

FSP GOLD RIVER WOMEN'S CHALLENGER SACRAMENTO, CA • JULY 23-30



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Gold River Racquet Club – Sacramento, Calif.

Websites: www.goldriverchallenger.com
www.procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: FSP Gold River Women's Challenger: A USTA Pro Circuit Event

Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, July 23

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, July 25

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$60,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$9,119	80
Runner-up	\$4,863	48
Semifinalist	\$2,659	29
Quarterfinalist	\$1,520	15
Round of 16	\$911	8
Round of 32	\$533	1

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$3,344
Runner-up	\$1,672
Semifinalist	\$836
Quarterfinalist	\$456
Round of 16	\$304

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday, July 24 – Pro-Am, 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25 – Kids' Fun Day, 5-6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 29 – Wheelchair Tennis Up Down Round Robin, 2-4 p.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO SACRAMENTO, KICKS OFF WOMEN'S US OPEN WILD CARD CHALLENGE

The **FSP Gold River Women's Challenger** returns to Sacramento for the sixth consecutive year. It is one of four USTA Pro Circuit women's events hosted in California this year.

Sacramento continues the US Open Wild Card Challenge, which will award a men's and women's wild card into the 2017 US Open by utilizing hard-court pro tournaments this summer. The women's challenge concludes the week of July 31. In the women's wild card challenge, USTA Player Development considers American players' results in select \$60,000 outdoor USTA Pro Circuit hard-court events (including Sacramento), as well as qualifying and main-draw results from the WTA tournaments in Stanford and Washington, D.C.

The American man and American woman who earn the most ATP World Tour and WTA ranking points during the challenge will earn main-draw wild cards into the US Open. The women's challenge will include the best two results during the three-week time period. Only Americans who did not otherwise earn direct entry into the US Open are eligible. In the event of a tie, the player with the best ATP (on Aug. 14) or best WTA (on Aug. 7) singles ranking will be awarded the wild card.

This tournament will be streamed live on www.procircuit.usta.com.

Notable players competing in Sacramento include:

Peter Staples/USTA



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Jennifer Brady, 22, Orlando

- Qualified for and advanced to the fourth round of the 2017 Australian Open in her first Grand Slam main draw. Also won her first-round match at Wimbledon this year.
- Has competed in WTA events for the rest of 2017.
- Holds four USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and four doubles titles.
- Played collegiately for two seasons at UCLA.
- During 2014-15 collegiate campaign, was part of the team that reached the final of the NCAA Team Championships. During freshman season (2013-14), was a member of the 2014 NCAA championship-winning team.
- Trains at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

Claire Liu, 17, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

- Became the No. 1-ranked junior this July after winning the junior Wimbledon title—the first American girls' singles champion at Wimbledon since Chanda Rubin in 1992.

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Rob Faldy



- Defeated Ann Li at Wimbledon in the second-ever all-American girls' final at Wimbledon, dating back to 1947.
- Also reached the junior French Open final this year in the second-ever all-American Roland Garros girls' final and won the junior doubles title in 2016.
- Won the 2015 and 2017 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event.
- In March 2015, won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$10,000 event in Orlando, Fla. In doing so, at age 14 years, 9 months and 25 days old, became the youngest woman to win a USTA Pro Circuit tournament since Anna Kournikova in 1996 and the sixth-youngest ever.
- Captured two USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles this year (\$25,000 Naples, Fla., and \$25,000 Caserta, Italy).
- In February 2016, was with the U.S. Fed Cup team in Hawaii as part of a junior Fed Cup camp run by USTA Player Development.

Kayla Day, 17, Santa Barbara, Calif.

- Youngest woman in the Top 125.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 122 in the world this June after reaching the semifinals of the \$100,000 ITF Pro Circuit event in Marseille and also reaching the quarterfinals of the \$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Charleston, S.C., and the semifinals of the \$25,000 event in Naples, Fla., this spring.
- Competed in the Australian Open for the first time in 2017 after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Australian Open Wild Card Challenge in fall 2016. Competed in French Open and Wimbledon qualifying this year.
- Also in 2017, advanced to the third round of the WTA event in Indian Wells and reached the singles final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., while winning the doubles title.
- Won the 2016 US Open girls' singles title and shot to No. 1 in the world junior rankings. Also reached the semifinals of junior Wimbledon in 2016.
- Also at the 2016 US Open, earned a wild card into the main draw and won her first-round match over Madison Brengle in her Grand Slam debut.
- Won her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2016 at the \$50,000 event in Macon, Ga.
- Moved from No. 998 in the rankings at the end of 2015 to No. 195 at the end of 2016.
- Helped lead the U.S. to a second-place finish on clay in Madrid at the 2015 Junior Fed Cup finals.
- Served as a practice partner for the U.S. Fed Cup team in February 2017 for its first-round win over Germany in Maui.

