

FUTURES OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA CHAMPAIGN, IL • JULY 15-23



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Atkins Tennis Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – Champaign, Ill.

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, July 15

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, July 18

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 | \$3,600 | 27 |
| Runner-Up | \$2,120 | 15 |
| Semifinalist | \$1,255 | 8 |
| Quarterfinalist | \$730 | 3 |
| Round 16 | \$430 | 1 |
| Round 32 | \$260 | — |
| DOUBLES: | Prize Money (per team) | |
| Winner | \$1,550 | |
| Runner-Up | \$900 | |
| Semifinalist | \$540 | |
| Quarterfinalist | \$320 | |
| Round 16 | \$180 | |

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO CHAMPAIGN IN FIRST OF TWO CONSECUTIVE EVENTS

The Futures of Champaign-Urbana comes to Illinois for the third consecutive year and is the first of two consecutive men's tournaments being held in Champaign, with another tournament taking place here next week. The city also hosts a \$75,000 Challenger each November, an event that started in 1996. This is one of six USTA Pro Circuit men's events held in the state of Illinois this year—Edwardsville and Decatur will be held later this summer, and in addition to the \$75,000 Challenger in Champaign in November, Winnetka hosted a \$75,000 Challenger last week.

Notable players competing in Champaign include:

Ryan Shane, 23, Falls Church, Va.
(2015 doubles champion)

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 after a stellar collegiate career.
- During his junior season, won the NCAA singles title and finished as the No. 2-ranked collegiate player in the country.
- Was a member of three NCAA championship teams with Virginia, winning team titles in 2013, 2015 and 2016.
- Earned All-America honors during his junior and senior years, finishing his collegiate career with a 103-36 record in singles play.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and one doubles title.
- Reached back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit

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quarterfinals this summer at the \$25,000 events in Tulsa, Okla., and Wichita, Kan.

- Competed in the main draw of the 2015 US Open as a wild card.
- Served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team in its first-round tie against Switzerland this year in Birmingham, Ala.

Jared Hiltzik, 23, Wilmette, Ill./Tampa, Fla.
(Defending doubles champion)

- Graduated in 2016 from the University of Illinois, where he earned three All-America honors, making him one of three Illini players ever to do so.
- Finished his collegiate career as the eighth-winningest singles player in program history, with 115 victories.

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Defending doubles champion Jared Hiltzik graduated in 2016 from the University of Illinois, where he earned All-America honors and reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament as a junior.

- Reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament as a junior in 2015.
- Won his first career pro singles title at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Memphis, Tenn., this year; reached the semifinals at the \$25,000 Futures in Little Rock, Ark., the following week.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit doubles title in early 2016 at the USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C., and then captured back-to-back doubles titles in Illinois in summer 2016. Also won a doubles title at an ITF Pro Circuit event in Israel this year.
- In July 2016, served as a practice partner with the U.S. Davis Cup team for its quarterfinal against Croatia in Portland, Ore.

Aron Hiltzik, 21, Wilmette, Ill.

- Is a rising senior at Illinois. Played with brother Jared for two seasons at Illinois.
- Has held a 21-2 singles record so far in Big Ten play during his collegiate career.
- Earned First-Team All-Big Ten honors in 2015 and 2017.
- Has ranked as high as No. 20 in singles in the collegiate rankings and No. 23 in doubles, both taking place in March 2017.

Dennis Nevolo, 27, Gurnee, Ill.

- Graduated from the University of Illinois in 2012, receiving two All-America honors.
- Was the second player in Illini program history to earn All-Big Ten honors all four seasons.

- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, both won in 2014, as well as four USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- This year, reached semifinals at the \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures events in Buffalo, N.Y., and Pittsburgh, Pa., and the quarterfinals at the \$15,000 Futures in Tampa, Fla.

Shane Vinsant, 23, Keller, Texas

- Graduated from Texas A&M in 2016, where he received All-SEC honors.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit doubles title, won in 2012.
- Reached the singles final at an ITF Pro Circuit event in Japan in March. Spent this May and June competing in Korea and Mexico.

Hunter Callahan, 24, Lower Gwynedd, Pa.

- The former standout for Ohio State was a 2012 and 2013 Scholar-Athlete.
- This year, won his first ITF Pro Circuit doubles title in Greece; also reached the doubles semifinals or better at seven additional events in the United States and throughout the world.

Eric James Johnson, 24, San Jose, Calif.

- Is using a protected ranking to compete in Champaign.
- Graduated from USC in 2015 and was a member of the Trojans' NCAA championship-winning teams in 2012 and 2014.
- Since graduation, has won two ITF Pro Circuit singles titles in Israel and Greece in 2015.

**Player field subject to change*

CHAMPAIGN PAST WINNERS

| Singles | | | Doubles | |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|---|
| Year | Winner | Runner-Up | Year | Winner |
| 2016 | Christian Harrison (USA) | Rhyn Williams (USA) | 2016 | Jared Hiltzik (USA) – Dominik Koepfer (GER) |
| 2015 | Kevin King (USA) | Richard Gabb (GBR) | 2015 | Ryan Shane (USA) – Justin Shane (USA) |