



Palmetto Pro Open Top Seed Arconada Continues Her Winning Ways, No. 2 Seed Baptiste Survives A Tough Battle.

Sumter, SC: Top seed Usue Arconada (USA) continues her winning streak after winning last week's 25 k in Bethany Beach FL. Arconada kept her opponent pinned to the baseline for the majority of the match winning in routine fashion 6-4, 6-4 against Petia Arshinkova (BUL). The No. 2 seed Hailey Baptiste, showed some strong resiliency as she survived a tough 3 set match against Palmetto Pro Open veteran Hailey Carter. It was a slugfest for 3 sets coming down to the wire. Baptiste found herself down 2-4 in the third set but managed to regain her momentum and coming back to win the next 4 games and the match 6-4 in the third set.

Sophie Chang (USA) the No. 5 seed grinded out a well fought match against Pamela Montez (USA) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. No. 6 seed Dea Herdzelas (BIH) took out Ellie Douglas (USA) 7-5, 6-2. No. 7 seed Katie Volynets (USA) was upset by Marcela Zacarias (MEX) 6-3, 6-1. Victoria Duval (USA) No.8 seed showed some hard hitting offense controlling the match throughout winning 6-2, 6-0.

In the women's doubles two seeded teams advanced to the semi-finals. The No.3 seeded team of Herdzelas and Mihalikova defeated Alexandra Osborne and Madison Westby in three sets 6-2, 6-7, 10-8. To finish the days end in front of a very enthusiastic crowd under the lights the No.1 seeds Sophie Chang and Alexandra Mueller were upset in an epic battle in three sets to Carson Branstine and Maria Mateas 6-4, 7-6, 10-7. The remaining two quarterfinal doubles matches are to be played Friday, June 14th.

Main Draw singles action and the completion of the doubles quarterfinals and semi-finals will begin tomorrow Friday, June 14 at 10:00 am.

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