

RBC PRO CHALLENGE TYLER, TX • OCT. 29-NOV. 5



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Tyler Athletic and Swim Club – Tyler, Texas

Websites: www.rbcprochallenge.com
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Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, Oct. 29

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Oct. 31

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$80,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$12,161	115
Runner-Up	\$6,487	70
Semifinalist	\$3,548	42
Quarterfinalist	\$2,027	21
Round 16	\$1,216	10
Round 32	\$709	1

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$4,460
Runner-Up	\$2,230
Semifinalist	\$1,115
Quarterfinalist	\$608
Round 16	\$405

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 2 – Ladies Day, 8:30-10 a.m.; Net Generation Kids' Day, 5-6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3 – ACEing Autism Clinic, 6-7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4 – Stroke of the Day Clinic, 8:30-10 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5 – Stroke of the Day Clinic, 9:30-11 a.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS DEBUTS IN TYLER, CONTINUES AUSTRALIAN OPEN WILD CARD CHALLENGE

The **RBC Pro Challenge** brings USTA Pro Circuit women's tennis to Tyler for the first time. Tyler hosted men's events from 1982-87, and in 2001 and 2002. It is one of three USTA Pro Circuit women's events taking place in Texas this year; Fort Worth hosted a \$25,000 event this summer and next week, Waco hosts another \$80,000 tournament. All proceeds from this tournament and its events benefit ACEing Autism, a world-renowned organization providing therapeutic and educational tennis programs for local kids on the Autism spectrum.

Tyler is the second of three consecutive women's hard-court tournaments that make up the **Australian Open Wild Card Challenge presented by the USTA**, which will award a men's and women's wild card into the 2018 Australian Open. The USTA and Tennis Australia have a reciprocal agreement in which wild cards into the 2017 US Open and 2018 Australian Open are exchanged. The other tournaments in the women's portion of the wild card challenge are \$80,000 events in Macon, Ga., held the week of Oct. 23, and Waco, Texas, held the week of Nov. 6.

In addition to the three women's tournaments, the Australian Open Wild Card Challenge also includes numerous men's USTA Pro Circuit tournaments and U.S. and international ATP World Tour events at the ATP Challenger-level and above played on a hard-court surface this fall. The men's challenge begins the week of Oct. 30 and concludes the week of Nov. 13.

The American woman who earns the most



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Nicole Gibbs peaked at a career-high No. 68 in the world in singles in July 2016 and has competed in all four Grand Slam events, reaching the third round of the US Open and Australian Open.

WTA ranking points at two of the three USTA Pro Circuit hard-court events will receive a wild card to compete in the main draw of the 2018 Australian Open, which will be held Monday, Jan. 15, through Sunday, Jan. 28. Only players who did not receive direct entry into the Australian Open are eligible for the wild cards.

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

Notable players competing in Tyler include:

Nicole Gibbs, 24, Santa Monica, Calif.

- Advanced to the third round of the 2017 Australian Open, her first third-round appearance in a Grand Slam since the 2014 US Open after winning the USTA Pro Circuit's US Open Wild Card. Also reached the second round of the US Open for the second straight year this year.
- This October, reached the quarterfinals of the WTA event in Hong Kong.
- In 2016, advanced to the fourth round in Indian Wells and reached the quarterfinals in

Sofia Kenin, 18, reached the third round of the US Open this year as a wild card.



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Monterrey, Mexico. Also advanced to the second round of the US Open for the second straight year.

- Peaked at a career-high No. 68 in the world in singles in July 2016.
- Has competed in every Grand Slam main draw event, including the US Open main draw from 2012-17.
- Holds five career USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and three doubles titles.
- Won consecutive NCAA singles titles in 2012 and 2013 for Stanford University, becoming the fifth player in history—and the fourth from Stanford—to win back-to-back NCAA Division I women's singles championships.
- Helped lead the Cardinal to their 17th NCAA team title in 2013.

Sofia Kenin, 18, Pembroke Pines, Fla.

