

WTA Finals moving to an NBA arena next year as tennis tour seeks 'Super Bowl for women's sports'

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The WTA Finals, the elite season-ending event in women’s tennis, will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, for the next three years in a move that organizers hope will create “the Super Bowl for women’s sports.”

The tournament will be played at the Spectrum Center, home of the NBA’s Charlotte Hornets, the WTA and the Charlotte Sports Foundation announced Wednesday.

The year’s top eight singles players and doubles teams qualify for the event, which is usually held in November.

“Our ambition is for the WTA Finals to be not only the premier championship in women’s tennis, but one of the defining global events in women sports,” WTA chair Valerie Camillo said. “We want to create the Super Bowl for women’s sports. And not just the competition, but an event that is the annual gathering for women’s tennis, women’s sports, and women’s sport business.

“Audiences are growing, investment is growing, female athletes are increasingly at the center of sports and culture around the world. And women’s tennis has helped lead and define that progress for more than 50 years. And we believe our biggest championship should reflect the scale of this moment,” Camillo added.

Camillo called it a “minimum three-year deal. She added, “We’ll see what goes on beyond that.”

LEAVING SAUDI ARABIA

The announcement comes at a time of financial difficulty for the WTA after it announced in July that it was opting out of the final year of a three-year hosting arrangement with Saudi Arabia to move this year’s Finals to Indian Wells, California.

There were concerns about going back to Saudi Arabia due to military conflicts in the Middle East.

Camillo noted that “2026 is a year of transition for the WTA” and that “we are doing the normal belt tightening you would expect in any business while also absorbing the unexpected cost of relocating the WTA finals to Indian Wells.

“What’s most important to know is that we have a clear path to deliver consistent, sustainable financial performance in 2027 and beyond,” she added.

With Indian Wells now set to host only once, Charlotte will become the eighth different venue for the Finals since 2018.

The WTA did not announce any prize money figures for the upcoming tournaments, and could struggle to match the record-setting amounts that were on offer in Saudi Arabia.

Elena Rybakina collected \$5.23 million for winning the 2025 WTA Finals in Riyadh after going 5-0 at the event. The WTA said that was the largest payout in the history of women’s sports. Aryna Sabalenka earned \$2.7 million as runner-up.

Rybakina also beat

Sabalenka in Saturday’s U.S. Open final and claimed the No. 1 ranking.

Coco Gauff won the 2024 finals in Riyadh.

OPERATING CONTROL

The partnership will extend beyond the Finals. The WTA will also relocate its global headquarters from St. Petersburg, Florida, to Charlotte, as part of the deal.

And there’s a plan to bring a WTA 500 tournament to Charlotte after 2029.

“The WTA has always owned the WTA finals, but now going forward, we’re going to operate it too,” Camillo said. “We’re taking control of the creation of the revenues and the controlling of the expenses and the delivery of the entire thing.

“And that allows us to control our own destiny,” Camillo added. “Whether it’s around what we’re doing with our media rights and our production, whether it’s related to the WTA finals, whether we’re approaching our calendar, we’re going to be making bold and aggressive moves for women’s tennis that shapes the future that we want rather than reacting.”

Camillo replaced retiring chair Steve Simon at the end of last year.

She previously oversaw business operations for the Philadelphia Flyers and Wells Fargo Center as the president and CEO of the sports and entertainment division of Comcast Spectacor, and has held senior roles with the Washington Nationals and the NBA.

American soccer star making waves in Europe credits mom for success

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DUESSELDORF, Germany — The breakout American star of the soccer season so far in Germany, Cole Campbell, has help from an experienced training partner — his mom.

Rakel Karvelsson was a pro player in the U.S. and played internationally for Iceland. Two decades on, she’s a “soccer mom” like few others, still helping Campbell develop his game as he makes waves in the German Bundesliga with seemingly fearless small-town team Elversberg.

“My mom knows so much about football,” Campbell told reporters Tuesday. “Having a mom also that played football, it’s great. I can also train with her, which is fun. ... She challenges me to a two-touch battle. She doesn’t win any more but in the past, when I was younger, she used to beat me. That was, I think, maybe seven years ago when I was 13. When I was 14, 15, I started to beat her.”

CAMPBELL'S SIGNING DECISION PAID OFF WITH A DEBUT GOAL

The 20-year-old Campbell joined Bundesliga newcomer Elversberg as the club’s record signing in July after his career stalled at Borussia Dortmund. Taking a chance on a league newcomer paid off immediately as Campbell scored on his first league start in a stunning upset win over former champion Bayer Leverkusen.

A nimble winger, Campbell is a good fit on a young



HARALD TITTEL/DPA/AP

Elversberg's Cole Campbell celebrates after scoring during a Bundesliga soccer match between Elversberg and Bayer Leverkusen in Spiesen-Elversberg, Germany, on Aug. 29.

team which has showed it belonged at the top level and pushed Bayern Munich hard in a 2-1 loss last week after Campbell had a goal ruled out for a teammate’s offside.

“I was confused because I turned and I didn’t see any of my teammates there (celebrating). So I was, like, ‘OK,’” he said.

From a town of just 13,000 people, Elversberg has a club ethos of playing “brave” soccer and not being overawed by being the underdog against almost any opponent it faces.

“The bravery for me as an offensive player is to not be afraid of going one against one, going and trying something instead of being scared and not trying it because of the reputation,” he said.

A RARE MOTHER-AND-SON SOCCER PRO DUO

Soccer has a long history of players following in their fathers’ footsteps, like Norwegian star Erling Haaland, U.S. winger Tim Weah or Argentine World Cup finalist Giuliano Simeone.

The relatively short history

of professional women’s soccer means Campbell is one of the first active players whose mother was able to make a career in the sport.

Karvelsson was part of the first ever all-professional women’s league in the U.S., the WUSA, when it launched in 2001. She was on the University of North Carolina team that won back-to-back national titles in 1996 and 1997 and scored seven goals in 10 games for Iceland. Campbell’s father also played college soccer, too.

His mother’s Nordic heritage was the reason Campbell made his pro debut in the Icelandic league in 2021 in a nation which punches above its weight in developing soccer players. He played briefly for Iceland’s Under-17 team but switched to the U.S. in 2024 and says there’s no going back.

“I’ve already made my decision to switch to the U.S. It was for a lot of different reasons, but my future is with the U.S., so that’s set. I have no second thoughts or anything, so that’s the thing for me that’s set in stone,” he said.

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