



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

**All-American Semifinal guarantees American in Singles Championship  
Doubles Championship pits Americans Mueller/Wienhold vs. Americans Lao/Cako**

**SUMTER, SC (June 19)** – One Singles Main Draw semifinal at the Palmetto Pro Open will be an All-American affair. **[2] Jennifer Brady** (USA) and **[5] Lauren Embree** (USA) will meet with a spot in the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Event's championship match on the line.

Brady took care of business against **[8] Sanaz Marand** (USA) 6-0, 6-7(4), 6-1 with a chance to advance to her third circuit championship match at stake. Brady defeated Embree 6-2, 6-1 in November 2014 at the \$25,000 Redding (CA) USTA Pro Circuit Final.

The other side of the bracket will have an international flair as **Carol Zhao** (CAN) and **Mayo Hibi** (JPN) advanced. Zhao took down **Jan Abaza** (USA) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 to move on to the Singles Main Draw Semifinals. Hibi was a 6-3, 6-1 winner over **Danielle Lao** (USA) in the other semifinal matchup.

2010 PPO Doubles Champions **Alexandra Mueller** (USA) and **Ashley Weinhold** (USA) teamed up again to get back to Saturday's final with a 5-7, 6-2 [11-9] victory over **Ellen Perez** (AUS) and **Zhao**. All three matches for Mueller and Weinhold have gone to a tiebreak.

"I think we just work really well together," said Mueller. "If one of us is nervous, we can really help each other and just focus on the point."

Weinhold battled cramps in her Singles Round of 16 loss on Thursday, but credited Mueller for picking up the slack as she deals from those affects.

"Alex helped out a lot to get through that doubles (Thursday) and today with the soreness and tightness," said Weinhold. "(Saturday) should be better with just Doubles, so I should be feeling good."

Both Mueller and Weinhold hope to avoid one thing that's been working for them on Saturday though: tiebreaks.

"Losing the first set has been working for us," Weinhold said with a laugh. "We'll try to not do that tomorrow."

In the Doubles Final, Mueller and Weinhold will take on **Jacqueline Cako** (USA) and **Lao**, who were 7-6(4), 6-2 winners over **Brady** and **Taylor Townsend** (USA).

The Singles Main Draw Semifinals begin at 9 a.m. and will be followed by the Doubles Semifinals.

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