

## SOUTHERN LIFESTYLE DEVELOPMENT TENNIS CLASSIC BATON ROUGE, LA • JUNE 18-25



### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** LSU Tennis Facility at Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, La.

**Websites:** [www.southernlifestyleclassic.com](http://www.southernlifestyleclassic.com)  
[www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com)

**Facebook:** Southern Lifestyle Development  
Tennis Classic

**Twitter:** @LSU25KProTennis

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, June 18

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, June 20

**Main Draw:** 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

**Surface:** Hard / Outdoor

**Prize Money:** \$25,000

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### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$3,919	50
Runner-up	\$2,091	30
Semifinalist	\$1,144	18
Quarterfinalist	\$654	9
Round of 16	\$392	5
Round of 32	\$228	1

**DOUBLES:** Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$1,437
Runner-up	\$719
Semifinalist	\$359
Quarterfinalist	\$196
Round of 16	\$131

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Saturday, June 25** – Beginner Adult Clinic, 9-10:30 a.m.;  
Kids' Clinic, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m

### USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO BATON ROUGE

The **Southern Lifestyle Development Tennis Classic** is taking place in Baton Rouge for the third consecutive year. Baton Rouge also hosted a USTA Pro Circuit men's event in 2004 and again from 2006 to 2010. It is the second USTA Pro Circuit hard-court women's event that kicks off the summer hard-court season that leads up to the US Open, following Sumter, S.C.

Notable players competing in Baton Rouge include:

**Francesca Di Lorenzo, 19, New Albany, Ohio**

- Rising junior at Ohio State won the 2017 NCAA doubles title with Miho Kowase—the first NCAA women's tennis title in Buckeyes' history.
- Was the top-ranked college player in the country all spring, holding a 37-2 record this past season in singles. The 37 wins tied the program record for single-season victories.
- Earned All-America honors in singles and doubles this season, making her the first two-time singles All-American in Ohio State women's tennis history.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as one doubles title won in 2016 in Canada.
- In 2016, reached the quarterfinals or better at four USTA Pro Circuit events, including the semifinals in Sumter.
- Ranked as high as No. 11 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2015.
- Advanced to the singles and doubles semifinals of the 2015 junior US Open.



Darren Carroll/USTA

*Rising Ohio State junior Francesca Di Lorenzo won the 2017 NCAA doubles title—the first NCAA women's tennis title in Buckeyes' history.*

**Robin Anderson, 24, Matawan, N.J.**

- Graduated from UCLA in 2015 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for four consecutive years, becoming the seventh player in school history to accomplish the feat.
- Named the ITA National Collegiate Player of the Year for 2014-15.
- Was part of UCLA's NCAA-title winning team in 2014. Also reached the NCAA doubles final in 2013.
- At the 2015 US Open, won the American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament for the top U.S. college players.
- Has won one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Landisville, Pa., in 2011) and two doubles titles (\$25,000 Redding, Calif., in 2013 and \$25,000 Daytona Beach, Fla., in 2017).
- In February 2016, reached the final of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich.; advanced to two additional USTA Pro Circuit semifinals in 2016.



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- As a junior player, reached the girls' singles quarterfinals at the 2010 US Open.

**Allie Kiick, 21, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.**

- Is playing in her third tournament since July 2015. Missed time with four knee surgeries and after being diagnosed with a rare form of skin cancer.
- Won her first \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in 2015 in Charlottesville, Va. Also holds three additional USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as one ITF doubles titles she won in Canada in 2013.
- Peaked at No. 136 in the world in 2014.
- As a junior player, was a singles finalist at the 2013 USTA Girls' 18s National Championships. Also, won the Girls' 18s doubles title with Sachia Vickery, allowing her to make her Grand Slam main-draw debut in the 2013 US Open women's doubles event.
- Is the daughter of Jim Kiick, a running back on the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins; mother, Mary Johnson, is a former professional softball player.

**Ronit Yurovsky, 23, New Kensington, Pa.**

- Graduated in 2016 from the University of Michigan, where she was a 2016 All-American and received four All-Big Ten honors.
- Graduated No. 3 all-time in singles wins at Michigan, with 117.
- Earned four NCAA Singles Championship berths.
- Won two USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles in 2016.

**Anna Tatishvili, 27, Boca Raton, Fla.**

- Peaked at No. 50 in the world in singles in October 2012 and No. 59 in doubles in May 2012.
- Reached the fourth round of the 2012 US Open before falling to top seed Victoria Azarenka in her career-best Grand Slam result.
- Qualified for the 2015 Australian Open and reached the second round—her first Grand Slam main-draw singles win since 2012—and also qualified for the 2015 US Open and won her first-round match.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals of the WTA event in Bucharest, Romania, in July 2015.
- Has won eight USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and three ITF Pro Circuit singles titles.
- Won her first WTA doubles title in 2014 in Linz, Austria, and holds eight USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- As a junior player, climbed as high as No. 19 in the ITF World Junior Rankings and reached the doubles semifinals at the 2006 junior Australian Open with Caroline Wozniacki.
- Formerly represented the country of Georgia but changed her representation to the United States in April 2014.

**Julia Elbaba, 23, Oyster Bay, N.Y.**

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016, setting the UVA record for singles wins with 133 in her career. Earned All-America honors in singles for four consecutive years.
- Was ranked No. 1 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's singles rankings during her collegiate career.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 event in New Orleans in 2012.

**Emina Bektas, 24, Indianapolis**

- Won the 2016 US Open National Playoffs – Mixed Doubles Championship to earn a wild card into the main draw of the mixed doubles at the 2016 US Open.
- Played for the University of Michigan, graduating in 2015 as the Wolverines' all-time leader in singles wins, with 129, and combined wins, with 258.
- Also played in the NCAA singles tournament all four years of her collegiate career—the first Wolverine in school history to do so.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Evansville, Ind., in 2013) and one ITF Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Mexico City in 2016).
- Holds 12 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including six won already this year.
- Ranked a career-high No. 148 in the world in doubles.

