



**FIRST-TIME TITLE WINNER GUARANTEED IN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Austin, Gilchrist vying for 1st tournament win**

SUMTER, SC May 24, 2014 – One way or another, we'll have a first-time winner on the pro circuit in the Singles Main Draw at the Palmetto Pro Open – a USTA \$10,000 Women's Pro Circuit event. **Brooke Austin** (USA) has been a runner-up five previous times and **Nadja Gilchrist** (USA) hasn't even played a professional tournament since 2008.

Gilchrist kept up her Cinderella run with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over **Caitline Whoriskey** (USA) to make it to the championship game. **Gilchrist**, a qualifier, has played and won eight matches in the Palmetto Pro Open.

That's twice as many as **Austin**, a two-time runner-up at the Palmetto Pro Open.

Austin booked her ticket to Championship Sunday with a 6-4, 6-3 win over **Petra Januskova** (CAN). **Austin** felt good going into last year's PPO final against **Jamie Loeb** (USA), but didn't feel she was as mature as she is this year.

"I played really bad (last year)," said Austin. "But I think I've really gotten a lot better in this last year. I think I'm ready to finally win one."

Austin has learned a few lessons in her previous five championship appearances, ones she hopes to apply Sunday.

"Staying in there and not losing focus," she said.

In the Doubles Championship, **Whoriskey** and **Sonja Molnar** (CAN) will face **Sophie Chang** (USA) and **Andie K. Daniell** (USA) to start the day off at 11:30 a.m.

The Singles Championship will follow that match.

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