

DOW CORNING TENNIS CLASSIC MIDLAND, MI • JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 5



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Greater Midland Tennis Center – Midland, Mich.

Websites: www.dowcorningtennisclassic.com
www.procircuit.usta.com

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, Jan. 29

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Jan. 31

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Indoor

Prize Money: \$100,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$15,200	140
Runner-Up	\$8,108	85
Semifinalist	\$4,433	50
Quarterfinalist	\$2,533	25
Round 16	\$1,520	13
Round 32	\$887	1

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$5,573
Runner-Up	\$2,787
Semifinalist	\$1,393
Quarterfinalist	\$760
Round 16	\$507

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, Jan. 28 – Pro-Am, 1-3 p.m.;
Kids' Fun Day, 3:30-5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 30 – Player Press Conference, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 – Pros to Schools/Schools to Matches

Friday, Feb. 3 – Cardio Tennis Clinic with the Pros,
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; LaLonde's Shrimp Fest,
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4 – High School Play Day

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO MIDLAND FOR 29TH YEAR

Now celebrating its 29th year, the Dow Corning Tennis Classic is the longest-running consecutive USTA Pro Circuit women's event. The tournament is considered the marquee women's tournament on the USTA Pro Circuit calendar and attracts more than 15,000 fans each year.

The USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to tennis stardom, and the Dow Corning Tennis Classic is truly emblematic of that. Six Grand Slam singles champions played in the event early in their careers, along with 13 Grand Slam doubles/mixed doubles champions. The most notable Midland alumni include Justine Henin, a seven-time Grand Slam champion and Olympic gold medal winner; five-time Grand Slam singles champion Maria Sharapova; two-time Grand Slam singles champion Mary Pierce; 2010 French Open singles champion Francesca Schiavone; 2011 French Open and 2014 Australian Open singles champion Li Na; and Anna Kournikova, a two-time Grand Slam women's doubles and mixed doubles champion.

The tournament began in 1989 at the \$25,000 level and seven years later became one of five USTA Pro Circuit tournaments to raise its prize money as part of the "Women's \$50,000 Challenger Series" in 1996. Three years later, in 1999, the prize money was raised again, this time to \$75,000. Midland made its debut as the first-ever \$100,000



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Madison Brengle defeated Serena Williams en route to the quarterfinals at the 2017 Australian Open tune-up in Auckland, New Zealand.

women's event on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2010 and has been held at the \$100,000 level ever since.

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

Notable players competing in Midland include:

Madison Brengle, 26, Dover, Del.

- Top seed in Midland, ranked No. 69 in the world.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals in Auckland this year, defeating Serena Williams in the second round. Also competed in the 2017 Australian Open.
- Advanced to the third round of the 2016 Australian Open, falling to eventual champion Angelique Kerber.
- Reached the semifinals in s'Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, and the quarterfinals of the WTA event in Dubai in 2016, while also winning her eighth USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$50,000 event in Osprey, Fla.

Former UCLA standout Jennifer Brady was a Cinderella story at this year's Australian Open, upsetting No. 14 seed Elena Vesnina and reaching the fourth round as a qualifier.

- Reached her first-ever WTA final in Hobart in 2015 and then advanced to the fourth round of the 2015 Australian Open—her career-best Grand Slam result—upsetting Top 10 player Andrea Petkovic in the first round.
- Peaked at No. 35 in the world in May 2015.
- As a junior, won USTA wild card playoffs to earn entry into the Australian Open (2007-08) and the French Open (2008).
- Climbed to No. 4 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2007 after advancing to the girls' singles finals at the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

Jennifer Brady, 21, Orlando, Fla.

- A Cinderella story of the 2017 Australian Open after qualifying for the main draw and advancing to the fourth round—her career-best result thus far. Lost to eventual semifinalist Mirjana Lucic-Baroni in the fourth round.
- 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.
- Turned pro in 2015 and soon thereafter won her second career USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in Rock Hill, S.C.; also won the \$25,000 event in Redding, Calif., in 2014.
- In 2016, qualified for the WTA event in Rio and won her third career USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$75,000 event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., as well as an ITF Circuit title in Canada.

Irina Falconi, 26, West Palm Beach, Fla.

- Won 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 of 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 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 four USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and two 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.

Kayla Day, 17, Santa Barbara, Calif.

- Competed in the Australian Open for the first time after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Australian Open Wild Card Challenge in fall 2016.
- 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 the clay in Madrid at the 2015 Junior Fed Cup finals.

Sofia Kenin, 18, Pembroke Pines, Fla.

- This year, advanced to the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event in Orlando, held at the new USTA National Campus.
- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in Wesley Chapel, Fla., in January 2016, and then added the title at the \$50,000 event in Sacramento, Calif., in July.
- Won the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a spot in the main draw of the 2016 US Open, facing eventual finalist Karolina Pliskova in the first round.
- 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 player, reached the singles final at the 2015 US Open Junior Championships, the semifinals at the 2016 junior US Open and the quarterfinals at 2016 junior Wimbledon.
- Climbed to No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Represented the U.S. at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and also competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China.
- Also goes by Sonya.

