



Apia International Sydney set to welcome world No. 1

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World No.1 Caroline Wozniacki has confirmed today her participation in January's Apia International Sydney.

The 21 year old Danish star, who finished her second straight WTA Tour season as No.1, joins fellow top ten players US Open champion Sam Stosur and French Open champion Li Na at the January 8 to 14 event at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre.

Wozniacki will return to the harbour city for the fourth straight year and believes the Apia International Sydney title would be the perfect start to 2012.

"The Apia International Sydney is the ideal preparation for the first Grand Slam of the year," Wozniacki said.

"It is a really beautiful city and the tournament has a really nice set up so I always enjoying going to Sydney every year.

"The matches there are always so tough because so many of the top players compete there so I know I will get the match practice I need before Melbourne."

Wozniacki's best result at the tournament came in 2009 when she lost an enthralling three set quarter final match against No.1 seed Serena Williams.

Tournament Director Craig Watson said the addition of the world No.1 to the women's field further highlighted the event's stature on the WTA Tour.

"We are delighted that Caroline will be returning to the Apia International Sydney in January," Watson commented.

"She is a major star of women's tennis and the fans here in Sydney really love her friendly and engaging personality, both on and off the court.

"She has had another great season in 2011 and will be one of the favourites for the title, but she won't find any easy matches with the likes of Stosur, Li and Ana Ivanovic in the field.

"Entries to the event will be closing shortly and I am fairly confident that eight or nine of the top ranked women will play at the Apia International Sydney."

In 2011, Wozniacki claimed six WTA Tour titles – Dubai, Indian Wells, Charleston, Brussels, Copenhagen and New Haven – and had semi final appearances at the Australian Open and US Open.

Tickets to the Apia International Sydney 2012 are on sale through Ticketek and can be purchased online at www.ticketek.com.au or 1300 888 104.

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Apia International Sydney 2012, proudly supported by Apia, in association with Medibank, South African Airways and Destination NSW on behalf of the NSW Government, is a key international sports event on the 2012 NSW Events Calendar. The Apia International Sydney will take place at the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre from 8 to 14 January 2012.



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