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## GRAND SLAM CHAMPION AND TWO CHARLESTON CHAMPIONS JOIN CREDIT ONE CHARLESTON OPEN PLAYER FIELD

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CHARLESTON, S.C. – A Grand Slam champion and two former Charleston champions have joined the growing player field for the 2024 <u>Credit One Charleston Open</u>, taking place March 30 - April 7, 2024 in Charleston, South Carolina at the state-of-the-art <u>Credit One Stadium</u>. World No. 10 and 2017 Roland Garros champion **Jelena Ostapenko**, World No. 12 and 2017 Charleston Open champion **Daria Kasatkina** and World No. 19 and 2021 Charleston Open champion **Veronika Kudermetova** will compete at the largest women's-only professional tennis tournament in North America next month. The Credit One Charleston Open was recently named the WTA 500 Tournament of the Year for the second consecutive season.

The talented trio join a <u>list of Charleston commits</u> that already includes World No. 5 **Jessica Pegula**, World No. 6 **Ons Jabeur**, World No. 9 **Maria Sakkari**, Americans **Madison Keys**, **Sloane Stephens** and **Emma Navarro** and fan favorites **Elina Svitolina**, **Paula Badosa** and **Leylah Fernandez**.

"The Credit One Charleston Open will welcome a sensational player line-up to the Lowcountry next month," said Bob Moran, Tournament Director of the Credit One Charleston Open and President of Beemok Sports & Entertainment. "With Ostapenko being a Grand Slam champion, and Kasatkina and Kudermetova both showcasing their skills as past Charleston champions, we're guaranteed unforgettable tennis. And, off the court our tournament has invested in fan experiences that will keep our attendees engaged and entertained from day to night. We hope to see everyone at Credit One Stadium for our 52nd tournament in April!"

The 2024 Credit One Charleston Open field currently features three Grand Slam champions, six Grand Slam finalists, five Charleston champions and two Charleston locals.

Ostapenko holds eight career singles titles, including two this season in Adelaide and Linz. The 26-year-old Latvian won her maiden Grand Slam title in Roland Garros in 2017. Her recent Grand Slam results include a pair of quarterfinal finishes in 2023 at the US Open and Australian Open.

She reached the Charleston final in 2017 in her tournament debut. The 2024 Credit One Charleston Open will be her third appearance in the field.

"Reaching the final in Charleston in 2017 was the start of a wonderful clay season for me... ending with my first Grand Slam title at the French Open," said Ostapenko. "I'm looking forward to coming back to play Charleston again for the first time in five years."

Kasatkina has strong results in Charleston, winning the tournament in 2017, reaching the quarterfinals in 2016 and 2018, and, most recently, advancing to the semifinals in 2023. She holds a 14-3 win-loss record on Charleston's green clay.

"Charleston will always have a special place in my heart and brings back really good memories for me," said Kasatkina. "I won my first title at this tournament when I was 19 years old and I love playing on the green clay and exploring the city. I'm excited to be back again this year."

This season the 26-year-old has already competed in two finals, in Adelaide and Abu Dhabi. She was a 2022 Roland Garros semifinalist.

Kudermetova also won her maiden WTA title in Charleston in 2021. She won her second title last season in Tokyo, a fellow WTA 500 tournament. The 26-year-old's 2023 season was also highlighted by semifinal appearances in Adelaide, Rome and Madrid and a final in 's-Hertogenbosch. She was a 2022 Roland Garros quarterfinalist.

"Winning the title in Charleston was a big career moment," said Kudermetova. "It was my first title and being on the list of champions at this incredible WTA tournament makes me really proud. Hoping for good results again here in April."

The nine-day Credit One Charleston Open showcases a singles draw of 48 players, a qualifying draw of 24 players, and a doubles draw of 16 players. The event traditionally hosts more than 90,000 attendees on Daniel Island. The tournament recently released its **Fan Hub**, which showcases special events, food and beverage options, partner activities and more happening throughout the nine-day tournament.

Charleston Tennis, LLC, which manages <u>Credit One Stadium</u> under a lease from the City of Charleston, renovated and modernized the 20-year-old facility in 2022. 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 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 can be purchased online at creditonecharlestonopen.com or by calling (843) 856-7900. For additional information, please email <u>tickets@charlestontennisllc.com</u> or visit creditonecharlestonopen.com.

## **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 48 players, a qualifying draw of 24 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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