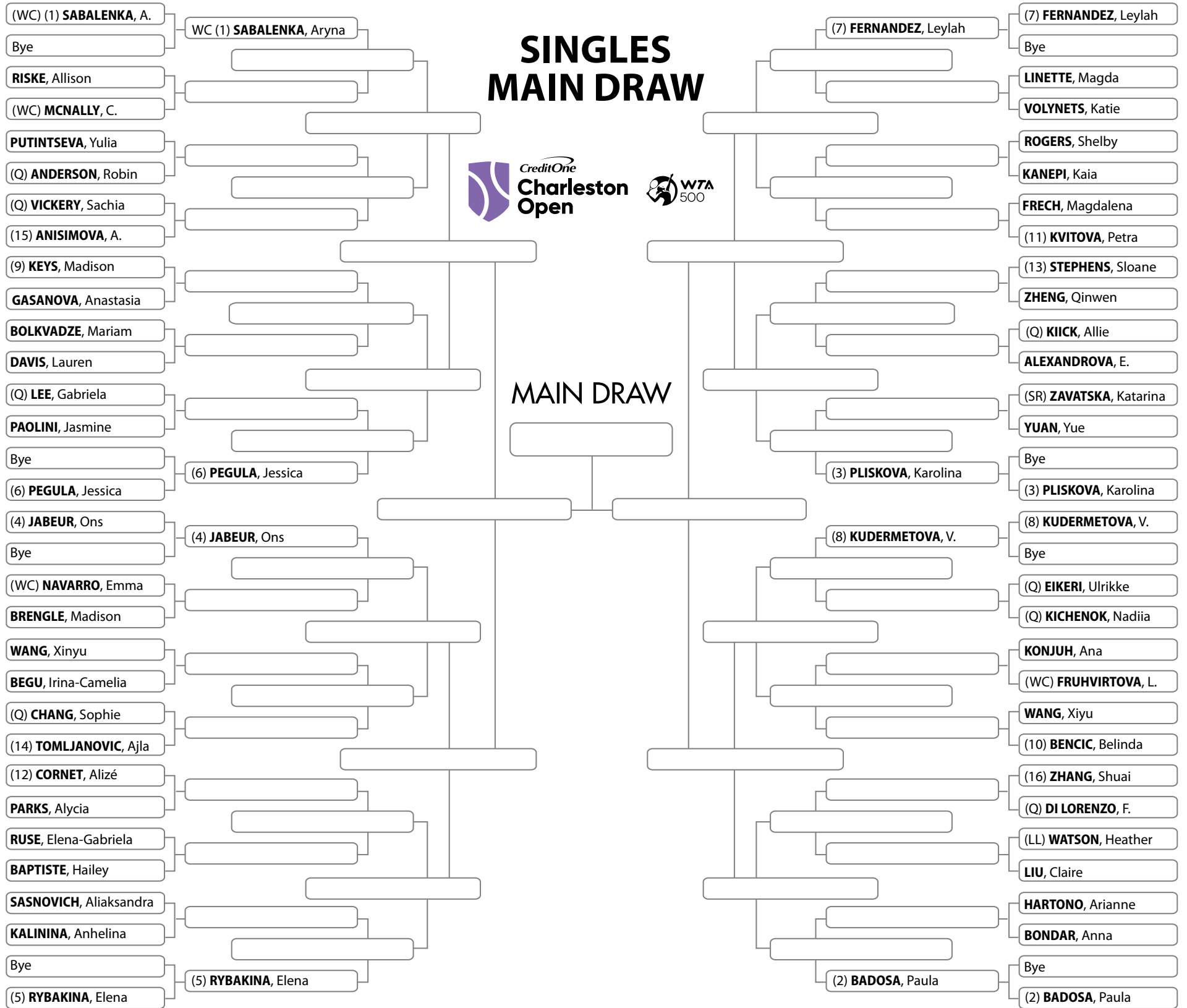
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	CREDIT ONE STADIUM	ALTHEA GIBSON COURT	COURT 3	COURT 4
	Starting at 10:00 AM	Starting at 10:00 AM	Starting at 10:00 AM	Starting at 12:00 PM
1.	R64 Ana KONJUH CRO vs Linda FRUHVIRTOVA CZE	R64 Aliaksandra SASNOVICH vs Anhelina KALININA UKR	R64 Katarina ZAVATSKA UKR vs Yue YUAN CHN	
	Followed by	Followed by	Followed by	
2.	R64 [12] Alizé CORNET FRA vs Alycia PARKS USA	R64 Heather WATSON GBR vs Claire LIU USA	R64 Arianne HARTONO NED vs Anna BONDAR HUN	
	Followed by	Followed by	Followed by	Starting at 12:00 PM
3.	R64 Sachia VICKERY USA vs [15] Amanda ANISIMOVA USA	R64 Gabriela LEE ROU vs Jasmine PAOLINI ITA	R64 Allie KIICK USA vs Ekaterina ALEXANDROVA	R64 Ulrikke EIKERI NOR vs Nadiia KICHENOK UKR
	Followed by	Followed by	Not before 4:00 PM	
4.	R64 Magdalena FRECH POL vs [11] Petra KVITOVA CZE	R64 [16] Shuai ZHANG CHN vs Francesca DI LORENZO USA	R16 [3] Alexa GUARACHI CHI vs Jessica PEGULA USA vs Ons JABEUR TUN vs Aryna SABALENKA	
	Not before 7:00 PM			
5.	R64 Shelby ROGERS USA vs Kaia KANEPI EST			
	Followed by			
6.	R64 Xinyu WANG CHN vs Irina-Camelia BEGU ROU			

