

## MEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA • OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 5



### TOURNAMENT INFO

**Site:** The Boar's Head Sports Club  
Charlottesville, Va.

**Websites:** [www.boarsheadinn.com](http://www.boarsheadinn.com)  
[www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com)

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Saturday, Oct. 28

**Main Draw Begins:** Monday, Oct. 30

**Main Draw:** 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

**Surface:** Hard / Outdoor

**Prize Money:** \$75,000

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### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$10,800	90
Runner-up	\$6,360	55
Semifinalist	\$3,765	33
Quarterfinalist	\$2,190	17
Round of 16	\$1,290	8
Round of 32	\$780	0

**DOUBLES:** Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$4,650
Runner-up	\$2,700
Semifinalist	\$1,620
Quarterfinalist	\$960
Round of 16	\$540

### USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO CHARLOTTESVILLE, KICKS OFF AUSTRALIAN OPEN WILD CARD CHALLENGE

The **Men's Tennis Championships** is taking place in Charlottesville for the ninth consecutive year. It is the only USTA Pro Circuit men's event held in Virginia. Charlottesville also holds a \$60,000 women's event in April.

Charlottesville is the first of three consecutive men'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 men's portion of the wild card challenge are \$75,000 Challengers in Knoxville, Tenn., held the week of Nov. 6, and Champaign, Ill., held the week of Nov. 13.

In addition to the three men's tournaments, the Australian Open Wild Card Challenge also includes three \$80,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's hard-court tournaments taking place in Macon, Ga., the week of Oct. 23, in Tyler, Texas, the week of Oct. 30, and in Waco, Texas, the week of Nov. 6.

The American woman who earns the most 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.



*Denis Kudla competed in the 2016 Olympics in Rio and reach the fourth round of Wimbledon in 2015.*

This tournament will be streamed live on [www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com).

Notable players competing in Charlottesville include:

**Denis Kudla, 25, Arlington, Va./Tampa, Fla.**

- In 2017, has reached the quarterfinals or better at six USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit Challengers. Also reached the final round of qualifying at Wimbledon this year.
- Made his Olympic debut in Rio in 2016.
- Also in 2016, won his first-round match at the Australian Open, competed in the US Open and won matches at the ATP events in Indian Wells, Miami, Houston and Madrid.
- Reached the semifinals of the US Open Series event in Atlanta in 2015 for his best ATP result.
- Earned a wild card into Wimbledon in 2015 and reached the fourth round for his career-best Grand Slam singles result.
- Holds seven USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as seven doubles titles.



*Tennys Sandgren, who was ranked outside the Top 300 as recently as last year, is ranked a career-high No. 92 in the world and made his main-draw debut at the 2017 US Open.*

- Was ranked as high as No. 3 in the world junior rankings and reached the 2010 US Open boys' singles final.
- Born in Kiev, Ukraine.

## **Tennys Sandgren, 26, Gallatin, Tenn.**

- Made his Grand Slam main-draw debut at the 2017 French Open after winning the Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge. Earned the wild card by winning the \$75,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Savannah, Ga., and by reaching the final of the \$100,000 Challenger in Sarasota, Fla. Had attempted to qualify for a Grand Slam main draw 12 times.
- Currently ranked a career-high No. 92 in the world after strong results on the USTA Pro Circuit this Fall. Was ranked outside the Top 300 as recently as last year.
- Is on the comeback trail after having hip surgery in 2014, which sidelined him from February until after that year's US Open.
- Was a former University of Tennessee standout; reached the semifinals of the 2011 NCAA Championships.
- Holds 14 singles and 16 doubles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit, including two titles this year.
- In 2013, served as a Davis Cup practice partner for the U.S. team as it prepared to face Serbia in Boise, Idaho.

