



**Final 8 SINGLES QUALIFY For Main Draw. AT PALMETTO PRO OPEN  
Opening Rounds Begin both Singles and Doubles.**

**SUMTER, June 11, 2019** – Sixteen players battled today for the 8 remaining spots in the Singles Main Draw spots in the Palmetto Pro Open, a USTA Women's Pro Circuit \$25,000 event at the Palmetto Tennis Center. Four main draw singles matches and doubles matches completed the day.

The top 3 seeds in the qualifying prevailed moving forward into the main draw of the women's singles. Top seed **Andreea Ghitescu** won a routine match defeating American **Mary Closs** 6-3, 6-2; No. 2 seed **Petia Arshinkova** took down American and No.11 seed **Peyton Stearns** 6-0, 6-4; while the No. 3 seeded player **Carson Branstine** eliminated American No. 11 seed **Joelle Kissell** 7-5, 6-0.

American and No. 10 seed **Mccartney Kessler** upset No 4 seed American **Alycia Parks** 6-4, 7-6; In another upset unseeded American **Kenya Jones** upended No. 6 seed **Salome Devidze**.

The final 3 higher seeds all held their own to complete the 8 qualifying spots for the main draw. No. 5 seed **American Jada Robinson** had a tough battle to defeat fellow American **Allie Gretkowski** 6-7, 6-2, 10-6. No. 7 seed American **Connie Ma** cruised to a 6-0, 6-4 win over American No. 12 seed **Haley Giavara** ; Completing the main draw qualifying No 8 seed **Brynn Boren** defeated American **Carson Tanguilig** 6-2 7-5.

Four first round matches were played today to open the main draw. No. 7 seed American **Katie Volynets** beat **Carly Briggs** 6-3, 6-4. Former **Palmetto Pro Open Finalist** No. 8 seed **Victoria Duval** defeated American **Alexa Graham**; to complete the day in singles American **Pamela Montez** eliminated American **Kennedy Shaffer** 6-2, 6-1 and American **Ellie Douglas** earned the final spot with a 6-3,6-4 win over **Mahak Jain**.

The Doubles Main Draw completed the day with 4 matches. The top seeds of Americans **Sophie Chang / Alexandra Mueller** battled taking out **Petia Arshinkova / Gergana Topalova** 1-6, 6-4, 10-3. Americans No. 4 seeds **Brynn Boren / Caitlin Whoriskey** took the match the distance defeating Americans **Alycia Parks / Natasha Subhash** 1-6, 6-3, 10-5. **Alexandra Osborne** (AUS) / **Madison Westby** (USA) defeated **Andreea Ghitescu** (ROU) / **Jada Robinson** (USA) 2-6, 7-6, 10-8. Finishing the day another tough match was won by **Dea Herdzelas** (BIH) (3) / **Tereza Mihalikova** (SVK) taking out Americans **Mary Closs / Pamela Montez** 2-6, 7-5, 10-3.

Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> the Main Draw singles will continue at 10 a.m. on and Doubles Main Draw to follow.

The tournament will conclude with Championship Sunday on Sunday, June 16. Admission is free to all matches.

Palmetto Pro Open  
A USTA Pro Circuit Event  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019  
Palmetto Tennis Center  
Sumter, SC  
Purse: \$25,000  
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

## **Tuesday, June 11 – RESULTS**

### **Qualifying Singles - Final round**

Ghitescu Andreea (1) (ROU) def. Mary Closs (USA) (16) 6-3, 6-2  
Jada Robinson (5) (USA) def. Allie Gretkowski (USA) 6-7, 6-2, 10-6  
Petia Arshinkova (Bul) (2) def. Peyton Stearns (USA) (9) 6-0, 6-4  
Kenya Jones (USA) def. Salome Devidze (GEO) (6) 6-2, 4-6, 10-6  
Boren Brynn (USA) (8) def. Carson Tanguilig (USA) 6-2, 7-5  
Connie Ma (USA) (7) def. Hailey Giavara (USA) 2-6 6-4 6-3  
Mccartney Kessler (USA) (10) def. Alycia Parks (USA) (4) 6-4, 7-6  
Carson Branstine (CAN) (3) def. Joelle Kissell (USA) (11) 7-5, 6-0

### **Main Draw Singles- First Round**

Ellie Douglas (USA) def. Mahak Jain (IND) (12) 6-3, 6-4  
Katie Volynets (USA) (7) def. Carly Briggs (USA) 6-3, 6-4  
Pamela Montez (USA) def. Kennedy Shaffer (USA) 6-2, 6-1  
Victoria Duval (USA)(8) def. Alexa Graham (USA) 6-2, 6-2

### **Main Draw Doubles-First Round**

Brynn Boren / Caitlin Whoriskey (USA) (4)  
def. Alycia Parks / Natasha Subhash (USA) 1-6,6-3,10-5

## **Wednesday, June 12 – SCHEDULE**

### **Court 1 - starting at 10 a.m.**

WS – Andrea Renee Villarreal (Mex) vs. Hailey Baptiste (USA) (2), followed by  
WS – Mccartney Kessler (USA) vs. Sophie Chang (USA) (5), followed by  
WS – Usue Maltane Arconada (USA) (1) vs. Jada Robinson (USA)

### **Not before 2:00**

WD – Katherine Fahey (USA) / Alexa Graham (USA) vs. Carson Branstine (CAN) / Maria Mateas (USA) Followed by  
WD- Carly Briggs (USA) / Carson Tanguilig (USA) vs. Vladica Babic (MNE) vs. Haley Carter (USA) (2)

### **Court 2 - starting at 10 a.m.**

WS– Maria Mateas (USA) (3) vs. Katherine Fahey (USA) followed by  
WS – Connie Ma (USA) vs. Kenya Jones (USA), followed by  
WS –Natasha Subhash (USA) vs. Tereza Mihalikova (SVK),

### **Not before 3:00**

WD – Victoria Duval (USA) / Mccartney Kessler (USA) vs. Andrea Renee Villarreal (MEX)

### **Court 4 – starting at 10 a.m.**

WS – Carson Branstine (CAN) vs. Vladica Babic (MNE) followed by  
WS –Madison Westby (USA) vs. Marcela Zacarias (MEX), followed by  
WS –Dea Herdzelas (BIH) (6) vs. Tess Sugnaux (SUI)

### **Not before 2:00**

WD- Joelle Kissell (USA) / Peyton Stearns (USA) vs. Haley Giavara (USA) / Madeleine Kobelt (USA)

### **Court 5 – starting at 10 a.m.**

WS – Haley Carter (USA) vs. Brynn Boren (USA), followed by  
WS – Gergana Topalova (BUL) vs. Nika Kukharchuk (RUS, followed by  
WS – Petia Arshinkova (BUL) vs. Andreea Ghitescu (ROU)

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70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **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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