

HARDEE'S PRO CLASSIC DOTHAN, AL • APRIL 16-23



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Westgate Tennis Center – Dothan, Ala.

Websites: www.dothanprotennis.org
www.procircuit.usta.com

Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, April 16

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, April 18

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$60,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

| SINGLES: | Prize Money | Ranking Points |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Winner | \$9,119 | 80 |
| Runner-Up | \$4,863 | 48 |
| Semifinalist | \$2,659 | 29 |
| Quarterfinalist | \$1,520 | 15 |
| Round 16 | \$911 | 8 |
| Round 32 | \$533 | 1 |

| DOUBLES: | Prize Money (per team) |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Winner | \$3,344 |
| Runner-Up | \$1,672 |
| Semifinalist | \$836 |
| Quarterfinalist | \$456 |
| Round 16 | \$304 |

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, April 16 – Family Day

Monday, April 17 – Pro-Am, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 22 – Youth Tennis Program, 10:30 a.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO DOTHAN, CONTINUES WOMEN'S ROLAND GARROS WILD CARD CHALLENGE

The Hardee's Pro Classic will take place in Dothan for the 17th consecutive year. It is one of two USTA Pro Circuit events held in Alabama, joining a \$25,000 women's event in Pelham, also in April. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training for younger players on clay.

Dothan is also the second of four consecutive women's clay-court tournaments (joining an \$80,000 event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and \$60,000 events in Charlottesville, Va., and Charleston, S.C.) that are part of the Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge, which will award a men's and women's wild card into the 2017 French Open. Numerous men's tournaments are also taking place over the next four weeks to award a wild card.

The American man and American woman who earn the most ATP and WTA ranking points over the next four weeks will receive USTA wild cards to compete in the main draws of the French Open, which will be held Sunday, May 28, to Sunday, June 11. Players who do not receive direct entry into the French Open are eligible for the wild cards. The USTA and the French Tennis Federation have a reciprocal agreement in which wild cards into the 2017 French Open and 2017 US Open are exchanged.



Brian Freidman/USTA

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

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

Notable players competing in Dothan include:

Madison Brengle, 27, Dover, Del.

- Top American in Indian Harbour Beach; ranked No. 88 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 and won matches at the WTA premier events in Miami and Indian Wells.
- 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.
- Reached her first-ever WTA final in Hobart in 2015 and then advanced to the fourth round of the 2015 Australian Open—her

Former junior No. 1 Taylor Townsend advanced to the third round of the WTA event in Miami this year and qualified for the 2016 US Open, where she faced former world No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki in the first round.



Darren Carroll/USTA

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.

Taylor Townsend, 21, Atlanta (defending doubles champion and 2016 singles finalist)

- In 2017, qualified for the WTA event in Miami and advanced to the third round.
- Made third consecutive appearance in the main draw of the French Open in 2016 after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge; also won the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge in 2014 and advanced to the third round of that year's French Open for her career-best Grand Slam result.
- Qualified for the 2016 US Open and faced Caroline Wozniacki in the first round; also advanced to the women's doubles quarterfinals in New York.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and 12 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including eight doubles titles in 2016—the most of any player since 1987.
- Was the 2012 ITF World Junior Champion, becoming the first U.S. girl to hold the year-end No. 1 junior ranking since Gretchen Rush in 1982; ascended to No. 1 by winning the Australian Open junior singles and doubles titles, as well as the junior doubles titles at the US Open and Wimbledon in 2012.

Grace Min, 22, Boca Raton, Fla. (2014 singles champion)

- Holds nine USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, including three in 2016. Also has won one doubles title.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 97 in the world in March 2015 after reaching the second round of the WTA's Rio Open and competing in Indian Wells.
- In 2014, reached the semifinals of the WTA event in Bad Gastein, Austria—her first-ever WTA semifinal—and competed in the US Open and French Open main draws, qualifying at Roland Garros.
- Was one of the top juniors in the world in 2011, when she won the US Open girls' singles title and the Wimbledon girls' doubles title, propelling her to No. 4 in the world junior rankings.

Sachia Vickery, 21, Miramar, Fla.

