

USTA WOMEN'S PRO CIRCUIT \$25,000 CHALLENGER JACKSON, MS • APRIL 2-9



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: River Hills Club – Jackson, Miss.

Website: www.procircuit.usta.com

Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, April 2

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, April 4

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 16	\$392	5
Round 32	\$228	1

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$1,437
Runner-Up	\$719
Semifinalist	\$359
Quarterfinalist	\$196
Round 16	\$131

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO JACKSON

The **USTA Women's Pro Circuit \$25,000 Challenger** returns to Jackson for the 19th consecutive year. It is the only USTA Pro Circuit event held in Mississippi and is the first of five \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit clay-court women's events held over April and May, preceding preceding Pelham, Ala., two events hosted in Naples, Fla., and an event in Bethany Beach, Del.

Notable players competing in Jackson include:

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 14 years old, 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.
- 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.

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



Rob Foley

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honors in singles for the fourth consecutive year.

- Was ranked No. 1 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles rankings during her collegiate career.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 event in New Orleans in 2012.

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.

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.



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Julia Elbaba is a former University of Virginia standout, who was the top-ranked college player in the country during her collegiate career.

- Won two USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles in 2016.

Sanaz Marand, 28, Katy, Texas

- Played for the University of North Carolina, where she received All-America honors and, in 2010, helped lead the Tar Heels to their first NCAA team semifinals.
- In 2013, won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in El Paso, Texas.
- Has also won 14 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including one title this year at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando.

Chiara Scholl, 24

- Spent the second half of 2016 competing overseas in France, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands, winning four ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and four doubles titles.
- Also won both the singles and doubles titles at two USTA Pro Circuit events in 2011 (\$50,000 Lexington, Ky., and \$25,000 El Paso, Texas).
- Peaked at No. 164 in the world in singles in 2011.
- Has reached two doubles finals in 2017.
- Also goes by Chichi.

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 seven USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including one title this year at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando.

Nicole Frenkel, 18

- Qualified for four USTA Pro Circuit events in 2016 to work her way up the rankings.
- Competed in the 2016 US Open qualifying as a wild card.
- Qualified for the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., in 2017—her biggest USTA Pro Circuit tournament to date.

JACKSON PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Grace Min (USA)	Paula Badosa Gibert (ESP)	2016	Sharon Fichman (CAN) – Jarmila Wolfe (AUS)
2015	Anhelina Kalinina (UKR)	Johanna Konta (GBR)	2015	Alexa Guarachi (USA) – Caitlin Whoriskey (USA)
2014	Ulrikke Eikeri (NOR)	Anhelina Kalinina (UKR)	2014	Chanel Simmonds (RSA) – Masa Zec-Peskiric (SLO)
2013	Laura Siegemund (GER)	Florencia Molinero (ARG)	2013	Iлона Kremen (BLR) – Angelique Van Der Meet (NED)
2012	Heidi El Tabakh (CAN)	Elena Bovina (RUS)	2012	Elena Bovina (RUS) – Tereza Mrdeza (CRO)
2011	Marina Erakovic (NZL)	Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO)	2011	Sharon Fichman (CAN) – Marie-Eve Pelletier (CAN)
2010	Mirjana Lucic (CRO)	Jamie Hampton (USA)	2010	Maria-Fernanda Alves (BRA) – Ana-Clara Duarte (BRA)
2009	Yuliana Fedak (UKR)	Laura Siegemund (GER)	2009	Monique Adamczak (AUS) – Arina Rodionova (RUS)
2008	Soledad Esperon (ARG)	Tetiana Luzhanska (UKR)	2008	Soledad Esperon (ARG) – Maria Irigoyen (ARG)
2007	Olga Govortsova (BLR)	Melissa Torres-Sandoval (MEX)	2007	Eva Hrdinova (CZE) – Michaela Pastikova (CZE)
2006	Vasilisa Bardina (RUS)	Stephanie Dubois (CAN)	2006	Maria Kondratieva (RUS) – Sofie Lefevre (FRA)
2005	Varvara Lepchenko (USA)	Ahsha Rolle (USA)	2005	Anastasia Rodionova (RUS) – Kristen Schlukibir (USA)
2004	Eugenia Linetskaya (RUS)	Alisa Kleybanova (RUS)	2004	Stephanie Dubois (CAN) – Alisa Kleybanova (RUS)
2003	Shuai Peng (CHN)	Tina Schiechtl (AUT)	2003	Teryn Ashley (USA) – Abigail Spears (USA)
2002	Gisela Dulko (ARG)	Evelyn Fauth (AUT)	2002	Lisa McShea (AUS) – Christina Wheeler (AUS)
2001	Irina Selyutina (KAZ)	Gabriela Volekova (SVK)	2001	Amanda Augustus (USA) – Irina Selyutina (KAZ)
2000	Jessica Steck (RSA)	Dawn Buth (USA)	2000	Joana Cortez (BRA) – Miriam D'Agostini (BRA)
1999	Daniela Hantuchova (SVK)	Milagros Sequera (VEN)	1999	Lindsay Lee-Waters (USA) – Julie Steven (USA)