



**AUSTIN, LOEB TO MEET IN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Singles, Doubles Championship Matches set for Sunday at Palmetto Pro Open**

**SUMTER, SC May 25, 2013** – Just over a month ago, **Brooke Austin** (USA) and **Jamie Loeb** (USA) met in the second round of the Easter Bowl Championship in Rancho Mirage, Ca. On Sunday the duo will lock horns again in the Palmetto Pro Open – a USTA Women’s \$10,000 Pro Circuit event in Sumter, SC – in the Singles Championship.

Austin defeated **Hikoro Kawata** (JPN) 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 to advance to the PPO championship for a second time – she lost to **Alexis King** (USA) in the 2011 singles title match. Loeb took down **Elisabeth Fournier** (CAN) 6-3, 6-0.

Austin won the match at the Easter Bowl Championship 7-5, 6-7(7), 6-3. If she can repeat that feat on Sunday, she’ll win her first pro circuit singles championship.

“I just want to win a title in one of these so badly,” said Austin.

“I feel like I played pretty well, but I’m going to have to be much more consistent (in the championship match) if I hope to win.”

Loeb, on the other hand, is not only playing for the singles championship on Sunday, but she is partnering with **Sanaz Marand** (USA) to play **Alexandra Mueller** (USA) and **Kristy Frilling** (USA) for the doubles championship.

“I know how it feels, I’ve been there before,” said Loeb, who also won the singles and doubles titles in a \$10,000 event in Buffalo, NY in 2012. “It should be two good matches tomorrow.

“I come into every tournament wanting to win it all and play my best,” she added. “So far, I’ve been doing a good job and hopefully tomorrow I can seal the deal.

Loeb trailed Fournier 3-2 in the first set before reeling off 10 straight games for the victory.

“The beginning, I was forcing too many shots,” said Loeb. “I just played to my strengths instead of her weaknesses. That seemed to be the reason why I was winning all those games. She had to adjust to what I was doing.”

The Singles Championship will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday with the Doubles Championship to follow after rest.

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