- Peaked at a career-high No. 108 in the world in July 2015 after qualifying for Wimbledon. Also received a wild card into the 2015 US Open and qualified for the 2016 French Open.
- In 2015, advanced to the quarterfinals of the WTA's Wimbledon tune-up event in Nottingham, Great Britain, and won the first two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of her career at the \$25,000 Florida events in Plantation and Sunrise.
- In 2014, earned a main-draw wild card into the 2014 Australian Open by winning the USTA's Australian Open Wild Card Playoff. That same year, reached the quarterfinals at the US Open Series event in Stanford, Calif.—her first WTA quarterfinal.
- In 2013, won the USTA National Girls' 18s singles and doubles titles, earning wild cards into the main draws of the singles and doubles events at the 2013 US Open. At the Open, won her first-round match in

her Grand Slam debut, defeating Mirjana Lucic-Baroni in straight sets.

- As a junior, ascended to No. 6 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.

Jamie Loeb, 22, Ossining, N.Y.

- Completed her sophomore year at the University of North Carolina in 2015, winning the NCAA Division I singles title to become the first singles national champion in North Carolina women's tennis history. Turned pro shortly thereafter.
- Was also the top-ranked college tennis player for most of her freshman year (2013-14).
- As a freshman, named the 2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year, as well as the 2014 ACC Women's Tennis Player of the Year, making her the third UNC player ever to earn that distinction.
- Received a wild card into the 2015 US Open, where she lost to reigning finalist Caroline Wozniacki in the first round.
- In 2014, won the inaugural American Collegiate Invitational at the US Open.
- Holds seven USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit singles titles and six doubles titles.

Kristie Ahn, 24, Upper Saddle River, N.J.

- Graduated from Stanford in 2014 as a four-time All-American; went 97-17 in four seasons with the Cardinal and was named the 2014 ITA National Senior Player of the Year.
- Qualified for the 2008 US Open, where she lost to former world No. 1 Dinara Safina in the first round.
- Competed in qualifying for the US Open, Australian Open and French Open in 2016.
- Has won five USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit singles titles, including two titles in Korea and Canada in 2015, and one doubles title in 2010.
- Made her first appearance in Australian Open qualifying last January and also reached the singles final at an ITF Circuit event in Korea in 2016.
- Spent this February and March competing in ITF Circuit tournaments in Australia.

Sofia Kenin, 18, Pembroke Pines, Fla.

- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in Wesley Chapel, Fla., in January 2016 and then won the \$50,000 event in Sacramento, Calif., in July.
- Won the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a wild card into 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.
- Has reached the semifinals or better at three USTA Pro Circuit events so far in 2017.
- 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 as high as 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.

Jennifer Elie, 30, New York City

- Has been a consistent player on the USTA Pro Circuit and in ITF Circuit events, winning two ITF Circuit singles titles in 2012 and five USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles.
- Has a career win over Sloane Stephens, at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Lexington, Ky., in 2011, and has ranked in the Top 250 in both singles and doubles.
- Won the 2015 US Open National Playoffs to earn a wild card into the US Open Qualifying Tournament.

Danielle Collins, 23, St. Petersburg, Fla.

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 as a two-time NCAA singles champion, winning the title in 2014 and 2016. In doing so, she became the seventh woman all-time to win multiple NCAA singles titles.
- Was also a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American and the 2016 ITA Senior Player of the Year; tallied 125 career singles victories in college.
- Received wild cards into the US Open women's draw in 2014 and 2016.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Williamsburg, Va., in 2011, and \$25,000 Stillwater, Okla., in 2016).
- Has trained at Nick Bollettieri's IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

Amanda Anisimova, 15, Freehold, N.J.

- Currently the No. 5-ranked junior in the world.
- Reached the final of the junior French Open in 2016.
- Played in her first WTA main draw at the Miami Open this March, losing to Taylor Townsend in three sets; dominated the first set against Townsend before the more experienced American prevailed, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
- Competed in 2016 US Open qualifying.
- Was born in New Jersey to Russian parents and moved to South Florida at age three so her older sister, Maria, could have better tennis training. Maria played at Penn and now works on Wall Street.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Elizabeth Halbauer, 19

- This year, advanced to the semifinals in both singles and doubles at 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 her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 2013.

