

## THE WOMEN'S HOSPITAL CLASSIC EVANSVILLE, IN • JULY 23-30



### TOURNAMENT INFO

**Site:** Wesselman Park Tennis Center – Evansville, Ind.

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

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, July 23

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, July 25

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

**Surface:** Hard / Outdoor

**Prize Money:** \$15,000

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### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$2,352	12
Runner-Up	\$1,470	7
Semifinalist	\$734	4
Quarterfinalist	\$367	2
Round 16	\$294	1
Round 32	\$147	0

  

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$955
Runner-Up	\$515
Semifinalist	\$294
Quarterfinalist	\$147
Round 16	\$74

### USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO EVANSVILLE

The **Women's Hospital Classic** is taking place in Evansville for the 19th consecutive year. It is the only USTA Pro Circuit event taking place in Indiana this year and one of nine women's events that make up the summer hard-court season in preparation for the US Open.

Notable players competing in Evansville include:

**Caitlin Whoriskey, 29, East Sandwich, Mass.**

- Top seed in Evansville.
- 2014 Evansville singles finalist.
- Competed in the doubles draw at Wimbledon this year. Ranked in the Top 125 in women's doubles.
- 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.
- Holds 14 career USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., earlier 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.



Billie Weiss

*Caitlin Whoriskey, the top seed in Evansville, competed in the doubles draw at Wimbledon this year and has won 14 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles.*

**Whitney Osuigwe, 15, Bradenton, Fla.**

- The No. 2-ranked junior in the world, behind only fellow American Claire Liu.
- Won the 2017 French Open girls' singles title, beating Liu in the second-ever all-American French Open girls' final.
- Became only the fourth American girls' singles champion at Roland Garros and the first since Jennifer Capriati in 1989.
- Also reached the singles quarterfinals at junior Wimbledon this year, as well as the girls' doubles final.
- Won the doubles title at the 2017 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event, while reaching the singles quarterfinals. As a 14-year-old in December 2016, reached the semifinals of the clay-court Orange Bowl, another prestigious junior event.

**Allie Kiick, 22, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.**

- Is playing in her fourth tournament since July 2015. Missed time with four knee



Rob Foldy

*Whitney Osuigwe, 15, is the No. 2-ranked junior in the world and won the 2017 French Open junior singles title.*

surgeries and after being diagnosed with a rare form of skin cancer.

- Won her first \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in 2015 in Charlottesville, Va. Also holds three additional USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as an ITF doubles titles she won in Canada in 2013.
- Peaked at No. 136 in the world in 2014.
- As a junior player, was a singles finalist at the 2013 USTA Girls' 18s National Championships. Also, won the Girls' 18s doubles title with Sachia Vickery, allowing her to make her Grand Slam main-draw debut in the 2013 US Open women's doubles event.
- Is the daughter of Jim Kiick, a running back on the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins. Mother, Mary Johnson, is a former professional softball player.

#### **Ellie Douglas, 17, McKinney, Texas**

- The No. 23-ranked junior in the world.
- Reached the doubles quarterfinals at junior Wimbledon this year and also advanced to the third round in singles.
- Reached the singles final of the Easter Bowl this spring.

#### **Kennedy Shaffer, 20, Rossford, Ohio**

- Defending champion in Evansville, winning the title last year for her first USTA Pro Circuit title.
- Rising senior at the University of Georgia.
- Received All-America honors in doubles this past season after reaching the quarterfinals of the NCAA Doubles Championships.
- Also received All-America honors in singles in her sophomore season after reaching the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Championships.
- In her freshman season, helped the Bulldogs reach the Final Four of the NCAA Team Championships.

#### **Ann Li, 17, Devon, Pa.**

- Tournament wild card.
- Reached this year's Wimbledon junior final, facing Claire Liu in the second-ever all-American girls final at Wimbledon, dating back to 1947.

- Ranked a career-high No. 14 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2017 Easter Bowl, while reaching the doubles final.
- Committed to attend college tennis at LSU.