Julia Boserup, 25, Newport Beach, Calif.

- Qualified for and advanced to the second round of the 2017 Australian Open in her first main draw appearance in Melbourne.
- Qualified for and advanced to the third round of Wimbledon in 2016—her career-best result.
- In September 2016, advanced to the semifinals of the WTA event in Quebec City—her first WTA semi.
- Former top junior and USTA Pro Circuit veteran who has been a consistent presence in the Top 200 over the past four years.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and one doubles title.
- As a standout junior, won the prestigious Orange Bowl title in 2008.

Samantha Crawford, 21, 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 holds 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.

Robin Anderson, 23, Matawan, N.J.

- Graduated from UCLA in 2015 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for the fourth consecutive year, becoming the seventh player in school history to accomplish that feat.
- Named the ITA National Collegiate Player of the Year for 2014-15.
- Was part of UCLA's NCAA-title winning team in 2014 and 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 singles quarterfinals at the 2010 junior US Open.

Jacqueline Cako, 25, Brier, Wash.

- Won three separate sectional qualifying titles in 2015 to advance to the US Open National Playoffs Championships in women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.
- In 2014, won the National Playoffs mixed doubles championship to earn a wild card into the mixed doubles draw at the US Open, where she and partner Joel Kielbowicz lost to Donald Young and Taylor Townsend in the first round. Also won the National Playoffs women's doubles title in 2016 to compete in the US Open women's doubles draw.
- Completed her NCAA career in 2013 at Arizona State University, receiving All-America honors and being named the 2013 Pac-12 Women's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- Holds nine USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles and two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles.

Players receiving main draw wild cards include:

Varvara Lepchenko, 30, Allentown, Pa.

- Peaked at a career-high No. 19 in the world in October 2012, becoming the first American other than Venus and Serena Williams to be ranked in the Top 20 at the time since Lindsay Davenport in 2006.
- In 2012, reached the fourth round of the French Open and the third round of Wimbledon, boosting her ranking enough to qualify her for the 2012 U.S. Olympic team.
- In 2014, reached her first WTA final in Seoul, upsetting top seed Agnieszka Radwanska.
- In 2015, reached the fourth round of the US Open, losing to Victoria Azarenka; in 2016, advanced to the third round of the Australian Open and US Open.
- Played for the U.S. Fed Cup debut in 2013 in the World Group Quarterfinal in Italy, where she went 2-0 in singles with wins over then-world No. 8 Sara Errani and then-world No. 16 Roberta Vinci.

- A native of Uzbekistan, has been living in the U.S. since 2001 after receiving political asylum and officially changed her nationality in 2007 to play for the U.S.; became an official U.S. citizen in September 2011.

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.
- Advanced to three additional USTA Pro Circuit semifinals in 2016.
- 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.

Usue Maitane Arconada, 18, College Park, Md.

- Currently 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.

Raveena Kingsley, 18, Fulton, Md.

- Reached 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.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Claire Liu, 16, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

- 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.
- As a junior player, ranked a career-high No. 8 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. In 2016, reached the singles quarterfinals and won the doubles title at Wimbledon (with Usue Arconada) and reached the doubles quarterfinals of the junior US Open.
- In 2015, won the Easter Bowl and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Orange Bowl, both prestigious junior events.
- In February 2016, Liu the U.S. Fed Cup team in Hawaii as part of a junior Fed Cup camp run by USTA Player Development.

Danielle Lao, 25, 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.
- 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.

Elizabeth Halbauer, 19

- This year, advanced to the semifinals in both singles and doubles of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit women’s event in Orlando, held at the new USTA National Campus.
- Cracked the Top 350 for the first time in 2016 after winning an ITF Circuit event in Argentina in April and reaching the final at another \$25,000 ITF Circuit event in Canada in August.
- Competed in US Open qualifying in 2016 as a wild card.
- Reached the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Daytona Beach, Fla., in 2017.
- Won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 2013.

Caitlin Whoriskey, 28, East Sandwich, Mass.

- 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 who was named the 2010 College Senior Player of the Year after leading the Volunteers to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament.

- Captured first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2014 at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Also won the \$25,000 event in Fort Worth, Texas, in 2016.
- Holds 13 career USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including three in 2016.

Michaela Gordon, 17, Los Altos Hills, Calif.

- Peaked at No. 21 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in January 2015.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals of junior Wimbledon in 2014 and 2015.
- Has competed in all four Grand Slam junior events.
- Reached the semifinals of the 2013 and 2014 Easter Bowl—a prestigious junior event.

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 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.

Sophie Chang, 19, 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 at the \$25,000 event this year held at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando.
- Committed to play at the University of Virginia before turning pro.
- Great-grandfather, Joseph Carpenter, won the mixed doubles title at the 1910 U.S. National Championships.

