

ACADEMIA SANCHEZ-CASAL WOMEN'S OPEN SPONSORED BY GERMAIN BMW OF NAPLES NAPLES, FL • MAY 14-21



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Academia Sanchez-Casal at
Naples Bath & Tennis Club – Naples, Fla.

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, May 14

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, May 16

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / 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

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO NAPLES FOR SECOND WEEK

The **Academia Sanchez-Casal Women's Open** sponsored by **Germain BMW of Naples** is taking place in Naples for the second consecutive week after also hosting a \$25,000 women's event from May 7-14. Naples first hosted USTA Pro Circuit tennis in 2002, when the city held a \$50,000 women's event. It also hosted a \$50,000 women's event in 2000, as well as a \$50,000 men's Challenger from 1992 to 1994. This is the second of three \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit clay-court women's events held in May prior to the start of the hard-court season.

Notable players competing in Naples include:

Taylor Townsend, 21, Atlanta

- In 2017, qualified for the WTA event in Miami and advanced to the third round.
- Made third consecutive appearance in the main draw of the French Open in 2016 after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge; also won the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge in 2014 and advanced to the third round of that year's French Open for her career-best Grand Slam result.
- Qualified for the 2016 US Open and faced Caroline Wozniacki in the first round; also advanced to the women's doubles quarterfinals in New York.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and 12 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including eight doubles titles in 2016—the most of any player since 1987.

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Former junior No. 1 Taylor Townsend advanced to the third round of the WTA event in Miami this year and qualified for the 2016 US Open, where she faced former world No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki in the first round.

- Was the 2012 ITF World Junior Champion, becoming the first U.S. girl to hold the year-end No. 1 junior ranking since Gretchen Rush in 1982; ascended to No. 1 by winning the Australian Open junior singles and doubles titles, as well as the junior doubles titles at the US Open and Wimbledon in 2012.

Danielle Collins, 23, St. Petersburg, Fla.

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 as a two-time NCAA singles champion, winning the title in 2014 and 2016. In doing so, she became the seventh woman all-time to win multiple NCAA singles titles.
- Was also a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American and the 2016 ITA Senior Player of the Year; tallied 125 career singles victories in college.
- Received wild cards into the US Open women's draw in 2014 and 2016.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Williamsburg, Va., in 2011 and \$25,000 Stillwater, Okla., in 2016). Reached the final of the \$60,000 event in Charleston, S.C., this May.

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- Has trained at Nick Bollettieri's IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

Allie Kiick, 21, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

- Is playing in her first tournament since July 2015 after four knee surgeries and 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 single finalist at the 2013 USTA Girls' 18s National Championships, where she also won the doubles title with Sachia Vickery, allowing her to make her Grand Slam main-draw debut in the 2013 US Open women's doubles event.
- Daughter of Jim Kiick, a running back on the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins. Mother, Mary Johnson, is a former professional softball player.

Robin Anderson, 24, Matawan, N.J.

- Graduated from UCLA in 2015 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for the fourth consecutive year, becoming the seventh player in school history to accomplish that 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.
- As a junior player, reached the girls' singles quarterfinals at the 2010 US Open.

Usue Maitane Arconada, 18, College Park, Md.

- Ranked as high as No. 5 in the world junior rankings.
- Won her first pro-level match at age 14, in qualifying for the WTA's Citi Open in Washington, D.C., in 2013, beating then 26-year-old Maria Irigoyen. In 2016, won her first WTA main-draw match at the Citi Open as a wild card.
- Reached the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Pelham, Ala., this year.
- Won the girls' doubles title (with Claire Liu) and reached the girls' singles quarterfinals at junior Wimbledon in 2016; also reached the third round in singles and the quarterfinals in doubles at the junior US Open in both 2015 and 2016.
- Born in Argentina and moved to Puerto Rico when her father accepted a position as Puerto Rico's national volleyball coach.

Taylor Johnson, 16, Redondo Beach, Calif.

- Is competing in her second USTA Pro Circuit main draw.
- A standout junior player, she peaked at No. 10 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in November 2016; is currently ranked No. 13.
- Reached the singles semifinals and the doubles final at the 2017 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event.

- Reached the doubles quarterfinals at the 2016 junior US Open; reached the third round in singles at the 2017 junior Australian Open and the 2016 junior US Open, where she upset the No. 6 seed.
- Dad (Randy) played semi-pro basketball in Europe.
- Names Billie Jean King her mentor after meeting her at age 10.

Caitlin Whoriskey, 29, East Sandwich, Mass.

- Won the 2014 US Open National Playoffs women's singles title to earn a wild card into US Open qualifying, where she won her first-round match.
- A former University of Tennessee standout, she was named the 2010 College Senior Player of the Year after leading the Volunteers to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament.
- Ranked a career-high No. 109 in the world in doubles after reaching the doubles semifinals at the WTA event in Monterrey, Mexico, in April 2017.
- Holds 14 career USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., this year.
- Captured her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2014 at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Also won the \$25,000 event in Fort Worth, Texas, in 2016.

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.
- 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.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Victoria Duval, 21, Bradenton, Fla.

- Played in her first tournament since Wimbledon 2016 this April at the \$80,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., where she reached the semifinals and upset former Top 10 player Eugenie Bouchard.
- 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 involved in 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.

Maria Sanchez, 27, Los Angeles

- Has thrived in doubles and has competed in all four Grand Slam tournaments in doubles, peaking at No. 56 in the world in doubles in September 2016.
- Won a WTA doubles title in 2014 in Auckland, New Zealand, with Sharon Fichman; also holds 18 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including three titles in 2016.
- Peaked at No. 107 in the world in singles in July 2013.
- Also in 2013, made her debut in a Grand Slam main draw by earning a wild card into the US Open.
- Was the No. 1-ranked collegian and an ITA All-American at the University of Southern California, winning the 2011 USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championship singles title.
- As a junior player, ranked No. 1 in the U.S. as a 16-year-old and No. 4 in the country as an 18-year-old.

Julia Elbaba, 22, 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 main-draw mixed doubles wild card into 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 10 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including four titles this year.

Sophie Chang, 19, Havre de Grace, Md.

- Won the 2016 US Open National Playoffs – Women's Singles Championship to earn a wild card into the US Open Qualifying Tournament in her US Open debut.
- Holds five USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, including the \$25,000 event held at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando this year, and advanced to the doubles semifinals at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., earlier this year.
- Committed to play at the University of Virginia before turning pro.
- Great-grandfather, Joseph Carpenter, won the mixed doubles title at the 1910 U.S. National Championships.

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.

**Player field subject to change*

NAPLES PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
May 2016	Valeria Solovyeva (RUS)	Kayla Day (USA)	May 2016	Gabriela Ce (BRA)-Justyna Jegiolkka (POL)
March 2016	Barbara Haas (AUT)	Elizaveta Ianchuk (UKR)	March 2016	Valeria Solovyeva (RUS)-Maryna Zanevska (UKR)
2003-2015	Event not held		2003-2015	Event not held
2002	Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	Maureen Drake (CAN)	2002	Rika Hiraki (JPN) – Nana Miyagi (JPN)
2001	Event not held		2001	Event not held
2000	Yvette Bastang (NED)	Catalina Castano (COL)	2000	Nana Miyagi (JPN) – Elena Tatarkova (UKR)