#### **Taylor Johnson, 16, Redondo Beach, Calif.**

- A standout junior player, she peaked at No. 8 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in June 2017; is currently ranked No. 10.
- Reached the singles semifinals and the doubles final at the 2017 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event.
- Reached the doubles quarterfinals of the 2017 junior Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon, as well as at the 2016 junior US Open.
- Advanced to the third round in singles at the 2017 junior Australian Open and the 2016 junior US Open, where she upset the No. 6 seed.
- Dad (Randy) played semi-pro basketball in Europe.
- Names Billie Jean King her mentor after meeting her at age 10.

#### **Alexa Graham, 19, Garden City, N.Y.**

- Recently completed her freshman season at the University of North Carolina, where she received All-ACC honors and was named to the All-ACC Academic Team.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 2015, and \$15,000 Victoria, Canada, in 2017).

#### **Madeleine Kobelt, 25, New Albany, Ohio**

- Former standout for Syracuse, graduating in 2014.
- Earned All-Big East honors for the Orange.
- Holds six USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including a title this year at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event held at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

*\*Player field subject to change*

## EVANSVILLE PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Kennedy Shaffer (USA)	Emina Bektas (USA)	2016	Sophie Chang (USA) – Alexandra Mueller (USA)
2015	Lauren Herring (USA)	Andie K. Daniell (USA)	2015	Nicha Lertpitaksinchai (THA) – Peangtarn Plipuech (THA)
2014	Tornado Alicia Black (USA)	Caitlin Whoriskey (USA)	2014	Brooke Austin (USA) – Natalie Pluskota (USA)
2013	Emina Bektas (USA)	Brooke Austin (USA)	2013	Emina Bektas (USA) – Brooke Bolender (USA)
2012	Mallory Burdette (USA)	Ying-Ying Duan (CHN)	2012	Ying-Ying Duan (CHN) – Yi-Fan Xu (CHN)
2011	Elizabeth Ferris (USA)	Nicole Melichar (USA)	2011	Brynn Boren (USA) – Sabrina Santamaria (USA)
2010	Gabriela Paz (VEN)	Chichi Scholl (USA)	2010	Brynn Boren (USA) – Sabrina Santamaria (USA)
2009	Elizabeth Lumpkin (USA)	Kaitlyn Christian (USA)	2009	Maria Sanchez (USA) – Yasmin Schnack (USA)
2008	Megan Moulton-Levy (USA)	Emily Webley-Smith (GBR)	2008	Rebecca Marino (CAN) – Ellah Nze (USA)
2007	Kimberly Coutts (USA)	Helena Besovic (BIH)	2007	Jenna Long (USA) – Anna Lubinsky (USA)
2006	Audra Cohen (USA)	Lauren Albanese (USA)	2006	Beau Jones (USA) – Tiya Rolle (USA)
2005	Sarah Taylor (USA)	Kristi Miller (USA)	2005	Wynne Prakusya (INA) – Romana Tedjakusuma (INA)
2004	Nicole Leimbach (USA)	Anda Perianu (ROU)	2004	Kelly Schmandt (USA) – Aleke Tsoubanos (USA)
2003	Stephanie Hazlett (USA)	Neyssa Etienne (HAI)	2003	Tamara Encina (USA) – Alison Ojeda (USA)
2002	Shadisha Robinson (USA)	Deanna Roberts (AUS)	2002	Jin-Hee Kim (KOR) – Aiko Nakamura (JPN)
2001	Chanelle Scheepers (RSA)	Kristen Schlukebir (USA)	2001	Vilmarie Castellvi (PUR) – Alison Ojeda (USA)
2000	Kelly McCain (USA)	Stephanie Hazlett (USA)	2000	Tomoe Hotta (JPN) – Ryoko Takemura (JPN)
1999	Kristina Kraszewski (USA)	Lara Van Rooten (USA)	1999	Amanda Augustus (USA) – Elizabeth Schmidt (USA)