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CHARLESTON CHAMPIONS ONS JABEUR AND BELINDA BENCIC TO COMPETE IN THE 2024 CREDIT ONE CHARLESTON OPEN

Three-time Grand Slam finalist Jabeur and Olympic Gold Medalist Bencic enter Charleston tournament

CHARLESTON, S.C. – World No. 5, three-time Grand Slam finalist and 2023 Charleston Open champion **Ons Jabeur** and World No. 13, Olympic Gold Medalist and 2022 Charleston Open champion **Belinda Bencic** have entered the 2024 <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 Hologic WTA Tour, will return March 30 - April 7, 2024 to the renovated and modernized <u>Credit One Stadium</u> on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina.

Jabeur and Bencic have met in the Credit One Charleston Open final each of the last two years. In 2023, Jabeur defeated defending champion Bencic 7-6(6), 6-4 in a rematch of the 2022 final, where Bencic prevailed 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.

"It was a rematch to remember," said Bob Moran, Tournament Director of the Credit One Charleston Open and President of Beemok Sports & Entertainment. "Ons and Belinda are incredible Charleston champions and our fans were in for a treat watching them compete in back-to-back finals. We are excited to have them return to the Lowcountry for a potential third clash in the final next year. They have played extraordinary tennis these past two seasons and we are looking ahead to next April."

Jabeur is already the most successful African and Arab tennis player in history. She holds five WTA titles and has been a mainstay in the top 10 for the last three years. The 29-year-old's 2023 season includes her win in Charleston, semifinal appearances in Adelaide and Stuttgart and quarterfinal finishes in Paris and Cincinnati. In addition, she reached the Wimbledon finals for the second year in a row.

The 2024 tournament will be Jabeur's sixth Charleston Open appearance, where she holds a 15-4 career record. She has successfully reached the semifinals or better each of the last three years.

Bencic holds seven WTA titles, winning two in 2023 in Adelaide and Abu Dhabi. In addition to her two wins and Charleston finals berth, she reached the quarterfinals in Doha, Washington, D.C and Montreal this season.

In her eight Charleston Open appearances, she has amassed an 18-6 record. The 26-year-old made the semifinals in 2014 and quarterfinals in 2019 before capturing her first Charleston title in 2022.

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, and for the first time in tournament history, was recognized as the WTA 500 event of the 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.

Tournament Long Ticket Packages and Mini-Plans for the 2024 tournament will be available to the general public on September 25 and can be purchased online at <u>creditonecharlestonopen.com</u> or by calling (843) 856-7900. Single session tickets will be available on November 6.

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. In the same year, and for the first time in tournament history, the Credit One Charleston Open was also recognized as the WTA 500 event of the year. 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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