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TWO TOP 10 PLAYERS ENTER THE CREDIT ONE CHARLESTON OPEN FIELD

World No. 5 Jessica Pegula and World No. 8 Paula Badosa to compete in 2023 Charleston Open

Twitter: The @CreditOneBank @CharlestonOpen announced top 10 players @JLPegula & @PaulaBadosa have entered next year's tournament at the newly renovated @CreditOneStad. They join Stephens, Keys & Bencic in the field. Tickets for the 2023 #CharlestonOpen go on sale October 27. #CHS #WTA

CHARLESTON, S.C. – World No. 5 Jessica Pegula and World No. 8 Paula Badosa have entered the 2023 <u>Credit One Charleston Open</u>, the largest women's-only tennis tournament in North America. The WTA 500 tournament, which is the annual clay season kickoff event on the WTA Hologic Tour, is set to return April 1 - 9, 2023 in the renovated and modernized <u>Credit One Stadium</u> on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina. Badosa and Pegula join past Charleston champions Belinda Bencic, Madison Keys and Sloane Stephens in the growing player field for next year's event.

"Having two top 10 players join our field six months before our tournament showcases our dedication to bringing the world's best competitors to Charleston," said Bob Moran, Tournament Director of the Credit One Charleston Open and President of Charleston Tennis LLC. "Jessie and Paula have had exceptional 2022 seasons and both are at the top of their game. We are off to a strong start for our 2023 tournament and have more exciting player announcements on the horizon."

Pegula is currently ranked in the top 10 for both singles and doubles. She reached three Grand Slam singles quarterfinals this season, in Melbourne, Paris and New York, as well as the doubles final in Roland-Garros. In total, she's had eight quarterfinal or better finishes throughout her 2022 season. In addition to her Grand Slam appearances, she made the finals in Madrid, the semifinals in Miami, Toronto and San Diego and the quarterfinals in Cincinnati.

The American recently qualified for the WTA Finals, the season-ending championships, in both singles and doubles, and is the only player presently competing in dual draws. The 2023 Credit One Charleston Open will be her fifth time appearing in the tournament's main draw. She was a Charleston doubles quarterfinalist in 2022.

"Charleston is like a second home to me and I can't wait to be back in April to play the Credit One Charleston Open again," said Pegula. "I am really proud of the tennis that I'm playing right now and it would be amazing to win a title in a city that holds such a special place in my heart."

Badosa holds three WTA career singles titles, which includes the 2022 Sydney title and 2021 Belgrade and Indian Wells titles. She was a 2021 Roland-Garros quarterfinalist and has been ranked as high as World No. 2 this season.

In 2022, she was a semifinalist in Stuttgart, San Jose and Indian Wells and a quarterfinalist in Miami, Charleston and San Diego. In addition, she reached the fourth round of Wimbledon and Roland-Garros.

The Spaniard will play Charleston for the third time in 2023, where she holds a 6-2 win-loss record.

"Reaching the semifinals in Charleston in 2021 really propelled my career forward," said Badosa. "I've had strong back-to-back seasons and have had great results each year in Charleston. After reaching the semis and quarterfinals, I would love to win there in 2023."

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. Additional players who have committed to competing in 2023 will be announced in the coming weeks.

Charleston Tennis, LLC, which manages <u>Credit One Stadium</u> under a lease from the City of Charleston, recently renovated and modernized the 20-year-old facility. The city-owned venue underwent 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 celebrated 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.

Tickets for the 2023 tournament will be available on October 27 and can be purchased online at <u>creditonecharlestonopen.com</u> or by calling (843) 856-7900. When purchasing <u>tickets</u> for the 2023 Credit One Charleston Open, patrons will 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), Finale Package (\$360), Champions Package (\$275) 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 as part of the renovated stadium's Stage House.

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 celebrated 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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