

MADISON KEYS AND SLOANE STEPHENS TO PLAY IN WOMEN'S TENNIS CLASSIC AT 2023 DALLAS OPEN

Two Former Top-10 Players to replace previously announced matchup between Venus Williams and Danielle Collins



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DALLAS (January 20, 2023) – The Dallas Open announced today that former U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys and former U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens will go head-to-head in the Women's Tennis Classic on Saturday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. CT, to kick off the 2023 event. The two American players will play a singles match and a set of doubles featuring two of the SMU Women's Tennis players. The 2023 Dallas Open is scheduled to be played February 4-12 at the Styslinger/Altec Tennis Complex at SMU.

Keys and Stephens will replace the previously announced Women's Tennis Classic matchup between Venus Williams and Danielle Collins. Williams is unable to play in the Women's Tennis Classic due to injury that forced her out of the Australian Open. Collins is no longer able to appear due to a scheduling conflict.

Throughout their careers, Keys and Stephens have combined to win 13 singles titles in their careers, having faced off seven times in professional competition, with Stephens holding a 5-2 edge. Their singles match at the Women's Tennis Classic will be a rematch of the 2017 U.S. Open Final, in which Stephens topped Keys, 6-3, 6-0. Stephens is currently ranked No. 36 in the world while Keys, a 2022 Australian Open semifinalist, is currently ranked No. 13. Both women have reached the quarterfinals-or-better in each of the four Grand Slams during their careers.

"We are thrilled to announce that Madison Keys and Sloane Stephens will join us at the 2023 Dallas Open, playing in the Women's Tennis Classic," said Peter Lebedevs, Dallas Open tournament director. "In addition to some of the best male players in the sport expected to compete in Dallas, having two of the best American women players just adds to a fantastic week of tennis."

“I love playing against Sloane,” said Keys. “We are close friends and always have some amazing matches against each other. Looking forward to another competitive match at the Women’s Tennis Classic.” Added Stephens, “I’m excited to be a part of the Women’s Tennis Classic at the Dallas Open,” Stephens said. “It’s an honor to share the court with a great friend and competitor like Madison, along with the SMU athletes.”

Premium seating, individual session, and weeklong tickets that include the women’s match are on sale now and available at dallasopen.com.

The 2022 Dallas Open last February marked the return of ATP Tour level tennis to Dallas for the first time in more than 30 years. The tournament featured over 60 world-class ATP Tour professionals and was televised worldwide to more than 100 countries.

About The Dallas Open

The Dallas Open is an ATP Tour 250 men’s tournament that will play its second year in Dallas on February 4-12, 2023, at the Styslinger/Altec Tennis Complex at SMU. It will be the only ATP Tour indoor championship in the United States, and features men’s top world tennis players in singles and doubles competition. The tournament, previously held as the New York Open, is one of the longest-running American tournaments on the ATP Tour. Its rich history features some of the top names in tennis, including legends John McEnroe, Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Andy Roddick, Michael Chang, and Andy Murray, and a current generation of stars like John Isner, Kei Nishikori, Milos Raonic, and Reilly Opelka.

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