**Lauren Albanese, 27, Coral Springs, Fla.**

- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as five doubles titles.
- Won the USTA Girls' 18s title in 2006 to earn a wild card into the US Open, where she advanced to the second round of the women's singles main draw.
- Also competed in the US Open main draw in 2007.

**Lauren Embree, 26, Naples, Fla.**

- Former collegiate standout at the University of Florida, completing her outstanding college career in 2013 by being named the National College Player of the Year.
- Went 26-3 in her final year for the Gators at the No. 1 singles spot and compiled a staggering 117-16 singles record during her four years.
- In 2013, won her second USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$10,000 event in Fort Worth, Texas, after also winning a title in Wichita, Kan., in 2008.
- Holds five USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- In 2009, won a USTA wild-card playoff to earn a berth into the main draw of the French Open, where she lost in the opening round to former world No. 3 Nadia Petrova.
- Announced in April 2016 that she was retiring after a series of injuries but is now making a comeback. Has advanced to four USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit quarterfinals this year, including the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Bethany Beach, Del.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

**Victoria Duval, 21, Bradenton, Fla.**

- Has played in just a handful of tournaments this year. In her first tournament since 2016 Wimbledon, she reached the semifinals at the \$80,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., in April.
- Played in her first tournament in August 2015 after a year away from the game after battling Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Has made a full recovery.
- Peaked at No. 87 in the world in August 2014 after qualifying for and reaching the second round at Wimbledon, just before her diagnosis.
- Made international headlines at the 2013 US Open, where she qualified for the main draw and upset 2011 champion Samantha Stosur in the first round.

- In 2012, won the USTA Girls' 18s national title to earn a wild card into the US Open women's draw, where she played Kim Clijsters in the first round before Clijsters' retirement.
- Peaked at No. 18 in the world in the ITF World Junior Rankings in September 2011 after reaching the quarterfinals of the junior US Open and junior Wimbledon. Also reached the semifinals of the 2012 junior US Open.
- Grew up Haiti until she was 8. When she was 7, was held hostage in an armed robbery in her aunt's house in Port-au-Prince, along with several cousins, before being freed unharmed. Following that, Vicky's mother, Nadine, gave up her neonatal practice and moved Vicky and her two brothers to South Florida, leaving behind Vicky's father, Jean-Maurice, to continue his gynecology and obstetrics practice in Port-au-Prince.
- In 2010, Duval's father was injured during the earthquake in Haiti; he was pinned by collapsing walls outside his house. He dug himself out but had several devastating injuries. An Atlanta family connected with the Racquet Club of the South donated a large amount of money to airlift Jean-Maurice to a hospital in Fort Lauderdale for treatment.

### **Sabrina Santamaria, 24, Los Angeles**

- Won the 2013 NCAA doubles title at USC with Kaitlyn Christian, becoming USC's first-ever NCAA women's doubles champions. Finished the year as the No. 1-ranked collegiate doubles team in the country.
- Also ranked No. 1 in singles at USC.
- Earned five All-America honors (three in singles, two in doubles).
- Helped lead USC to the NCAA team semifinals in 2015 (her senior season).
- Competed in the 2015 US Open women's doubles draw with Christian as a wild card. Faced former world No. 1 doubles players Martina Hingis and Sania Mirza in the first round.
- Holds two ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, won in 2016 and 2017, as well as eight USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles (with two doubles titles in 2017).

### **Kaitlyn Christian, 25, Orange, Calif.**

- Graduated from USC in 2014.
- In 2013, finished her junior season ranked No. 1 in ITA doubles rankings with teammate Sabrina Santamaria following the duo' run

to the 2013 NCAA doubles championship, becoming USC's first-ever NCAA doubles winners.

- Earned doubles All-American honors.
- Played in the 2015 US Open women's doubles draw with Santamaria, as well as the 2013 US Open mixed doubles draw with Dennis Novikov, where they lost in the first round to eventual champions Andrea Hlavackova and Max Mirnyi.

### **Raveena Kingsley, 18, Fulton, Md.**

- Reached her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles final in 2016 at the \$50,000 event in Maui, Hawaii.
- Ranked as high as No. 22 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2015 on the strength of reaching the girls' singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open and the semifinals at the Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event.
- Also won matches at the junior US Open and Wimbledon in 2015.

### **Nicole Coopersmith, 18**

- Won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in September 2016 at the \$10,000 event in Charleston, S.C. Also holds one ITF Pro Circuit singles title, in 2015 in Croatia, the country where her grandparents live.
- Played extensively on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2016, as well as overseas in ITF Pro Circuit events in Germany, Croatia, France, Poland, Portugal and Belgium.
- Mother played on the WTA tour and competed for Croatia in Fed Cup. Father is a seasoned tennis coach, working with pros Jelena Jankovic and Jamea Jackson.

### **Michaela Gordon, 17, Los Altos Hills, Calif.**

- Peaked at No. 21 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in January 2015.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals of junior Wimbledon in 2014 and 2015.
- Has competed in all four Grand Slam junior events.
- Reached the semifinals of the prestigious Easter Bowl in 2013 and 2014.

*\*Player field subject to change*

## BATON ROUGE PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Valeria Solovyeva (RUS)	Jennifer Elie (USA)	2016	Lauren Herring (USA) – Ellen Perez (AUS)
2015	Danielle Lao (USA)	Brooke Austin (USA)	2015	Samantha Crawford (USA) – Emily J. Harman (USA)