



**BROOKE AUSTIN CAPTURES FIRST PRO TITLE IN SINGLES FINAL  
Sophie Chang, Andie K. Daniell take down top seed in Doubles Final**

**SUMTER, SC May 25, 2014** – **Brooke Austin** (USA) finally completed a quest that started in February of 2011: win a pro tournament. It took six tries, but **Austin** finally came through with a 7-6(5), 2-6, 6-1 victory over **Nadja Gilchrist** (USA) in the Singles Final at the Palmetto Pro Open – a USTA \$10,000 Women’s Pro Circuit event.

In the Doubles Final, **Sophie Chang** (USA) and **Andie K. Daniell** (USA) used their past experience in playing together to dispose of top-seed **Caitlin Whoriskey** (USA) and **Sonja Molnar** (CAN) 6-1, 6-3.

**Austin** came out on fire and was up 3-1 in the first set on **Gilchrist**, who was playing her ninth match of the tournament. But **Gilchrist** rallied to send it into tie-break before **Austin** finally managed to win the first set.

“Weird, crazy,” is how Austin described her feelings after winning a title after five other heartbreaks.

In the second set, **Gilchrist** continued her roll and was never threatened in the set – sending it to a third and final set.

There, **Austin** found a way to succeed where she had fallen five previous times and won six straight games after dropping the first. Given that, she wasn’t comfortable until the sixth game.

“Five-one,” she laughed. “In the first set, I was up and she came back. So, once I got to 5-1 I sort of knew I had it.”

So what’s next for **Austin**? She wants to work on her world ranking.

“Getting top 350 – that’s what I want to do next,” she said.

**Chang** and **Daniell** have partnered before somewhere around 10 times – neither could remember the exact number. Chang said she felt that experience together helped their run through the Doubles Main Draw.

“I think we work really well together,” said **Chang**. “We’re different in a lot of ways, but in a lot of ways we’re very similar too.”

**Daniell** felt confident from the get-go about their chances to win the title.

“I just believed we could do it,” she said. “I didn’t think it’d be easy – I knew every match was going to be tough, but I had the confidence that if we did the right things, we could definitely win the title.”

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