Amanda Anisimova, 15, Hallandale Beach, Fla.

- Made her Grand Slam main-draw debut at this year's French Open after winning the Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge. Won the challenge by reaching back-to-back singles finals at the \$80,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and the \$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Dothan, Ala. Indian Harbour Beach and Dothan were her first career main draw USTA Pro Circuit events.
- Was the youngest player to compete in the main draw at Roland Garros since Alize Cornet in 2005. Was also the first player born in 2001 to compete in a Grand Slam main draw.
- Competed in her first WTA main draw at the Miami Open this March, losing to Taylor Townsend in three sets in the opening round.

- Competed in 2016 US Open qualifying in her only previous Grand Slam appearance.
- Is currently the No. 8-ranked junior in the world. Peaked at No. 2 in June 2016 after reaching the French Open girls' final.

Sofia Kenin, 18, Pembroke Pines, Fla.

(Defending Singles Champion)

- Has reached the singles semifinals or better at four USTA Pro Circuit events so far in 2017. Also competed in French Open and Wimbledon qualifying this year.
- Won the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a wild card into the 2016 US Open, facing eventual finalist Karolina Pliskova in the first round.
- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in Wesley Chapel, Fla., in January 2016 and then won the \$50,000 event in Sacramento, Calif., in July.
- Improved from No. 620 at the end of 2015 to No. 212 at the end of 2016.
- Won the 2015 USTA Girls' 18s national title to earn a wild-card berth into the US Open women's singles draw for her first Grand Slam main draw.
- As a junior, reached the singles final at the 2015 junior US Open, the semifinals at the 2016 junior US Open and the quarterfinals at 2016 junior Wimbledon.
- Climbed as high as No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Represented the U.S. at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China.
- Also goes by Sonya.

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 last 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.
- Reached back-to-back singles finals in June 2017 at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit events in Sumter, S.C., and Baton Rouge, La.
- 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.

Danielle Collins, 23, St. Petersburg, Fla.

- Currently ranked a career-high No. 158 in the world after winning her third USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in Bethany Beach, Del., in June and reaching the final of two tournaments in May. Also competed in Wimbledon qualifying for the first time.
- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 as a two-time NCAA singles champion, winning titles in 2014 and 2016. In doing so, 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 three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Williamsburg, Va., in 2011; \$25,000 Stillwater, Okla., in 2016; Bethany Beach in 2017).
- Has trained at Nick Bollettieri's IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

Kristie Ahn, 25, Upper Saddle River, N.J.

- Peaked at a career-high No. 116 in the world this June after reaching the quarterfinals of the WTA grass-court event in Nottingham as a qualifier. Also qualified for the WTA event in Monterrey, Mexico, in April and won her first-round match—her first WTA win.
- Also in 2017, won the \$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Dothan, Ala., and then reached the final of a \$60,000 ITF Pro Circuit event in France. Also reached the final round of Wimbledon qualifying.
- Has won six USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit singles titles overall.
- Qualified for the 2008 US Open, where she lost to former world No. 1 Dinara Safina in the first round.
- Graduated from Stanford in 2014 as a four-time All-American. Went 97-17 in four seasons with the Cardinal and was named the 2014 ITA National Senior Player of the Year.
- Trains at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

Jamie Loeb, 22, Ossining, N.Y.

