

VOLVO CAR OPEN'S 2018 CHAMPION KIKI BERTENS AND FINALIST JULIA GOERGES TO RETURN TO CHARLESTON IN 2019

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DANIEL ISLAND, S.C. – 2018 [Volvo Car Open](#) champion and World No. 10 Kiki Bertens and finalist and World No. 9 Julia Goerges will play in the 2019 Volvo Car Open, March 30 – April 7 on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina. The two top 10 players join World No. 2 Caroline Wozniacki, World No. 8 Sloane Stephens and World No. 19 Madison Keys in the current [player field](#). The 2019 Volvo Car Open now features four of the WTA's top 10 players in its field.

“Kiki and Julia are not only our 2018 champion and finalist, but also two of the most talented and gracious players on the tour,” said Eleanor Adams, Volvo Car Open Tournament Manager. “With the addition of Kiki and Julia into our field, we now have four top 10 players in contention for the Charleston title next April. We’re looking forward to the exciting rounds of competition to come!”

The 26-year-old Bertens is currently ranked World No. 10. The Dutchwoman had the best season of her career this year, picking up titles in Charleston, Cincinnati and Seoul. She also reached the final in Madrid and quarterfinals in Montreal, Wimbledon and Nurnberg. Bertens defeated 10 players ranked in the WTA's top 10, contributing to her best ranking to date.

“I’m proud of my season,” said Bertens. “I worked hard this year and after my win in Charleston my tennis results really picked up. I’m looking forward to defending my title next April and playing in front of a great group of fans again.”

Bertens will compete in Charleston for the fourth time in 2019. She holds an 8-2 win/loss record on the green clay.

Goerges, ranked World No. 9, kicked off her 2018 season with a win in Auckland. From there, she reached the final in Charleston, the semifinals in St. Petersburg, Wimbledon and New Haven and the quarterfinals in Doha, Birmingham and Moscow. Her success in Wimbledon marked the first time the 29-year-old German made a semifinal of a Grand Slam tournament.

“I’m excited to come back to Charleston for the Volvo Car Open,” said Goerges. “I was disappointed I didn’t win the title, and am looking forward to another chance at the championship in 2019. Last year was my first time playing the tournament in a few years and it was great to be back!”

Goerges has previously played the Volvo Car Open five times. She holds a 9-5 win/loss record.

After competing against one another in the 2018 Volvo Car Open final, Bertens and Goerges met again this season in the quarterfinals of Wimbledon, where Goerges defeated Bertens 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

The 2019 Volvo Car Open player field includes three past champions, Bertens ('18), Stephens ('16) and Wozniacki ('11) as well as two past finalists, Goerges ('18) and Keys ('15).

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

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