

## PALMETTO PINK OPEN SUMTER, SC • OCTOBER 8-15



### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Palmetto Tennis Center – Sumter, S.C.

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

**Facebook:** Palmetto Tennis Center

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, Oct. 8

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, Oct. 10

**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

### USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO SUMTER FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WITH SECOND 2017 EVENT

The **Palmetto Pink Open** is taking place in Sumter for the first time in the month of October. It is also recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Sumter has hosted a USTA Pro Circuit women's event since 2008 each June. This is the first of two consecutive \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit hard-court women's events taking place this month, preceding Florence.

Notable players competing in Sumter include:

**Francesca Di Lorenzo, 20, New Albany, Ohio**

- Currently a 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 2017, 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.
- Competed in this year's US Open doubles draw and singles qualifying tournament.



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*Ohio State junior Francesca Di Lorenzo won the 2017 NCAA doubles title—the first NCAA women's tennis title in Buckeyes' history—and was the top-ranked college player in the country in the spring.*

- 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.**

- Peaked at a career-high No. 153 in the world this August 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 and US Open qualifying this year.
- 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.



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*Danielle Collins graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 as a two-time NCAA singles champion, winning titles in 2014 and 2016.*

- 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.

## **Taylor Townsend, 21, Atlanta, Ga.**

- Made fourth consecutive appearance in the main draw of the French Open this year and won her first-round match. Earned a French Open wild card in 2016 after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge. Also won the 2014 Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge 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 that year.
- In 2017, qualified for the WTA event in Miami and advanced to the third round and also qualified for Cincinnati and reached the second round. Also competed in the 2017 US Open as a wild card.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and 12 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including eight doubles titles in 2016—the most of any player since 1987.
- 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.

## **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 four 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.

## **Emina Bektas, 24, Indianapolis, Ind.**

- Holds 13 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including seven won already this year.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 125 in the world in doubles this August and played in the US Open doubles draw this year as a wild card.
- 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 two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Evansville, Ind., in 2013, and \$80,000 Albuquerque, N.M., this year) and one ITF Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Mexico City in 2016).

## **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.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Landisville, Pa., in 2011, and \$25,000 Redding, Calif., this year) and two doubles titles (\$25,000 Redding, Calif., in 2013 and \$25,000 Daytona Beach, Fla., in 2017).
- As a junior player, reached the girls' singles quarterfinals at the 2010 US Open.

## **Maria Sanchez, 27, Los Angeles, Calif.**

- 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.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

## **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.
- 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.

**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 175 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 15 career USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including two titles this year.
- Captured her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2014 at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**Raveena Kingsley, 19, 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.

**Caty McNally, 15, Cincinnati, Ohio**

- The No. 27-ranked junior player in the world.
- Reached singles and doubles quarterfinals at the 2017 junior French Open.
- Reached the doubles final at junior Wimbledon this year with Whitney Osuigwe; also reached the doubles final at the All England Club in 2016.
- Also competed in the junior US Open this year.
- Helped the U.S. win its fourth Junior Fed Cup title (16 and under) in September in Budapest, Hungary.
- From a tennis family. Brother, Jon, is an Ohio State recruit and former Top 15 ITF world-ranked junior.
- Caty and John are coached by their mother, Lynn, who was named the Team USA Developmental Coach of the Year for 2014 after John won the USTA Boys' 16s national hard-court title and Caty won the Girls' 14s national hard-court title.
- The McNally family has been profiled in *Family Circle* magazine, by Tennis Channel and other publications.

*\*Player field subject to change*

## SUMTER PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2017 (June)	Ashley Lahey (USA)	Francesca Di Lorenzo (USA)	2017 (June)	Kaitlyn Christian (USA) – Giuliana Olmos (USA)
2016	CiCi Bellis (USA)	Valeria Solovyeva (RUS)	2016	Ashley Weinhold (USA) – Caitlin Whoriskey (USA)
2015	Mayo Hibi (JPN)	Lauren Embree (USA)	2015	Alexandra Mueller (USA) – Ashley Weinhold (USA)
2014	Brooke Austin (USA)	Nadja Gilchrist (USA)	2014	Sophie Chang (USA) – Andie K. Daniell (USA)
2013	Jamie Loeb (USA)	Brooke Austin (USA)	2013	Kristy Frilling (USA) – Alexandra Mueller (USA)
2012	Louisa Chirico (USA)	Victoria Duval (USA)	2012	Jan Abaza (USA) – Nicola Slater (GBR)
2011	Alexis King (USA)	Brooke Austin (USA)	2011	Bojana Bobusic (AUS) – Nicola Slater (GBR)
2010	Jelena Pandzic (CRO)	Alexis King (USA)	2010	Alexandra Mueller (USA) – Ashley Weinhold (USA)
2009	Petra Rampre (SLO)	Anda Perianu (ROU)	2009	Allie Will (USA) – Caitlyn Williams (USA)
2008	Mallory Cecil (USA)	Theresa Logar (USA)	2008	Brooke Bolender (USA) – Beatrice Capra (USA)