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American Hailey Baptiste Survives First-Round Test Beating Qualifier Veronica Miroshnichenko At EPIC Central Coast Tennis Classic

TEMPLETON, Calif. – Sept. 27, 2023 – Washington D.C. native Hailey Baptiste overcame a mid-match slump in her first-round matchup on Wednesday night in the featured night match at the **EPIC Central Coast Tennis Classic**, coming back to beat Russian qualifier Veronica Miroshnichenko, 7-6 (7), 1-6, 6-4, at Templeton Tennis Ranch.

Seeking her fifth singles title on the ITF World Tour, the 21-year-old Baptiste advanced to Thursday's second round where she will face American wild-card McCartney Kessler in the USTA Pro Circuit \$60,000 event as the lefty Miroshnichenko – the first NCAA Division I All-American at Loyola Marymount University – proved a tough out.

Baptiste is coming off a huge win at the Guadalajara 1000 last week where she upset former world No. 36 Karolina Pliskova for the second time this season, also beating her at the Citi Open in Washington D.C., her hometown tournament, during the summer.

In other first-round action, No. 2 seeded Katie Volynets also needed three sets to beat Australian Alexandra Bozovic, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Like Baptiste, Northern California's Volynets is also 21 years old and among a young crop of American women's players looking to end their year by rising in the rankings.

A qualifier from Fontana just south of Los Angeles, American Hanna Chang continued her strong play winning for the third straight day in Templeton as she beat France's Kristina Mladenovic, 6-3, 6-4. Former NCAA doubles champion Makenna Jones took out Oklahoma State sophomore Lucia Peyre from Argentina also in straight sets dropping just four games, 6-1, 6-3.

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