



Sumter, SC – 6/18/22: Palmetto Pro Open Top Seed Hanna Chang and Second Seed Sophie Chang Will Set Up Showdown in the Finals before Heading to Wimbledon. Stearns and Collins Take the Doubles Championship.

Top two seeds Hanna Chang (USA) and Sophie Chang (USA) win again today both in impressive fashion setting up a showdown that should be an exciting final. Both players took their opponents in straight sets controlling the points and maintaining their momentum throughout their matches. Hanna does a great job defending the baseline and used a mix of power and variety creating openings then taking advantage quite often moving forward to steal time and finish. Sophie has a more straight forward offensive approach with big serving and first strike offense with the same intent of moving forward to pressure her opponent and take advantage of getting ahead of her rallies early against her opponent. These two styles with the same intent but slightly different pathways to gain the offensive advantage will make for a very interesting final. The outcome will most likely be determined by who executes their gameplan better. Both players have also just been informed that they have made the qualifying for Wimbledon so staying in the moment will be paramount to not look ahead to this amazing opportunity early this week.

The singles final will take place at 9am Sunday, June 19th.

Peyton Stearns and Kylie Collins crowned as the Palmetto Pro Open Doubles Champions 2022 in an exciting finals finish! Peyton and Kylie were very familiar with their final's opponents twin sisters Allura Zamarripa and Maribella Zamarripa as they all recently competed as teammates for the 2022 NCAA National Championships for the Texas Longhorns. All four girls recently competed as teammates for Texas in their team winning effort of the NCAA Championship as well as Peyton winning the women's singles championship for the longhorns. The match started off strong for Peyton and Kylie forcing the Zamarripa team into some errors and taking the first set 6-3. Team Zamarripa was determined to not go away and dug in finding their rhythm and making a match of it in a back and forth second set eventually evening the match winning 7-5 in the second. The third set was a match breaker or first to 10 points to take the championship. The match stayed even in the breaker halfway through, but Stearns and Collins picked up their offensive play and controlled the momentum going up 9-6. Zamarripa won the next point to bring the match within 2 points 9-7 but it was short lived as Peyton and Kylie took the deciding point and the championship 10-7. All for players have officially turned pro and will continue to be friendly foes on the circuit.

Please come out tomorrow Sunday, June 19th for the Palmetto Pro Open Singles Final at 9:00 am. Remember that all matches are free to watch and all spectators are welcome.

ABOUT Palmetto Tennis Center:

Palmetto Tennis Center is a National Tennis Court in Palmetto Park in Sumter, South Carolina. It is the largest tennis center in the state. They have 24 lit hard courts and 8 state of the art German red clay courts under construction; to open soon. All play is free to the community and there is programming available from ages 4 years old through adults. They host several tournaments every year from local, college, state, regional, national, and pro circuit events.

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.

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