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TWO TOP PLAYERS ENTER CHARLESTON OPEN; FIELD FEATURES SIX OF THE WORLD'S TOP 15 PLAYERS

World No. 9 Veronika Kudermetova and World No. 11 Danielle Collins to compete in 2023 Charleston Open

Twitter: The @CreditOneBank @CharlestonOpen announced top-ranked players Veronika Kudermetova & Danielle Collins will play the 2023 #CharlestonOpen at the newly renovated @CreditOneStad. Field features 6 of the world's top 15 players. #CHS #WTA

CHARLESTON, S.C. – World No. 9 and 2021 Charleston champion Veronika Kudermetova and World No. 11 and two-time NCAA champion Danielle Collins have entered the 2023 <u>Credit One Charleston</u> <u>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 in the renovated and modernized <u>Credit One Stadium</u> on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina. Kudermetova and Collins join a list of top-ranked players already competing in April's tournament including World No. 2 Ons Jabeur, World No. 3 Jessica Pegula, World No. 10 Belinda Bencic and World No. 13 Madison Keys, among others.

"We love the direction our field is taking so far for the 2023 Credit One Charleston Open," said Bob Moran, Tournament Director of the Credit One Charleston Open and President of Charleston Tennis LLC. "Since winning our event, Veronika has climbed the singles and doubles rankings entering the Top 10 and playing her best tennis. Danielle is an American standout and fan favorite here in Charleston. In 2022 she played her first Grand Slam final in Australia, which catapulted her into the top 10. Both of these players have powerful games and personalities to match. We look forward to seeing them both on Daniel Island in April!"

Kudermetova is currently World No. 9 in singles and World No. 3 in doubles. After winning her maiden title in Charleston in 2021, she went on to have a standout 2022 season where she broke into the world's top 10 for the first time. She made the finals in Melbourne (Summer Set 1), Dubai and Istanbul and reached four semifinals and four quarterfinals, including a run to the quarterfinals at Roland-Garros. Her season showcased results of a quarterfinals or better appearance at 11 of her 20 singles events. In addition, she captured three doubles titles - the WTA Finals, Rome and Dubai - competed in three additional doubles finals and reached the Australian Open's doubles semifinals.

Her 2023 season has kicked-off with back-to-back quarterfinals and semifinals appearances in Adelaide.

The 2023 Credit One Charleston Open will be Kudermetova's third time competing in the event and first since capturing the title in 2021. She holds a 6-1 Charleston win/loss record.

Collins is currently ranked World No. 11. She had a strong start to her 2022 season with her first Grand Slam final finish at the Australian Open. She also reached the semifinals in San Diego, quarterfinals in Miami and the fourth round of the US Open. Additionally, she competed in the Wimbledon doubles

semifinals.

She is currently in contention at the 2023 Australian Open, where she has already reached the third round. She recently made the quarterfinals in Adelaide.

A two-time NCAA champion at the University of Virginia, she has won two WTA titles in Palermo and San Jose. This will be Collins' second time competing in Charleston, where she holds a 3-1 win/loss record.

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.

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 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 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 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 and was named the 2022 WTA 500 Tournament of the Year. 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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