

Kerber celebrates first Grand Slam win

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30/01/2016 Porsche Brand Ambassador Angelique Kerber has fulfilled the dream of winning a first Grand Slam: 22 years after Steffi Graf, she is the first German to win the Australian Open, and is now the world number two.

In an enthralling and high class final on Saturday, she defeated the world number one and top favourite Serena Williams from USA 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

“My whole life I was working really hard and now I’m here. It’s crazy,” said Angelique Kerber after the biggest win of her career for which she received rapturous applause from the spectators in the Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne. “Today is a day I’ll never forget, thanks to everybody that supported and believed in me.”

Porsche CEO Dr. Oliver Blume: “We're very proud of Angelique Kerber”

For Angelique Kerber, the winner of the 2015 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, it was the first Grand Slam final of her career. The success has moved her up to second in the WTA World Rankings behind Serena Williams. There is only one German player to have ever been ranked higher – Steffi Graf was the world No. 1 for 377 weeks.

“Together with tennis fans everywhere, Angelique Keerber's win makes us very happy,” said Dr. Oliver Blume, Chairman of the Executive Board of Porsche AG. “That our brand ambassador has won the tournament and therefore followed in the footsteps of Steffi Graf is something that makes us very proud. Particularly impressive was that Angelique excelled in Melbourne with not only her fantastic game but also her fighting spirit. She has won over the hearts of the people with her naturalness and her charm. For her Porsche Team Germany teammates, the success is extra motivation for the opening Fed Cup tie against Switzerland this coming weekend in Leipzig. Her performance will above all also spur on the up-and-coming youngsters we are supporting together with the “Deutschen Tennis Bund” (DTB – the German Tennis Association) within the Porsche Talent Team Germany. Young players need role models they can copy. Angelique Kerber is such a role model.”

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