



THREE SEEDS FALL IN SECOND ROUND OF QUALIFYING DRAW Top two seeds, fifth seed upset in Day 2 Action

SUMTER, SC May 19, 2013 – After a short rain delay to start the second day of qualifying for the Palmetto Pro Open – a USTA \$10,000 Women’s Pro Circuit event – the field of 93 participants is close to being cut down to just 32. Those 32 are vying for eight spots in the Main Draw, which is scheduled to begin Tuesday.

All but three matches were able to finish before lightening and rain halted play at the Palmetto Tennis Center.

The first round of qualifying was completed early Sunday with **Anna Wierda** (USA), **Tereza Kolarova** (CZE) and **Petra Hule** (AUS) advancing to the second round of qualifying. Wierda defeated **Sarah Varga** (USA) 7-5, 6-4, Kolarova won 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 over **Amanda Atanasson** (USA) and Hule got past **Jasmine Gabriel** (USA) 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).

The five seeded players got in their first matches of the tournament and not everyone made it through to the third round. The top two qualifying seeds – top-seeded **Sherry Li** (USA), No. 2 **Ashley Murdock** (USA) – and fifth-seeded **Jainy Scheepens** (NED) fell in their first matches of the tournament. Li lost 6-3, 6-3 to **Samantha Asch** (USA), Murdock fell to **Yukako Noi** (JPN) 6-3, 6-2 and **Josie Kuhlman** (USA) took down Scheepens 6-3, 6-0.

Third-seeded **Denise Muresan** (USA) earned a 6-4, 6-3 win over **Samantha Powers** (USA) and No. 4 seed **Amanda Rodgers** (USA) advanced in straight sets with a 6-1, 6-0 win over **Elizabeth Vlachakis** (USA).

In their second matches of the day, Kolarova moved into the third round with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over **Saera Kanda** (JPN); Wierda and Hule had their matches suspended by weather. Wierda’s match with **Xue Zhang** (CHN) was suspended at 2-6, 6-3, 0-1, while Hule trailed **Alexandra Walters** (AUS) 6-4, 2-3).

In the third suspended match, **Jacqueline Wu** (USA) and **Amelie Intert** (GER) were at 6-7(3), 6-0. All three suspended matches will be played at 9 a.m.

Also advancing to the third round of qualifying were: **Alexandra Starkova** (ESP) with a 6-1, 6-2 win over **Kayla Symone Price** (USA); **Sydney Campbell** (USA) after defeating **Daniella Roldan** (USA) 6-1, 6-2; **Mercedes Hammond** (USA) with a 7-6 (3), 6-3 victory over **Jessie Lynn Paul** (USA); **Trelsie Sadler** (USA) with a 6-0, 4-6, 6-0 victory over **Monika Miljkovic** (SRB); **Anna Smith** (USA) after defeating **Andrea Ternera** (COL) 6-1, 6-0; **Michelle Sammons** (RSA) with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over **Magen Head** (USA).

Khristina Blajkevitch (CAN) advanced with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over **Katarina Guarino** (USA); **Jemileth Aguilar** (VEN) earned a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 three-hour marathon match over **Kristina Mathis** (USA); **Jada Robinson** (USA) defeated **Kennedy Wicker** (USA) 6-1, 6-2; **Whitney McCray** (USA) outlasted **Joanna Nalborska** (POL) 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4); **Peyton Gollhofer** (USA) took down **Adriana Alvarez-Tostado** (USA) 6-1, 6-0.

Mariaryeni Gutierrez (VEN) defeated **Claudine Maheu** (CAN) 6-0, 6-0; **Parris Todd** (USA) took a 6-1, 6-3 victory over **Gabrielle Woodson** (USA); **Alexandra Morozova** (USA) beat **Jasmin Jebawy** (GER) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; and **Hadley Berg** (USA) was a 6-3, 6-1 winner over **Masako Makiba** (JPN).

Taylor Davidson (USA) defeated **Allison Miller** (USA) 6-2, 7-5; **Maddison Inglis** (AUS) took down **Nadia Gizardova** (USA) 6-1, 6-2; **Ellyse Hamlin** (USA) earned a 7-5, 6-2 victory over **Priyanka Shah** (USA); **Magdalena Ekert** (POL) advanced with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory over **Chloe Hule** (AUS); **Ryann Foster** (USA) defeated **Olga Boulytcheva** (RUS) 6-4, 7-6 (3); **Apichaya Runglerdkriangkrai** (THA) moved on with a 6-2, 6-2 win over **Katie Fosnacht** (USA); and **Emerald Able** (USA) defeated **Sydney Rider** (USA) 6-1, 6-4.

Rosalyn Small (USA) advanced to the third round on a walk-over when **Jayden Lyons** (USA) didn't show for her match in time.

Six wild-cards have been given spots in the Main Draw. **Elizabeth Anita Alexandria Profit** (USA), **Martina Frantova** (USA) were granted a spot by USTA; **Aleah Marrow** (USA) and Iris Jr. Championship winner **Zina Graves** (USA) were placed in the Main Draw by the Palmetto Pro Open; and **Kaitlyn McCarthy** (USA) and **Marie Norris** (USA) were moved in from the qualifying draw to the Main Draw. The six wild cards and eight qualifiers will make up the remaining 14 spots in the Main Draw.

Play in the Singles Qualifying Draw begins at 9 a.m. on Monday and two matches in the Doubles Qualifying Draw will begin no earlier than 1 p.m.

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