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TOP-TEN AMERICAN AND CHARLESTON LOCAL EMMA NAVARRO TO COMPETE IN HOMETOWN HOLOGIC WTA TOUR TOURNAMENT

World No. 8 and US Open semifinalist will compete in the Credit One Charleston Open for the sixth time

CHARLESTON, S.C. – 2024 US Open semifinalist, Olympian and World No. 8 Emma Navarro will play her hometown tournament next year at the 2025 <u>Credit One Charleston Open</u>, the largest women's-only professional tennis tournament in North America. The Lowcountry local will compete in the Charleston main draw for the sixth time when the tournament returns March 29 - April 6 to Credit One Stadium on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina. She joins World No. 3 Jessica Pegula in the growing 2025 player field. Navarro is currently one of four Americans ranked in the PIF WTA Rankings top 10, joining 2024 Charleston Open champion Danielle Collins and 2023 Charleston Open semifinalist Pegula.

The Credit One Charleston Open was recognized as the WTA 500 Tournament of the Year in 2022 and 2023. Originally held on Hilton Head Island and now in its 53rd year, the tournament will celebrate 25 years in Charleston in 2025. Ticket packages will go on sale on October 15.

The 23-year-old American has experienced a meteoric career rise over the past 12 months, climbing from No. 58 to No. 8 in the world rankings. Before the 2024 season, Navarro had never advanced past the second round of a Major. This year, she reached the third round of the Australian Open, fourth round of Roland Garros, the quarterfinals of Wimbledon, and the semifinals of the US Open.

"I'm excited to return to my hometown tournament, the Credit One Charleston Open. Competing in front of my home crowd means so much to me", said Navarro. "This year has brought many career highlights and cherished memories, and the fans from Charleston have been with me every step of the way."

Navarro captured her first WTA singles title in January in Hobart. Additionally, she reached the semifinals in Auckland, San Diego, Bad Homburg, Toronto and Monterrey and the quarterfinals in Indian Wells. This summer, Navarro qualified for her first Olympics Games and competed for Team USA in Paris.

"We're delighted to have Emma return to her hometown for the Credit One Charleston Open in 2025. As a local favorite, Emma's journey has truly captivated our community, and we're proud to support her as she continues to rise in the tennis world," said Bob Moran, President of Beemok Sports & Entertainment. "As we celebrate 25 remarkable years of tennis in Charleston, we look forward to a fantastic tournament filled with unforgettable moments and a great lineup of players. Stay tuned for more updates as we prepare for this milestone event!"

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.

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.

Ticket packages will be available for purchase at creditonecharlestonopen.com or by calling (843) 856-7900 on October 15. For additional information, please email <u>tickets@charlestontennisllc.com</u> or visit <u>creditonecharlestonopen.com</u>.

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 Family Circle Cup and Volvo Car Open, moved to Charleston, S.C., in 2001 from Hilton Head Island, S.C., and celebrated its 50th year in 2022. The tournament was recognized as the WTA 500 event of the year in 2022 and 2023. 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 Credit One Charleston Open is owned and 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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