



City of Sumter, South Carolina

**Palmetto
Pro Open**

A USTA Pro Circuit Event

**Singles Main Draw Quarterfinals on Friday; Doubles Semifinals Matchups Set
Two Past Singles Champions fall; Seeds go 4-1**

SUMTER, SC (June 18) – And then there were eight.

After two rounds of the Singles Main Draw, the Quarterfinals are set for the Palmetto Pro Open, a \$25,000 USTA Women's Pro Circuit Event. The past two champions of the PPO – **Jamie Loeb** (USA) and **Brooke Austin** (USA) – were both knocked out by **[2] Jennifer Brady** (USA) and **Danielle Lao** (USA).

Brady won 7-5, 6-3 to advance to the quarterfinals, while Lao was a 7-6(2), 6-3 winner over Austin. 2014 PPO Finalist **Nadja Gilchrist** (USA) fell to **Mari Osaka** (JPN) 6-2, 6-1.

[3] Mayo Hibi (JPN) took on **Heidi El Tabakh** (CAN) and advanced/was upset x-x, x-x; **[5] Lauren Embree** (USA) rallied to defeat **Michaela Gordon** (USA) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; and **Jan Abaza** (USA) upset **[6] Chieh-Yu Hsu** (TPE) 6-2, 6-1.

[8] Sanaz Marand (USA) outlasted **Ashley Weinhold** (USA) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; and Stanford's **Carol Zhao** (USA), the NCAA Women's Singles runner-up, outlasted **Alexa Graham** (USA) 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

After knocking off the No. 1 seeded doubles team on Wednesday, **Alexandra Mueller** (USA)/**Weinhold** defeated **Ellie Halbauer** (USA)/**Ingrid Neel** (USA) 5-7, 6-3 [11-9]; Mueller and Weinhold will face **Ellen Perez** (AUS)/**Carol Zhao** (CAN), who defeated **Embree/Alexa Guarachi** (CHI) 6-3, 6-2.

The other Doubles Semifinals match will pit **Jacqueline Cako** (USA)/**Lao** against **Brady/Taylor Townsend** (USA). Cako/Lao defeated **Samantha Crawford** (USA)/**Emily J. Harman** (USA) 6-2, 7-5, while Brady/Townsend won Thursday's Feature Match 6-1, 6-2 over **Loeb/Marand**.

The Singles Main Draw Quarterfinals begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by the Doubles Semifinals.

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