



Volvo Car Open



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TWO GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS ENTER VOLVO CAR OPEN PLAYER FIELD

2018 Australian Open Champion Caroline Wozniacki and 2017 US Open Champion Sloane Stephens will both play Charleston's WTA Premier event, March 30 – April 7, 2019

Social Media: Two Grand Slam champions will play the 2019 @VolvoCarOpen. Caroline Wozniacki and Sloane Stephens have officially joined the tournament's player field. Both are past #Charleston champs, too. More: <https://bit.ly/2MHUUov>. #chs #WTA #VolvoCarOpen

DANIEL ISLAND, S.C. – Caroline Wozniacki and Sloane Stephens, both Grand Slam and Volvo Car Open champions, have committed to play the 2019 Volvo Car Open, March 30 – April 7, 2019 on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina.

“Welcoming back two of our own champions is a great way to kick off the 2019 tournament,” said Eleanor Adams, Volvo Car Open Tournament Manager. “Both Caroline and Sloane have had sensational seasons, and already having two Grand Slam champions in our field takes our competition to the next level. We know our fans are in for a very special week in 2019!”

World No. 2 Wozniacki won the Australian Open, her first Grand Slam title, in January. The Dane also captured the title in Eastbourne and reached the finals in Auckland, semifinals in Doha and quarterfinals in St. Petersburg, Istanbul and Rome this year. In total, Wozniacki has 29 WTA career titles. She celebrated her ninth straight season with a top 20 finish in 2017.

Wozniacki holds a 16-4 win/loss record in Charleston. She's found success on the Volvo Car Open's green clay, capturing the title in 2011 and reaching the finals in 2009. The upcoming tournament will be her sixth time competing in Charleston.

“I'm excited to return to Charleston next year for the tournament,” said Wozniacki. “I always enjoy playing there and look forward to competing in front of the great crowds again. The fans make the tournament feel so special to me... I can really hear them and that always fuels me to play my best!”

Stephens, the World No. 9, won the 2017 US Open following an 11-month hiatus from tennis due to a foot injury. She became the fifth unseeded women in the Open Era to win a major – just 69 days after returning to the sport and six weeks after her ranking had dropped to No. 957 in the world.

Her remarkable comeback continued during her 2018 season, where she captured the title in Miami and made the finals in Paris and Montreal. She recently reached the quarterfinals in the US Open.

The American won the 2016 Volvo Car Open and has competed in Charleston six times. She holds a 6-5 win/loss record.

"I can't wait to play in Charleston next year," said Stephens. "I've been disappointed that injuries have kept me from competing in the Volvo Car Open the last two years. Charleston is one of my favorite cities, and I'm ready to finally return!"

The nine-day Volvo Car Open is the largest women's-only tennis tournament in North America and attracts an average of 90,000 attendees and more than 100 of the top singles and doubles tennis players.

Patrons have the option to choose from individual tickets, ticket packages and travel packages. Ticket prices range from \$25 for an individual session to \$540 for an all-inclusive weeklong package with complimentary access into a private hospitality suite. The Volvo Car Open also offers packages that include premium seats, ticket savings and membership into the tournament's Ace Club.

The Ace Club is a program for package holders that provides unparalleled amenities and benefits during the tournament, including private bag storage, invitations to the "Selection Party", a tournament poster, incentive membership cards and much more. In addition, members have the option to opt-in for Ace Lounge access, an exclusive hospitality location providing first-class amenities like live entertainment, air-conditioning, elevated food options and more.

For more information on the tournament and ticket options, visit volvocaropen.com or call 800.677.2293.

About the Volvo Car Open:

The Volvo Car Open is North America's largest women's-only tennis tournament. The event, formerly known as the Family Circle Cup, moved to Charleston, S.C., in 2001 from Hilton Head Island, S.C., and will celebrate its 47th tournament in 2019. The Volvo Car Open 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 Volvo Car 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; live from Charleston, broadcast across the globe to millions of fans. The tournament is operated by Charleston Tennis, LLC. For more information on the Volvo Car Open, visit <http://www.VolvoCarOpen.com>, call (800) 677-2293, email info@volvocaropen.com, Facebook (Volvo Car Open), Twitter (@VolvoCarOpen) or Instagram (VolvoCarOpen).

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