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Welcome to the USTA Pro Circuit

On behalf of the United States Tennis Association, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this 2019 USTA Pro Circuit event.

This year, the USTA Pro Circuit celebrates its 40th anniversary, and since its inception in 1979, the Pro Circuit has been bringing the excitement of world-class professional tennis to dozens of local communities such as this one. In that time, the USTA Pro Circuit has grown from a handful of regional events and is now the largest professional developmental tennis circuit in the world, with more than 100 events held annually, offering some \$4 million in prize money. These events not only provide a great stage for some of our sport's top talents, but also provide a one-of-a-kind experience for thousands of tennis fans who otherwise might not have a chance to experience the pro sport firsthand.



All of the players competing here this week are incredibly talented and eager to prove that they've got what it takes to take their games to the next level of the sport. Many do. In fact, Pro Circuit alumni have accounted for more than 50 Grand Slam singles titles, and 17 Pro Circuit veterans have risen to No. 1 in the world. For young players, the Pro Circuit is the ultimate proving ground, and for fans, it provides the opportunity to get a glimpse today at the stars of tomorrow.

The USTA Pro Circuit showcases the very best of our sport, and that goes beyond the world-class tennis. The pros competing in these events unfailingly give back to the sport and to the local communities that host these tournaments, lending their time and talents to a variety of community events, including youth clinics, pro-ams, school visits and more. It's that extra level of commitment that has not only helped to popularize the Pro Circuit, but also has gone a long way toward strengthening our sport's grass roots and pro tennis's connection with its legion of loyal fans.

I'd like to thank all of you fans for your continued support of the USTA Pro Circuit and also thank all of our sponsors, staff and volunteers, whose tireless dedication makes each of these events such a success—and so much fun!

Again, thanks for coming to this Pro Circuit event. Enjoy the tennis!

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Galbraith

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USTA Chairman and President





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The USTA extends its heartfelt gratitude to Brian Earley, Peter Kasavage, Missy Malool and Bunny Williams for their many years of outstanding service with the USTA Pro Circuit. On behalf of tennis fans everywhere, we thank you deeply for your tireless efforts to promote and develop the growth of tennis.



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To Promote and Develop the Growth of Tennis

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level—from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 655,000 members, it invests 100 percent of its proceeds in growing the game.

The USTA owns and operates the US Open, one of the highest-attended annual sporting events in the world, and launched the US Open Series, linking seven summer WTA and ATP Tour tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 100 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA's philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships in addition to supporting tennis and education programs nationwide to benefit under-resourced youth through the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network. For more information about the USTA, go to USTA.com or follow the official accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat.

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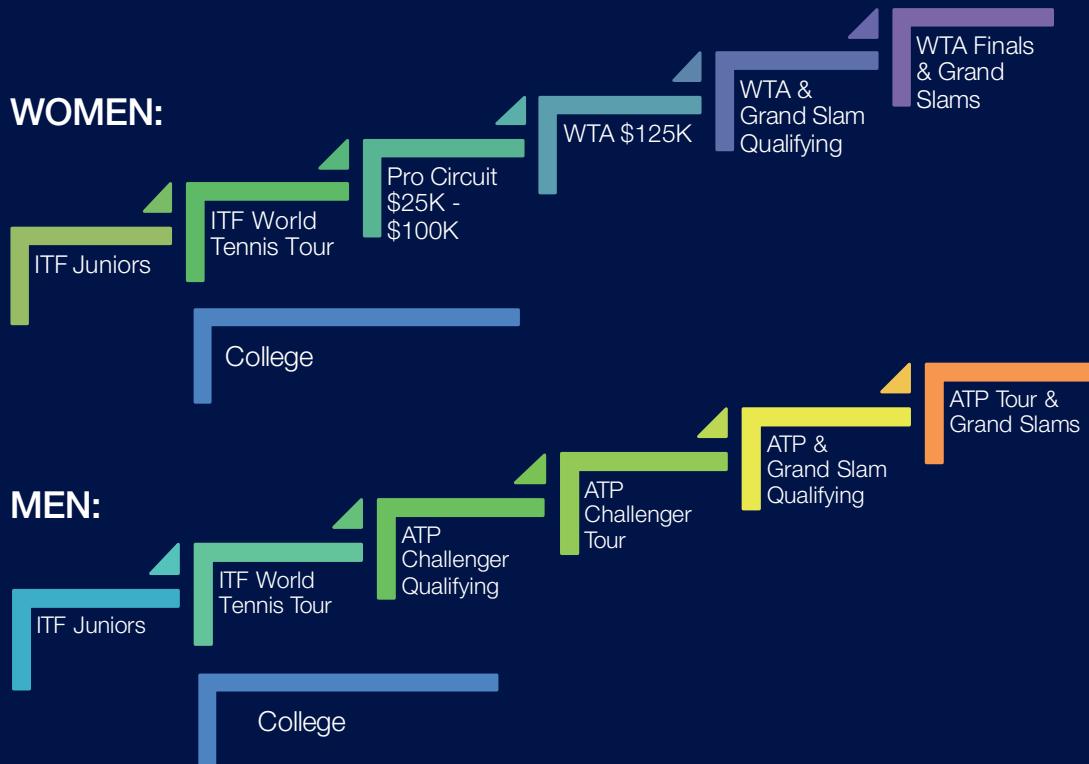
The USTA Pro Circuit serves as America's main pathway for men and women who seek to compete at the highest levels of professional tennis. Formed in 1979 to provide additional competitive opportunities on American soil for players who aspire to earn the professional ranking points needed to gain entry into the higher-level tournaments on the senior pro tours (the ATP Tour for men and the WTA for women), the USTA Pro Circuit has since grown into the largest Pro Circuit in the world, awarding over \$4 million in total prize money at the more than 100 tournaments on the 2019 schedule.

New in 2019

This year, following extensive research that showed the financial pressures facing most up-and-coming professional tennis players and the amount of time it takes for them to break into the Top 100 in the world rankings, the International Tennis Federation (ITF)—the world governing body of tennis, of which the USTA, the national governing body for tennis in the U.S., is a member—along with its affiliates the ATP Tour and the WTA, has been introducing a new tournament structure for players seeking to compete, win and earn a living as professional tennis players. Tournaments at the sport's lower levels have been reorganized to create an improved competitive pathway in which prize money is better targeted and more players have the potential to earn a living from the game. This restructuring also establishes a clear pathway that starts with high-performance junior tennis, runs through Pro Circuit events and connects to senior professional tournaments, while working collaboratively with collegiate tennis.

An additional benefit of the new tournament structure is that it enables a nation to provide more Pro Circuit events on its native soil. As a result, the total number of USTA Pro Circuit events on the 2019 tournament schedule reflects a more than 10 percent increase in events over recent years.

Competitive Tennis Pathways



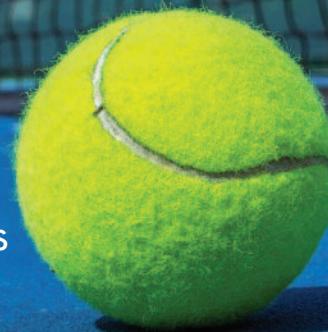
ITF World Tennis Tour

What had previously been the lowest-level Pro Circuit tournaments—the \$15,000 events—are now the entry level of the ITF World Tennis Tour, which awards ITF World Tennis Ranking Points rather than ATP Tour and WTA ranking points. The lowest level of the Pro Circuit to award ATP Tour and WTA ranking points in 2019 is \$25,000 events. The creation of the ITF World Tennis Tour, with its separate system of ranking points, encourages players to enter tournaments that are appropriate to their competitive level and increases the likelihood they will move along the competitive pathway in a given direction, rather than remain for a prolonged period at the same level. As such, this new tournament structure provides aspiring players with an optimal professional pathway for 2019 and beyond.

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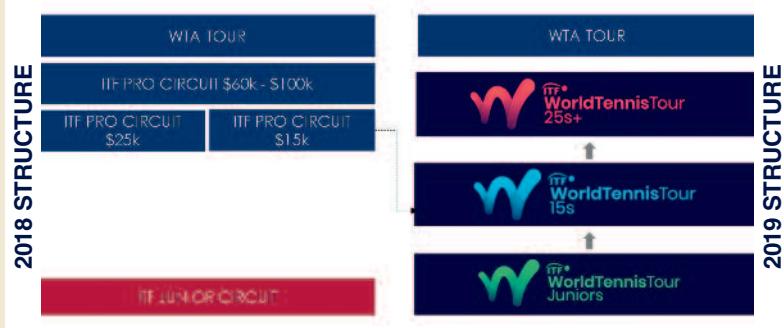
Men's Events

EVENT	ATP CHALLENGER 125	ATP CHALLENGER 110	ATP CHALLENGER 100	ATP CHALLENGER 90	ATP CHALLENGER 80
PRIZE MONEY	\$162,480	\$135,400	\$108,320	\$81,240	\$54,160
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Women's Events

EVENT	W100	W80	W60	W25
PRIZE MONEY	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$60,000	\$25,000
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RISE TO GLORY

For 40 years, the USTA's professional tennis circuit has been paving the way for promising players to reach the sport's highest levels and major events.

BY RICK RENNERT



Above: Top American juniors Whitney Osuigwe (right) and Caty McNally teamed up in 2018 to capture the women's doubles championship at the \$15,000 professional circuit event at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla. **Left:** Michael Mmoh broke into the Top 100 soon after the 2018 US Open (forecourt) by winning consecutive singles titles at the USTA Pro Circuit events in Columbus, Ohio, and Tiburon, Calif.

Playing in professional tennis's entry- and upper-level tournaments can make a world of difference to up-and-coming pros and rising junior stars who aspire to reach the elite levels of competition.

Consider, for example, Whitney Osuigwe of Bradenton, Florida, who spent practically all of 2018 competing on the professional circuit, following an outstanding 2017 junior season that she capped off by finishing atop the girls' 18-and-under world rankings, earning the title of ITF Junior World Champion. Only 15 years old at the time, Osuigwe compiled a 48-5 record in singles across the last seven months of the season, collecting junior crowns at the French Open and Orange Bowl, as well as a 5-0 singles record in Junior Fed Cup, where she also went 3-0 in doubles, with fellow 15-year-old Caty McNally, to lead the United States to the world championship.

"It's hard to put in words what exactly it means to have finished No. 1 [in 2017] and become Junior World Champion," Osuigwe said. "This is very surprising, and I could not be any happier. But I'd also like to think this is the result of the all hard work my team and I have gone through in the last year. I'm excited for what's to come, and I hope we can keep up with the good results."

What was to come in 2018 was a determined effort to improve her game at a level above junior competition, largely against professional players. Osuigwe entered only two junior events last year, playing in grass-court tournaments for two consecutive summer weeks in Great



Virtually every top American now playing has competed on the USTA Pro Circuit, including (clockwise from far left) Sloane Stephens, Danielle Collins, Sam Querrey, Madison Keys, John Isner, Jack Sock, CiCi Bellis and Frances Tiafoe, who have all captured titles at USTA Pro Circuit events.

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Britain, first at Roehampton, where she reached the singles semifinals and won the doubles title, and then at Wimbledon, where she reached the doubles final. Pro tournaments in the U.S. made up the rest of her 2018 playing schedule—a dozen stops on the USTA Pro Circuit, plus the Miami Open, the Connecticut Open, the US Open and the Oracle Challenger Series in Houston, Texas.

Osuigwe's travels on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2018 certainly proved to be time well spent. She began the year with a WTA ranking of No. 1,120 and methodically improved her position by more than 900 places. After reaching three singles quarterfinals, one singles semifinal and a pair of singles finals on the USTA Pro Circuit, she captured her first professional singles title in her final pro circuit event of the year, the \$80,000 RBC Pro Challenge in Tyler, Texas, in November. Two weeks later, she reached the quarterfinals in the Houston Challenger to end her year with a ranking just outside the Top 200, at No. 203. Her results at pro circuit events in October and November also enabled her to clinch a main draw wild card into the 2019 Australian Open via the Australian Open Wild Card Challenge.

Michael Mmoh of Bradenton, Florida, is a similar example of how the USTA Pro Circuit can play a key role in a player's developmental pathway. In the process of climbing up the ITF Junior World Rankings to the No. 2 spot, Mmoh won his first professional singles title in 2014 at age 14 at a \$15,000 pro circuit event in Brownsville, Texas. During the next three years, he won five more titles on the USTA Pro Circuit and added another two crowns during consecutive weeks last September, at the \$75,000 event in Columbus, Ohio, and the \$100,000 event in Tiburon, California. The twin championships followed an impressive showing by Mmoh at the 2018 US Open, where he gave No. 14 seed

Fabio Fognini all he could handle before ultimately succumbing in a fourth-set tie-break.

Mmoh was tempted to follow up his strong US Open performance by playing in the qualifying draws at tour-level events. But in the end, he opted for playing in Challenger tournaments on the USTA Pro Circuit and was clearly thrilled with the results.

"I think it's perfect now," Mmoh said after winning at Tiburon. "I've won a ton of matches and I'm confident. I'm going to take that to the tour level."

An added benefit of his success on the professional circuit was earning enough ranking points to break into the Top 100 for the first time.

