



## A Day Of Resiliency At the Palmetto Pro Open as the Two Seed Baptiste Survives Another Tough Battle In A War of Attrition And Top Seed Arconada Is Ousted.

**Sumter, SC:** Top seed Usue Arconada (USA) lost a very tough three set match 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; against No.8 seed and former Palmetto Pro Open Finalist Victoria Duval. Duval, who was ranked as high as No. 87 in the world when in 2014. Duval who has had her share of adversity was taken out of tennis for a couple years when she was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. Now fully healthy Duval has been on a comeback trail the past couple of years and revisits the Palmetto Pro Open finding herself in the semi-finals.

Hailey Baptiste, the number two seed has shown some strong resiliency in her first two matches going the distance once again winning her second three set match this time against Marcela Zacarias 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 in the second round. In Haileys first round against Hayley Carter, former number one singles player for University of North Carolina she found herself down 2-4 in the final set only to win the next 4 games and the match. Today she showed similar resiliency being down 4-1 in the final set tie-breaker to winning 7-5.

In the other Quarterfinals No. 5 seed Sophie Chang was upset by wild card Katherine Fahey 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 who takes down her second seeded player on her path to the semis. Natasha Subhash also eliminated her second seeded player Dea Herdzelas who had to retire in the second set due to injury 6-4, 1-0, ret. Subhash continues her great play after getting to the finals of last week's 25K in Bethany FL.

In doubles action the No.2 seeded team of Hayley Carter and Viadica Babic eliminated the team of Andrea Renee Villarreal and Marcela Zacarias 6-4, 7-6. Due to a walkover due to player Dea Herdzelas Carter and Babic will play in the finals against No. 4 seeds Brynn Boran and Caitlin Whoriskey who beat Carson Branstine and Maria Mateas 6-2,1-6,10-6.

Semifinals of singles action will begin tomorrow Saturday June 15 at 10:00 am. The Finals of doubles will begin at 1:30.

### **ABOUT Palmetto Tennis Center:**

Palmetto Tennis Center is a National Tennis Court in Palmetto Park in Sumter, South Carolina. It is one of the largest tennis center's in the state. They have 24 lit hard courts. All play is free to the community and there is programming available for 3 yr. olds through adults. They host several tournaments every year both junior and adult.

### **ABOUT THE USTA PRO CIRCUIT:**

With approximately 90 tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$15,000 to \$125,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. The USTA launched its Pro Circuit 38 years ago to provide players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has since grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering nearly \$3 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **Andy Murray, Maria Sharapova, Serena Williams, John Isner, Sloane Stephens, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka** and **Sam Querrey** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

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