## **Michael Mmoh, 19, Bradenton, Fla.**

- Competed in the 2017 Australian Open main draw as a wild card after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Australian Open Wild Card Challenge. Also qualified for the ATP event in Auckland, New Zealand, in 2017 and competed in the Masters Series event in Miami as a wild card.
- In 2016, made his Grand Slam main-draw debut at the US Open as a wild card as the USTA Boys' 18s national champion. Also qualified for the ATP's Memphis Open and competed in the main draw of the Masters 1000 event in Miami.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit Challenger title in fall 2016 at the \$50,000 event in Knoxville, Tenn., and his second this year at the \$75,000 Challenger in Lexington, Ky. Holds four additional Futures titles.
- Peaked at No. 2 in the world junior rankings in 2015 after reaching the singles semifinals at the junior French Open and the quarterfinals at the junior US Open. Also competed in the junior Australian Open and Wimbledon that year, reaching the doubles semifinals at both tournaments.
- In 2014, went 5-0 in singles to help lead the U.S. to the Junior Davis Cup title.
- Was born in Saudi Arabia and is the son of former ATP professional and Nigerian Olympian Tony Mmoh.

## **Tommy Paul, 20, Boca Raton, Fla.**

- Won the 2017 US Open Wild Card Challenge to earn a spot in this year's US Open.
- Reached back-to-back ATP quarterfinals this summer at the US Open Series event in Atlanta—his first career ATP quarterfinal—and Washington D.C. Also advanced to the semifinals of the \$75,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Winnetka, Ill., this summer.
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at the 2015 US Open as a qualifying wild card. Was just the 16th player ever to compete in the US Open main draw after receiving a wild card into qualifying and then winning three matches to secure his spot in the main singles draw.

- Won the 2015 French Open junior singles title, becoming the sixth American ever to win the boys' championship in Paris; defeated fellow American Taylor Fritz in the first-ever all-U.S. boys' singles final at Roland Garros, dating back to 1947.
- Reached the final of the junior US Open in 2015, losing to Fritz, and the quarterfinals of junior Wimbledon.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 3 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in fall 2015.
- As a pro, won the \$15,000 Futures in Palm Coast, Fla., in February and the USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C., this June. Holds six USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit singles titles overall.
- In 2016, upset No. 8 seed and world No. 53 Paolo Lorenzi to advance to the second round of the ATP's U.S. Clay Court Championship in Houston.
- Served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team in the quarterfinal tie against Croatia in Portland, Ore., in July 2016.
- Trains at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

## **Reilly Opelka, 20, Palm Coast, Fla.**

- Defending champion in Charlottesville.
- Qualified for the 2017 Australian Open (his first Grand Slam main draw appearance) and pushed eventual quarterfinalist David Goffin to five sets in the first round. Also reached the second round at the ATP's Memphis Open earlier this year and reached the semifinals of a Challenger in France.
- Reached the quarterfinals of the ATP grass-court Challenger in Nottingham this June and then peaked at a career-high No. 125 in the world.
- Won first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in November 2016 at the \$50,000 Challenger in Charlottesville, Va.
- Best known for his height (6-foot-11), which ties him with Ivo Karlovic as the tallest player in the world.
- Has dealt with many injuries over the years because of his rapid growth but had his best summer as a pro in 2016, reaching the semifinals of the BB&T Atlanta Open and the second round in Cincinnati, both US Open Series events.
- Broke into the Top 300 of the pro rankings in summer 2016 after beginning the year ranked No. 981.
- As a junior, won the Wimbledon boys' singles title in 2015 and was ranked as high as No. 4 in the world.
- Was introduced to tennis by USTA national coach and former U.S. Davis Cup captain Tom Gullikson after Gullikson met Opelka's father while playing golf near Palm Coast.
- Currently training at the new USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla.

## **Stefan Kozlov, 19, Pembroke Pines, Fla.**

- In 2017, competed in Australian Open qualifying and reached three USTA Pro Circuit Challenger quarterfinals. Also won matches at ATP events in Miami and Leon, Mexico, as well as at the Wimbledon tune-up events in s-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, and Queen's Club, where he defeated Steve Johnson at the Queen's Club.
- Won the first three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of his career in 2016 (\$25,000 Futures events in Los Angeles and Little Rock, Ark., \$75,000 Challenger in Columbus, Ohio). Also holds three ITF Pro Circuit/ATP Challenger singles titles.