"It's huge," Mmoh said. "It's something I've been eyeing ever since I started playing professional tennis—honestly, ever since I started playing tennis in general. You always aspire to be a Top 100 player. It's the No. 1 goal when you're starting out as a professional."

For the past 40 years, the USTA Pro Circuit has been serving promising young players such as Osuigwe and Mmoh as a springboard to success. The most extensive developmental tennis circuit in the world, featuring more than 100 tournaments this year in cities and towns across the U.S. at a wide range of playing levels—from \$25,000 events for high-achieving junior players, collegiate players and beginning pros to \$125,000 events for players on the verge of WTA and ATP Tour competition—the USTA Pro Circuit occupies a pivotal place in the professional tennis pathway, especially for young American players. The rungs of the professional circuit permit players to make their way up the professional tennis ladder and reach the WTA and ATP Tour at their own pace through tennis's version of baseball's Single-A, Double-A and Triple-A ball.



New for this year, the competitive pathway has been restructured following the findings of an Independent Review Panel, set up by the governing bodies of tennis to review all aspects of the sport's anti-corruption protocols, structures and resources. The IRP found integrity issues and vulnerabilities at lower levels of professional tennis. In response to this report, the ATP Tour, WTA and ITF decided to restructure professional tennis so that successful players in juniors and the lower-level tournaments are able to progress more quickly to the next level of competition. Under this reform, prize money is better targeted to give more players the potential to earn a living from the game.

For American players, the USTA Pro Circuit provides an added bonus in that it spares them the expense of having to travel abroad to earn ranking points. In fact, it often holds several events in a regional area over successive weeks, further minimizing travel for the players and making it possible for fans in the area to follow the action from one location to the next. Bringing the excitement and intensity of professional tennis to cities and towns in the U.S. that otherwise would not have the opportunity to host a pro tournament enables the USTA Pro Circuit to play a vital role in helping the USTA carry out its mission: to promote and develop the growth of tennis. All told, there are five times as many tournaments on the USTA Pro Circuit as there are WTA and ATP Tour events in the U.S., with the circuit spanning the country, from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Vero Beach, Florida, and practically everywhere in between.

"This is where America's top up-and-coming players are competing week in and week out," said Megan Rose, Senior Director, Competitive Pathway, USTA, "providing them with a real opportunity to make their dreams of becoming professional tennis players come true."

The numbers certainly bear out this statement. A total of 62 American players—35 women and 27 men—achieved Top 200 rankings during the 2018 season, and almost every single one competed on the USTA Pro Circuit at some point in his or her career. The only exceptions were Serena Williams and Venus Williams, who burst on the professional tennis scene more than 20 years ago, bypassing not just all professional circuit events but all junior tournaments as well.

Since being established four decades ago, the USTA Pro Circuit has seen its graduates win more than 50 Grand Slam tournament titles, including all four of the women who won a major singles crown last year—Simona Halep, Angelique Kerber, Naomi Osaka and Caroline Wozniacki. In fact, more than half of the players entered in the US Open each year have been playing on or have graduated from the USTA Pro Circuit. Take a look at the roster of pro circuit graduates and you'll find many of today's brightest stars in professional tennis, among them Kevin Anderson, Victoria Azarenka, Ashleigh Barty, Marin Cilic, Grigor Dimitrov, Julia Goerges, David Goffin, Karen Khachanov, Johanna Konta, Karolina Pliskova, Maria Sharapova, Elina Svitolina, Dominic Thiem and Jo Wilfried-Tsonga—along with champion doubles players Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan, Bethanie Mattek-Sands, Kristina Mladenovic, Jamie Murray and CoCo Vandweghe. You'll see Hall of Famers listed as well, including Andre Agassi, Lindsay Davenport, Justine Henin, Li Na, Amelie Mauresmo, Patrick Rafter, Andy Roddick and Pete Sampras.

While players who were—or now are—top juniors and collegiate standouts make up the majority of competitors at USTA Pro Circuit events, the tournaments draw athletes from all over the globe, including established tour veterans who may be returning from injury or illness



Top players from around the world who have graduated from the USTA Pro Circuit include (above, left to right) Garbiñe Muguruza, Nick Kyrgios, Caroline Wozniacki and Naomi Osaka, as well as (below, clockwise from top left) Alexander Zverev, Milos Raonic and Andy Murray. Among the American players who fine-tuned their games last year on the USTA Pro Circuit in preparation for moving up to the sport's highest levels of competition were (opposite page, clockwise from top left) Whitney Osuigwe, Michael Mmoh, Reilly Opelka and Allie Kiick.

and are seeking to get in the necessary work to regain their form. That was the case last year for Kei Nishikori. Coming back from a six-month layoff due to a torn tendon in his right wrist, his ranking outside the Top 20 for the first time in five years, Nishikori chose to enter the \$125,000 Challenger event in Dallas, Texas, at the beginning of 2018—a short trip from his home in Bradenton, Florida—rather than travel all the way to the Australian Open, which was being held at the same time.

The decision worked out well. Nishikori, runner-up at the US Open in 2014, won all five of his matches in Dallas to capture the sixth USTA Pro Circuit singles title of his career. By year's end, he had achieved what he called his "goal and motivation," climbing back into the Top 10.

Like Nishikori, Belinda Bencic was also knocked out of action by a wrist injury in 2017. Choosing to have surgery that May, she saw her ranking, once as high as No. 7, drop below No. 300 while being sidelined for four months. By last fall, she had made great progress in improving her ranking. Still, she wanted to play more; so she entered consecutive events on the USTA Pro Circuit—in Tyler, Texas, where she reached the semifinals before losing to Osuigwe, and in Las Vegas, Nev., where she claimed the title. Those results helped her secure a year-end finish in the Top 50.

Another of the players who has been looking





to recapture her earlier promise is Allie Kiick of Orlando, Florida, who was ranked as high as No. 136 in 2014, when she was 19 years old. Beginning in July 2015, she was forced to miss nearly two years because of four knee surgeries and a rare form of skin cancer. She returned to action in June 2017 with a ranking of No. 876, raised it by nearly 500 spots by year's end, and succeeded in 2018 in climbing back into the Top 200, mostly on the strength of her USTA Pro Circuit results.

Reilly Opelka of Palm Coast, Florida, elevated his game last year on the USTA Pro Circuit as well. In spite of standing 6-feet, 11-inches tall, the then-21-year-old was feeling mighty low last summer as he struggled with a bout of mononucleosis and had to miss several months of competition. He was finally healthy enough to return to action in September, with his ranking at No. 173. He claimed three USTA Pro Circuit titles to break into the Top 100 for the first time in his career.

"It's huge," Opelka said after winning his third title, at the \$75,000 Challenger event in Knoxville, Tennessee. "I hope I can make a nice transition on the ATP Tour. I'm not saying I will or it will be easy, but it's definitely not my last Challenger."

For players who dream of reaching for the stars, USTA Pro Circuit events continue to light the way, just as they have been doing for the past 40 years. ●

MAKING PROGRESS



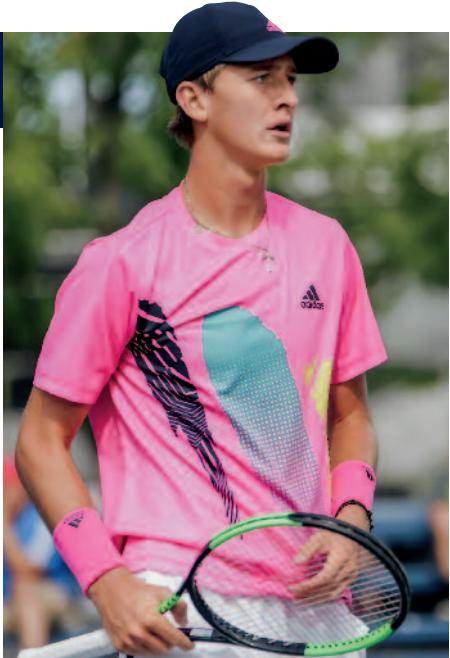
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BY RICK RENNERT

The International Lawn Tennis Federation (now known as the ITF), acting in its role as the sport's international governing body, gave the entire game a tremendous boost more than 50 years ago by lifting the restrictions that barred professional players from competing against amateurs. The launching of open competition in 1968 created a surge of interest in tennis that would continue to grow with the Open Era, as the sport's professionals—its largest personalities and biggest stars—became household names from the accompanying media exposure.

One story goes that when Richard Williams tuned in to the 1980 Virginia Slims of Utah tournament on television and saw Virginia Ruzici receive a winner's check for \$40,000, he decided on the spot to raise his own tennis champions. The timing of his decision certainly proved to be right on the money. Not only did Williams father two of the greatest players in tennis history, but when Venus Williams and her sister Serena began taking the tennis world by storm in the late 1990s, total prize money at each of the the Grand Slam tournaments was starting to top \$10 million. Purses have been on the rise ever since, with prize money at the US Open and the other majors now topping \$50 million each.

While player compensation at the sport's highest level grew more lucrative over the years, it remained somewhat less so at the lower levels



Brandon Nakashima (opposite top), Coco Gauff (opposite bottom), Sebastian Korda (above left), and Ann Li are among the next generation of talented young American players who are primed to make their way along the professional pathway.

of professional tennis. Extensive research conducted between 2014 and 2017 detailed the financial pressures facing most professional players and the increasing amount of time it takes for them to break into the Top 100 and have the opportunity to compete for the bigger purses. Along with the amount of prize money rising, so was the number of players who were competing for the prize money pool. In addition, the amount of time it took for players to earn their first professional ranking point and make their way into the Top 100 had also increased. There are only so many ranking points to go around.

To address these concerns and improve the overall health of the professional sport, the governing bodies of tennis—the ITF (of which the USTA is a member), the ATP Tour (for the men's professional players) and the WTA (for the women's professional players)—launched the ITF World Tennis Tour and a new ranking system to go with it, the ITF World Tennis Ranking, at the start of this year. Serving as the competitive player pathway between the junior game and the elite levels of professional tennis, the tour is part of a new world-wide tournament structure that targets the prize money at professional tournaments more effectively so as to enable more men and women to make a living playing the game. It also offers a more localized, more affordable circuit structure to help keep down costs for the players and tournament organizers.



up by those with ITF World Tennis rankings. These players are in turn followed by those with a Top 500 national ranking.

Players, particularly those ranked outside the Top 300, may have an ATP or WTA ranking as well as an ITF World Tennis Ranking because they may have been competing at multiple levels. The new structure has been organized so that the higher-level tournaments bestow ATP or WTA ranking points, while the lower-level events award ITF World Ranking points.

- **ATP ranking points** are awarded to men who reach the semifinals or higher at the \$25,000+H events and to all men competing in the ATP Challengers.

- **WTA ranking points** are awarded to all women in the \$25,000 tournaments and above.

- **ITF World Tennis Ranking points** are awarded to all men and women competing in the \$15,000 events—as well as to men playing in \$25,000 events and in the qualifying at the \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 levels.

No player has to choose whether to use an ATP or WTA ranking or an ITF ranking when entering a tournament. The order of priority that is mandated by the entry system provides for determining which rankings are valid and high enough for acceptance into a tournament. This also holds for players who are 18 years old or younger and may have both an ITF Junior World Ranking and a national ranking.

The institution of this new professional structure for the ITF, ATP Tour and WTA may not revolutionize the professional game to the same extent that the advent of open tennis did a half century ago. But it undoubtedly creates an improved professional pathway that can be navigated by players who are able to compete, win and earn a living in professional tennis. In 2019, there are 1,600 ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments slated to take place around the world. The U.S., with its schedule of more than 100 men's and women's ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments, is hosting more of these events than any other nation. Add the more than 200 top-level junior events in the U.S. to that total, and it's clear that when it comes to making the transition to a pro playing career, America is truly a land of opportunity. ●

A key principle behind the new structure is that success at one level is rewarded with opportunity at a higher level. This is achieved by offering reserved places in draws to the best performers at the previous level. In the past, being a higher-ranked junior offered little benefit, since all juniors started their pro careers in qualifying, just as all other players. Now, each \$15,000 tournament—the entry-level events on the pathway—reserves up to five places in the main draw for Top 100 juniors. Similarly, each \$25,000 tournament reserves up to five places in the main draw for the top ITF-ranked players who enter. In addition, each of the \$50,000, \$75,000, \$100,000 and \$125,000 men's Challenger tournaments (known respectively as ATP 80, ATP 95, ATP 100, ATP 110 and ATP 125 to reflect the total points earned by the winner) reserves four places in the main draw for the top ITF-ranked players who enter and an additional three places in the qualifying draw. There are no reserved places at the \$60,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000 women's tournaments in 2019, although this may change in the future.

Gaining entry into the main draw of an ITF World Tennis Tour tournament is determined by a pecking order. Players use their ATP or WTA ranking, followed by their ranking in the newly established ITF World Tennis Ranking. When all ATP- or WTA-ranked players who have entered, say, a \$25,000 tournament have been accepted, remaining places can be taken

Creating a Pathway to the Pros



Brian Earley

All year long, the USTA Pro Circuit is celebrating its 40th anniversary as a pathway to tennis stardom for the next wave of future champions. The USTA officially began overseeing tennis's lower- and middle-tier professional tournaments in the summer of 1979 with the formation of the USTA Circuit, which brought together what one journalist called "tennis's horde of competitors" in an effort to combine, organize and upgrade the tournaments under one umbrella for the very first time. In that inaugural year, there were 62 tournaments on the schedule.

