



PUERTO RICO \$25K WOMEN'S CHALLENGER
BAYAMON, PUERTO RICO * OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 1, 2009

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

Site: Centro De Tenis Honda San Juan, Puerto Rico	Singles Qualifying: Begins Sunday, October 25
Surface: Hard / Outdoors	Main Draw: Begins Tuesday, October 27 (32 singles/16 doubles)
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**MADISON BRENGLE AND ALISON RISKE HEADLINE FIELD AT THE
INAUGURAL PUERTO RICO \$25K WOMEN'S CHALLENGER**

2008 US Open girls' champion CoCo Vandeweghe scheduled to compete in qualifying

The USTA Pro Circuit, celebrating its 30th Anniversary, is the largest developmental professional tennis circuit in the world, consisting of more than 90 events and more than \$3 million in prize money. The caliber of play at a \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit tournament is close to that of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour.

The USTA Pro Circuit also serves as an integral part of the USTA's mission to grow and develop the sport in the United States, mixing top-level tennis with community initiatives designed to increase tennis participation, which is at its highest point in 15 years. Nearly 27 million recreational tennis players taking to the courts last year in the United States, and the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association found that tennis is the fastest-growing traditional sport in the country. Overall, participation in tennis has jumped 43 percent since 2000.

Players scheduled to compete in this week's main draw include:

Madison Brengle, 19, of Dover, Del., is ranked No. 161. Brengle reached the final round of qualifying at Wimbledon and, more recently, advanced to the semifinals in Troy, Ala., and Boston and the quarterfinals in Lexington, Ky., and Las Vegas, all \$50,000 events on the USTA Pro Circuit. She broke into the Top 200 earlier this year after reaching the semifinals at the \$25,000 tournament in Laguna Niguel, Calif. In 2008, the 5-foot-5 right-hander was a member of the U.S. Fed Cup team that lost to Russia in the semifinals. She has played in the main draw of all four Grand Slam events in her young career, including the Australian Open and French Open in 2008. As a junior in 2007, she advanced to the girls' singles final at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

Alison Riske, 19, of McMurray, Pa., is ranked a career-high No. 235. She has surged up the rankings, improving more than 650 places from her 2008 year-end rank of No. 895. Thus far on the 2009 USTA Pro Circuit, Riske has won \$50,000 Troy, Ala., as a qualifier, reached the semifinals at \$50,000 in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and Boston, and advanced to the final at \$10,000 Hilton Head Island, S.C. She also claimed the doubles title in Hilton Head and reached the final at \$50,000 Lexington, Ky., both times with Jacqueline Cako. As a junior, Riske rose to No. 2 in the USTA Girls' 18s national standings, and she was a finalist at the 2007 Girls' 18s National Championships.

Julia Cohen, 20, of Miami, is ranked a career-high No. 261. Cohen was a collegiate All-American this year, having reached the semifinals of the NCAA tournament as a sophomore at the University of Miami. As a freshman at the University of Florida, Cohen was selected as the SEC and ITA Rookie of the Year. On the professional level in 2009, she has reached the semifinals at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Carson, Calif., \$25,000 ITF Circuit events in Waterloo, Canada, and Mexico City, Mexico, a \$10,000 ITF Circuit event in Celeya, Mexico, and the quarterfinals at a \$100,000 event in Bronx, N.Y. Cohen peaked at No. 4 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2007, when she reached the Australian Open girls' doubles final with Urszula Radwanska.

Mashona Washington, 33, of Houston, is ranked No. 285. She finished 2004 ranked No. 50 in the world and was No. 74 in 2005. Washington suffered a knee injury in 2006 while playing for the U.S. Fed Cup team in Belgium and did not return to singles play until October 2007. She completed her comeback in May 2008, when she won eight matches to claim the USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$50,000 event in Carson, Calif., as a qualifier. This summer, Washington reached the semifinals of the \$75,000 event in Vancouver as a qualifier, and the final at \$25,000 El Paso, Texas.

Kimberly Coats, 20, of Bradenton, Fla., is ranked No. 309. The former Easter Bowl champion and USTA Girls' 16s No. 1 won her first pro title at \$10,000 Evansville, Ind., in 2007, and has since graduated to \$25,000 and \$50,000 events. In 2008, she reached the semifinals at \$25,000 Raleigh, N.C., and won the doubles event with partner Anna Tatishvili, and in 2009 she has reached the semifinals at \$25,000 events in El Paso, Texas, and Laguna Niguel, Calif. She also qualified for \$50,000 Clearwater, Fla., \$50,000 Las Vegas, and \$25,000 Hammond, La., where she reached the quarterfinals. Coats also won the doubles title at the \$25,000 event in Lutz, Fla., with Sharon Fichman, and reached the final at Las Vegas with Lindsay Lee-Waters.