- In June 2016, earned a wild card into the ATP event in 's-Hertogenbosch and reached the third round.
- In late 2014, reached the final of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Sacramento, Calif., losing to former Top 20 player Sam Querrey. In advancing to the Sacramento final at age 16, became the youngest American to reach a Challenger final since Andre Agassi in 1986.
- A junior standout, peaked at No. 2 in the world junior rankings in 2014, when he reached the junior boys' finals at both Wimbledon and the Australian Open, as well as the quarterfinals of the junior US Open and French Open. At the All England Club, fell to 2014 USTA Boys' 18s national champion Noah Rubin in the first all-American Wimbledon boys' final since 1977.
- In 2015, served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup Team in Glasgow, Scotland.

## **Tim Smyczek, 29, Tampa, Fla.**

- In 2015, qualified for the main draw of the Australian Open and won his first-round match. In the second round, became a top storyline after facing Rafael Nadal and almost pulling off an upset, falling to the Spaniard in a five-set thriller, 6-2, 3-6, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-5. During the match, was heralded for his sportsmanship after giving Nadal a first serve when a fan yelled out during Nadal's service toss in the final game of the fifth set.
- Following the 2015 Australian Open, won the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Dallas for his fifth USTA Pro Circuit singles title. That October, won his sixth title at the \$100,000 Challenger in Tiburon, Calif.
- In 2016, reached the semifinals of USTA Pro Circuit Challengers in Dallas and Tiburon. Also advanced to the quarterfinals of the ATP event in Delray Beach, Fla., and qualified and upset John Isner en route to the third round in Miami.
- Has qualified for five ATP events this year (Memphis, Delray Beach, Miami, Atlanta, Montreal) and also qualified for the 2017 US Open.
- Has played in all four Grand Slam tournaments during his career, advancing to the second round or better at the US Open each year from 2012-14, highlighted by a third-round showing in 2013.
- Peaked at No. 68 in the world in April 2015.
- Regularly trains at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Fla. Once lived with Mardy Fish for a year while training there.

## **Bjorn Fratangelo, 24, Pittsburgh, Pa.**

- In 2017, won his first career match at the US Open after competing in the main draw for three years.
- Also this year, qualified for the Australian Open and French Open and reached first ATP semifinal this July at the grass-court event in Newport, R.I., falling to John Isner.
- Made French Open main-draw debut in 2016 after earning a wild card by winning the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge and won first-round match over Sam Querrey for his first career Grand Slam win.
- Also in 2016, qualified for the Australian Open – his first appearance in a Grand Slam main draw outside of the US Open – as well as Wimbledon. Also reached the third round of the US Open Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C., and qualified for the ATP events in Indian Wells, where he pushed world No. 1 Novak Djokovic to three sets in the second round, and Miami.

- Made Grand Slam main-draw debut at the 2015 US Open after winning the USTA Pro Circuit US Open Wild Card Challenge.
- Holds 10 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles.
- Won the French Open boys' singles title in 2011, becoming the first American to win the Roland Garros boys' title since John McEnroe in 1977.
- Named after 11-time Grand Slam champion Bjorn Borg.
- Currently trains at the USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla.

## **Marcos Giron, 24, Thousand Oaks, Calif.**

- Won the 2014 NCAA singles title as a junior at UCLA, becoming the 11th Bruin to win the NCAA men's singles crown and the first to do so in eight years.
- Finished the 2013-14 season as the No. 1 college tennis player.
- On the strength of his NCAA title, received a wild card into the 2014 US Open, where he lost to fellow American John Isner in the first round.
- Claimed the men's title at the inaugural US Open American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament held at the US Open for U.S. college players, in 2014.
- Turned pro in 2014.
- Holds five USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, including the \$25,000 Futures in Long Beach, Calif., in 2017, and one ITF Pro Circuit singles title in China this year. Has also won three doubles titles.
- Had hip surgery in December 2015 and returned to competition in September 2016, reaching the quarterfinals or better at four events and winning one USTA Pro Circuit title. While recovering from surgery, he served as UCLA's men's tennis volunteer assistant coach.
- Served as a Davis Cup practice partner for the team's World Group Playoff in Chicago in 2014.