"The circuit is being run under uniform rules, entries are being taken in the USTA office and the USTA is providing a tour director," said Marshall Happer, then the USTA Circuit Committee chairman, shortly after the USTA Circuit was launched.

To enhance the USTA Circuit, sponsors were brought into the mix—Penn, which was the tennis ball provider, and American Express were the main partners—with their investments helping to improve the tournaments and grow the game in local communities.

"What we've done through sponsorship and management as a USTA Circuit is to provide an orderly way to keep tennis open, providing an open-ended system we didn't have before," said Happer. "It's hard to imagine the tremendous impact this has had on getting the young players into the system."

The concept of a developmental professional tennis circuit first took root less than a decade earlier, following the formation of what is known today as the ATP Tour for men and the WTA for women. Larry Turville, a 21-year-old who had earned All-American honors at Georgia Tech, was among the players attempting to establish a pro career in the early years of tennis's Open Era. He believed there was a need for a training ground with real tournament competition for inexperienced players such as himself.

"There were a group of up-and-coming young players who didn't have any tournaments to play in the winter," Turville recalled, "so we decided to start our own circuit."

Teaming up with fellow pro Armistead Neely, Turville founded a series of regional men's tournaments in 1971 that was called the World Association of Tennis Champions (WATCH). Based in Florida, the tournaments were staged in segments and took place outside the orbit of the ATP Tour—and thus became known

as "satellite tournaments." After professional rankings were introduced in 1973, the WATCH circuit arranged with the ATP to award ranking points so that players on the edges of the pro tour would have more competitive opportunities to improve their rankings and advance to the main events.

By the middle of the 1970s, satellite tournaments were being staged across the U.S. Among them were the Larry Riggs Circuit in Southern California, as well as the Southern Circuit and another in Missouri Valley. But they were only loosely connected.

In 1979, just as Turville was preparing to leave the satellite circuit to become the tennis coach at Rice University, the USTA assumed leadership. That gave rise to the USTA/Penn Circuit. The circuit went by other names over the years before becoming the USTA Pro Circuit in 2003.

Brian Earley, who in 1979 was running a summer tennis facility in Pittsburgh, Pa., offered his services to Turville and soon found himself traveling to Florida to take part in administrating the first-ever USTA Circuit event.

"The very first tournament I ever worked was in Bonita Springs, Fla.," Earley said, "and there was a guy who needed a wild card to get into qualifying because he didn't have any ranking points at all. But he won four rounds to qualify and then went on to win five matches in the main draw to win the tournament. That person was Andres Gomez, who would go on to win the French Open (in 1990) and have a very good career."

So would Earley. After doing a bit of everything at his first tournament, from making draws to manning the sign-in desk to handling the scheduling and even umpiring, the USTA assigned him to several more tournaments, which was reason enough for him to quit his job in Pittsburgh—and he never looked back. Earley wound up overseeing the USTA Pro Circuit for close

to four decades, acting as "kind of the commissioner of the minor leagues in this country." In addition to his duties with the USTA Pro Circuit, he became an ITF Gold Badge certified tennis official, a distinction that led to his serving as Tournament Referee of the US Open for 26 years. Earley stepped down from his position as Director of the USTA Pro Circuit in 2017 and retired from his US Open position after the tournament celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018.

"At the beginning, we were definitely making up a lot of things as we went along," Earley recalled. "There were no computers, so we had to make up our own forms, and you did everything over the phone. We had what was called an open qualifying at those times, and once, we signed 243 players for qualifying—and they all played! It was baptism by fire, and it was fun." ●

“The USTA Pro Circuit is where you develop professional tennis players. This is it. The middle of the pathway is completely vacant in this country without the USTA Pro Circuit.”

— Brian Earley



A GAME OF LOVE

Working behind the scenes on the USTA Pro Circuit, officials supervising the tournaments share a long history of turning their passion for the sport into the job of a lifetime.

As the organizing body of all Pro Circuit tournaments in the U.S., the USTA staffs each event with a Supervisor whose credentials include ITF official certification at either the Silver Badge or Gold Badge level. Helping to orchestrate the logistics and details that come with putting on a tennis event—from registration and scheduling to selecting chair umpires and checking on player services—they serve as the backbone of the USTA Pro Circuit. Crisscrossing the country throughout the calendar year to ensure that the weekly parade of professional tournaments can take place without a hitch, they generally perform their work behind the scenes. However, the result of their efforts is certainly noticed by the players and the tournament staff, with whom they build lasting relationships, especially since they go back to the same tournaments year after year.

Ultimately, supervising the tournaments on the USTA Pro Circuit proves to be a labor of love. Starting with a common background of working Pro Circuit events as chair umpires, they have succeeded in putting their expertise and experience as tennis officials to broader use. Supervisors are the link among the players, the tournaments and the tennis organizations behind the events, making sure operations run smoothly and efficiently, and are in compliance with USTA, ITF, and ATP Tour or WTA rules. While aspiring pros travel to the events in pursuit of ranking points and the chance to establish their careers on the major pro tours, USTA Supervisors trace the same routes for a more altruistic reason: They work to ensure the future of the game they love on a daily basis.

Longtime USTA Supervisors Keith Crossland, David Littlefield, Michael Loo and Dessie Samuels are continuing to travel the Pro Circuit

In loving memory of Billie Lipp (far left), who retired as a USTA Supervisor in 2016 and passed away on September 13, 2018. Shown with her at the 2011 USTA Pro Circuit event in Dothan, Ala., are (from left to right) Missy Malool, Dessie Samuels and Bunny Williams.



this year, while a trio of veterans—Peter Kasavage, Missy Malool and Bunny Williams—retired from their positions at the end of 2018. To help provide a glimpse into the joys and journeys of USTA Supervisors, the following comments and observations from Crossland, Loo, Malool, Samuels and Williams are joined here by those of Brian Earley, who was a part of the USTA Pro Circuit when it began 40 years ago.

Q. How did you get started with the Pro Circuit?

BRIAN EARLEY: I helped run a satellite event when I was working court maintenance and running other activities at a club in Ft. Lauderdale in February of 1978. The following year, the USTA took over the administration of the circuit and partnered with Penn Athletic. I had met the president of Penn, Dave Grant, as they were headquartered near where I worked in Pittsburgh during the summer. I asked him how I might get involved, and he gave me the contact information for Larry Turville, who agreed to let me work as an intern on that year's Florida satellite. I did everything from making draws, working sign-in, scheduling and even umpiring. After that, the USTA assigned me to several tournaments—enough to quit my “day job.”

MICHAEL LOO: In 1990, the ATP hired several supervisors working for the USTA. An opportunity was offered to me to work part-time for the USTA as a chair umpire and on-the-job-training referee. The group

hired at that time was Keith Crossland, Jim Handly, Jim Zimmerman and myself. As of 1991, we were all offered full-time positions. Joan Zekala was the Pro Circuit Director, and Brian Earley was the Senior Supervisor.

BUNNY WILLIAMS: I was working as a chair umpire, and Woodie Walker introduced me to Joan Zekala, who was the Pro Circuit Director. The USTA was looking for some part-time people who could work as a referee. Thanks to Woodie, I was given a chance for my dream job.

MISSY MALOOL: In 1994, I was a chair umpire and Bunny Williams was a part-time supervisor with the USTA. When Bunny was asked by Billie Jean King to travel for seven weeks with Martina Navratilova during her last year with WTT, Billie Lipp and Woodie Walker recommended to the USTA that I step in while Bunny was away.

DESSIE SAMUELS: I was in the right place at the right time. I was a chair umpire and had some referee experience. Woodie was going to retire (HA!), and Billie asked me if I would be interested in working as a Supervisor.

Q. What makes being a Supervisor such a fulfilling career?

SAMUELS: Growing the game of tennis by bringing it to cities and towns where they normally wouldn't see professional tennis up close. Giving opportunities to young athletes to chase their dreams.



KEITH CROSSLAND: The opportunity to travel and work with interesting people. Every day is a different day with different challenges.

LOO: The position is rewarding because you can quickly see the results of your work. The success of the tournaments and players is very measurable. This includes working as a team with the tournament's staff, officials and volunteers. As road staff, we are charged with a great deal of responsibility and authority to make decisions for the USTA, ITF, ATP and WTA. Lastly, the support of the USTA has been tremendous. The management support needed to do the job has always been there for us.

WILLIAMS: I have loved tennis since I was 12 years old, and to have the opportunity to work in professional tennis and give back to the game and the athletes has been a lifelong joy. I truly believe that I have had the greatest job in America.

MALOOL: If you love tennis, officiating, travel and working with some of the greatest athletes in the world . . . this is the job for you!

Q. Can you describe the general demands of your job or a specific challenge you had to deal with?

LOO: Staying abreast of any and all rule changes and procedures is probably the most demanding part of the job. The challenges come

when you must deal with on-court situations when an immediate decision must be made. Dealing with weather at outdoor events last year was especially trying.

WILLIAMS: I was lying in bed sick with a kidney stone at the Charlottesville 50k, and I had a walkie-talkie on my pillow listening to what was going on during the event. I heard a female voice coming over the walkie-talkie calling my name, "Zaichek . . . Zaichek" (which means little bunny rabbit in Russian). It was Anna Kournikova calling to check up on me. The Pro Circuit family always looks out for each other!

MALOOL: We landed in Dallas on route to Los Angeles, and Bunny wasn't feeling well enough to get back on the plane. So we rented a car and drove 20 hours straight to L.A. and arrived 15 minutes before sign-in began.

SAMUELS: You have to be "on" all the time, from the time you leave home for an event until you return. Your phone is never turned off . . . you are available to the players, tournament director and officials 24 hours a day. We receive phone calls and texts from players and tournament directors with questions even when we aren't working an event.

CROSSLAND: The key goal of a USTA Supervisor is to balance the needs of the tournament and its sponsors and spectators while providing a fair environment for players to compete under the rules of tennis. Generally, that means 10- to 12-hour days over nine or 10 days at the tournament site, watching a lot of tennis and interacting with a lot of people.

Q. Do you have a fond memory of or a favorite thing about the Pro Circuit?

LOO: Going to the various locations time and again has forged lasting relationships. It's been great to visit many parts of the United States and other countries.

WILLIAMS: The tennis world always seems to come full circle. Megan Bradley Rose competed on the Pro Circuit when I was a Supervisor, and now she is the USTA's Senior Director, Competitive Pathway, which includes overseeing the USTA Pro Circuit. Wow!!!

MALOOL: The Pro Circuit allowed me the opportunity to live my dream while helping others achieve theirs!

SAMUELS: The relationships formed with the tournament directors are very special, but the best thing about the Pro Circuit has been working with an amazing team of Supervisors and Pro Circuit staff for all these years!

EARLEY: The most rewarding thing is when I run into former Pro Circuit players, and they say something like, "You may not remember me, but I played the Pro Circuit back in . . . I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated how you treated all of us—irrespective of tennis ability—with respect." This is the highest compliment a tennis official can get. ●



David Littlefield



PLAY OFFICIAL CAMP

USTA Officiating In-Person Workshops offer training opportunities for tennis officials.

Throughout the year, tennis officials are elevating their game by attending USTA Officiating In-Person Workshops, sponsored by the USTA Officiating Department.

The workshops are geared toward developing Community Officials who support local events. With sharpened knowledge and skills, these officials are better able to create the ultimate tennis experience for players and spectators.

Four years ago, the USTA transformed the officiating pathway by developing and delivering structured training and resources. A robust portfolio of online courses is now accessible to officials on-demand. Additionally, the USTA designed In-Person Workshops to further supplement the online courses. These workshops are organized and delivered throughout the country.

Facilitated by a team of 65 USTA trainers across all 17 USTA sections, the In-Person Workshops provide officials with the tools necessary to hone their skills. Workshops are offered in the following disciplines:

- Roving Umpire
- Line Umpire
- Chair Umpire
- Referee

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GOING WILD

An expanded wild card structure benefits the entire sport.

BY RICK RENNERT

Each year, the US Open awards main draw wild cards to eight men and eight women, giving players who were not ranked high enough to receive a direct entry into the tournament an opportunity to compete in the event. While players who receive a wild card generally do not advance deep into the tournament, there have been a couple of notable exceptions. In 2009, Kim Clijsters lacked a pro ranking—having retired two years earlier to start a family—and needed a wild card to gain entry into the main draw. She went on to become the first wild card in history to win a US Open singles title. Prior to that, Jimmy Connors posted the best showing of any wild card at the US Open, reaching the 1991 semifinals after his ranking of No. 174 put him far below the cutoff for direct entry.

While past champions Svetlana Kuznetsova and Stan Wawrinka and two-time finalist Victoria Azarenka were among the players who received US Open wild cards last year, the names of the players awarded wild cards are usually not quite so illustrious. Indeed, when it comes to the awarding of wild cards, what all of the recipients have in common is that their past performances have earned them an opportunity for future advancement.

