

THE ASCENSION PROJECT WOMEN'S CHALLENGER REDDING, CA • SEPTEMBER 10-17



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Sun Oaks Tennis and Fitness – Redding, Calif.

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, Sept. 10

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Sept. 12

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

Tuesday, Sept. 12 – School Site Visit

Wednesday, Sept. 13 – School Site Visit; Junior Clinic, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15 – USTA Night BBQ, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16 – Kids' Carnival, 9-10 a.m.; High School Girls' Clinic, 11 a.m.; Youth Tennis Exhibition

Sunday, Sept. 17 – Special Olympics Clinic, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Wheelchair Exhibition, 11:30 a.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO REDDING

The Ascension Project Women's Challenger will be held in Redding for the 15th consecutive year. It is the first \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event following the US Open.

Notable players competing in Redding include:

Robin Anderson, 24, Matawan, N.J.
(2013 Singles Finalist and Doubles Champion)

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

Jessica Pegula, 23, Charleston, S.C.

- Did not compete from January to August this year due to injury.
- Qualified for the 2016 US Open main draw and competed in US Open qualifying this year.
- Advanced to her first career WTA semifinal last summer in Washington, D.C.
- Played in just one tournament in 2014 after having knee surgery. Returned to competition in 2015 and, in her comeback, qualified for the 2015 US Open and won her first-round match in her first-ever Grand Slam main draw.

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2013 Redding singles finalist and doubles champion Robin Anderson graduated from UCLA in 2015 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for four consecutive years.

- Has ranked in the Top 100 in doubles.
- Father, Terry, is the owner of the NHL's Buffalo Sabres and the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

Maria Sanchez, 27, Los Angeles, Calif.
(2011 Doubles Champion)

- 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.

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.

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.

Caitlin Whoriskey, 29, East Sandwich, Mass.

- Competed in the doubles draw at Wimbledon this year. Is ranked in the Top 150 in women's doubles.
- 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.

- Holds 14 career USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, which includes a win at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., earlier this year.
- Captured her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2014 at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Quinn Gleason, 22, Mendon, N.Y.

- Graduated in 2016 from Notre Dame, earning All-ACC Second Team honors in 2015 and 2016.
- Played in the NCAA Championships from 2014-16.
- Won first ITF Pro Circuit singles title this year in Argentina. Also won four doubles titles this year all over the world.
- In high school, was an AP Scholar with Honor.

Shelby Talcott, 24, Long Island, N.Y.

- Graduated from the University of Iowa in 2015 as a letter winner.
- Won her first career pro doubles title in 2017 at an ITF Pro Circuit event in Egypt.
- In 2017, has competed on the USTA Pro Circuit, as well as in Egypt, Japan, Thailand, Mexico and Argentina.
- Has four siblings; one sister is a dancer with the Royal Danish Ballet.

*Player field subject to change

REDDING PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Francoise Abanda (CAN)	Sachia Vickery (USA)	2016	Ema Burgic Bucko (BIH) – Sabrina Santamaria (USA)
2015	Heidi El Tabakh (CAN)	Sherazad Reix (FRA)	2015	Ashley Weinhold (USA) – Caitlin Whoriskey (USA)
2014	Jennifer Brady (USA)	Lauren Embree (USA)	2014	Jennifer Brady (USA) – Lauren Embree (USA)
2013	Adriana Perez (VEN)	Robin Anderson (USA)	2013	Robin Anderson (USA) – Lauren Embree (USA)
2012	Chelsey Gullickson (USA)	Allie Will (USA)	2012	Jacqueline Cako (USA) – Sanaz Marand (USA)
2011	Julia Boserup (USA)	Olga Puchkova (RUS)	2011	Maria Sanchez (USA) – Yasmin Schnack (USA)
2010	Jamie Hampton (USA)	Jelena Pandzic (CRO)	2010	Christina Fusano (USA) – Yasmin Schnack (USA)
2009	Laura Granville (USA)	Rika Fujiwara (JPN)	2009	Anna Orlik (BLR) – Masa Zec-Peskircic (SLO)
2008	Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (CZE)	Aleksandra Wozniak (CAN)	2008	Angela Haynes (USA) – Abigail Spears (USA)
2007	Su-Wei Hsieh (TPE)	Ekaterina Afinogenova (RUS)	2007	Chin-Wei Chan (TPE) – Julie Ditty (USA)
2006	Diana Ospina (USA)	Anne Keothavong (GBR)	2006	Vasilisa Bardina (RUS) – Ahsha Role (USA)
2005	Lucie Safarova (CZE)	Ivana Lisjak (CRO)	2005	Yulia Beygelzeimer (UKR) – Stephanie Dubois (CAN)
2004	Anne Keothavong (GBR)	Mashona Washington (USA)	2004	Jennifer Hopkins (USA) – Mashona Washington (USA)
2003	Jana Nejedly (CAN)	Zheng Jie (CHN)	2003	Yan Zi (CHN) – Zheng Jie (CHN)