



**EIGHT EARN SPOTS INTO SINGLES MAIN DRAW; FOUR INTO MAIN DRAW 2ND ROUND
Singles, Doubles Main Draws action begins**

SUMTER, SC May 20, 2014 – After three-plus days of qualifying for Singles and Doubles, the Main Draws began in the Palmetto Pro Open – a USTA \$10,000 Women’s Pro Circuit event. Four Singles Main Draw players found themselves in Round 2 after Tuesday’s play, as well as five doubles teams.

Advancing to the second round of the Singles Main Draw were No. 2 seed **Sonja Molnar** (CAN), fourth-seeded **Caitlin Whoriskey** (USA), No. 6 seed **Liudmila Vasilyeva** (RUS), **Sophie Chang** (USA and **Petra Januskova** (CAN).

Molnar survived **Piia Suomalainen** (FIN) 7-6(3), 7-6(5); **Whoriskey** was a 6-3, 6-3 winner over **Andie K. Daniell** (USA); **Vasilyeva** moved on with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over **Elizaveta Ianchuk** (UKR); **Chang**, who earned a spot in the Main Draw as a wild card after winning the Iris Jr. Tournament in Sumter earlier this month, won Tuesday’s Feature Match over seventh-seeded **Lauren Albanese** (USA) 6-2, 7-6(9); and **Januskova** rallied into the second round over **Karina Kristina Vyrlan** (USA) 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.

Eight players also earned their way into the Singles Main Draw on Tuesday by advancing through the Qualifying Draw. The remaining three seeded players – No. 2 **Anastasia Evgenyevna Nefedova** (RUS), No.3 **Usue Maitane Arconada** (USA) and seventh-seed **Kristina N. Smith** (USA) – found themselves advancing to the Main Draw.

Nefedova survived **Lynn Kiro** (RSA) 6-3, 6-3; **Arconada** cruised past **Magda Okruashvili** (GEO) 6-1, 6-2; and **Smith** swept **Tai Martin** (USA) 6-0, 6-1.

Also joining the Singles Main Draw were **Nicole Frenkel** (USA) – a 6-0, 6-0 winner over **Sai Keerthi Rachavelpula** (USA), **Nadja Gilchrist** (USA) – who outlasted **Kristina Mathis** (USA) 6-4, 6-7(5), 6-0, **Megen Cochran** (USA) – who eliminated **Emerald Able** (USA) 6-0, 6-3, **Caroline Dolehide** (USA) – who defeated **Ashley Kratzer** (USA) 6-0, 6-2 - and **Yolimar Ogando** (PUR) – a 7-6(3), 6-2 winner over **Ayan Broomfield** (CAN).

In Doubles Main Draw action, five teams advanced into the quarterfinals. Second-seeded **Anamika Bhargava** (USA) and **Elise Mertens** (BEL), who got past **Ayan Broomfield** (CAN) and **Maria Patrascu** (CAN) 6-2, 6-4; **Brooke Austin** (USA) and **Josie Kuhlman** (USA), who teamed up to down **Caroline Dolehide** (USA) and **Emma Christine Higuchi** (USA) 6-3, 6-4; **Stephanie Kent** (USA) and **Lynn Kiro** (RSA), who were 7-6(5), 6-4 winners over No. 4 seeded team of **Hadley Berg** (USA) and **Macall Harkins** (USA); third-seeded **Januskova** and **Vasilyeva** earned a 6-1, 2-6, 10-7 victory over **Leila Hodzic** (USA) and

Alexandra Walters (AUS;) and **Ianchuk** and **Anita Safronenka** (BLR) made quick work of **Jacqueline Pelletier** (USA) and **Katherine White** (GBR) 6-1, 6-1.

Singles and Doubles Main Draws action is back again at the PTC tomorrow. Play starts at 10 a.m.

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