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**TENNIS CHANNEL TO BROADCAST FINAL WEEKEND OF USTA GIRLS' 16 & 18s
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BARNES TENNIS CENTER IN SAN DIEGO**
Girls' 18s Top Seed Usue Arconada Advances to 4th Round With Straight Set Win

SAN DIEGO – (August 8, 2017) – Tennis Channel, the only 24-hour, television-based multimedia destination dedicated to tennis, will provide unprecedented live coverage of the final two days of the USTA Girls' 16s & 18s National Championships at the Barnes Tennis Center.

Tennis Channel will broadcast the Girls' 16s singles final and both Girls' 18s singles semifinals on Saturday, Aug. 12, and the Girls' 18s singles final on Sunday, Aug. 13.

"This is the first time in the history of this event that matches will be shown on live television," said Tournament Director Lornie Kuhle. "Fans from around the world who have access to Tennis Channel will be able to watch some great tennis this weekend."

Kuhle added, "It's been a groundbreaking year for this tournament with all of the upgrades we've made including new sponsors, a video wall, new draw boards and improved seating on Stadium Court, but having Tennis Channel broadcast the final two days takes this event to a whole new level."

This weekend's Tennis Channel coverage of the USTA Girls' 16s & 18s National Championships in San Diego will be as follows:

Saturday, Aug. 12 – Girls' 16s singles final and both Girls' 18s semifinals 2:30-8:30 p.m. ET (11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. PT) immediately following the Rogers Cup from Canada.

Sunday, Aug. 13 – Girls' 18s singles final 4-6 p.m. ET (1-3 p.m. PT) immediately following the Rogers Cup and Western & Southern first round.

In Tuesday's action Girls' 18s top seed Usue Arconada of Rio Piedras, P.R., advanced to the fourth round with a 6-3, 6-0 win over 33rd seeded Julia Lilien of Newport Beach, Calif., in 63 minutes.

After falling behind 3-0 in the first set, Lilien rallied to win the next three out of four games, but Arconada quickly got back on track and swept eight games in a row to close out the match.

"I played well. I stayed concentrated when she came back to 4-3. I just kept playing my game and it turned out pretty well. I've been playing pro tournaments, so my level is pretty high right now," Arconada said. "There are going to be some tough matches as the tournament keeps going, but I feel pretty good."

When asked if the US Open wild card, which is awarded to the Girls' 18s champion, was on her mind, Arconada said, "Obviously all the (top) seeds are coming in, hoping to do well and winning the tournament to get the wild card. I'm just going to take it one match at a time and not get ahead of myself and just have fun."

For complete tournament results, please go to:

<http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=185581#&&s=8Results0>

All matches played on Stadium Court at the Barnes Tennis Center are available on live streaming. To view matches, go to: www.ustagirlsnationals.com.

Over 400 girls aged 16 and 18 and under are competing for the title of National Champion, as well as a wild card entry into the Women's Singles main draw of the US Open (for the 18s Champion) and a wild card into the US Open Junior Championships (for the 16s Champion). The 18s Doubles Champions will also receive a wild card into the US Open Women's Doubles main draw.

The Girls' 16s event concludes with the singles and doubles finals on Saturday Aug. 12. The Girls' 18s tournament will conclude with the 18s singles championship on Sunday, Aug. 13. Both divisions feature 256-player singles draws with the top 32 players receiving a first-round bye. There will also be 128-team doubles draws with the top 16 teams getting first-round byes.

The starting time for each day of the tournament will be as follows:

8 a.m. – Wednesday, August 9

8:30 a.m. – Thursday, August 10

9 a.m. – Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12

10 a.m. – Sunday, August 13

Early-round tournament matches will also be played at San Diego State University's Aztec Tennis Center, 5375 Remington Rd., San Diego, CA, 92115 and the Balboa Tennis Club, 2221 Morley Field Drive, San Diego, CA 92104 through Wednesday, August 9.

Admission and on-site parking at the Barnes Tennis Center is free each day of the tournament. For fans watching matches at SDSU and the Balboa Tennis Club, admission is free. There is a nominal charge for on-campus parking at SDSU. Parking regulations at the university will be strictly enforced. Parking is free at the Balboa Tennis Club.

About USTA Girls' 16s – 18s Nationals:

The USTA Girls' 16 & 18s National Championships are the premiere hard court tennis tournaments for amateur and professional American girls aged 18 and 16 and under in the United States. In 2010, both age groups began playing their events concurrently at San Diego's Barnes Tennis Center. Tournament participants, who represent nearly every state in the United States, have been endorsed by their respective USTA Section or have received USTA special exemptions based on their results in qualifying tournaments, junior rankings, or results on the WTA Tour or International Tennis Federation Junior Circuit. Past tournament champions include Chris Evert, Tracy Austin, Andrea Jaeger, Zina Garrison, Mary Jo Fernandez, Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport.

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