**Player field subject to change*

MIDLAND PAST WINNERS

Singles				Doubles		
Year	Prize Money	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Prize Money	Winner
2016	\$100,000	Naomi Broady (GBR)	Robin Anderson (USA)	2016	\$100,000	CiCi Bellis (USA) / Ingrid Neel (USA)
2015	\$100,000	Tatjana Maria (GER)	Louisa Chirico (USA)	2015	\$100,000	Julie Coin (FRA) / Emily Webley-Smith (GBR)
2014	\$100,000	Heather Watson (GBR)	Ksenia Pervak (RUS)	2014	\$100,000	Anna Tatishvili (USA) / Emily Webley-Smith (GBR)
2013	\$100,000	Lauren Davis (USA)	Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO)	2013	\$100,000	Melinda Czink (HUN) / Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (CRO)
2012	\$100,000	Olga Govortsova (BLR)	Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK)	2012	\$100,000	Andrea Hlavackova (CZE) / Lucie Hradecka (CZE)
2011	\$100,000	Lucie Hradecka (CZE)	Irina Falconi (USA)	2011	\$100,000	Jamie Hampton (USA) / Anna Tatishvili (USA)
2010	\$100,000	Elena Baltacha (GBR)	Lucie Hradecka (CZE)	2010	\$100,000	Laura Granville (USA) / Lucie Hradecka (CZE)
2009	\$75,000	Lucie Hradecka (CZE)	Eleni Daniilidou (GRE)	2009	\$75,000	Yi Chen (TPE) / Rika Fujiwara (JPN)
2008	\$75,000	Laura Granville (USA)	Ashley Harkleroad (USA)	2008	\$75,000	Ashley Harkleroad (USA) / Shenay Perry (USA)
2007	\$75,000	Jill Craybas (USA)	Laura Granville (USA)	2007	\$75,000	Laura Granville (USA) / Abigail Spears (USA)
2006	\$75,000	Maria Emilia Salerni (ARG)	Vasilisa Bardina (RUS)	2006	\$75,000	Milagros Sequera (VEN) / Meilen Tu (USA)
2005	\$75,000	Laura Granville (USA)	Yoon-Jeong Cho (KOR)	2005	\$75,000	Yuliya Beygelzimer (UKR) / Kelly McCain (USA)
2004	\$75,000	Jill Craybas (USA)	Nicole Vaidisova (CZE)	2004	\$75,000	Sofia Arvidsson (SWE) / Asa Svensson (SWE)
2003	\$75,000	Bianka Lamade (GER)	Laura Granville (USA)	2003	\$75,000	Teryn Ashley (USA) / Abigail Spears (USA)
2002	\$75,000	Na Li (CHN)	Mashona Washington (USA)	2002	\$ 75,000	Janet Lee (TPE) / Elena Tatarkova (UKR)
2001	\$75,000	Yoon-Jeong Cho (KOR)	Tara Snyder (USA)	2001	\$75,000	Yvette Basting (NED) / Elena Tatarkova (UKR)
2000	\$75,000	Nicole Pratt (AUS)	Yuka Yoshida (JPN)	2000	\$75,000	Nannie de Villiers (RSA) / Rika Hiraki (JPN)
1999	\$75,000	Anne Kremer (LUX)	Tara Snyder (USA)	1999	\$75,000	Liezel Huber (USA) / Samantha Smith (GBR)
1998	\$50,000	Alexandra Stevenson (USA)	Samantha Reeves (USA)	1998	\$50,000	Catherine Barclay (AUS) / Kerry-Anne Guse (AUS)
1997	\$50,000	Kimberly Po (USA)	Meilen Tu (USA)	1997	\$50,000	Angela Lettiere (USA) / Nana Miyagi (JPN)
1996	\$50,000	Anna Kournikova (RUS)	Lindsay Lee-Waters (USA)	1996	\$50,000	Angela Lettiere (USA) / Corina Morariu (USA)
1995	\$25,000	Chanda Rubin (USA)	Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (NED)	1995	\$25,000	Chanda Rubin (USA) / Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (NED)
1994	\$25,000	Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (NED)	Meredith McGrath (USA)	1994	\$25,000	Erica Adams (USA) / Jeri Ingram (USA)
1993	\$25,000	Ros Nideffer (USA)	Debbie Graham (USA)	1993	\$25,000	Patty Fendick (USA) / Meredith McGrath (USA)
1992	\$25,000	Helen Kelesi (CAN)	Clair Wegink (TPE)	1992	\$25,000	Manon Bollegraf (NED) / Meredith McGrath (USA)
1991	\$25,000	Helen Kelesi (CAN)	Meredith McGrath (USA)	1991	\$25,000	Meredith McGrath (USA) / Anne Smith (USA)
1990	\$25,000	Linda Ferrando (ITA)	Mary Pierce (FRA)	1990	\$25,000	Alissa Finerman (USA) / Lisa Seemann (RSA)
1989	\$25,000	Shaun Stafford (USA)	Meredith McGrath (USA)	1989	\$25,000	Il-Soon Kim (KOR) / Jeong-Myung Lee (KOR)