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2015 FAMILY CIRCLE CUP MAIN PLAYER FIELD COMPLETE

Player field features eight of the top 20 in the world; five Wild Cards left to announce

Social Media: Main player draw for @FamilyCircleCup complete, features 8 of the top 20. 5 wild cards left. List: <http://ow.ly/JZNVb> #chs #WTA #FCC2015

DANIEL ISLAND, S.C. – The preliminary main player draw for the Family Circle Cup is officially complete for the 43rd tournament, April 4 – 12. The world-class player field forming for the Family Circle Cup on Daniel Island is headed up by eight of the top 20 players in the world. Five additional players will join the field via Wild Card entry.

The Family Circle Cup's 56-player draw is made up of 43 direct entries into the tournament, five wild cards and eight qualifiers.

The depth in our player field is what we strive for each year," said Eleanor Adams, Tournament Manager for the Family Circle Cup. "From top-ranked players like Ekaterina Makarova and our champion Andrea Petkovic, to the next generation of talent, we are certain the diversity of players within the field this year will bring fierce and entertaining competition on the courts."

Highlights from the Main Draw include:

- 20 countries represented in the international player field
- Eight players in the top 20 in the world
- Four past Family Circle Cup Champions: Andrea Petkovic (2014), Samantha Stosur (2011), Sabine Lisicki (2009) and Jelena Jankovic (2007)
- Nine Americans in the field
- Local Charleston player Shelby Rogers qualifies for the 2015 Family Circle Cup main draw
- Madison Keys, top ranked American player in the field, currently World No. 18 after reaching the Australian Open semifinals

At the top of the Family Circle Cup player field is Ekaterina Makarova. 2015 will mark her first time playing Charleston in five years. She broke into the WTA singles top 10 for the first time in her career in January 2015, stemming from a standout 2014 season that included a singles quarterfinals appearance at Wimbledon, and her first Grand Slam singles semifinal at the US Open.

Current Family Circle Cup champion Andrea Petkovic had a major comeback during the 2013-2014 season. After her Family Circle Cup win, Petkovic reached her first career Grand Slam semifinal at the French Open. She went on to reach the semifinals in Stanford, before taking home an additional WTA title at Bad Gastein. Petkovic started the 2015 season with a win in Antwerp in February 2015.

Safarova will play Charleston for her fifth time in 2015. After making the finals in both singles and doubles in 2012, losing to Serena in singles before taking the doubles win, she has gone on to make the Family Circle Cup's quarterfinals the last two years. Safarova reached an additional four quarterfinals following the 2014 Family Circle Cup, as well as the semifinals at Wimbledon and Moscow. Most recently, she won the title in Doha in February 2015.

Rounding out the top-four in Charleston's player field is Sara Errani. This year's tournament will be her third time playing the Family Circle Cup. Errani reached the quarterfinals at two Grand Slams in 2014, the French and US Open, as well as the finals in Rome and Paris. Errani won her first title of 2015 in Rio de Janeiro.

Main Draw to Date:

Player	Country	Rank
Ekaterina Makarova	Russia	9
Andrea Petkovic	Germany	10
Lucie Safarova	Czech Republic	11
Sara Errani	Italy	12
Anqelique Kerber	Germany	14
Madison Keys	USA	18
Shuai Peng	China	19
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova	Czech Republic	20
Jelena Jankovic	Serbia	21
Samantha Stosur	Australia	25
Caroline Garcia	France	28
Sabine Lisicki	Germany	30
Zarina Diyas	Kazakhstan	32
Irina-Camelia Begu	Romania	34
Casey Dellacqua	Australia	35
Belinda Bencic	Switzerland	37
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	Russia	39
Mona Barthel	Germany	41
Sloane Stephens	USA	42
Heather Watson	United Kingdom	43
Alison Riske	USA	44
Madison Brengle	USA	46
Jarmila Gajdosova	Australia	48
Ajla Tomljanovic	Croatia	53
Lauren Davis	USA	55
Mirjana Lucic-Baroni	Croatia	59
Yaroslava Shvedova	Kazakhstan	60
Silvia Soler-Espinosa	Spain	64
Elena Vesnina	Russia	66
Jana Cepelova	Slovakia	67
Christina McHale	USA	69
Alexanda Dulgheru	Romania	72
Saisai Zheng	China	74
Shuai Zhang	China	79
Marina Erakovic	New Zealand	80

Shelby Rogers	USA	82
Donna Vekic	Croatia	84
Lesia Tsurenko	Ukraine	85
Timea Babos	Hungary	86
Nicole Gibbs	USA	87
Lara Arruabarrena	Spain	92
Chanelle Scheepers	South Africa	94
Taylor Townsend	USA	96

About the Family Circle Cup

The Family Circle Cup is the largest women's only tennis tournament in the world, and *Family Circle* is the longest running title sponsor of a sporting event in the United States, as well as in all of professional tennis, worldwide. With more than 21 million readers, *Family Circle* is one of the most widely read monthly magazines in America and is one of 14 leading subscription magazines owned by Meredith Corporation, which speaks to 80 million women nationwide. The Family Circle Cup receives four days of live broadcast domestically on ESPN2, and is viewed internationally in more than 143 countries, featuring more than 200 hours of live and delayed global broadcast time, reaching 9+ million viewers worldwide.

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