## **Mackenzie McDonald, 22, Los Angeles**

- Was a three-time singles All-American at UCLA, turning pro after his junior year in 2016.
- Made college tennis history by sweeping both the 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles, the first men's player in 15 years to do so. Also finished his final season ranked No. 1 in singles and doubles in the ITA collegiate rankings.
- In 2016, made his debut at the US Open as a wild card. Also last year, won the first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of his career at the \$10,000 Futures in Irvine, Calif.
- Won his second and third career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles in 2017 at the \$25,000 Futures in Los Angeles this January and the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Fairfield, Calif., this October.
- Holds six USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- In 2015, won the American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament held at the US Open for college players.

## **Christian Harrison, 23, Bradenton, Fla.**

- Did not compete from July 2013 to August 2015 after suffering a series of injuries.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of 2017 at the \$25,000 Futures in Tulsa, Okla., then won another title a week later in Wichita, Kan. Won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in

summer 2016 at the \$25,000 Futures in Champaign, Ill. Also holds one ITF-level singles title, won in Great Britain in 2013.

- Is on the comeback trail after qualifying for the 2016 US Open—his first-ever Grand Slam main draw.
- Advanced to the doubles quarterfinals at the 2012 US Open with older brother and Top 50 player Ryan Harrison.

## **Dennis Novikov, 23, San Jose, Calif.**

- In 2017, advanced to his first ATP quarterfinal at the grass-court event in Newport, R.I. Also reached the quarterfinals or better at five USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit Challengers.
- Qualified for and advanced to the second round of Wimbledon in 2016. Also advanced to the mixed doubles quarterfinals at the 2016 US Open.
- In 2016, won three \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger doubles titles, while also qualifying for the ATP events in Miami and Delray Beach in singles.
- Holds eight singles and 10 doubles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit.
- Represented the U.S. at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, where he won the bronze medal in men's singles. Also in 2015, won Challenger singles titles in Cary, N.C., and Columbus, Ohio.
- Was the 2012 USTA Boys' 18s national champion in singles and doubles, which earned him wild-card entries into each main draw at the 2012 US Open. Became just the second USTA Boys' 18s champ in 15 years (the other being Jack Sock) to advance to the second round in singles at the Open; defeated 2013 Wimbledon semifinalist Jerzy Janowicz in the first round.
- Completed his sophomore year at UCLA in 2013 and turned pro that summer.
- Was born in Moscow and moved with his family to the U.S. as a 1-year-old.

## **Kevin King, 26, Peachtree City, Ga.**

- Graduated from Georgia Tech in 2012, finishing his career ranked No. 4 in doubles in the collegiate rankings and with 87 doubles wins.
- Earned All-America honors in 2011 after reaching the semifinals of the NCAA Doubles Championships that year.
- Holds six USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, including three titles this year, and 11 doubles titles.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

## **Bradley Klahn, 27, Poway, Calif.**

- Won the doubles title in early 2017 at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Calabasas, Calif., his first pro title since 2014. Won a match in US Open, French Open and Wimbledon qualifying this year and also won a doubles title at an ITF Pro Circuit event in Canada this summer.
- Spent 21 months away from tennis after undergoing back surgery to repair a herniated disk in early 2015, during which he contemplated retirement. In his first event back at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Champaign, Ill., in November 2016, qualified and advanced to the quarterfinals.
- Won the 2010 NCAA men's singles title for Stanford and was a collegiate All-American in 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- Following his pro debut in 2012, received a wild card into

qualifying at the 2012 US Open and subsequently won three matches to advance to the main draw, where he upset Top 50 player Jurgen Melzer in the first round. In doing so, became the first men's qualifying wild card to win a round at the US Open.