- Completed her sophomore year at the University of North Carolina in 2015, winning the NCAA Division I singles title to become the first singles national champion in North Carolina women's tennis history. Turned pro shortly thereafter.
- Was also the top-ranked college tennis player for most of her freshman year (2013-14).
- As a freshman, named the 2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year, as well as the 2014 ACC Women's Tennis Player of the Year, making her the third UNC player ever to earn that distinction.
- In 2014, won the inaugural American Collegiate Invitational at the US Open.
- Received a wild card into the 2015 US Open, where she lost to reigning finalist Caroline Wozniacki in the first round.
- Holds seven USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and six doubles titles. Won a \$60,000 ITF Pro Circuit singles title in Australia and reached the semifinals of the \$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Charlottesville, Va., in 2017.

Grace Min, 23, Atlanta/Orlando, Fla. (2016 Singles Finalist)

- Was out of competition the first three months of the year. Competed in Wimbledon and French Open qualifying this year.
- Had a strong spring 2016 on the USTA Pro Circuit, winning her seventh and eighth singles titles at \$25,000 events in Jackson, Miss., and Pelham, Ala., respectively. Also reached two additional finals.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 97 in the world in March 2015 after reaching the second round of the WTA's Rio Open and competing in Indian Wells.

- In 2014, reached the semifinals of the WTA event in Bad Gastein, Austria—her first-ever WTA semifinal—and competed in the US Open and French Open main draws and qualifying at Roland Garros.
- Was one of the top juniors in the world in 2011, when she won the US Open girls' singles title and the Wimbledon girls' doubles title, propelling her to No. 4 in the world junior rankings.

Irina Falconi, 27, Orlando, Fla.

- Competed in Wimbledon and French Open qualifying this year, qualifying for Wimbledon and facing then-world No. 1 Angelique Kerber in the first round.
- Won her first career WTA singles title in 2016 in Bogota, Colombia.
- Reached the second round at the Australian Open and the French Open and advanced to the semifinals at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., in 2016. Also advanced to the second round of the 2017 Australian Open.
- In 2015, climbed back into the Top 100 by reaching the third round of the French Open and the quarterfinals in Bogota. Also reached the second round of the 2015 Australian Open as a wild card by winning the USTA Pro Circuit Australian Open Wild Card Challenge, as well as the second round of the 2015 US Open.
- Reached the third round of the 2011 US Open, where she upset No. 14 Dominika Cibulkova in the second round in Arthur Ashe Stadium and carried an American flag around the court following the win.
- Represented the U.S. in the 2011 Pan Am Games, where she won the gold medal in singles and the silver medal in doubles (with Christina McHale).
- Holds five USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and three doubles titles.
- In two seasons at Georgia Tech, was a two-time All-American and ranks first in school history in all-time winning percentage (.824; 70-15).
- Born in Ecuador and moved to New York at age 3, learning to play on public courts in Manhattan.
- Trains at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

Sachia Vickery, 22, Miramar, Fla.

- Peaked at a career-high No. 108 in the world in July 2015 after qualifying for Wimbledon. Also received a wild card into the 2015 US Open and qualified for the 2016 French Open.
- In 2015, advanced to the quarterfinals of the WTA's Wimbledon tune-up event in Nottingham, Great Britain, and won the first two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of her career at the \$25,000 Florida events in Plantation and Sunrise.
- In 2014, earned a main-draw wild card into the 2014 Australian Open by winning the USTA's Australian Open Wild Card Playoff. Also in 2014, reached the quarterfinals at the US Open Series event in Stanford, Calif.—her first WTA quarterfinal.
- In 2013, won the USTA National Girls' 18s singles and doubles titles, earning wild cards into the main draws of the singles and doubles events at the 2013 US Open. At the Open, she won her first-round match in her Grand Slam debut, defeating Mirjana Lucic-Baroni in straight sets.
- As a junior, ascended to No. 6 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.

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 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, as well as three additional USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit singles semifinals.
- Won the junior doubles title at Wimbledon in 2016 (with Claire Liu) and reached the girls' singles quarterfinals; also reached the third round in singles and the quarterfinals in doubles at the 2015 and 2016 junior US Open.
- Born in Argentina and moved to Puerto Rico when her father accepted a position as Puerto Rico's national volleyball coach.

Jennifer Elie, 30, New York City

- Has been a consistent player on the USTA Pro Circuit and in ITF Circuit events, winning two ITF Circuit singles titles in 2012 and five USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles.
- Has a career win over Sloane Stephens, at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Lexington, Ky., in 2011, and has ranked in the Top 250 in both singles and doubles.
- This June, reached the quarterfinals of two ITF Pro Circuit events in Italy and Spain.
- Won the 2015 US Open National Playoffs to earn a wild card into the US Open Qualifying Tournament.

