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CREDIT ONE CHARLESTON OPEN ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY PLAYER FIELD

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Twitter: The @CreditOneBank @CharlestonOpen has released its preliminary player field for April, which features 5 top 10 players, 5 past champions and 4 Grand Slam champions. View field: https://rb.gy/l10ie2. Tickets are available now. #CHS #WTA

CHARLESTON, S.C. – The <u>Credit One Charleston Open</u>, the largest women's-only tennis tournament in North America, has announced its <u>preliminary player field</u> for the 2023 tournament, which features five top 10 players, five past champions and four Grand Slam champions. The event, which was recently named the 2022 WTA 500 Tournament of the Year, is the annual kickoff to the clay season on the WTA Hologic Tour and is scheduled April 1 - 9 in the renovated and modernized <u>Credit One Stadium</u> on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina.

The field is headlined by 2023 Australian Open champion **Aryna Sabalenka**, three-time 2022 Grand Slam quarterfinalist and top-ranked American **Jessica Pegula**, two-time 2022 Grand Slam finalist **Ons Jabeur**, 2022 Roland-Garros semifinalist **Daria Kasatkina** and 2022 Charleston champion **Belinda Bencic.** In addition, 2023 Australian Open semifinalists **Victoria Azarenka**, a former World No. 1 and two-time Grand Slam singles champion, and **Magda Linette**, a 2022 Charleston doubles champion, have entered the field.

Bencic joins fellow Charleston champions **Veronika Kudermetova** (2021), **Madison Keys** (2019), **Daria Kasatkina** (2017) and **Sloane Stephens** (2016) in looking for a repeat victory in the Lowcountry. Charleston natives **Shelby Rogers** and **Emma Navarro** will also compete in April, vying for their first WTA title on home soil.

"We are extremely happy with the quality and depth of our Charleston player field, which features a great mix of the sport's top players and young breakthrough talent," said Bob Moran, Tournament Director of the Credit One Charleston Open and President of Charleston Tennis LLC. "The Credit One Charleston Open will showcase the best in women's tennis in April. The strength of our field assures great matches from first ball to last ball for all of our attendees and those watching at home on Tennis Channel!"

Player field highlights include:

- Five top 10 players: Sabalenka (World No. 2), Pegula (World No. 3), Jabeur (World No. 4), Kasatkina (World No. 8) and Bencic (World No. 9)
- Four Grand Slam champions: Sabalenka (2023 Australian Open), Azarenka (2012 & '13 Australian Open), Jelena Ostapenko (2017 Roland Garros) and Stephens (2016 US Open)
- 13 American competitors: Pegula, Keys, Stephens, Rogers, Navarro, Danielle Collins, Amanda

Anisimova, Bernarda Pera, Lauren Davis, Alycia Parks, Claire Liu, Alison Riske-Amritraj and Caty McNally

Four additional players will join the main draw via wild card entry, to be announced at a later date.

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 can choose from <u>single session tickets</u> (\$25+) from Saturday, April 1 - Sunday, April 9. All tournament packages have officially sold out for the 2023 tournament, inclusive of all 100 and 200 level packages.

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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