DOUBLES DRAW



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1	1 DOLEHIDE, Caroline ZHANG, Shuai	USA CHN	
2	SR KICHENOK, Lyudmyla RODIONOVA, Anastasia	UKR AUS	
3	SR MIHALIKOVA, Tereza PESCHKE, Kveta	SVK CZE	
4	DANILINA, Anna SASNOVICH, Aliaksandra	KAZ	
5	3 GUARACHI, Alexa PEGULA, Jessica	CHI USA	
6	JABEUR, Ons SABALENKA, Aryna	TUN	
7	WC DI LORENZO, Francesca VOLYNETS, Katie	USA USA	
8	HRADECKA, Lucie MIRZA, Sania	CZE IND	
9	HEISEN, Vivian XU, Yifan	GER CHN	
10	EIKERI, Ulrikke KICHENOK, Nadiia	NOR UKR	
11	ROSOLSKA, Alicja ROUTLIFFE, Erin	POL NZL	
12	4 KLEPAC, Andreja LINETTE, Magda	SLO POL	
13	CHAN, Hao-Ching YANG, Zhaoxuan	TPE CHN	
14	BENCIC, Belinda KALININA, Anhelina	SUI UKR	
15	BONDAR, Anna FRECH, Magdalena	HUN POL	
16	2 KRAWCZYK, Desirae SCHUURS, Demi	USA NED	

Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Winner
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		185 pt	\$ 25,900	305 pt
			\$ 42,650	470 pt

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Main draw Monday: Local hope Rogers, Wimbledon champ Kvitova christen new stadium

Having grown up in Mount Pleasant and served as a ball kid at the Credit One Charleston Open, Shelby Rogers has made plenty of memories on Daniel Island over the years.

But 2022 could be the best yet: She enters her home event having reached a career-high ranking of No. 36 in the world earlier this year, advancing to the second week at a major in three of her last six appearances.

In her eighth outing in the Charleston main draw, Rogers has never entered the event ranked higher - currently No. 48 - and will ring in the first night session in the new Credit One Stadium against big-hitting Estonian Kaia Kanepi.

They have split their two career meetings, while Rogers won their most recent match on the WTA Tour last year in Dubai.

After two days of qualifying over the weekend, the 56-player singles draw is set, while 16 teams are competing in the

doubles. The top eight singles seeds receive byes into round two.

Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova will play Monday afternoon, the No. 11 seed taking on Magdalena Frech of Poland in the fourth match of the day session.

The winners of the Rogers and Kvitova matches will meet in the second round.

In all, Monday sees 15 matches, 14 of them being singles. The one doubles match will be a can't-miss: Top singles seeds Aryna Sabalenka and Ons Jabeur team up to take on American Jessica Pegula and Alexa Guarachi of Chile not before 3pm on Court 3.

Every match has intrigue around it on Monday, including the all-American battle between qualifier Sachia Vickery and No. 15 seed Amanda Anisimova, which is third on stadium. It's their first-ever meeting.

The stadium day starts with 16-year-old



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Shelby Rogers poses with fans and signs autographs during Family Weekend.

wild card Linda Fruhvirtova of the Czech Republic, one of the up-and-coming teenagers on tour, taking on Ana Konjuh.

The Croatian was a Wimbledon quarterfinalist in 2016 at age 18, but is continuing to make a comeback on tour following an elbow injury that kept her out for more than two years.

France's Alize Cornet, seeded 12, meets

Alycia Parks of the U.S. next.

Around the grounds, 2017 Wimbledon junior winner Claire Liu of the U.S. meets tour veteran Heather Watson of Great Britain in the second match on the Althea Gibson Club Court, while No. 16 seed Zhang Shuai meets American qualifier Francesca Di Lorenzo in the last match of the day on that court.

Qualifying: Anderson, Vickery, Di Lorenzo lead five Americans into main draw

Robin Anderson couldn't wipe the smile off of her face. The American, ranked 172nd in the world and seeded No.4 in the Credit One Charleston Open qualifying draw, claimed her spot in the main draw on Sunday with a 6-3 6-1 win over Carol Zhao of Canada on Court 3.

It's the biggest event that the 28-year-old Anderson has qualified for in her career.

"I've never played at this tournament before so this feels awesome," a beaming Anderson said after her win. "It's really exciting. I'm going to try and enjoy it."

On a packed second day of Family Weekend, Anderson added: "There were a lot more people than I expected. I love how close fans can get to the courts here. It's nice to have that energy."

Anderson was the highest seed to advance through qualifying with two wins, joined by American compatriots Sachia Vickery, Francesca Di Lorenzo, Allie Kiick and Sophie Chang.

Gabriela Lee of Romania stopped short



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Qualifier Robin Anderson books her spot in the main draw.

the continued comeback of American Coco Vandeweghe, the former world No.9 losing 6-3 6-2.

Nadiia Kichenok of Ukraine also qualified.

Top seed in qualifying Heather Watson fell to Ulrikke Eikeri, but received a spot in the main draw as a lucky loser.

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