Every tournament on the USTA Pro Circuit offers wild cards, and so do the ITF World Tennis Tour events. Generally handed out to promising players, wild cards provide a means for rewarding a tennis player's success at one level with an opportunity to compete at the next level. In effect, they are invoked to aid the player's development and progress.

Last October, the USTA announced an expanded system of allocating merit-based wild cards for American players to better aid the development of America's top juniors, collegians and professionals. Approximately 150 wild card entries into various professional and junior events are being directly awarded to American players who produce successful results in select junior, collegiate and professional tournaments. The new allocation system represents an extension of USTA Player Development's competitive pathway, with the goal of maintaining an adequate volume of competitive opportunities for Americans in the new ITF World Tennis Tour structure being introduced this year.

A key principle underlying the expanded wild card structure is that success at one level is rewarded with opportunity at a higher level. This system of wild card linkages promotes the concept of earned advancement by offering reserved places in draws to the best performers at the previous level. For example, every American man or woman who wins a \$15,000 event in the United States will automatically earn a wild card entry into a \$25,000 tournament. The wild card linkages are being published and communicated broadly to ensure transparency of the wild card process.

The players are not the only ones who benefit from the awarding of wild cards. By arranging for deserving players to receive opportunities to develop and progress on tennis's competitive pathway, wild cards play a fundamental role in helping to strengthen the overall health of the game. ●



Developing Winners & Serving Up Aces

At pro tournaments throughout the United States, children have an opportunity to get closer to the game than ever before. To increase awareness of Net Generation, the official youth tennis brand of the USTA, the tournaments have been integrating kids' activities into the events in a variety of ways. The kid-friendly programming includes:

- Kids' Days — featuring tennis clinics and other interactive activities for children of all ages and skill levels.
- Youth Tennis Demos — giving kids an opportunity, before the official order of play, to showcase youth tennis on court and inspire other kids and families to play tennis.
- Pre-match Coin Tosses — inviting young players to participate in the pre-match coin toss with the chair umpire and competing players prior to the matches.
- Player Escorts — offering children the opportunity to accompany the players as they walk on court prior to the start of their matches.

Net Generation aims to inspire the next generation of tennis players by providing a single, unified youth brand for kids, parents, coaches, teachers, organizers and volunteers. Embracing all aspects of youth play for kids ages 5-18, Net Generation makes it easy for youngsters to start

playing tennis and to develop their games at their own pace. It offers new play formats and programs that better fit into the modern-day parent's life, while simplifying how families can connect and register with local programs. Net Generation also requires all deliverers to have completed a background screening and an education program for working with minors, to make tennis a safe environment for kids.

In addition to kid-friendly programming, professional tournaments get the local community involved in their events by teaming with local charitable organizations. The tournaments also reach out to people in the surrounding community to help stage the tennis action, with volunteers taking on a variety of assignments and filling a number of key roles. Some work at the tournament desks. Others attend to the practice courts. School kids—and sometimes adults—serve as ball persons. Volunteers provide transportation for the players. Others manage the water and food supplies for the players. Regardless of what jobs they perform, the people who volunteer at the events are essential to the tournament officials, who manage to have everything running smoothly throughout the events, from the qualifying rounds to the final day of competition. ●







Net Generation & Community Involvement





Tournament Anniversaries

The following tournaments are celebrating milestone anniversaries on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2019.

10 YEARS

Men's events

Palm Coast, Fla. (January 21)

Pensacola, Fla. (May 6)

Edwardsville, Ill. (August 5)

5 YEARS

Men's events

Los Angeles, Calif. (December 31)

Wichita, Kan. (June 19)

Champaign, Ill. (July 22)

Women's events

Stockton, Calif. (September 19)

Charleston, S.C. (September 30)

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Men's Profiles

Collin Altamirano

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2018—\$25,000 Long Beach, CA

Singles Runner-Up (1): 2017—\$25,000 Long Beach, CA

Singles Semifinalist (7): 2018—\$75,000 Winnetka, IL; \$25,000 Iowa City, IA;

\$25,000 Calabasas, CA; **2017**—\$15,000 Laguna Niguel, CA;

2015—\$15,000 Charlottesville, VA; \$10,000 Claremont, CA;

2014—\$15,000 Bakersfield, CA

Doubles Champion (2): 2018—\$25,000 Little Rock, AR; **2014**—\$10,000 Boynton Beach, FL

Doubles Runner-Up (2): 2018—\$25,000 Long Beach, CA; **2014**—\$10,000 Sunrise, FL

Career Highlights

Collin Altamirano played tennis for three years at the University of Virginia, contributing to three consecutive NCAA team championships (2015-17) and twice earning All-ACC second team honors before turning pro in 2017. In 2018, he captured his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, the \$25,000 Futures in Long Beach, Calif., while also reaching the doubles final. He then swept the singles and doubles titles at a \$15,000 ITF Pro Circuit event in Singapore, won his second USTA Pro Circuit doubles title and qualified for the main draw at the 2018 US Open. In 2013, Altamirano won the USTA Boys' 18 National Championships and received a wild card into the 2013 US Open, where he was the youngest player in the men's singles main draw, at age 17.

Born: 12/7/1995 / **Birthplace:** Sacramento, CA / **Residence:** Sacramento, CA

Height: 6'2" / **Weight:** 187 lbs.

Plays: Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2017



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JC Aragone

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2018—\$25,000 Calabasas, CA

Singles Semifinalist (1): 2018—\$25,000 Long Beach, CA

Doubles Champion (1): 2018—\$25,000 Winston-Salem, NC

Doubles Runner-Up (1): 2016—\$10,000 Tallahassee, FL

Career Highlights

JC Aragone graduated in 2017 from the University of Virginia, where he was a part of three NCAA Championship-winning teams and clinched the victory for the Cavaliers in the 2017 title match. He won 37 singles matches for Virginia in his senior season, a career-best and the most on the team. In 2018, he won the first three professional titles of his career: two singles crowns (the USTA Pro Circuit \$25,000 Futures in Calabasas, Calif., and the ITF Pro Circuit \$25,000 event in Kelowna, Canada) and one doubles title (the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C.). He also won two rounds of qualifying matches at the 2018 US Open after winning three matches to qualify for the main draw at the 2017 US Open, where he lost in the first round to eventual finalist Kevin Anderson.



Born: 6/28/1995 / **Birthplace:** Buenos Aires, Argentina
Residence: Yorba Linda, CA / **Height:** 5'10" / **Weight:** 175 lbs.
Plays: Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2017

Ulises Blanch

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Runner-Up (1): 2017—\$15,000 Pensacola, FL

Singles Semifinalist (1): 2017—\$25,000 Tallahassee, FL

Singles Quarterfinalist (3): 2018—\$25,000 Bakersfield, CA; **2017**—\$25,000 Harlingen, TX; \$25,000 Little Rock, AR

Career Highlights

Ulises Blanch took his tennis on a world tour last year. In addition to playing in the U.S. at six USTA Pro Circuit tournaments—all in California—as well as the US Open Qualifying Tournament in New York, he competed in Futures and Challenger events in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, India, Italy, Korea, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Romania, Spain and Uruguay. He came away with three titles—the singles championship in Perugia, Italy, and doubles titles in France at Montauban and Toulouse. In 2017, he captured his first Pro Futures title when he won the \$25,000 Calgary, Canada, tournament and advanced to his first USTA Pro Circuit final, at the \$15,000 Futures event in Pensacola, Fla. Blanch had an impressive junior career, reaching as high as No. 2 in the ITF Junior World Rankings in 2016, when he was a boys' singles semifinalist at Wimbledon. Blanch made his USTA Pro Circuit debut at the Sunrise, Fla., qualifying tournament in 2014 as a 15-year-old wild card.

Born: 3/25/1998 / **Birthplace:** San Juan, PR / **Residence:** Orlando, FL

Height: 6'3" / **Weight:** 172 lbs.

Plays: Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2016

William Blumberg

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Semifinalist (1): 2017—\$75,000 Binghamton, NY

Singles Quarterfinalist (1): 2018—\$25,000 Tulsa, OK

Doubles Runner-Up (1): 2014—\$10,000 Sunrise, FL

Career Highlights

William Blumberg turned his attention to playing on the USTA Pro Circuit in the fall of 2018 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for the second year in a row at the University of North Carolina, where he finished the collegiate season at No. 2 in singles and No. 3 in doubles in the ITA National Rankings. As a freshman, he put together a spectacular campaign for the Tar Heels in 2017, which concluded with him winning ITA National Rookie of the Year honors and advancing all the way to the NCAA singles championship match. He followed up that fall by winning the ITA Men's All-American Singles Championship. A standout junior player who reached a high of No. 4 in the ITF Junior World Rankings in 2016, Blumberg advanced to the boys' doubles final at 2015 Roland Garros and the boys' singles and doubles quarterfinals at 2015 Wimbledon.

Born: 1/26/1998 / **Birthplace:** New York, NY / **Residence:** Greenwich, CT

Height: 6'2" / **Weight:** 185 lbs.

Plays: Right-handed



Men's Profiles

Christopher Eubanks

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2017—\$25,000 Winston-Salem, NC

Singles Runner-Up (2): 2018—\$25,000 Los Angeles, CA;
2017—\$25,000 Winston-Salem, NC

Singles Semifinals (3): 2018—\$100,000 Aptos, CA; \$75,000 Knoxville;
2016—\$50,000 Champaign, IL

Doubles Champion (1): 2017—\$25,000 Winston-Salem, NC

Doubles Runner-Up (1): 2017—\$25,000 Winston-Salem, NC

Career Highlights

Christopher Eubanks won his first ATP Challenger singles title at a 2018 \$75,000 hard-court event in Leon, Mexico, having reached the final a week earlier at a \$50,000 event in Guadalajara. He broke into the Top 200 shortly thereafter. Last year, he also reached the singles final at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Los Angeles and the semifinals at the \$100,000 event in Aptos, Calif., as well as the \$75,000 tournament in Knoxville, Tenn. Eubanks turned pro in October 2017 after his junior year at Georgia Tech, where he was twice both the ACC Player of the Year and an ITA singles All-American, posting a 31-6 record in his final season. He had a breakout summer in 2017, reaching the quarterfinals of the US Open Series' BB&T Atlanta Open in his hometown and making his Grand Slam main draw debut as a wild card at the 2017 US Open.

Born: 5/5/1996 / **Birthplace:** Atlanta, GA / **Residence:** Atlanta, GA

Height: 6'7" / **Weight:** 180 lbs.

Plays: Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2017



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Sebastian Korda

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Runner-Up (3): 2018—\$25,000 Edwardsville, IL; \$25,000 Decatur, IL;
2017—\$25,000 Houston, TX

Singles Semifinalist (1): 2018—\$25,000 Champaign, IL

Career Highlights

Sebastian Korda began 2018 by attaining the No. 1 spot in the ITF Junior World Rankings after winning the boys' singles championship at the 2018 Australian Open—capturing the crown 20 years after his father, Petr, claimed the men's singles title. Sebastian also reached the boys' singles semifinals at 2018 Wimbledon, a year after reaching the boys' doubles semifinals there. At the professional level in 2018, he advanced to the singles final in consecutive \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit events in mid-summer, shortly after claiming the first professional title of his career, in doubles, at the \$15,000 ITF Pro Circuit event in Valldoreix, Spain. Sebastian made his Grand Slam debut in men's singles at the 2018 US Open, winning his first-round match in the US Open Qualifying Tournament. In 2016 and 2017, he competed in the US Open junior championships.



Born: 7/5/2000 / **Birthplace:** Bradenton, FL / **Residence:** Bradenton, FL
Height: 6'4" / **Weight:** 165 lbs.
Plays: Right-handed



Stefan Kozlov

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (3): 2016—\$75,000 Columbus, OH; \$25,000 Little Rock, AR; \$25,000 Los Angeles, CA
Singles Runner-up (2): 2015—\$10,000 Orange Park, FL; **2014**—\$100,000 Sacramento, CA
Singles Semifinalist (3): 2017—\$75,000 Charlottesville, VA; **2016**—\$50,000 Knoxville, TN; **2014**—\$15,000 Little Rock, AR
Doubles Champion (3): 2016—\$50,000 Winnetka, IL; **2015**—\$50,000 Maui, HI; **2013**—\$10,000 Bradenton, FL

Career Highlights

After competing in qualifying at all four Grand Slam tournaments in 2017, Stefan Kozlov played in qualifying in every major but the US Open in 2018. He won the first three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of his career in 2016, the first crown coming at the \$25,000 Futures event in Los Angeles, Calif., a month before he turned 18 years old. A junior standout, Kozlov peaked at No. 2 in the ITF Junior World Rankings in 2014, when he reached the boys' finals at Wimbledon and the Australian Open, as well as the boys' quarterfinals of the US Open and Roland Garros. Also in 2014, he won the Orange Bowl singles and doubles titles and reached the final on the USTA Pro Circuit at the \$100,000 event in Sacramento, Calif., at age 16, becoming the youngest American to reach a Challenger final since Andre Agassi in 1986.

Born: 2/1/1998 / **Birthplace:** Skopje, Macedonia

Residence: Pembroke Pines, FL / **Height:** 6'0" / **Weight:** 174 lbs.