- Earned a main-draw wild card into the 2013 US Open by winning the USTA Pro Circuit US Open Wild Card Challenge. Also competed in the US Open main draw in 2014.
- In 2013, led the USTA Pro Circuit in prize money after reaching five singles finals and winning two singles titles.

## **Christopher Eubanks, 21, Atlanta**

- Turned pro on October 23 after completing his junior year at Georgia Tech.
- Is a two-time ACC Player of the Year and two-time ITA singles All-American.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2017 NCAA singles championship and went 31-6 in singles play as a junior.
- Made his Grand Slam main-draw debut at the 2017 US Open, after receiving a wild card.
- Competed in two US Open Series events this summer, reaching the singles quarterfinals in Atlanta and competing in qualifying in Cincinnati.
- Won his first pro singles title this June in at the USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C. Also holds two USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, also won this year.

## **Thai-Son Kwiatkowski, 22, Charlotte**

- Graduated in May from the University of Virginia, where he won the 2017 NCAA singles title and was a three-time All-American.
- Was part of three NCAA championship-winning teams at Virginia, with the school capturing team titles in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Named "Most Outstanding Player" at the 2016 NCAA team championship.
- Won the American Collegiate Invitational at the US Open in 2016, a tournament for esteemed college players.
- Holds one ITF Pro Circuit singles title, won in Puerto Rico in 2016, as well as three USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- Ranked as high as No. 13 in the world among juniors in 2013. Competed in all four junior Grand Slams in singles and doubles, reaching the doubles quarterfinals at the 2012 junior US Open and French Open.

## **Jared Hiltzik, 23, Wilmette, Ill./Tampa, Fla.**

- 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.
- Reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament as a junior in 2015.
- Won his first career pro singles title at the \$25,000 USTA Futures event 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 tie against Croatia in Portland, Ore.

**JC Aragone, 22, Yorba Linda, Calif.**

- Qualified for the 2017 US Open.
- Graduated in May from the University of Virginia, where he was a part of three NCAA title-winning teams and clinched the victory for UVa this past year.
- Won 37 singles matches for Virginia this past season, a career-best and team-high.
- Competes with an insulin pump at a Type I diabetic.

**Ryan Shane, 23, Falls Church, Va.**

- 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 three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and two doubles titles. Had a strong September by winning the singles and doubles titles at the \$15,000 Futures in Laguna Niguel, Calif., and then reaching the singles final the following week in Fountain Valley, Calif.
- Also reached back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit 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.

**Ronnie Schneider, 23, Bloomington, Ind.**

- This year, completed his collegiate career at UNC, where he earned All-America honors.
- Named the 2017 ITA Senior Player of the Year.
- Four-time All-ACC selection.
- Won first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title this fall at the \$15,000 Futures in Fountain Valley, Calif. Also won three doubles titles this year.
- Captured the 2013 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships doubles title to earn a wild card into the main draw of the 2013 US Open doubles tournament.

\*Player field subject to change

## CHARLOTTESVILLE PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Reilly Opelka (USA)	Ruben Bemelmans (BEL)	2016	Brian Baker (USA) – Sam Groth (AUS)
2015	Noah Rubin (USA)	Tommy Paul (USA)	2015	Chase Buchanan (USA) – Tennys Sandgren (USA)
2014	James Duckworth (AUS)	Liam Broady (GBR)	2014	Treat Huey (PHI) – Frederik Nielsen (DEN)
2013	Michael Russell (USA)	Peter Polansky (CAN)	2013	Steve Johnson (USA) – Tim Smyczek (USA)
2012	Denis Kudla (USA)	Alex Kuznetsov (USA)	2012	John Peers (AUS) – John-Patrick Smith (AUS)
2011	Izak van der Merwe (RSA)	Jesse Levine (USA)	2011	Treat Conrad Huey (PHI) – Dominic Inglot (GBR)
2010	Robert Kendrick (USA)	Michael Shabaz (USA)	2010	Robert Kendrick (USA) – Donald Young (USA)
2009	Kevin Kim (USA)	Somdev Devvarman (IND)	2009	Martin Emmrich (GER) – Andreas Siljeström (SWE)