



**IN HER FIRST PRO TOURNAMENT, INGLIS SHOCKS NO. 1 SEED PEERS
Singles Quarterfinals, Doubles semifinals set for Friday at Palmetto Pro Open**

SUMTER, SC May 23, 2013 – In the history of the six Palmetto Pro Opens – a USTA Women’s Pro Circuit \$10,000 event in Sumter, SC – seven of the eight seeds in the Singles Main Draw have advanced to the second round, but only once have those seven won for a second straight round.

As the singles quarterfinals came into picture on Thursday, two more seeds fell out of the tournament.

Playing in her first ever USTA Pro Circuit event, **Maddison Inglis** (AUS) cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over top-seed **Sally Peers** (AUS). Inglis had been playing the ITF Junior circuit in Florida, but hadn’t won a match. Now she’s won six in a row in a professional tournament.

“Honestly, I just wanted to win one match in the qualifying round,” said Inglis of her expectations, who has been in the U.S. for only about three weeks. “I hadn’t won a match since I came to America.”

Inglis will face No. 8 seed **Elisabeth Fournier** (CAN) on Friday with a spot in the semifinals on the line after Fournier defeated **Alexandra Starkova** (ESP) 7-5, 6-0 in the second round on Thursday.

Alexandra Morozova (USA) earned her spot in the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 victory over **Fatma Nabhani** (OMA), the No. 4 seed, and will play No. 7 seed **Jamie Loeb** (USA) in the quarterfinals. Loeb defeated **Magdalena Ekert** (POL) 6-1, 6-4.

Sixth-seeded and 2011 PPO runner-up **Brooke Austin** (USA), who is still looking for her first professional singles title, defeated **Elizabeth Anita Alexandri Profit** (USA) 6-3, 7-5. In the quarterfinals, Austin will face third-seeded **Alexandra Mueller** (USA), who rallied to beat **Csilla Borsanyi** (HUN) 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 in Thursday’s second round.

“I’ve been so close to winning a title, it’s actually annoying me to a point,” said Austin with a laugh. “Every tournament I feel like I’m getting closer and closer – it’s going to happen eventually.

“I was so young then (two years ago in Sumter),” she added. “I was so little and so scared, but I’ve learned you can’t be nervous. You just have to go out there and play.”

Mueller, on the other hand, is a 6-time singles champion on the Pro Circuit. Trailing 5-4 in the second set and facing elimination, the Pennsylvania native won seven of the next eight games to take control.

“You always want to have the easiest match, especially when it’s hot out,” said Mueller after her second three-set match in two days. “I think the fact that I’m able to change what isn’t working (for me) in the first set, I’m really happy about that. I go out with a certain gameplan and if it doesn’t work, you want to be able to change out there because not everything is going to go according to plan.”

Completing the Singles quarterfinals are No. 5 seed and two-time PPO semifinals **Piia Suomalainen** (FIN) and **Hiroko Kuwata** (JPN). Suomalainen got past **Stephanie Kent** (USA) 7-6(4), 6-3, while Kuwata took down **Michelle Sammons** (RSA) 6-2, 6-3.

The Doubles semifinals were also determined on Thursday. Loeb and **Sanaz Marand** (USA) will face **Sydney Campbell** (USA) and **Josie Kuhlman** (USA) in one semifinal. The other semifinal will pit Borsanyi and **Katerina Stewart** (USA) versus No. 2 seed Mueller and **Kristy Frilling** (USA).

Loeb and Marand defeated **Martina Frantova** (SVK) and **Belinda Woolcock** (AUS) 6-0, 1-6, 10-3; Campbell and Kuhlman advanced past No. 4 seed **Stephanie Kent** (USA) and **Ashley Murdock** (USA) 6-1, 6-4; Stewart and Borsanyi took down **Jessica Lawrence** (USA) and Sammons 6-2, 4-6, 10-7; while Mueller and Frilling stayed alive with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over **Kaitlyn McCarthy** (USA) and **Taylor L. Davidson** (USA).

The four Singles quarterfinal matches are first on the docket for Friday, which begins at 10 a.m. The Doubles semifinal matches will close out the day.

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