Plays: Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2013

Thai-Son Kwiatkowski

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Championships (1): 2017—\$25,000 Houston, TX
Singles Semifinalist (3): 2018—\$75,000 Charlottesville, VA; **2016**—\$10,000 Pittsburgh, PA; \$10,000 Rochester, NY; \$25,000 Charlottesville, VA
Singles Quarterfinalist (4): 2018—\$75,000 Columbus, OH; \$25,000 Houston; **2017**—\$15,000 Rochester, NY; **2014**—\$15,000 Tulsa, OK
Doubles Champion (2): 2016—\$25,000 Winston-Salem, NC; \$25,000 Charlottesville, VA
Doubles Runner-Up (1): 2017—\$25,000 Houston, TX; \$15,000 Rochester, NY

Career Highlights

Thai-Son Kwiatkowski captured a pair of ITF Pro Circuit singles crowns in 2018, at Futures events in Singapore and Calgary, Canada, as well as the ITF Pro Circuit doubles title in Kelowna, Canada. He graduated in May 2017 from the University of Virginia, where he won the 2017 NCAA singles championship. He was part of three NCAA Championship-winning teams at Virginia (2015-17) and was a three-time All-American, while being named Most Outstanding Player of the 2016 NCAA team championship. Also in 2016, he won the American Collegiate Invitational at the US Open and later captured his first professional singles title at a Futures event in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. He claimed his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 Houston event in 2017. Kwiatkowski peaked at No. 13 in the ITF Junior World Rankings in 2013.

Born: 2/13/1995 / **Birthplace:** Charlotte, NC / **Residence:** Charlotte, NC

Height: 6'2" / **Weight:** 170 lbs.

Plays: Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2017

Patrick Kypson

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2017—\$15,000 Niceville, FL

Singles Semifinalist (2): 2017—\$15,000 Sunrise, FL; **2016**—\$10,000 Pensacola, FL

Singles Quarterfinalist (1): 2018—\$25,000 Houston, TX

Doubles Champion (1): 2016—\$10,000 Niceville, FL

Career Highlights

Patrick Kypson was named the 2018 ITA Division I National Rookie of the Year after his freshman year at Texas A&M, where he also received All-American honors. To complement his college schedule, he entered nine USTA Pro Circuit events in 2018 and posted his best result at the \$25,000 event in Houston, Texas, reaching the quarterfinals. Kypson made his professional tournament debut in 2015 in Niceville, Fla., shortly after turning 16 and won four qualifying matches as well as his first-round main draw match. In 2016, he captured his first professional title at Niceville, winning the doubles tournament, and in 2017, he won his first professional singles title there. Kypson was the 2017 USTA Boys' 18s national singles champion, earning a wild card into men's singles at the 2017 US Open. Two years earlier, he was the USTA Boys' 16s national singles champion.

Born: 10/28/1999 / **Birthplace:** Durham, NC / **Residence:** Raleigh, NC

Height: 6'2" / **Weight:** 175 lbs.

Plays: Right-handed



Brandon Nakashima

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2018—\$25,000 Laguna Niguel, CA

Career Highlights

Brandon Nakashima was making only his second main draw appearance on the USTA Pro Circuit when he won the first professional title of his career at the \$25,000 Futures in Laguna Niguel, Calif. The victory came in September 2018, one month after he turned 17 years old and just a month after he played in his first US Open Qualifying Tournament, where he won his first-round match. In 2018, he also reached the Top 5 in the ITF Junior World Rankings after claiming the ITF Junior Masters singles title in Chengdu, China. Earlier in the year, he captured the singles championships at Roehampton, the lead-in event to junior Wimbledon, and the USTA Boys 18 International Spring Championships. At the 2018 junior Grand Slam tournaments, Nakashima reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros and the US Open, as well as the second round of Wimbledon.

Born: 8/3/2001 / **Birthplace:** San Diego, CA / **Residence:** San Diego, CA

Plays: Right-handed





Danny Thomas

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Runner-up (1): 2017—\$25,000 Waco, TX

Doubles Champion (2): 2017—\$75,000 Charlottesville, VA; **2016**—\$10,000 Pittsburgh, PA

Doubles Runner-Up (1): 2018—\$25,000 Waco, TX

Doubles Semifinalist (2): 2018—\$25,000 Iowa City, IA; \$15,000 Palm Coast, FL

Career Highlights

Danny Thomas reached the first USTA Pro Circuit singles final of his career in late 2017, his run coming soon after he broke into the Top 20 in the ITF Junior World Rankings. In 2017, he also won his second USTA Pro Circuit doubles title at the \$75,000 event in Charlottesville, Va., and made his Grand Slam main draw debut at the US Open in men's doubles after receiving a wild card for winning the USTA Boys' 18 National Championships in doubles. He reached the US Open boys' singles quarterfinals and the French Open boys' doubles final in 2017 as well. In 2018, he received a wild card into the US Open men's doubles draw for the second year in a row.

Born: 11/22/1999 / **Birthplace:** Tuscaloosa, AL / **Residence:** Wesley Chapel, FL

Height: 6'0" / **Weight:** 175 lbs.

Plays: Left-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2017



Jeffrey John Wolf

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2017—\$25,000 Harlingen, TX

Singles Quarterfinalist (2): 2018—\$100,000 Fairfield, CA; \$25,000 Tulsa, OK

Career Highlights

JJ Wolf went 25-9 in singles during his sophomore season at Ohio State, 2017-18, helping to lead the Buckeyes to a runner-up finish at the NCAA Championships while making the All-Big Ten first team for the second year in a row. In 2017, he was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year and also won the first USTA Pro Circuit title of his career at the \$25,000 Futures in Harlingen, Texas. In 2016, Wolf won the USTA Boys' 18s national doubles title, earning a wild card into the US Open men's doubles competition, and played in three of the four junior Grand Slams—the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open, reaching the round of 16 in New York.

Born: 12/21/1998 / **Birthplace:** Cincinnati, OH / **Residence:** Cincinnati, OH

Height: 6'0" / **Weight:** 175 lbs.

Plays: Right-handed



Women's Profiles

Sophie Chang

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2018—\$15,000 Orlando, FL

Singles Runner-up (3): 2018—\$80,000 Las Vegas, NV; \$25,000 Osprey, FL; 2017—\$25,000 Jackson, MS

Doubles Champion (8): 2018—\$80,000 Charlottesville, VA; \$25,000 Charleston, SC; 2017—\$25,000 Landisville, PA; \$25,000 Orlando, FL; **2016**—\$10,000 Evansville, IN; \$10,000 Bethany Beach, DE; **2015**—\$10,000 Bethany Beach, DE; **2014**—\$10,000 Sumter, SC
Doubles Runner-Up (10): 2017—\$60,000 Las Vegas, NV; \$25,000 Bethany Beach, DE; \$25,000 Naples, FL; **2016**—\$50,000 Lexington, KY; \$25,000 Naples, FL (March); \$25,000 Naples, FL (May); \$25,000 Pelham, AL; \$10,000 Buffalo, NY; **2014**—\$10,000 Amelia Island, FL; \$10,000 Charlotte, NC

Career Highlights

Sophie Chang has put together an impressive doubles résumé on the USTA Pro Circuit. She began 2019 having contested 18 doubles championship matches, winning eight titles. On the USTA Pro Circuit in 2018, she made her mark in singles as well, capturing her first professional singles title at the \$15,000 event in Orlando, Fla. In 2016, Chang won the women's singles crown in the US Open National Playoffs and, with it, a wild card into US Open Qualifying, thereby making her US Open debut. Her great-grandfather, Joseph Carpenter, won the 1910 U.S. National Championships mixed doubles title.

Born: 5/28/1997 / **Birthplace:** Havre de Grace, MD

Residence: Havre de Grace, MD

Height: 6'1" / **Plays:** Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2015



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Kayla Day

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2016—\$50,000 Macon, GA

Singles Runner-up (2): 2017—\$25,000 Rancho Santa Fe, CA; **2016**—\$25,000 Naples, FL
Singles Semifinalist (3): 2017—\$80,000 Macon, GA; \$25,000 Naples, FL; 2016—\$50,000 Scottsdale, AZ

Singles Quarterfinals (9): 2018—\$80,000 Tyler, TX; \$80,000 Macon, GA; 2017—\$80,000 Waco, TX; \$60,000 Charleston, SC; **2016**—\$50,000 Charlottesville, VA; \$25,000 Fort Worth, TX; \$25,000 Surprise, AZ; \$25,000 Wesley Chapel, FL; 2015—\$10,000 Charlotte, NC
Doubles Champion (1): 2017—\$25,000 Rancho Santa Fe, CA

Career Highlights

Kayla Day, who earned her first Top 50 match victory in her Grand Slam debut at the 2016 US Open, played in qualifying at three majors in 2018—the Australian Open, Roland Garros and the US Open. She achieved a career-high WTA ranking of No. 122 in 2017 after reaching the semifinals of the \$100,000 ITF Pro Circuit event in Marseille, France. Also in 2017, she competed in the US Open as a wild card; reached her first WTA semifinal (in doubles) at the US Open Series event in Stanford, Calif.; advanced to the third round at Indian Wells; and made her Australian Open debut after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Australian Open Wild Card Challenge. Day claimed her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2016, mere weeks after winning US Open girls' singles.

Born: 9/28/1999 / **Birthplace:** Santa Barbara, CA / **Residence:** Orlando, FL

Height: 5'8" / **Plays:** Left-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2017



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Francesca Di Lorenzo

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (2): 2018—\$25,000 Wesley Chapel, FL; 2015—\$10,000 Austin, TX
Singles Runner-Up (2): 2017—\$25,000 Baton Rouge, LA; \$25,000 Sumter, SC
Singles Semifinalist (2): 2018—\$80,000 Dothan, AL; 2016—\$25,000 Sumter, SC
Doubles Runner-Up (1): 2017—\$25,000 Baton Rouge, LA

Career Highlights

Francesca Di Lorenzo began 2018 by capturing her second USTA Pro Circuit title at \$25,000 Wesley Chapel, Fla. She later enjoyed a successful Grand Slam main draw debut by qualifying for and winning her first-round match at the US Open. In 2016, she swept the singles and doubles titles at the \$25,000 Winnipeg, Canada, event on the ITF Pro Circuit. Her first USTA Pro Circuit crown came in 2015 in just the third pro tournament she ever played. Di Lorenzo was an All-American at Ohio State University, where she won the 2017 NCAA doubles championship, earned the No. 1 ranking in college tennis and was named Ohio State's Female Athlete of the Year for 2017. She then capped her college career by winning the American Collegiate Invitational at the 2017 US Open. In 2012, she teamed with her older sister, Cristina, to win the Ohio Division I state doubles championship for New Albany High School.

Born: 7/22/1997 / **Birthplace:** Pittsburgh, PA / **Residence:** New Albany, OH
Height: 5'7" / **Plays:** Left-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2017

Caroline Dolehide

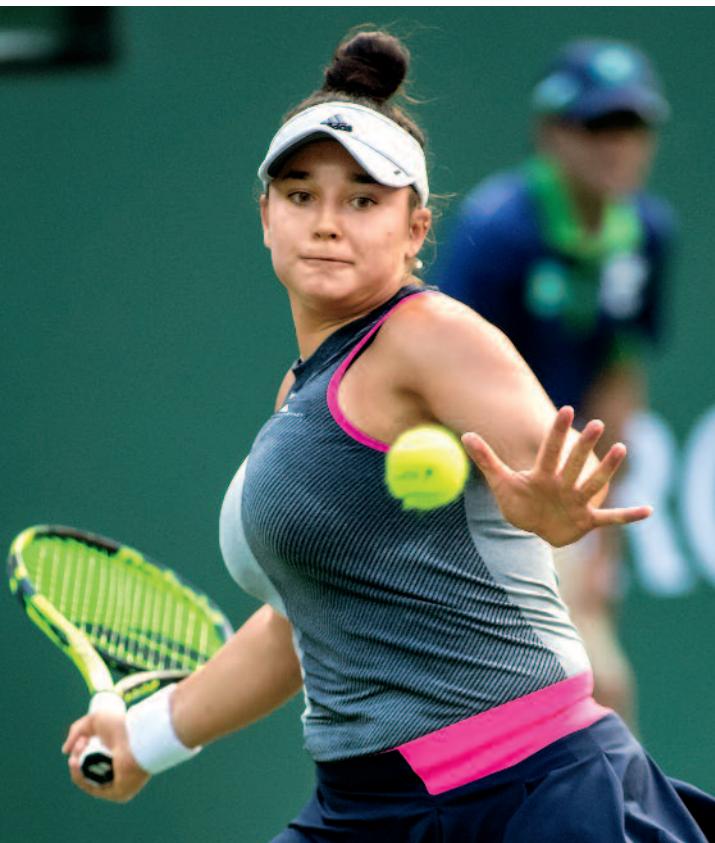
USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (3): 2018—\$60,000 Indian Harbour Beach, FL; 2017—\$25,000 Surprise, AZ; 2016—\$10,000 Buffalo, NY
Singles Runner-up (2): 2017—\$60,000 Charlottesville, VA; 2016—\$25,000 Stillwater, OK
Singles Semifinalist (4): 2017—\$25,000 Daytona Beach, FL; 2016—\$25,000 Sumter, SC; \$25,000 Naples, FL; 2014—\$10,000 Hilton Head Island, SC
Doubles Champion (2): 2017—\$25,000 Rancho Santa Fe, CA; 2016—\$10,000 Buffalo, NY
Doubles Runner-Up (1): 2017—\$100,000 Midland, MI

Career Highlights

Caroline Dolehide achieved a career-high WTA singles ranking of No. 102 in July 2018 and played in the main draw of three Grand Slam events last year—the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open. She also advanced to the third round of the WTA event in Indian Wells, where she pushed world No. 1 Simona Halep to three sets. On the USTA Pro Circuit in 2018, Dolehide captured the third singles title of her career at the \$60,000 clay-court event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. She won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2016 as a 17-year-old at the \$10,000 event in Buffalo, N.Y., while also capturing her first professional doubles title there. A junior standout, she was ranked as high as No. 16 in the ITF Junior World Rankings and reached the girls' singles semifinals at the 2014 US Open and the girls' doubles final at the 2015 French Open and the 2016 US Open.