Caroline Dolehide, 18, Hinsdale, Ill.

- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in June 2016 at the \$10,000 event in Buffalo, N.Y.; also won her first career doubles title in Buffalo.
- Won two singles titles this year at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Surprise, Ariz., as well as the ITF Pro Circuit event in Winnipeg, Canada.
- Captured second doubles title this year in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., with fellow teenager Kayla Day.
- Advanced to the doubles final at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., this year with fellow young American Kayla Day.
- Ranked as high as No. 16 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Reached the singles semifinals at the 2014 junior US Open and the doubles final at both the 2015 junior French Open and the 2016 junior US Open.

Danielle Lao, 26, Arcadia, Calif.

- Graduated from USC in 2013 after twice earning All-America honors in her college career.
- Led the Trojans to back-to-back Pac-12 team championships and was a team captain her senior year.
- In June 2015, won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$25,000 event in Baton Rouge, La. Also in 2015, qualified for the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., and won first ITF Circuit singles title, in Leon, Mexico, while also capturing the doubles title.
- This year, reached the singles finals of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Surprise, Ariz., and an ITF Pro Circuit event in Korea.
- Won the 2016 US Open National Playoffs – Women's Doubles Championship with Jacqueline Cako to earn a wild card into the US Open doubles draw.

- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles.
- After college, wrote a book, "Invaluable Experience," about playing college tennis.

Kimiko Date, 46, Japan

- Utilizing a protected ranking to compete in Sacramento.
- Peaked at No. 4 in the world in singles in 1995 and No. 28 in doubles in January 2015.
- Reached the singles semifinals at the 1994 Australian Open, 1995 French Open and 1996 Wimbledon. Also a two-time quarterfinalist at the US Open (1993, 1994).
- In women's doubles, reached the semifinals at the 2014 US Open.
- Won eight WTA singles titles and six doubles titles.
- Competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics and represented Japan in Fed Cup for 10 years.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Victoria Duval, 21, Bradenton, Fla.

- Has played in 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. Also reached the semifinals of the \$25,000 event in Baton Rouge, La., this June.
- 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 in 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.

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

Kaitlyn Christian, 25, Orange, Calif.

- Graduated from USC in 2014.
- In 2013, finished her junior season ranked No. 1 in the ITA doubles rankings with teammate Sabrina Santamaria following the duo's 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.
- Won the doubles title at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event in Sumter, S.C., this summer. Holds seven USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles overall.

Emina Bektas, 24, Indianapolis

- Holds 13 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including seven won already this year.

- Ranked a career-high No. 133 in the world in doubles.
- 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).

Sophie Chang, 20, 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 USTA National Campus in Orlando this year, and advanced to the doubles semifinals or better at seven additional USTA Pro Circuit events this year.
- Committed to play at the University of Virginia before turning pro.
- Her great-grandfather, Joseph Carpenter, won the mixed doubles title at the 1910 U.S. National Championships.

Alexandra Mueller, 29, Abington, Pa.

- Holds 18 career USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles and seven singles titles.
- Two-time winner of the US Open National Playoffs, earning wild cards into the US Open Qualifying Tournament in 2010 and 2012.
- Ranked as high as No. 160 in the world in doubles in 2011.

SACRAMENTO PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Sofia Kenin (USA)	Grace Min (USA)	2016	Ashley Weinhold (USA) – Caitlin Whoriskey (USA)
2015	Anhelina Kalinina (UKR)	An-Sophie Mestach (BE:L)	2015	Ashley Weinhold (USA) – Caitlin Whoriskey (USA)
2014	Olivia Rogowska (AUS)	Julia Boserup (USA)	2014	Daria Gavrilova (RUS) – Storm Sanders (AUS)
2013	Mayo Hibi (JPN)	Madison Brengle (USA)	2013	Naomi Broady (GBR) – Storm Sanders (AUS)
2012	Maria Sanchez (USA)	Jessica Pegula (USA)	2012	Asia Muhammad (USA) – Yasmin Schnack (USA)