



SINGLES QUALIFYING UNDERWAY AT PALMETTO PRO OPEN
Field cut from 32 to 16 in \$25,000 USTA Women's Pro Circuit Event

SUMTER, June 10, 2019 – The first round on the singles qualifying draw got underway on Sunday in the Palmetto Pro Open, a \$25,000 USTA Women's Pro Circuit event, at the Palmetto Tennis Center. Thirty-two players began the day with hopes of being one of eight qualifiers for the Singles Main Draw and the field has now been cut to 16 hopefuls.

The qualifying rounds started with a frenzy of activity as 32 players took to the courts to compete for the remaining 8 spots in the main draw. The top 12 seeds in the qualifying draw all advanced to Tuesday's second round. No. 1 seed **Andree Ghitescu** took on American player **Eva Raszkievicz** winning 6-1, 6-0. No. 2 seed **Petia Arshinkova** defeated American player **Zaina Nait Omar** 6-3, 6-2. No. 3 seed American player **Carson Branstine** took down fellow American **Julia Sorrells** 6-1, 6-0. No. 4 seed American player **Alycia Parks** advanced defeating fellow American **Ty Ana Williams** 6-0, 6-1. No. 5 seed American **Jada Robinson** in a hard fought match took down fellow American **Madeleine Kobelt** 6-4, 5-7, 10-5. No. 6 seed **Salome Devidze** moved on with a victory over American **Aleah Marrow** 6-2, 6-1. No. 7 seed American **Connie Ma** defeated American **Elizabeth Coleman** in a close match 6-3, 4-6, 10-4. No. 8 seed American **Brynn Boren** took down American **Epiphany Turner** 6-4, 6-3. No. 9 seed American **Peyton Stearns** beat fellow American **Spirit Edley** 6-0, 6-0. No. 10 seed American **McCartney Kessler** upended American **Gabriella Price** 6-0, 7-5. No. 11 seed American **Joelle Kissell** eliminated American **Sylvia Schenck** 6-1, 6-1. No. 12 seed American player **Haley Giavara** beat American **Emerald Able**.

American **Allie Gretkowski** upset No. 13 seed **Alexandra Osborne** 6-0, 6-3. American **Kenya Jones** went the distance upsetting the No. 14 seed and fellow American player **Ashlyn Krueger** 5-7, 6-3, 10-7. 16 year old American **Carson Tanguilig** was successful in defeating American No. 15 seed **Amber Washington** 7-6 (5), 6-3.

The final American seeded No. 16 **Mary Closs** held her own defeating Arushi Gupta 6-1, 6-0.

The second round of the singles qualifying draw will continue at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

The Singles Main Draw will begin on Tuesday, while the tournament will conclude with Championship Sunday on Sunday, June 16 @ 1:00. Admission is free to all matches.

Palmetto Pro Open
A USTA Pro Circuit Event
Monday, June 10, 2019
Palmetto Tennis Center
Sumter, SC
Purse: \$25,000
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Monday, June 10 – RESULTS
Qualifying Singles - First round

Carson Branstine (CAN) (3) def. Julia Sorrells (USA) 6-1, 6-0
Mary Closs (USA) (16) def. Arushi Gupta (IND) 6-1, 6-0
Petia Arshinkova (BUL) (2) def. Zaina Nait Omar (USA) 6-3, 6-2
Peyton Stearns (USA) (9) def. Spirit Edley (USA) 6-0, 6-0
Andrea Ghitescu (ROU) (1) def. Eva Raszkievicz (USA) 6-1 6-0
Joelle Kissell (USA) (11) def. Silvia Schenck (USA) 6-1, 6-1
Alycia Parks (USA) (4) def. Ty Anna Williams (USA) 6-1 6-0
McCartney Kessler (USA) (10) def. Gabriella Price (USA) 6-0, 7-5
Carson Tanguilig (USA) def. Amber Washington (USA) (15) 7-6(6), 6-3
Jada Robinson (USA) (5) def. Madeleine Kobelt (USA) 6-4, 5-7, 10-5
Allie Gretzkowski (USA) def. Alexandra Osborne (AUS) (13) 6-0, 6-3
Salome Devidze (GEO) (6) def. Aleah Marrow (USA) 6-2, 6-1
Kenya Jones (USA) def. Ashlyn Krueger (USA) (14) 6-2, 6-1
Connie Ma (USA) (7) def. Elizabeth Coleman (USA) 6-3, 4-6, 10-4
Hailey Giavara (USA) (12) def. Emerald Able (USA) 6-2, 6-1
Brynn Boren (USA) (8) def. Epiphany Turner (USA) 6-4, 6-3

Tuesday, June 11 – SCHEDULE

Court 1 - starting at 10 a.m.

Andreea Ghitescu (ROU) (1) vs. Mary Closs (USA) (16), followed by
Jada Robinson (USA) (5) vs. Allie Gretzkowski (USA)

Not before 1:00

Katie Volynets (USA) (7) vs. Carly Briggs (USA)

Not before 2:30

Andrea Ghitescu (ROU) / Jada Robinson (USA)
vs. Alexandra Osborne (AUS) / Madison Westby (USA)

Court 2 - starting at 10 a.m.

Petia Arshinkova (BUL) (2) vs. Peyton Stearns (USA) (9), followed by
Salome Devidze (GEO) (6) vs. Kenya Jones (USA),

Not before 1:00

Pamela Montez (USA) vs. Kennedy Shaffer (USA)

Not before 2:30

Sophie Chang (USA) / Alexandra Mueller (USA) (1)
Vs. Petia Arshinkova (BUL) / Gergana Topalova (BUL)

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Mary Closs (USA) / Pamela Montez (USA) vs.
Dea Herdzelas (BIH) (3) / Tereza Mihalikova

Court 4 - starting at 10 a.m.

Brynn Boren (USA) (8) vs. Carson Tanguilig (USA), followed by
Connie Ma (USA) (7) vs. Hailey Giavara (USA) (12)

Not before 1:00

Ellie Douglas (USA) vs. Mahak Jain (IND)

Not before 2:30

Brynn Boren (USA) / Caitlin Whoriskey (USA) (4)
Vs. Alycia Parks (USA) / Natasha Subhash (USA)

Court 5 – starting at 10 a.m.

Alycia Parks (USA) (4) vs. McCartney Kessler (10), followed by
Carson Branstine (CAN) (3) vs. Joelle Kissell (USA) (11)

Not before 1:00

Alexa Graham (USA) vs. Victoria Duval (8)

ABOUT THE USTA PRO CIRCUIT:

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Andy Murray, Maria Sharapova, John Isner, Sloane Stephens, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka, and Sam Querrey and are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

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