Born: 9/5/1998 / **Birthplace:** Hinsdale, IL / **Residence:** Orlando, FL
Height: 5'10" / **Plays:** Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2017



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Cori Gauff

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Round of 16 (2): 2018—\$25,000 Osprey, FL; \$25,000 Baton Rouge, LA

Career Highlights

Cori “Coco” Gauff made her USTA Pro Circuit debut in May 2018 at age 14, winning three rounds of qualifying and her first-round main draw match at the \$25,000 event in Osprey, Fla. From there, she went to Paris and captured the 2018 Roland Garros girls’ singles title. She subsequently returned to the U.S. and competed in June at her only other USTA Pro Circuit tournament of 2018, the \$25,000 event in Baton Rouge, La., where she again won three rounds of qualifying and her first-round match. Gauff then went back to Europe, where in July she won Roehampton, the junior lead-up to Wimbledon, reached the Wimbledon girls’ singles quarterfinals and attained the No. 1 ranking in the ITF Junior World Rankings. Back in the States, Gauff claimed the 2018 US Open girls’ doubles championship (with Caty McNally) after reaching the girls’ singles quarterfinals—following up her successful US Open debut in 2017, when she reached the title match of the US Open girls’ singles championship, becoming, at age 13, the youngest-ever finalist. She likely capped her junior career by closing 2018 with the Orange Bowl girls’ 18 singles crown, becoming, at age 14, the youngest girls’ champion in 15 years.

Born: 3/14/2004 / **Birthplace:** Atlanta, GA / **Residence:** Delray Beach, FL
Height: 5'10" / **Plays:** Right-handed



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Allie Kiick

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (3): 2015—\$50,000 Charlottesville, VA; **2013**—\$10,000 Gainesville, FL; **2011**—\$10,000 Amelia Island, FL

Singles Runner-Up (3): 2018—\$25,000 Pelham, AL; **2014**—\$25,000 Daytona Beach, FL; **2013**—\$50,000 Charlottesville, VA

Singles Semifinalist (10): 2018—\$80,000 Macon, GA; \$25,000 Naples, FL; **2017**—\$15,000 Evansville, IN; **2015**—\$50,000 Indian Harbour Beach, FL; \$25,000 Raleigh, NC; \$25,000 Palm Harbor, FL; **2014**—\$50,000 Dothan, AL; \$25,000 Vero Beach, FL; **2013**—\$50,000 Captiva Island, FL; \$25,000 Jackson, MS; \$25,000 Redding, CA

Career Highlights

In mid-2018, Allie Kiick won the fifth ITF Pro Circuit/USTA Pro Circuit singles title of her career, at a \$25,000 ITF Pro Circuit event in Bastad, Sweden, and was runner-up the following week at a \$25,000 event in Denain, France. She made her women’s singles Grand Slam debut at the 2017 US Open after winning three matches to qualify for the main draw. She was out of competition from July 2015 through June 2017, undergoing four knee surgeries and being diagnosed with a rare form of skin cancer. As a junior player, Kiick was a singles finalist at the 2013 USTA Girls’ 18 National Championships and won the girls’ doubles title (with Sachia Vickery). She is the daughter of Jim Kiick, who was a running back for the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins, and Mary Johnson, a former professional softball player.

Born: 6/30/1995 / **Birthplace:** Fort Lauderdale, FL / **Residence:** Orlando, FL
Height: 5'7" / **Plays:** Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2015





Ashley Kratzer

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Runner-Up (3): **2018**—\$25,000 Naples, FL; **2017**—\$60,000 Stockton, CA; **2016**—\$10,000 Austin, TX

Singles Semifinalist (6): **2018**—\$60,000 Berkeley, CA; \$25,000 Bethany Beach, DE; \$25,000 Osprey, FL; **2017**—\$25,000 Bethany Beach, DE; **2016**—\$25,000 Lubbock, TX; \$10,000 Bethany Beach, DE

Singles Quarterfinalist (5): **2018**—\$50,000 Pelham, AL; **2017**—\$25,000 Sumter, SC; \$25,000 Baton Rouge, LA; \$80,000 Tyler, TX; **2015**—\$10,000 Austin, TX

Doubles Runner-Up (1): **2018**—\$80,000 Charlottesville, VA

Career Highlights

In winning the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit tournament in Naples, Fla., in June 2018, Ashley Kratzer captured a USTA Pro Circuit singles title for the third consecutive year. She also reached the semifinals in 2018 at three other USTA Pro Circuit events. In 2017, she won the USTA Girls' 18 National Championship in singles and secured a wild card into the main draw of the US Open for her Grand Slam tournament debut. The USTA National Championships was only the third national-level or ITF Junior Circuit tournament she had ever played, as she had chosen to focus strictly on professional events. Kratzer played in her first professional tournament in 2014 at the \$25,000 Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., event, just one day after her 15th birthday.

Born: 2/8/1999 / **Birthplace:** Newport Beach, CA / **Residence:** Newport Beach, CA
Height: 5'11" / **Plays:** Left-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2016



Ann Li

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): **2017**—\$15,000 Evansville, IN

Singles Runner-Up (1): **2018**—\$60,000 Lexington, KY

Singles Semifinalist (3): **2018**—\$25,000 Rancho Sante Fe, CA; \$25,000 Orlando, FL; **2017**—\$15,000 Hilton Head Island, SC

Singles Quarterfinalist (3): **2018**—\$60,000 Stockton, CA; \$60,000 Landisville, PA; \$25,000 Naples, FL

Career Highlights

Ann Li's playing schedule last year was all about making the transition from junior competition to professional tournaments, as she played exclusively in pro events. In 2018 on the USTA Pro Circuit, she reached one final, was a semifinalist twice, a quarterfinalist three times and qualified for the \$100,000 event in Midland, Mich. She also played in the US Open qualifying tournament for the second consecutive year. In 2017, she won the first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of her career, capturing the \$15,000 event in Evansville, Ind., as an unseeded player. Two weeks prior to Evansville, Li was also unseeded as she reached the Wimbledon girls' singles final, where she fell to No. 2 seed Claire Liu in three sets in the first all-American girls' final since 1979. On her way to the final, Li upset 2016 US Open girls' singles champion Kayla Day. Li finished 2017 ranked No. 14 in the ITF Junior World Rankings.

Born: 6/26/2000 / **Birthplace:** King of Prussia, PA / **Residence:** Devon, PA
Height: 5'6" / **Plays:** Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2018



Women's Profiles

Claire Liu

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (2): 2017—\$25,000 Naples, FL; 2015—\$10,000 Orlando, FL

Singles Semifinalist (1): 2017—\$60,000 Charleston, SC

Singles Quarterfinalist (2): 2017—\$60,000 Charlottesville, VA; \$25,000 Norman, OK

Career Highlights

Claire Liu broke into the WTA Top 150 in September 2018 after reaching the second round of the US Open. She also advanced to the second round at 2018 Wimbledon after winning three rounds of qualifying matches. In 2015, Liu won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$10,000 event in Orlando, Fla., at the age of 14 years, 9 months and 25 days old, making her the youngest woman to win a USTA Pro Circuit tournament since Anna Kournikova in 1996 and the sixth-youngest ever. As a junior in 2017, Liu won the Wimbledon girls' singles crown to go along with the girls' doubles title she won in 2016 with Usue Arconada. Liu climbed to No. 1 in the ITF Junior World Rankings after her Wimbledon triumph and finished 2017 at No. 4. In 2015, she won the girls' singles title at the Easter Bowl, a feat she repeated in 2017, becoming the first player in the 50-year history of the tournament to win two Easter Bowls over a three-year span.



Born: 5/25/2000 / **Birthplace:** Thousand Oaks, CA

Residence: Thousand Oaks, CA / **Height:** 5'7" / **Plays:** Right-handed

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Caty McNally

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2018—\$25,000 Lawrence, KS

Singles Quarterfinalist (3): 2018—\$80,000 Tyler, TX; \$15,000 Tampa, FL; 2017—\$15,000 Evansville, IN

Doubles Champion (3): 2018—\$80,000 Macon, GA; \$15,000 Orlando, FL; \$15,000 Tampa, FL; 2017—\$15,000 Hilton Head Island, SC

Career Highlights

Caty McNally won her first professional title at age 15 when she captured the women's doubles championship at the \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 2017. She claimed her first pro singles title in 2018 at the \$25,000 event in Lawrence, Kans. Also last year, she collected another three doubles titles, winning \$15,000 events in Orlando, Fla., and Tampa, Fla., as well as the \$80,000 tournament in Macon, Ga. The week after her doubles success (with Jessica Pegula) in Macon, McNally advanced to the quarterfinals in singles at the \$80,000 event in Tyler, Texas, her second USTA Pro Circuit quarterfinal of the year, along with a \$15,000 event in Tampa, Fla. In junior competition, McNally has been ranked as high as No. 7 in the world. She won the 2018 US Open girls' doubles title (with Cori Gauff) and has reached the girls' doubles final at Wimbledon for three consecutive years (2016-18). In 2018, she also reached the French Open girls' singles final and the Wimbledon girls' singles quarterfinals, and she was a singles finalist and doubles champion at Roehampton, the lead-in to Wimbledon.



Born: 11/20/2001 / **Birthplace:** Cincinnati, OH

Residence: Cincinnati, OH / **Plays:** Right-handed

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Whitney Osuigwe

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (1): 2018—\$80,000 Tyler, TX

Singles Runner-Up (2): 2018—\$80,000 Charlottesville, VA; \$25,000 Wesley Chapel, FL

Singles Semifinalist (1): 2018—\$25,000 Jackson, MS

Singles Quarterfinalist (5): 2018—\$80,000 Charleston, SC; \$60,000 Stockton, CA; \$15,000 Orlando, FL; **2016**—\$10,000 Evansville, IN; \$10,000 Bethany Beach, DE

Doubles Champion (2): 2018—\$25,000 Jackson, MS; \$15,000 Orlando, FL

Doubles Runner-Up (1): 2018—\$60,000 Ashland, KY

Career Highlights

Whitney Osuigwe began the 2019 season at age 16, having competed in only two junior tournaments last year: Wimbledon and its lead-up event, Roehampton, taking the girls' doubles title (with Caty McNally) at the latter. Osuigwe's primary focus in 2018 was the USTA Pro Circuit, where she claimed her first pro title, defeating former WTA No. 7 Belinda Bencic en route to winning the \$80,000 event in Tyler, Texas. Osuigwe reached two other singles finals last year (the \$80,000 event in Charlottesville, Va., and the \$25,000 event in Wesley Chapel, Fla.) and captured the first doubles titles of her professional career (the \$25,000 event in Jackson, Miss., and the \$15,000 event in Orlando, Fla.). Osuigwe was the 2017 ITF Junior World Champion, ending the year at No. 1 in the world. She won 31 of her last 34 junior singles matches in 2017 and, earlier that year, became the first American since 1989 to win the French Open girls' singles crown.

Born: 4/17/2002 / **Birthplace:** Bradenton, FL / **Residence:** Bradenton, FL

Plays: Right-handed / **Turned Pro:** 2017



Katerina Stewart

USTA Pro Circuit Highlights

Singles Champion (10): 2018—\$15,000 Tampa, FL; **2017**—\$25,000 Fort Worth, TX; **2016**—\$10,000 Weston, FL; \$10,000 Orlando, FL; **2015**—\$50,000 Indian Harbour Beach, FL; \$25,000 Palm Harbor, FL; \$10,000 Gainesville, FL; **2014**—\$10,000 Charlotte, NC; \$10,000 Bethany Beach, DE; \$10,000 Orlando, FL

Singles Runner-up (4): 2018—\$25,000 Bethany Beach, FL;

2015—\$50,000 Charlottesville, VA; \$50,000 Dothan, AL; **2013**—\$10,000 Gainesville, FL

Doubles Champion (2): 2016—\$10,000 Weston, FL; **2015**—\$25,000 Sunrise, FL

Career Highlights

Katerina Stewart captured her 10th career USTA Pro Circuit singles title last season at the \$15,000 event in Tampa, Fla., giving her at least one USTA Pro Circuit title for five consecutive years. She also reached the quarterfinals or better at six other USTA Pro Circuit events in 2018. She captured back-to-back titles in March 2016, after winning three USTA Pro Circuit tournaments in both 2014 and 2015. In 2014, she claimed the USTA Girls' 18 National Clay Court Championships, capping a 34-match winning streak in junior and pro matches. Stewart received a wild card into qualifying at the 2014 US Open, where she won her first-round qualifying match and played in the doubles main draw. Stewart attended the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, a precursor to the officer training program at West Point, for a year, beginning in July 2016.