Patricia Mayr, of Austria, at No. 91, enters Bayamon as the highest-ranked player. She has reached the second round at both Wimbledon and the Australian Open. **Mirjana Lucic**, 27, of Croatia, is ranked No. 320. She peaked at No. 32 in 1998 and advanced to the semifinals of Wimbledon in 1999 before a four-year retirement (2003-07). Lucic recently reached the semifinals at \$50,000 Las Vegas as a qualifier.

Players scheduled to compete in qualifying include:

CoCo Vandeweghe, 17, of Rancho Mirage, Calif., is ranked No. 350. She burst onto the international scene at the 2008 US Open when she became the first American to win the girls' singles title since Tara Snyder in 1995. Vandeweghe also received a wild card into the women's draw of the 2008 US Open after reaching the final of the 2008 USTA Girls' 18s National Championships in Berkeley, Calif. (She competed in the US Open qualifying this year.) In 2009, she reached the second round at the Olympus US Open Series event in Los Angeles and, on the USTA Pro Circuit, advanced to the round of 16 at the \$75,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Dothan, Ala., and the quarterfinals of \$50,000 Troy, Ala. Vandeweghe represented the U.S. as a Future Fed Cupper during the 2007 Fed Cup quarterfinal tie against Argentina in February. Her uncle is former NBA player and current general manager of the New Jersey Nets Kiki Vandeweghe.

Alexandra Mueller, 21, of Abington, Pa., is ranked No. 396. Mueller collected her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in June 2009 by winning \$10,000 Hilton Head, S.C. She also advanced to the semifinals at \$10,000 Landisville, Pa., before losing to former Top 30 player Laura Granville, and reached the quarterfinals at four other USTA Pro Circuit events this year, including \$50,000 events in Charlottesville, Va., and Boston. Mueller won her first ITF title at the \$10,000 event in Mont Tremblant, Canada, on clay in 2003 at age 15, and captured her first professional doubles title on the USTA Pro Circuit title in 2007 at Hilton Head with Stacia Fonseca.

Ester Goldfeld, 16, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is ranked No. 719. Playing in her first full year on the USTA Pro Circuit, Goldfeld reached the final at the \$10,000 event in Brownsville, Texas, in June, and the semifinals at \$10,000 Evansville, Ind., in July. In doubles, she won the \$10,000 event in Wichita, Kan., with Macall Harkins. As a junior, she placed third at the USTA Girls' 18s Spring National Championships and reached the quarterfinals at the USTA Girls' 18s National Championships. She also competed in the Australian Open and US Open girls' singles draws.

Beatrice Capra, 17, of Ellicott City, Md., is ranked No. 707. Capra won the USTA Girls' 18s Spring National Championships in March, the ITF Pan-American Closed Championships in October 2008 and reached the Girls' 18s final at both the 2008 International Grass Court Championships and the 2008 USTA National Clay Court Championships. She also competed in all four Grand Slam junior tournaments in 2009 with her best showing at this year's US Open, in which she reached the quarterfinals. Capra is ranked No. 2 in the USTA Girls' 18s National Standings and No. 19 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. On the USTA Pro Circuit, Capra won her first singles title at \$10,000 Williamsburg, Va., in October 2009. She had won two USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles in 2008.

Also competing in qualifying are: **Lena Litvak**, 20, of New York, ranked No. 345, who this year reached the round of 16 at the \$50,000 event in Raleigh, N.C., and the quarterfinals at \$25,000 ITF events in Mexico, Korea and Canada; **Ashley Weinhold**, 20, of Austin, Texas, ranked No. 416, who qualified and reached the round of 16 at \$75,000 Vancouver.

Tournament Points and Prize Money for \$25,000 Women's Level

	Winner	Runner-Up	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalist	Round 16	Round 32
Singles Prize Money	\$2,940	\$1,666	\$1,078	\$686	\$490	\$294
Singles WTA Ranking Points	50	34	24	14	8	1
Doubles Prize Money (team)	\$1,176	\$686	\$392	\$196	\$98	--

The USTA Pro Circuit

With more than 90 tournaments throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed on the USTA Pro Circuit for approximately \$3.2 million in prize money and valuable ATP and WTA Tour ranking points. **Maria Sharapova, Andy Roddick, James Blake, Andy Murray, Jelena Jankovic, David Nalbandian** and **Jo-Wilfried Tsonga** are among today's top stars that began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit. The USTA Pro Circuit is world-class tennis administered on the local level and played on local tennis courts as part of the fabric of communities nationwide -- an opportunity for current and new fans to experience the excitement and intensity of the professional game in their neighborhood.