- Peaked at a career-high No. 110 in the world this September.
- Earned a wild card into the 2017 US Open by winning the US Open Wild Card Challenge and reached the third round, losing to Maria Sharapova. Also competed in French Open and Wimbledon qualifying this year.
- Won the wild card challenge by having a strong summer at \$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit events, winning the title in Stockton, Calif., reaching the singles final in Lexington, Ky., and advancing to the semifinals in Sacramento, Calif.
- Also 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.
- Captured 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., that 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 US Open, the semifinals at the 2016 US Open and the quarterfinals at 2016 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.

Kayla Day, 18, Santa Barbara, Calif.

- 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, 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 summer, competed in the US Open as a wild card and won a match at the US Open Series event in Stanford, Calif., where she also reached the doubles semifinals.
- Also in 2017, advanced to the third round of the WTA event in Indian Wells and reached the singles final and won the doubles title at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.
- 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. Also played French Open and Wimbledon qualifying this year.

- 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 final.
- Served as a practice partner for the U.S. Fed Cup team in February 2017 for its first-round win over Germany in Maui.

Sachia Vickery, 22, Miramar, Fla.

- This year, qualified for the US Open and won her first-round match. Following the US Open, reached the quarterfinals of the WTA event in Quebec City and then won her third career USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$60,000 event in Templeton, Calif., at the end of September.
- 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 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 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.

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

- Peaked at a career-high No. 112 in the world this July after reaching the quarterfinals of the WTA grass-court event in Nottingham as a qualifier and reaching the semifinals of the \$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Sacramento, Calif. 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.

Taylor Townsend, 21, Atlanta

- 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 events in Miami, advancing to the third round, and Cincinnati, reaching the second round. Also competed in the 2017 US Open as a wild card and won her fourth and fifth career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles at the \$25,000 events in Sumter, S.C. and Florence, S.C., in back-to-back weeks this October.
- Also holds 14 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including eight doubles titles in 2016—the most of any player since 1987. This year, won the doubles title in Sumter and Florence.
- 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.

Julia Boserup, 26, Newport Beach, Calif.

- Peaked at a career-high No. 80 in the world this June after reaching the second round of the WTA grass-court event in Nottingham and reaching the quarterfinals in Monterrey, Mexico.
- Also in 2017, qualified for and advanced to the second round of the Australian Open in her first main-draw appearance in Melbourne and then reached the semifinals of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich.
- Qualified for and advanced to the third round of Wimbledon in 2016—her career-best Grand Slam result.
- In September 2016, advanced to the semifinals of the WTA event in Quebec City—her first WTA semifinal.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and one doubles title.
- As a standout junior, won the prestigious Orange Bowl title in 2008.

Amanda Anisimova, 16, Aventura, 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.
- Won the 2017 junior US Open singles title without dropping a set.
- Is currently the No. 4-ranked junior in the world. Peaked at No. 2

in June 2016 after reaching the French Open girls' final. Reached the quarterfinals at the junior French Open this year.

Danielle Collins, 23, St. Petersburg, Fla.

- Peaked at a career-high No. 153 in the world in 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.
- 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.

Irina Falconi, 27, Orlando, Fla.

- Competed in US Open, Wimbledon and French Open qualifying this year, qualifying for Wimbledon and facing then-world No. 1 Angelique Kerber in the first round. Also advanced to the second round of the 2017 Australian Open.
- Reached USTA Pro Circuit quarterfinals this summer at \$60,000 events in Sacramento, Calif., and Lexington, Ky.
- 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. 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 six 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.

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 this February and reached the final of the \$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Templeton, Calif., this October.

Louisa Chirico, 21, Harrison, N.Y.

- In 2017, won a match in Indian Wells and competed in the French Open main draw. Also reached the final of an ITF Pro Circuit event in Mexico in September.
- Qualified for the 2016 French Open and won her first-round match over American Lauren Davis for her first Grand Slam win before falling to Venus Williams in the second round.
- Also in 2016, reached first WTA semifinal in Madrid and advanced to the third round in Miami.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 58 in the world in October 2016.
- Made Grand Slam singles main-draw debut at the 2015 French Open after winning the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge. Also received a wild card into the US Open and competed in Wimbledon in 2015.
- In July 2015, represented the U.S. in the Pan American Games in Toronto.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and two doubles titles.
- In 2013, reached the semifinals of the junior French Open and Wimbledon and the quarterfinals of the junior US Open. Finished that season ranked in the Top 10 of the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- In 2012, teamed with Taylor Townsend to lead the U.S. to the Junior Fed Cup title in Barcelona.
- Trains at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

Grace Min, 23, Atlanta/Orlando, Fla.

