



**MAIN DRAW SECOND ROUND, DOUBLES MAIN DRAW QUARTERFINALS SET
Singles, Doubles Main Draws action begins**

SUMTER, SC May 21, 2014 – One down, four to go. The 16 players left in the Singles Main Draw at the Palmetto Pro Open – a USTA \$10,000 Women’s Pro Circuit event – are each just four wins away from capturing the singles crown. On the Doubles Main Draw side, each duo is just three wins away.

The remaining 11 Singles Main Draw first-round matches wrapped up on Wednesday to fill out the rest of the second round. Three of the four seeded players on Day 1 of the Singles Main Draw made it to the second round and on Day 2, the remaining four advanced.

No. 1 seed **Elise Mertens** (BEL) was the last seed to play, as she was in Wednesday’s Feature Match versus **Emma Christine Higuchi** (USA). **Mertens** advanced past **Higuchi** 6-3, 6-1.

Third-seeded **Brooke Austin** (USA) – a two-time runner-up at the Palmetto Pro Open – got past qualifier **Usue Maitane Arconada** (USA) 6-3, 7-6(7); No. 5 seed **Angelina Gabueva** (RUS) outlasted qualifier **Anastasia Evgenyevna Nefedova** (RUS) 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; Eighth-seeded **Anamika Bhargava** (USA) slipped past **Macall Harkins** (USA) 7-6(3), 6-4.

Filling out the Singles Main Draw second round were **Josie Kuhlman** (USA), **Kristina N. Smith** (USA), **Kateryna Yergina** (UKR), **Anne-Liz Jeukeng** (USA), **Nadja Gilchrist** (USA), **Steffi Carruthers** (SAM) and **Yolimar Ogando** (PUR).

Kuhlman defeated **Caroline Dolehide** (USA) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; **Smith** was a 3-6, 6-0, 6-0 winner over **Samantha Powers** (USA); **Yergina** moved on with a 6-1, 7-6(0) victory over **Megen Cochran** (USA); **Jeukeng** got past **Nicole Mitchell** (USA) 6-2, 6-2.

Gilchrist rallied past **Khristina Blajkevitch** (CAN) 2-6, 6-3, 6-1 to enter the second round; **Carruthers** defeated **Nicole Frenkel** (USA) 6-2, 7-6(1); and **Ogando** stayed alive with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over **Jessica Lawrence** (USA).

Three doubles duos – top-seed **Sonja Molnar** (CAN)/**Caitlin Whoriskey** (USA), **Sophie Chang** (USA)/**Andie K. Daniell** (USA) and **Lauren Albanese** (USA)/**Gabueva** – made it into the quarterfinals, as well.

Molnar/Whoriskey took down **Mitchell/Rhiann Newborn** (USA) 6-2, 6-1; **Chang/Daniell** teamed up to beat **Carruthers/Sianna Simmons** (USA) 6-3, 6-2; and **Albanese/Gabueva** were 7-5, 7-6(5) winners over **Kelsey Anonsen** (CAN)/**Blajkevitch**.

Singles Main Draw matches will start the day at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

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