Born: 7/17/1997 / **Birthplace:** Miami, FL / **Residence:** Miami, FL

Plays: Right-handed



2018 Leaders

WTA Ranking Points Earned by American Players on the 2018 USTA Pro Circuit

PLAYER	BIRTH DATE	EVENTS PLAYED	POINTS EARNED
Madison Brengle	4/3/1990	9	449
Taylor Townsend	4/16/1996	7	360
Jessica Pegula	2/24/1994	16	242
Asia Muhammad	4/4/1991	9	230
Whitney Ousigwe	4/17/2002	10	227
Grace Min	5/6/1994	19	200
Nicole Gibbs	3/3/1993	7	190
Danielle Lao	5/28/1991	9	176
Jamie Loeb	3/8/1995	10	151
Allie Kiick	6/30/1995	10	151
Ashley Kratzer	2/8/1999	13	150
Ann Li	6/26/2000	15	148
Katerina Stewart	7/17/1997	12	144
Francesca Di Lorenzo	7/22/1997	10	140
Maria Mateas	7/21/1999	16	139
Gail Brodsky	6/5/1991	9	137
Robin Anderson	4/12/1993	12	133
Varvara Lepchenko	5/21/1986	3	126
Sofia Kenin	11/14/1998	3	114
Sophie Chang	5/28/1997	14	103
Caroline Dolehide	9/5/1998	4	101
Jennifer Brady	4/12/1995	3	93
Kristie Ahn	6/15/1992	11	86
Maegan Manasse	4/16/1995	5	84
Hailey Baptiste	11/3/2001	8	76
Caty McNally	11/20/2001	5	75
Usue Maitane Arconada	10/28/1998	18	73
Emina Bektas	3/30/1993	9	72
Louisa Chirico	5/16/1996	15	69
Anastasia Nefedova	1/11/1999	13	61

ATP Ranking Points Earned by American Players on the 2018 USTA Pro Circuit

PLAYER	BIRTH DATE	EVENTS PLAYED	POINTS EARNED
Reilly Opelka	8/28/1997	8	270
Michael Mmoh	1/10/1998	8	260
Bjorn Fratangelo	7/19/1993	8	190
Tommy Paul	5/17/1997	11	189
Noah Rubin	2/21/1996	7	148
Christopher Eubanks	5/5/1996	9	139
Collin Altamirano	12/7/1995	13	106
JC Aragone	6/28/1995	16	73
Mackenzie McDonald	4/16/1995	2	60
Michael Redlicki	11/16/1993	12	60
Ryan Shane	4/15/1994	5	57
Thai-Son Kwiatkowski	2/13/1995	5	56
Strong Kirchheimer	4/26/1995	16	55
Alex Rybakov	1/27/1997	7	54
Jared Hiltzik	7/8/1994	11	52
Martin Redlicki	8/24/1995	12	49
Christian Harrison	5/29/1994	4	48
Marcos Giron	7/24/1993	11	47
Bradley Klahn	8/20/1990	4	44
Sekou Bangoura	11/18/1991	6	43
Denis Kudla	8/17/1992	3	42
Jeffrey John Wolf	12/21/1998	7	40
Sebastian Korda	7/5/2000	10	40
Ronnie Schneider	9/27/1994	15	40
Tim Smyczek	12/30/1987	4	40
Evan Zhu	8/15/1998	10	38
Jordi Arconada	9/6/1996	10	34
Henry Craig	10/10/1994	17	34
Ernesto Escobedo	7/4/1996	4	32
Sam Riffice	3/1/1999	13	31



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2018 Men's Results

Dates	Prize Money	Location	Singles Final	Doubles Final
Jan 1	\$25,000	Los Angeles, CA	Karue Sell d. Christopher Eubanks 67(5) 62 62	Luke Bambridge/Hans Hach d. Martin Redlicki/Karue Sell 64 63
Jan 8	\$25,000	Long Beach, CA	Collin Altamirano d. Emilio Gomez 61 75	Luke Bambridge/Hans Hach d. Collin Altamirano/Alexander Lebedev 63 62
Jan 8	\$15,000	Naples, FL	Javier Marti d. Louis Wessels 64 60	Trent Bryde/Louis Wessels d. Fred Gil/Jaume Pla Malfeito 61 16 [11-9]
Jan 15	\$15,000	Sunrise, FL	Julien Cagnina d. Naoki Nakagawa 67(5) 63 63	Julien Cagnina/Maxime Chazal d. Juan Manuel Benitez Chavarriga/Junior Alexander Ore 16 75 [10-4]
Jan 22	\$15,000	Weston, FL	Marcelo Tomas Barrios Vera d. Fred Gil 62 60	Maxime Chazal/Fred Gil d. Jose Daniel Bendeck/Alejandro Gomez 64 63
Jan 29	\$125,000	Dallas, TX	Kei Nishikori d. Mackenzie McDonald 61 64	Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan/Christopher Rungkat d. Leander Paes/Joe Salisbury 64 36 [10-7]
Jan 29	\$15,000	Palm Coast, FL	Tim Van Rijthoven d. Maxime Chazal 64 64	Filipe Bergevi/Florian Lakat d. Maxime Chazal/Fred Gil 64 61
Mar 12	\$25,000	Bakersfield, CA	Mathias Bourgue d. Jan Chojnki 62 63	Bernardo Saraiva/Sem Verbeek d. Boris Arias/Federico Zeballos 76(2) 63
Mar 19	\$25,000	Calabasas, CA	JC Aragone d. Marcos Giron 62 64	Andre Goransson/Florian Lakat d. Bernardo Saraiva/Sem Verbeek 62 76(3)
Apr 2	\$25,000	Memphis, TN	Scott Griekspoor d. Sebastian Fanselow 67(3) 64 75	Andre Goransson/Florian Lakat d. Scott Griekspoor/Yannick Mertens 26 62 [10-7]
Apr 9	\$25,000	Little Rock, AR	Karue Sell d. Nicolaas Scholtz 75 62	Collin Altamirano/Vasil Kirkov d. Henry Craig/Miles Seemann w/o
Apr 16	\$15,000	Orange Park, FL	Marcelo Tomas Barrios Vera d. Noah Rubin 63 64	Christopher G. Haworth/Isaiah Strode d. Nick Chappell/Raleigh Smith 64 16 [11-9]
Apr 16	\$100,000	Sarasota, FL	Hugo Dellien d. Facundo Bagnis 26 64 62	Evan King/Hunter Reese d. Christian Harrison/Peter Polansky 61 62
Apr 23	\$75,000	Tallahassee, FL	Noah Rubin d. Marc Polmans 62 36 64	Robert Galloway/Denis Kudla d. Enrique Lopez Perez/Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 63 61
Apr 23	\$15,000	Vero Beach, FL	Juan Manuel Benitez Chavarriga d. Ricardo Rodriguez 75 26 64	Junior Alexander Ore/Miles Seeman d. Harrison Adams/Nick Chappell 46 76(8) [10-6]
Apr 30	\$75,000	Savannah, GA	Hugo Dellien d. Christian Harrison 61 16 64	Luke Bambridge/Akira Santillan d. Enrique Lopez Perez/Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 62 62
Jun 11	\$25,000	Winston-Salem, NC	Petros Chrysochos d. Michael Redlicki 62 16 64	Marc-Andrea Huesler/Sem Verbeek d. Trevor Allen Johnson/Ronnie Schneider 76(1) 61
Jun 11	\$25,000	Buffalo, NY	Alex Rybakov d. Deiton Baughman 76(5) 31 ret.	Alejandro Gomez/Lucas Gomez d. Matias Franco Descotte/Eduardo Agustin Torre 63 64
Jun 18	\$15,000	Rochester, NY	Alex Rybakov d. Markos Kalovelonis 61 76(6)	Cannon Kingsley/John McNally d. Alejandro Gomez/Pavel Krainik 64 64
Jun 18	\$25,000	Winston-Salem, NC	Michael Redlicki d. Tommy Paul 63 36 61	Harrison Adams/JC Aragone d. Ian Dempster/Christian Seraphim 75 67(4) [10-3]
Jun 25	\$15,000	Pittsburgh, PA	Mateo Nicolas Martinez d. Alejandro Gomez 64 64	Mateo Nicolas Martinez/Alexander Junior Ore d. Alejandro Gomez/Emilio Gomez 75 62
Jun 25	\$25,000	Tulsa, OK	Marc-Andrea Huesler d. Sam Riffice 64 62	Alexandru Gozun/Emil Reinberg d. Alexander Cozbinov/Trevor Allen Johnson 76(6) 63
Jun 30	\$25,000	Wichita, KS	Evgeny Karlovskiy d. Aleksandar Vukic 64 64	Maxime Cressy/Brandon Holt d. Hunter Johnson/Yates Johnson 36 62 [10-6]
Jul 9	\$75,000	Winnetka, IL	Evgeny Karlovskiy d. Jason Jung 63 62	Austin Krajicek/Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan d. Roberto Maytin/Christopher Rungkat 67(4) 64 [10-5]
Jul 16	\$25,000	Iowa City, IA	Lloyd Glasspool d. Evgeny Karlovskiy 76(2) 76(1)	Alec Adamson/Nick Chappell d. Felix Xorwin/Matic Spec 26 62 [10-6]
Jul 23	\$75,000	Binghamton, NY	Jay Clarke d. Jordan Thompson 67(6) 76(5) 64	Gerard Granollers/Marcel Granollers d. Alejandro Gomez/Caio Silva 76(2) 64
Jul 23	\$25,000	Champaign, IL	Aziz Dougaz d. Petros Chrysochos 76(3) 64	Maxime Cressy/Martin Joyce d. Charlie Emhardt/Alfredo Perez 63 62
Jul 25	\$25,000	Decatur, IL	Nicolas Alvarez d. Sebastian Korda 64 36 63	Maxime Cressy/Martin Joyce d. Nicolas Meister/Keegan Smith 46 62 [10-2]
Jul 28	\$75,000	Lexington, FL	Lloyd Harris d. Stefano Napolitano 64 63	Robert Galloway/Roberto Maytin d. Joris De Loore/Marc Polmans 63 61
Aug 6	\$25,000	Edwardsville, IL	Axel Geller d. Sebastian Korda 62 46 76(0)	Nicolas Alvarez/Liam Caruana d. Nicolas Meister/Evan Zhu 67(6) 76(3) [10-7]
Aug 6	\$100,000	Aptos, CA	Thanasi Kokkinakis d. Lloyd Harris 62 63	Thanasi Kokkinakis/Matt Reid d. Jonny O'Mara/Joe Salisbury 62 46 [10-8]
Aug 13	\$25,000	Boston, MA	Sekou Bangoura d. Antoine Hoang 75 62	Martin Redlicki/Evan Zhu d. Felix Corwin/Paul C. Oosterbaan 75 67(13) [10-1]
Sep 7	\$15,000	Claremont, CA	Brandon Holt d. Martin Redlicki 36 63 62	Robert Kelly/Korey Lovett d. Paul C. Oosterbaan/Samuel Shropshire 76(3) 64
Sep 8	\$50,000	Cary, NC	James Duckworth d. Reilly Opelka 76(4) 63	Evan King/Hunter Reese d. Fabrice Martin/Hugo Nys 64 76(6)
Sep 15	\$75,000	Columbus, OH	Michael Mmoh d. Jordan Thompson 63 76(4)	Tommy Paul/Peter Polansky d. Gonzalo Escobar/Roberto Quiroz 63 63
Sep 17	\$15,000	Laguna Niguel, CA	Brandon Nakashima d. Maxime Cressy 64 64	Nicolas Meister/Martin Redlicki d. Hunter Johnson/Yates Johnson 64 36 [10-6]
Sep 21	\$15,000	Fountain Valley, CA	Niki Takuto d. Michael Shabaz 63 36 63	Alexander Cozbinov/Maxime Cressy d. Alec Adamson/Conor Berg 62 62
Sep 22	\$100,000	Tiburon, CA	Michael Mmoh d. Marcel Granollers 63 75	Hans Hach Verdugo/Luke Saville d. Gerard Granollers/Pedro Martinez 63 62
Sep 29	\$100,000	Stockton, CA	Lloyd Harris d. Marc Polmans 62 62	Darian King/Noah Rubin d. Sanchai Ratiwatana/Christopher Rungkat 63 64
Oct 6	\$25,000	Houston, TX	Jared Hiltzik d. Ronnie Schneider 64 67(7) 75	Maxime Cressy/Nicolas Meister d. John-Paul Fruttero/Bernardo Saraiva 75 63
Oct 6	\$100,000	Fairfield, CA	Bjorn Fratangelo d. Alex Bolt 64 63	Sanchai Ratiwatana/Christopher Rungkat d. Harri Heliovaara/Henri Laaksonen 60 76(9)
Oct 13	\$25,000	Harlingen, TX	Oliver Crawford d. Andrew Watson 61 61	Maxime Cressy/Nicolas Meister d. John-Paul Fruttero/Danny Thomas 61 64
Oct 20	\$25,000	Waco, TX	Evan Zhu d. Roy Smith 63 ret.	Preston Touliatos/Timo Stodder d. Robert Kelly/Korey Lovett 64 63
Oct 26	\$15,000	Birmingham, AL	Ricardo Rodriguez d. Strong Kirchheimer 76(6) 64	Harri Heliovaara/Henri Laaksonen d. Toshihide Matsui/Frederik Nielsen 63 64
Oct 27	\$75,000	Charlottesville, VA	Tommy Paul d. Peter Polansky 62 62	Trevor Allen Johnson/Patrick Kawka d. Julian Bradley/Justin Butsch 76(5) 64
Nov 2	\$15,000	Niceville, FL	Nicolas Mejia d. Strong Kirchheimer 64 64	Toshihide Matsui/Frederik Nielsen d. Hunter Reese/Tennys Sandgren 76(6) 75
Nov 4	\$15,000	Knoxville, TN	Reilly Opelka d. Bjorn Fratangelo 75 46 76(2)	Felipe Mantilla/Jose Olivares d. Julian Bradley/Jody Maginley 64 64
Nov 9	\$15,000	Pensacola, FL	Nuno Borges d. Ricardo Rodriguez 64 63	Matt Reid/John-Patrick Smith d. Hans Hach Verdugo/Luis David Martinez 64 46 [10-8]
Nov 10	\$75,000	Champaign, IL	Reilly Opelka d. Ryan Shane 76(6) 63	Gijs Brouwer/Justin Butsch d. Dominik Kellovsky/Matej Vocel 63 26 [10-5]
Nov 11	\$25,000	Norman, OK	Gijs Brouwer d. Matej Vocel 63 62	Jack Findel-Hawkins/Korey Lovett d. Alex Kobelt/James Kent Trotter 46 64 [10-7]
Nov 17	\$25,000	Columbus, OH	Roberto Ortega-Olmedo d. Jack Findel-Hawkins 36 62 62	Maxime Cressy/Nicolas Meister d. Vasile-Alexandru Ghilea/Robert Kelly 76(2) 76(7)
Nov 26	\$25,000	Waco, TX	Michael Geerts d. Maxime Cressy 62 46 64	Jordi Arconada/Michael Geerts d. Felix Corwin/Jacob Dunbar 63 76(0)
Dec 3	\$25,000	Tallahassee, FL	Maxime Cressy d. Ryan Peniston 63 64	