- Was out of competition the first three months of the year. Competed in US Open, Wimbledon and French Open qualifying this year.
- Captured her ninth career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2017 at the \$60,000 event in Lexington, Ky. In spring 2016, won two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles at \$25,000 events in Jackson, Miss., and Pelham, Ala. 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.

Francesca Schiavone, 37, Italy

- Top seed in Tyler, ranked No. 84 in the world.
- Won the 2010 French Open singles title and reached the final again a year later.
- Reached the quarterfinals of the US Open, Australian Open and Wimbledon.
- Peaked at No. 4 in the world in January 2011 and No. 8 in doubles in February 2007.
- Holds eight WTA singles titles and seven doubles titles.
- Has represented Italy in the Olympics (2004, 2008, 2012) and Fed Cup, winning the Fed Cup title three times..

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 final of the \$25,000 event in Lubbock, Texas, in September and the semifinals of the \$25,000 event in Baton Rouge, La., in June.
 - Played in her first tournament in August 2015 after a year away from the game due to 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, along with several cousins, in an armed robbery at her aunt's house in Port-au-Prince, before being freed unharmed. Following that incident, her 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.
- ### **Allie Kiick, 22, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.**
- Made Grand Slam debut at the US Open this year after winning three matches to qualify for the main draw. Also reached the quarterfinals or better at three USTA Pro Circuit events this summer.

- Was out of competition from July 2015 through June 2017 due to 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 an 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.

Samantha Crawford, 22, Tamarac, Fla.

- Advanced to the second round of the 2017 Australian Open—her best result at the tournament.
- Made Wimbledon main-draw debut in summer 2016 and won her first-ever Grand Slam match with a victory over Paula Kania in the first round.
- Competed in the Australian Open for the first time in 2016 after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Australian Open Wild Card Challenge; also won the USTA Pro Circuit US Open Wild Card Challenge in 2015, securing a spot in the US Open main draw for the second time in her career.
- Reached first WTA semifinal in 2016 in Brisbane as a qualifier.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$50,000 Scottsdale in 2015) and five doubles titles.
- In 2012, won the US Open girls' singles title and qualified for the women's singles main draw as a qualifying wild card.
- Rose to No. 5 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2012.
- Height is 6-foot-2.

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.
- This year, made Grand Slam debut after qualifying for the US Open. Also reached singles finals at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Surprise, Ariz., and an ITF Pro Circuit event in Korea.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

Katerina Stewart, 20, Miami

- Won the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Fort Worth, Texas, this year—her first title since March 2016, when she captured back-to-back titles at \$10,000 events in Weston, Fla., and Orlando, Fla., for her seventh and eighth career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles.
- Had a strong season on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2015, as well; captured three singles titles and went 13-2 in the spring in a string of \$50,000 clay-court events, winning the \$50,000 event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla.
- In 2014, won the USTA Girls' 18s National Clay Court Championships in Memphis, Tenn., which capped a 34-match winning streak in junior and pro matches, during which she won three USTA Pro Circuit \$10,000 clay-court events (Orlando, Fla.; Bethany Beach, Del.; and Charlotte, N.C.).
- Awarded a wild card into qualifying at the 2014 US Open and won her first-round qualifying match over Yuliya Beygelizimer, a former Top 100 player. Also played in the doubles main draw at the 2014 US Open with Louisa Chirico.
- Spent one year at West Point.
- Mother, Marina, was an Argentine WTA pro. Coached by her father, Cesar.

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 six USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, including two titles 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.

Ashley Kratzer, 18, Newport Beach, Calif.

- Won the 2017 USTA Girls' National Championships singles title in San Diego in August to earn a wild card into the US Open.
- This summer, reached back-to-back quarterfinals at \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit events in Sumter, S.C., and Baton Rouge, La., and then reached the final at the \$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Stockton, Calif.

Alexandra Mueller, 29, Abington, Pa.

- Holds 19 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.

**Player field subject to change*