



LOEB TAKES SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP; FRILLING, MUELLER CAPTURE DOUBLES TITLE
Loeb goes 1-for-2 on Championship Sunday

SUMTER, SC May 26, 2013 – Championship Sunday at the Palmetto Pro Open began with **Jamie Loeb** (USA) trying to pull off an impressive feat for the second time in her career: winning both the singles and doubles title at one tournament in the same year.

She did it in the \$10,000 USTA Women's Pro Circuit event in Buffalo, NY in 2012. She took care things herself in the Singles Championship match against **Brooke Austin** (USA) with a 6-4, 6-3 victory, but she couldn't come home with the doubles title as her and **Sanaz Marand** (USA) fell to the team of **Kristy Frilling** (USA) and **Alexandra Mueller** (USA) 6-4, 6-3.

But all-in-all, not a bad weekend for the 18-year-old from New York.

In the singles championship, the first four games were split and each time Austin and Loeb broke each other's serve. Tied at four games apiece, Loeb finally held a serve to take the first set.

"I don't think today that either of us served really well," said Loeb. "She had a couple double-faults and my first-serve percentage was not the best. In the end, I finished strong and got it done whatever way I needed to."

In the second set, Loeb jumped out to a 3-0 lead and Austin could get no closer than a game as Loeb avenged a loss in last month's Easter Bowl Championship to Austin.

"Last time we played, I was up 7-5, 2-0 and lost," Loeb recalled. "This time I was up 6-4, 3-0 and knew I couldn't let her back in. Even at that point, I knew I had to keep playing hard."

And the loss left Austin, who was also the PPO runner-up in 2011, still looking for a win in a pro circuit tournament.

"Unfortunately, it just wasn't my day to play tennis," Austin said with a smile. "I felt like every little thing that I needed to happen today just didn't go my way... I'm playing next week. Eventually I am going to win one."

Frilling and Mueller trailed 3-2 early in the doubles championship, but once they took a 4-3 lead they never trailed again in the match.

“I think we worked really well together,” said Mueller. “When one of us would hit a good baseline shot, the other could really be looking to put it away at the net. We were looking to play aggressive right from the start.”

It was the third time that Frilling and Mueller have played together, but it was their first finals appearance in a tournament.

“We both knew how each of the girls (Marand and Loeb) played and we kind of knew what we wanted to do,” said Frilling. “We did a good job of sticking to it and not changing it up.”

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