

SAN DIEGO'S KATHERINE HUI GRANTED QUALIFYING WILD CARD FOR 2024 CYMBIOTIKA SAN DIEGO OPEN WTA 500 TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Reigning US Open Girls' Champion Will Compete in Qualifying for Spot in Main Draw

SAN DIEGO – (February 14, 2024) – San Diego's Katherine Hui, the reigning US Open Girls' Singles Champion, has been granted a Wild Card into the singles qualifying draw of the upcoming Cymbiotika San Diego Open WTA 500, tournament officials announced today.

The women's professional tennis tournament, which will offer \$922,573 in prize money, is scheduled to be played Saturday, February 24 through Sunday, March 3 at Barnes Tennis Center, 4490 W. Point Loma Blvd, San Diego, CA 92107.

The 19-year-old Hui, who grew up in San Diego's Santaluz community, is currently a freshman at Stanford University. She helped lead the Cardinal women's tennis team to No. 2 in the nation in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

Hui, a graduate of Santa Fe Christian High School in Solana Beach, Calif., capped a brilliant junior tennis career in 2023 by reaching the singles final of the USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 18s National Championships last August at Barnes Tennis Center.

In her final junior tournament, Hui traveled to New York where she overcame a tough field to capture the 2023 US Open girls' singles title without the loss of a set. In the final, she defeated Tereza Valentova of Czech Republic 6-4, 6-4.

This will mark Hui's second appearance in the Cymbiotika San Diego Open. She teamed with fellow San Diegan Alyssa Ahn to play doubles in the tournament's inaugural year in 2022. They fell to tour veterans Storm Hunter of Australia and Brazil's Luisa Stefani 6-0, 6-4 in the first round.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to compete for a spot in the main draw of my hometown WTA 500 event. It will be great to play in front of family and friends at Barnes Tennis Center. I've played tournaments there since I was seven years old and I have so many nice memories," Hui said. "I would like to thank Tournament Director Ryan Redondo and the Cymbiotika San Diego Open for the qualifying Wild Card."

For additional information on Hui, [click here](#).

"We are very happy to give a well-deserving player like Katherine a Wild Card into our qualifying competition," said Tournament Director Ryan Redondo. "This will be a chance for her to gain some great experience against highly-ranked WTA professionals. We would also like to thank

her Stanford coaches for allowing her to play our event.”

The WTA 500 tournament, featuring the top women tennis professionals in the world, offers \$922,573 in prize money and will have a 28-player singles draw and a 16-team doubles draw. Qualifying rounds are scheduled for Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25 with Main Draw matches starting Monday, February 26 and concluding with the singles and doubles finals on Sunday, March 3.

The starting times for each day of the 2024 Cymbiotika San Diego Open will be as follows:

Day 1 Qualifying – Saturday, February 24 – 10 a.m.

Day 2 Qualifying – Sunday, February 25 – 11 a.m.

Main Draw Sessions

Monday, February 26, Tuesday, February 27 and Wednesday, February 28 – 1 p.m.

Thursday, February 29 - 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 1 (Quarterfinals) – 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 2 (Semifinals) – 1 p.m.

Doubles Championship – Sunday, March 3 – 1:30 p.m.

Singles Championship – Sunday, March 3 – 4 p.m.

(All times are PST)

Tickets for the 2024 Cymbiotika San Diego Open are currently on sale. Ticket information is available on the official tournament website at wtasdoopen.com.

Former French Open champion and current world No. 10 Barbora Krejčíková of Czech Republic swept the singles and doubles titles at the 2023 Cymbiotika San Diego Open. The 28-year-old Krejčíková overcame American Sofia Kenin 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 in the singles final and then teamed with compatriot Katerina Siniakova for a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Americans Danielle Collins and Coco Vandeweghe in the doubles championship.

About the WTA – Founded by Billie Jean King in 1973 on the principle of equal opportunity, the WTA is the global leader in women’s professional sports. The WTA is one of the world’s most recognizable and high-profile sports organizations, consisting of more than 1600 players representing approximately 87 nations, all competing to earn WTA rankings points and prestigious tournament titles. The Hologic WTA Tour is annually comprised of around 50 events and four Grand Slams, spanning six continents and nearly 30 countries and regions with a global audience of over 900 million. Further information on the WTA can be found at wtatennis.com.

About Cymbiotika – Cymbiotika is a San Diego-based health and wellness brand empowering individuals to Live with Intention™ and make conscious choices about their health and well-being. Since its establishment in 2018, Cymbiotika has emerged as a trailblazing leader in

the supplement industry, creating clean, science-backed supplements and products to help address specific nutritional deficiencies and restore balance to the body. Cymbiotika products are free from synthetic ingredients, harmful fillers, and toxins, sourced only from the highest quality, plant-based ingredients. To embark on your journey toward optimal health, visit <https://cymbiotika.com>.

About Youth Tennis San Diego – The YTSD Mission: “Youth Tennis San Diego, a nonprofit (501)(c)(3) organization, contributes to the development pathway of all youth by providing physical, mental, emotional, educational, and social platforms through tennis for children to thrive.”

Every year, Youth Tennis San Diego impacts the lives of over 12,000 children. The Junior Tennis Underwriting Master Plan (J.U.M.P.) aims to provide a clear junior pathway by offering FREE and low-cost tennis and educational programs to schools, parks, and recreation centers throughout San Diego, including the signature After School Tennis Program. In addition, YTSD hosts 19+ FREE USTA-Sanctioned L7 and Junior Circuit tournaments a year- the first and only in the US to provide these events with no entry fees.

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