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Porsche Brand Ambassador storms into the US Open final and to the top of the world rankings

### **Angelique Kerber the new world number 1**

**Stuttgart.** Angelique Kerber's dream has become reality: the Porsche Brand Ambassador will replace American Serena Williams as the new number 1 in the tennis rankings on Monday. She will be the first German to top the rankings since Steffi Graf in 1997. In addition, she has reached the final of the US Open in New York for the first time. On Thursday night, she won 6-4, 6-3 against Caroline Wozniacki, the former world No. 1 from Denmark, at the last Grand Slam tournament of the year.

"I'm the number 1. It's incredible," said the 28-year old. "It's a big day for me. Getting to the first final here means a great deal to me. Now I want to go on and win it."

Angelique Kerber's impressive series that has led to her becoming the world number 1 started in January with her first Grand Slam win at the Australian Open. After reaching the Wimbledon final and winning the silver medal at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, the two-time Porsche Tennis Grand Prix winner has now advanced to her third Grand Slam final this season. At 4.00 pm local time (22.00 CEST) on Saturday, she will face Karolina Pliskova from the Czech Republic who beat Serena Williams 6-2, 7-6 in the second semi-final. The match will be televised live by Eurosport.

"Angelique Kerber has achieved one of her big goals as a sportswoman. Congratulations," said Oliver Blume, Chairman of the Executive Board of Porsche AG. "We're proud of our brand ambassador. She's not only made it to the top of the world rankings

but can also now go on to win the US Open. We'll be keeping our fingers firmly crossed for her in the final.”

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