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US OPEN FINALIST AND TOP-RANKED AMERICAN JESSICA PEGULA TO PLAY CHARLESTON TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Six-time WTA singles champion and World No. 3 to compete in Credit One Charleston Open player field

CHARLESTON, S.C. – 2024 US Open finalist, Olympian and top-ranked American Jessica Pegula has entered the 2025 <u>Credit One Charleston Open</u>, the largest women's-only professional tennis tournament in North America. The World No. 3 will compete in the Charleston main draw for the seventh time when the tournament returns March 29 - April 6 to Credit One Stadium on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina.

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.

Pegula is currently the No. 1 ranked American. She has captured six WTA singles titles and seven WTA doubles titles. She recently had a career breakthrough, reaching her first Grand Slam final at the 2024 US Open, her best Major result to date. Before the US Open, Pegula had reached the quarterfinals of all four Grand Slam tournaments, making her a six-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist.

"We are excited to welcome Jessie Pegula back to Charleston for the Credit One Charleston Open. She has a great history with our tournament, and her remarkable performances on the court have always been a highlight with tennis fans," said Bob Moran, President of Beemok Sports & Entertainment. "She is ending her 2024 season with amazing momentum, winning in Canada and making the finals in both Cincinnati and the US Open. As we celebrate 25 incredible years of tennis in this great city, we're looking forward to hosting an exceptional player field and event, with more exciting announcements coming your way."

In addition to her result at the US Open, Pegula reached three more finals this year – in Berlin, Toronto, and Cincinnati – securing titles in Berlin and Toronto. She also advanced to the semifinals in Adelaide, San Diego, and Charleston, and reached the quarterfinals in Miami. This summer, Pegula qualified and competed in the 2024 Olympic Games, representing Team USA for a second time.

The 2025 Credit One Charleston Open will be Pegula's 11th appearance in the Charleston player field and seventh in the main draw. She holds an 11-6 win/loss record and was a semifinalist in 2023 and 2024.

"I'm always excited to return to Charleston for the Credit One Charleston Open. This tournament holds a special place in my heart, with wonderful memories from my two semifinal appearances and time spent in the Lowcountry over the past decade. I can't wait to kick off my clay season in Charleston next year and play in front of a home crowd at Credit One Stadium."

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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