

Loriet Player Nika Kukharchuk Wins 2015 Citi Open Wild Card



College Park, Maryland

Nika Kukharchuk wins the wild card into the Qualifying Draw at this year's Citi Open.

In the women's final, top seed Nika Kukharchuk, a former collegiate player at Mississippi, beat Bethesda native and Virginia rising senior Skylar Morton, 6-0, 6-3, in just over an hour.

Kukharchuk, a 28-year-old native of Russia, qualified to play in her first WTA-level event. A coach at the Grand Slam Tennis Club in Bedford, N.Y., Kukharchuk used her speed and consistent groundstrokes to storm to a 6-0, 2-0 lead in a little over 40 minutes before Morton won her first game. Kukharchuk, ranked No. 711 in the world, wrapped up the match shortly after to claim her second victory over Morton this month.

"I'm 28, but I don't think that I'm done," Kukharchuk said. "I'm going to try to do more. My career high ranking is No. 456, and I want to try to get at least as high as that and hopefully go further."

Source: The Washington Post, Jordi Arconada earns return trip to Citi Open qualifying tournament.

