

2017 FORT WORTH WOMEN'S PRO TENNIS CLASSIC FORT WORTH, TX • JULY 30 – AUGUST 6



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center – Fort Worth, Texas

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, July 30

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, August 1

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	\$3,919	50
Runner-up	\$2,091	30
Semifinalist	\$1,144	18
Quarterfinalist	\$654	9
Round of 16	\$392	5
Round of 32	\$228	1

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$1,437
Runner-up	\$719
Semifinalist	\$359
Quarterfinalist	\$196
Round of 16	\$131

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO FORT WORTH

The 2017 **Fort Worth Women's Pro Tennis Classic** is taking place in Fort Worth for the sixth consecutive year. The tournament is one of three USTA Pro Circuit women's events taking place in Texas this year—\$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit events in Tyler and Waco will be held in the fall—and is the fourth of five hard-court events to begin the summer hard-court season in preparation for the US Open. Notable players competing in Fort Worth include:

Caitlin Whoriskey, 29, East Sandwich, Mass.

- Is the defending champion in Fort Worth; won last year's tournament as a qualifier.
- Competed in the doubles draw at Wimbledon this year. Is 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, which includes a win 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.

Ashley Kratzer, 18, Newport Beach, Calif.

- Ranked a career-high No. 333 in the world.
- Reached her second career USTA Pro Circuit final at the \$60,000 event in Stockton, Calif., this July. Also reached the singles final at the \$10,000 event in Austin, Texas, in 2016.
- Currently in second place in the US Open Wild Card Challenge after Week 1.
- Also reached back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit semifinals in Bethany Beach, Del., in 2016 and 2017.

Lauren Albanese, 27, Coral Springs, Fla.

- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as five doubles titles.



Billie Weiss

Defending singles champion Caitlin Whoriskey competed in the doubles draw at Wimbledon this year. She has won two singles and 14 doubles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit during her career.

- Won the USTA Girls' 18s title in 2006 to earn a wild card into the US Open, where she advanced to the second round of the women's singles main draw.
- Also competed in the US Open main draw in 2007.

An-Sophie Mestach, 23, Belgium

- Is the top seed in Fort Worth.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 98 in the world in singles in January 2015 and No. 64 in the world in doubles in February 2016.
- Competed in the main draw of the 2015 Australian Open in singles and 2016 Wimbledon in doubles.
- Holds two WTA doubles titles (Quebec City, 2015; Auckland, 2016).
- Holds six singles and six doubles titles on the ITF Pro Circuit.
- As a junior player, swept the singles and doubles titles at the 2011 junior Australian Open and became the No. 1-ranked junior in the world that January.
- Also reached the doubles final at the junior US Open in 2010 and competed in the Youth Olympic Games.
- Has competed for the Belgium Fed Cup team.

Players competing in qualifying include:

Brienne Minor, 19, Mundelein, Ill.

- Is a rising junior at Michigan.
- Won the 2017 NCAA singles title, the first ever in the program and the first in Big Ten women's tennis history. Is the first African-American woman to win an NCAA Division I tennis singles title.
- Earned All-America honors her freshman and sophomore years.

Allie Kiick, 22, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

- Is playing in her fifth tournament since July 2015. Missed time after having four knee 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

- Is 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 at the 2017 Easter Bowl.

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; \$15,000 Victoria, Canada, in 2017).

Andie Daniell, 20, Douglasville, Ga.

- Is a rising junior at the University of Alabama, where she made an appearance in the NCAA Singles Tournament her freshman year—the first freshman to make the tournament since 2010.
- Earned second-team All-SEC and All-Freshman honors her freshman year.
- Registered a 4.0 GPA her sophomore year and was named to the President's List.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles.

Ingrid Neel, 19, Rochester, Minn.

- Recently completed her freshman year at Florida.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Amelia Island, Fla., in 2014; \$10,000 Bethany Beach, Del., in 2016), as well as seven doubles titles.
- As a junior player, won the 2015 USTA Girls' National Championships doubles title to earn a wild card into the US Open doubles draw, where she and partner Tornado Alicia Black won their first-round match.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 27 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in November 2015.
- Advanced to the final of the 2014 Orange Bowl, a prestigious junior event, as a qualifier.

FORT WORTH PAST WINNERS

Singles

Year	Winner	Runner-Up
2016	Caitlin Whoriskey (USA)	Tara Moore (GBR)
2015	Ulrikke Eikeri (NOR)	Frances Altick (USA)
2014	Tatjana Maria (GER)	Hayley Carter (USA)
2013	Lauren Embree (USA)	Miyu Kato (JPN)
2012	Elizabeth Ferris (USA)	Dianne Hollands (NZL)

Doubles

Year	Winner
2016	Chieh-Yu Hsu (TPE) – Chanel Simmonds (RSA)
2015	Josie Kuhlman (USA) – Maegan Manasse (USA)
2014	Hayley Carter (USA) – Stefanie Tan (SIN)
2013	Roxanne Ellison (USA) – Sierra Ellison (USA)
2012	McCall Harkins (USA) – Dianne Hollands (NZL)