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Qualifiers Bondarenko & Montgomery Advance To EPIC Central Coast Tennis Classic Semifinals

TEMPLETON, Calif. – September 30, 2022 – A 22-year WTA Tour veteran and former Grand Slam champion joined an 18-year-old fellow qualifier into the semifinals at the **EPIC Central Coast Tennis Classic** taking place this week at the Templeton Tennis Ranch.

Ukraine's Kateryna Bondarenko and Washington D.C.'s Robin Montgomery won straight-set quarterfinals at the USA Pro Circuit Women's \$60,000 tournament just north of San Luis Obispo and a few miles south of Paso Robles. It was the fifth singles win in five days for Montgomery, and the eighth match overall in five days for Bondarenko, who fell in Friday's doubles semifinals.

Serving down 5-6 and 15-40 and facing two set points in the first set against No. 2 Yue Yuan, the 36-year-old mother of two Bondarenko used her big serve to get her back deuce and force a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Bonaderanko fell down 0-4, but rallied back with five straight points and took the tiebreaker and the eventually the match, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Montgomery had little trouble beating No. 7 seeded Katarzyna Kawa from Poland on Friday. The 6-3, 6-1 win marked the best result at a pro event for Montgomery, who had been to one other \$60,000 quarterfinal in her career.

"No, I didn't think about that," said Montgomery, smiling after the match. "It's great."

Asked if she's playing some of the best tennis of her young career, Montgomery quickly replied, "No. I can always play better. I'm just trying to improve and get better."

The 2008 Australian Open doubles champion Bondarenko will meet the 2021 singles and doubles champion Montgomery in the second match on Stadium Court following the first 11 a.m. singles semifinal pitting top-seeded Madison Brengle against unseeded Sophie Chang from Maryland, who downed Mexico's Marcela Zacarias, 6-2, 7-5, in a match between unseeded players.

In Friday's featured evening doubles semifinal, Nao Hibino of Japan and former USC All-American Sabrina Santamaria, the tourney's No. 2 seeds, booked their ticket into Sunday's doubles final with a 6-4, 6-4 win over the unseeded team of Bondarenko and Hiroko Kuwata of Japan.

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