



Sumter, SC – 6/16/22: Palmetto Pro Open Top Two Seeds Hanna Chang and Sophie Chang Cruize into the Quarterfinals as well as Defending Champion Peyton Stearns.

Sumter, SC: Top seed Hanna Chang (USA) continues to move through into the quarterfinals in routine fashion today beating Kylie Collins (USA) 6-4, 6-2. Hanna and Kylie went toe to toe with some power hitting from both players, but Hanna controlled most points eventually taking control of the second set in a straight set victory. Sophie Chang (USA) the #2 seed put herself in the driver's seat and never looked back taking the ball early in each point to dictate play and control the momentum of her match with a 6-4, 6-0 victory against Katarina Jokic (SRB).

Defending Champion, Peyton Stearns (USA) had to work through some ups and downs today, regroup, and work her way through to a winning effort against YeXin Ma (CHN) 6-1, 3-6, 7-5. After winning the first set in routine fashion 6-1, her opponent won the second set 6-3 defending the court against Peyton's offense producing some uncharacteristic unforced errors from Peyton. In the 3rd Peyton had to work hard to get back into form with a bit more patience while still finding her opportunities to dictate. A key moment was in the 3rd set with Peyton down a break 4-5 with Ma serving for the match. Peyton stepped up by putting pressure on Ma's second serve with a couple aggressive returns and some help from Ma with a couple serving errors to bring it back to even at 5 games. Peyton had a strong hold of serve to go ahead 6-5 then broke again to complete the 3rd set comeback and win 7-5 to advance to the quarterfinals.

In the women's doubles top seeded Hanna Chang and partner Elizabeth Mandlik survived a close match winning 7-5,6-7, (6) (10-6) against Maria Kononova and Veronica Miroshnichenko. The 3 seeded team of Delayna Hewitt and Rasheeda McAdoo cruised to victory 6-3,6-2 against Xinyue Hu and YeXin Ma 6-3,6-1. Number 4 seeds Peyton Stearns and Kylie Collins had a routine match winning 6-4,6-1 versus Himeno Skatsume and Mia Yamakita.

Final Doubles Match Tonight at 7:00 p.m. featuring Americans Allura Zamarripa and Maribella Zamarripa vs. Kennedy Shaffer and Amy Zhu. Unfortunately was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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 centers in the state. They have 24 lit hard courts and 8 red clay 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.

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