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 age 14, 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.

Caitlin Whoriskey, 29, 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, she was named the 2010 College Senior Player of the Year after leading the Volunteers to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament.
- Ranked a career-high No. 109 in the world in doubles after reaching the doubles semifinals of the WTA event in Monterrey, Mexico, in April 2017.
- Holds 14 career USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., this year.
- Captured her 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.

Maria Sanchez, 27, Los Angeles (2015 doubles champion)

- Has thrived in doubles and has competed in all four Grand Slam tournaments in doubles, peaking at No. 56 in the world in doubles in September 2016.
- Won a WTA doubles title in 2014 in Auckland, New Zealand, with Sharon Fichman; also holds 18 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including three titles in 2016.
- Peaked at No. 107 in the world in singles in July 2013.
- Also in 2013, made her debut in a Grand Slam main draw by earning a wild card into the US Open.
- Was the No. 1-ranked collegian and an ITA All-American at the University of Southern California, winning the 2011 USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championship singles title.
- As a junior player, ranked No. 1 in the U.S. as a 16-year-old and No. 4 in the country as an 18-year-old.

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.
- 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 her 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.

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 four consecutive years.

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

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.

**Player field subject to change*

DOTHAN PAST WINNERS

| Singles | | | Doubles | |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--|
| Year | Winner | Runner-Up | Year | Winner |
| 2016 | Rebecca Peterson (SWE) | Taylor Townsend (USA) | 2016 | Asia Muhammad (USA) – Taylor Townsend (USA) |
| 2015 | Louisa Chirico (USA) | Katerina Stewart (USA) | 2015 | Johanna Konta (GBR) – Maria Sanchez (USA) |
| 2014 | Grace Min (USA) | Victoria Duval (USA) | 2014 | Anett Kontaveit (EST) – Ilona Kremen (BLR) |
| 2013 | Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO) | Shuai Zhang (CHN) | 2013 | Julia Cohen (USA) – Tatjana Malek (GER) |
| 2012 | Camila Giorgi (ITA) | Edina Gallovits-Hall (ROU) | 2012 | Eugenie Bouchard (CAN) – Jessica Pegula (USA) |
| 2011 | Melinda Czink (HUN) | Stephanie Foretz-Gaçon (FRA) | 2011 | Valeria Solovieva (RUS) – Lenka Wienerova (SVK) |
| 2010 | Edina Gallovits (ROU) | Anastasia Yakimova (BLR) | 2010 | Alina Jidkova (RUS) – Anastasia Yakimova (BLR) |
| 2009 | Shenay Perry (USA) | Carly Gullickson (USA) | 2009 | Carly Gullickson (USA) – Julie Ditty (USA) |
| 2008 | Bethanie Mattek (USA) | Varvara Lepchenko (USA) | 2008 | Tetiana Luzhanska (UKR) – Michaela Pastikova (CZE) |
| 2007 | Yung-Jan Chan (TPE) | Alla Kudryavtseva (RUS) | 2007 | Yung-Jan Chan (TPE) – Chia-Jung Chuang (TPE) |
| 2006 | Yuliana Fedak (UKR) | Varvara Lepchenko (USA) | 2006 | Monique Adamczak (AUS) – Soledad Esperon (ARG) |
| 2005 | Milagros Sequera (VEN) | Varvara Lepchenko (USA) | 2005 | Carly Gullickson (USA) – Galina Voskoboeva (KAZ) |
| 2004 | Shuai Peng (CHN) | Eugenia Linetskaya (RUS) | 2004 | Lisa McShea (AUS) – Milagros Sequera (VEN) |
| 2003 | Akiko Morigami (JPN) | Milagros Sequera (VEN) | 2003 | Milagros Sequera (VEN) – Christina Wheeler (AUS) |
| 2002 | Milagros Sequera (VEN) | Liesel Huber (USA) | 2002 | Rika Fujiwara (JPN) – Maja Palversic Coopersmith (CRO) |
| 2001 | Irina Selyutina (KAZ) | Ashley Harkleroad (USA) | 2001 | Marissa Irvin (USA) – Janet Lee (TPE) |