2018 Women's Results

Dates	Prize Money	Location	Singles Final	Doubles Final
Jan 8	\$25,000	Daytona Beach, FL	Anhelina Kalinina d. Grace Min 16 75 60	Usue Maitane Arconada/Alexa Guarachi d. Ulrikke Eikeri/Ilona Kremen 63 64
Jan 15	\$25,000	Orlando, FL	Anhelina Kalinina d. Julia Grabher 62 36 75	Hanyu Guo/Ching-Wen Hsu d. Ulrikke Eikeri/Ilona Kremen 63 36 [12-10]
Jan 22	\$25,000	Wesley Chapel, FL	Francesca Di Lorenzo d. Whitney Osuigwe 62 16 64	Ulrikke Eikeri/Ilona Kremen d. Ching-Wen Hsu/Wushuang Zheng 62 63
Jan 29	\$100,000	Midland, MI	Madison Brengle d. Jamie Loeb 61 62	Kaitlyn Christian/Sabrina Santamaria d. Jessica Pegula/Maria Sanchez 75 46 [10-8]
Feb 12	\$25,000	Surprise, AZ	Yanina Wickmayer d. Ana Sofia Sanchez 36 63 64	Misaki Doi/Yanina Wickmayer d. Jacqueline Cako/Caitlin Whoriskey 26 63 [10-8]
Feb 19	\$25,000	Rancho Santa Fe, CA	Asia Muhammad d. Kurumi Nara 64 26 76(3)	Kaitlyn Christian/Sabrina Santamaria d. Eva Hrdinova/Taylor Townsend 67(6) 61 [10-6]
Mar 5	\$15,000	Orlando, FL	Sophie Chang d. Astra Sharma 63 76(5)	Caty McNally/Whitney Osuigwe d. Dia Eytimova/Ilona Kremen 62 63
Mar 12	\$15,000	Tampa, FL	Katerina Stewart d. Jessica Pegula 62 63	Caty McNally/Natasha Subhash d. Rasheeda McAdoo/Katerina Stewart 36 63 [10-6]
Apr 9	\$60,000	Indian Harbour Beach, FL	Caroline Dolehide d. Irina Maria Barea 64 75	Irina Maria Barea/Silvia Soler-Espinosa d. Jessica Pegula/Maria Sanchez 64 62
Apr 9	\$25,000	Pelham, AL	Iga Swiatek d. Allie Kiick 62 60	Alexa Guarachi/Erin Routliffe d. Maria Mateas/Maria Jose Portillo Ramirez 61 62
Apr 16	\$80,000	Dothan, AL	Taylor Townsend d. Mariana Duque-Marino 62 26 61	Alexa Guarachi/Erin Routliffe d. Sofia Kenin/Jamie Loeb 64 26 [11-9]
Apr 23	\$80,000	Charlottesville, VA	Mariana Duque-Marino d. Anhelina Kalinina 06 61 62	Sophie Chang/Alexandra Mueller d. Ashley Kratzer/Whitney Osuigwe 36 64 [10-7]
Apr 30	\$80,000	Charleston, SC	Taylor Townsend d. Madison Brengle 60 64	Alexa Guarachi/Erin Routliffe d. Louisa Chirico/Allie Kiick 61 36 [10-5]
May 21	\$25,000	Osprey, FL	Deniz Khazaniuk d. Sophie Chang 64 46 [10-6]	cancelled (weather)
May 28	\$25,000	Naples, FL	Nicole Gibbs d. Ashley Kratzer 64 64	Anna Danilina/Genevieve Lorbergs d. Rasheeda McAdoo/Katerina Stewart 63 16 [11-9]
Jun 4	\$25,000	Bethany Beach, DE	Grace Min d. Katerina Stewart 64 62	Robin Anderson/Maegan Manasse d. Quinn Gleason/Sanaz Marand 26 76(6) [10-3]
Jun 11	\$25,000	Sumter, SC	Taylor Townsend d. Alize Lim 00 ret.	Astra Sharma/Luisa Stefani d. Julia Elbaba/Shilin Xu 26 63 [10-5]
Jun 18	\$25,000	Baton Rouge, LA	Astra Sharma d. Maria Mateas 62 61	Hayley Carter/Ena Shibahara d. Astra Sharma/Gabriela Talaba 63 64
Jul 9	\$60,000	Honolulu, HI	Nao Hibino d. Jessica Pegula 60 62	Misaki Doi/Jessica Pegula d. Taylor Johnson/Ashley Lahey 76(4) 63
Jul 16	\$60,000	Berkeley, CA	Sofia Kenin d. Nicole Gibbs 60 64	Nicole Gibbs/Asia Muhammad d. Ellen Perez/Sabrina Santamaria 64 61
Jul 23	\$60,000	Ashland, KY	Gail Brodsky d. Maegan Manasse 46 61 60	Jovana Jaksic/Renata Zarazua d. Sanaz Marand/Whitney Osuigwe 63 57 [10-4]
Jul 23	\$15,000	Evansville, IN	Elysia Bolton d. Connie Ma 63 46 63	Connie Ma/Gianna Pielet d. Meghan Kelley/Bianca Moldovan 63 75
Jul 28	\$60,000	Lexington, KY	Asia Muhammad d. Ann Li 75 61	Hayley Carter/Ena Shibahara d. Sanaz Marand/Victoria Rodriguez 63 61
Jul 28	\$25,000	Fort Worth, TX	Maria Mateas d. Robin Anderson 63 75	Chieh-Yu Hsu/Marcela Zacarias d. Ayak Okuno/Olivia Tjandramulia 36 76(6) [10-6]
Aug 6	\$60,000	Landisville, PA	Madison Brengle d. Kristie Ahn 64 10 ret.	Ellen Perez/Arina Rodionova d. Pei Hsuan Chen/Fang-Hsien Wu 60 62
Sep 17	\$25,000	Lubbock, TX	Rebecca Marino d. Robin Anderson 64 61	Naomi Broady/Nadia Podoroska d. Vladica Babic/Hayley Carter 36 62 [10-8]
Sep 25	\$60,000	Templeton, CA	Asia Muhammad d. Sesil Karatantcheva 26 64 63	Asia Muhammad/Maria Sanchez d. Quinn Gleason/Luisa Stefani 67(4) 62 [10-8]
Sep 25	\$15,000	Hilton Head Island, SC	Bianca Turati d. Michaela Bayerlova 76(0) 62	Barbara Gatica/Rebeca Pereira d. Allura Zamarripa/Maribella Zamarripa 76(2) 36 [11-9]
Sep 30	\$25,000	Charleston, SC	Gabriela Talaba d. Elizabeth Halbauer 64 67(5) 62	Sophie Chang/Alexandra Mueller d. Chieh-Yu Hsu/Gabriela Talababa 64 64
Sep 30	\$60,000	Stockton, CA	Madison Brengle d. Danielle Lao 75 76	Hayley Carter/Ena Shibahara d. Quinn Gleason/Luisa Stefani 75 57 [10-7]
Oct 14	\$25,000	Florence, SC	Bianca Andreescu d. Mari Osaka 64 26 63	Anna Danilina/Ulrikke Eikeri d. Tara Moore/Conny Perrin 67(9) 62 [10-8]
Oct 21	\$80,000	Macon, GA	Varvara Lepchenko d. Veronica Cepede Royg 64 64	Caty McNally/Jessica Pegula d. Anna Danilina/Ingrid Neel 61 57 [11-9]
Oct 28	\$80,000	Tyler, TX	Whitney Osuigwe d. Beatriz Haddad Maia 63 64	Nicole Gibbs/Asia Muhammad d. Desirae Krawczyk/Giuliana Olmos 36 63 [14-12]
Nov 3	\$25,000	Lawrence, KS	Caty McNally d. Catherine Harrison 62 62	Vladica Babic/Ena Shibahara d. Anna Danilina/Ksenia Laskutova 64 62
Nov 4	\$80,000	Las Vegas, NV	Belinda Bencic d. Nicole Gibbs 75 61	Asia Muhammad/Maria Sanchez d. Sophie Chang/Alexandra Mueller 63 64
Nov 11	\$25,000	Norman, OK	Bianca Andreescu d. Maria Camila Osorio Serrano 61 60	Vladica Babic/Ena Shibahara d. Maria Jose Portillo Ramirez/Sofia Sewing 62 63



By The Numbers

USTA Pro Circuit All-time Records

HIGHEST-RANKED SINGLES CHAMPION

MEN

Kei Nishikori, No. 27 (Dallas, Tex., 2018)

WOMEN

Belinda Bencic, No. 37 (Las Vegas, Nev., 2018)



LOWEST-RANKED SINGLES CHAMPION

MEN

Tennys Sandgren, No. 1,744 (Godfrey, Ill., 2011)

WOMEN

Kelly Chen, No. 1,272 (Austin, Texas, 2014)



OLDEST SINGLES CHAMPION—MEN

35 YEARS **6** MONTHS **2** DAYS

Michael Russell
(Charlottesville, Va., 2013)

OLDEST SINGLES CHAMPION—WOMEN

45 YEARS **9** MONTHS **27** DAYS

Renee Richards
(Memphis, Tenn., 1980)

YOUNGEST SINGLES CHAMPION—MEN

15 YEARS **7** MONTHS **25** DAYS

Michael Chang
(Las Vegas, Nev., 1987)

YOUNGEST SINGLES CHAMPION—WOMEN

13 YEARS **8** MONTHS **16** DAYS

Grace Kim
(Flemington, N.J., 1982)

MOST TOTAL TITLES

CAREER

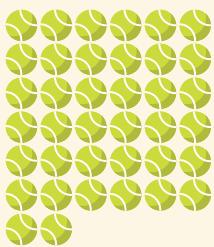
MEN

Bobby Reynolds – 31
9 singles, 22 doubles
(2002-13)



WOMEN

Julie Ditty – 38
9 singles, 29 doubles
(2001-11)



MOST SINGLES TITLES

SEASON

MEN

Ben McKown
(1980)

7

WOMEN

Kristina Brandi
(2003)

6

CAREER

MEN

Michael Russell
(1997-2013)

WOMEN

Kristina Brandi
(1994-2005)

Edina Gallovis-Hall
(2003-15)

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MOST DOUBLES TITLES

SEASON

MEN

Scott Lipsky
(2005)

WOMEN

Ingelise Driehuis
(1987)

Taylor Townsend
(2016)

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CAREER

MEN

Scott Lipsky
(2003-11)

WOMEN

Julie Ditty
(2001-11)

23 **29**