



City of Sumter, South Carolina
**Palmetto
Pro Open**
A USTA Pro Circuit Event

**Singles Main Draw Set; Three already into 2nd Round
Five of the eight Doubles Quarterfinal spots also filled; Loeb gets Lucky Loser spot**

SUMTER, SC (June 16) – When **Alexa Graham** (USA) saw the screenshot from her mom of the Main Draw at the Palmetto Pro Open, she replied with laughter. On the other side of the court was going to be No. 1 seed **Taylor Townsend** (USA), the former No. 1 Juniors player in the world.

Her first thought was it was bad luck; her second thought, however, was to take it all in stride. That stride is a lot happier tonight after downing Townsend 6-4, 6-4 at the \$25,000 USTA Women's Pro Circuit event in Sumter, S.m.

"I was excited to play her (Townsend)," said Graham, who didn't get to the Palmetto Tennis Center for the first time until about 90 minutes before her match. "I felt that, win or lose, it was going to be a good experience for me."

Also advancing to the second round of the Main Draw were **[5] Lauren Embree** (USA) and **Ashley Weinhold** (USA). Embree was a 2-6, 6-0, 1-0, ret. winner over **Alexandra Stevenson** (USA) and Weinhold took down 2009 PPO Champion **Petra Rampre** (SLO) 6-4, 6-0.

The final 8 spots of the Main Draw were filled by **[1] Ingrid Neel** (USA), **[6] Mari Osaka** (JPN), **Ellen Perez** (AUS), **[9] Michaela Gordon** (USA), **Kayla Day** (USA), **Kourtney J. Keegan** (USA), **[7] Maria-Fernanda Alves** (BRA) and **Julia Jones** (USA).

Neel survived **[15] Maria Shishkina** (USA) 6-4, 7-6(6); Osaka took down **[16] Andie K. Daniell** (USA) 6-2, 6-4; Perez overcame **[8] Jamie Loeb** (USA) 7-5, 7-5; and Gordon was a 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-4 winner over **[3] Usue Maitane Arconada** (USA).

Day advanced over **[5] Jennifer Elie** (USA) with a 6-1, 6-4 victory; Keegan moved on with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over **Vivian Wolff** (GER); Alves outlasted **[14] Marie-Alexandre Leduc** (CAN) 7-6(3), 3-6, 6-3; and Jones outdueled **Jessica Golovin** (USA) 6-4, 6-7(4), 6-1.

However, Loeb got a second chance as her number came up as the Lucky Loser and will play in the Singles Main Draw on Wednesday.

The Doubles Main Draw also got started on Tuesday with five teams advancing to the quarterfinals. **[2] Loeb/Sanaz Marand** (USA), **Samantha Crawford** (USA)/**Emily J. Harman** (USA), **[3] Jacqueline Cako** (USA)/**Danielle Lao** (USA), **Perez/Carol Zhao** (CAN) and **Ellie Halbauer** (USA)/**Neel** each advanced to the Doubles Main Draw Quarterfinals.

Loeb/Marand took down **Arconada/Kelly Chen** (USA) 7-6(2), 6-1; Crawford/Harman were 3-6, 6-4, 10-6 winners over **Mayo Hibi** (JPN)/**Osaka**; Cako/Lao outlasted defending PPO Doubles Champions **Sophie Chang** (USA)/**Daniell** 6-7(3), 6-3, 10-7.

Perez/Zhao advanced over **Mercedes Hammond (USA)/Alexandra Sanford (USA)** 6-2, 6-2; and Halbauer/Neel won 6-4, 3-6, 10-6 over **Petra Januskova (CAN)/Leduc.**

The Singles Main Draw will continue on Wednesday at 9 a.m., as will the Doubles Main Draw.

For more information:

Patrick Enzor

Palmetto Pro Open Press Aide

(803)795-2393

penzor@sumter-sc.com