

## BLUEWATER BAY PRO CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIPS NICEVILLE, FL • NOV. 3-12



### TOURNAMENT INFO

**Site:** Bluewater Bay Tennis Center – Niceville, Fla.

**Websites:** <http://ka9188.wixsite.com/bluewaterprocircuit>  
[www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com)

**Facebook:** Bluewater Bay Pro Circuit Championships

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Friday, Nov. 3

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, Nov. 7

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

**Surface:** Clay / Outdoor

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

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### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$2,160	18
Runner-up	\$1,272	10
Semifinalist	\$753	6
Quarterfinalist	\$438	2
Round of 16	\$258	1
Round of 32	\$156	-

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

Winner	\$930
Runner-up	\$540
Semifinalist	\$324
Quarterfinalist	\$192
Round of 16	\$108

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Monday, Nov. 6** – Pro-Am, 6-8 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 11** – Kids' Day Clinics

### USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO NICEVILLE

The **Bluewater Bay Pro Circuit Championships** return to Niceville for the ninth consecutive year. Niceville is the second of three consecutive clay-court events to conclude the 2017 USTA Pro Circuit season. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training for younger players on clay.

Notable players competing in Niceville include:

**Ulises Blanch, 19, Pompano Beach, Fla.**

- Captured his first career ITF Pro Circuit singles title this summer in Canada.
- Was ranked as high as No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Reached the Wimbledon junior semifinals in 2016.
- Was born in Puerto Rico and has lived in Seattle, China, Thailand, Argentina and India.

**Sekou Bangoura, 25, Bradenton, Fla.**

- Top seed in Niceville.
- Regular competitor on the USTA Pro Circuit who holds four USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, one ITF Circuit singles title (in the Dominican Republic) and 14 doubles titles.
- Competed in 2016 US Open qualifying for his first Grand Slam appearance. Also competed in US Open qualifying and Australian Open qualifying in 2017.
- Reached two ITF Pro Circuit doubles finals, in Italy and Colombia, this year.
- Named a doubles All-American during his sophomore year at the University of Florida after reaching the doubles semifinals at the



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*Ulises Blanch, 19, was ranked as high as No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings and reached the Wimbledon junior semifinals in 2016.*

2011 NCAA tournament; turned pro shortly thereafter.

- Coached by father Sekou Bangoura Sr.

**Wil Spencer, 28, Ponce de Leon, Fla.**

- Graduated from the University of Georgia in 2012, playing two years for the Bulldogs after competing for Texas A&M as a freshman and sophomore.
- Went 104-49 in four years between the two schools and reached the round of 16 at the 2012 NCAA tournament.
- Final collegiate singles ranking was No. 11.
- Won his third career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2016 at the \$25,000 Futures in Houston. Also holds one doubles title, won at the \$10,000 Futures in Birmingham, Ala., in 2015.
- Reached the semifinals of the USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C., in June.

**Sam Riffice, 18, Roseville, Calif.**

- This year, reached first two career singles finals at USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit events in Vero Beach, Fla., and Bucharest, Romania, both on clay.



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- Advanced to the doubles semifinals at the 2017 junior French Open and competed in the junior US Open and Wimbledon this year.
- Reached the singles semifinals and doubles final at the 2017 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event.
- Part of a group of juniors to work with Ivan Lendl over the past two years through USTA Player Development.
- Mother, Lori, works as a National Coach, Player ID and Development for USTA Player Development.
- Verbally committed to play at the University of Florida in fall 2018.

**Patrick Kypson, 18, Raleigh, N.C.**

- Earned a wild card into the 2017 US Open by winning the USTA Boys' 18s National Championships.
- Is a former Top 20 world-ranked junior who reached the semifinals at junior Wimbledon this summer.
- Also part of a group of American juniors to have trained with Ivan Lendl over the last several years as part of a USTA Player Development initiative.

**Alexios Halebian, 23**

- Five-time doubles champion on the USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit, most recently winning the doubles title at an event in Canada this year.
- Former top junior who reached the singles quarterfinals at the 2011 junior US Open and climbed as high as No. 24 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.

- Also reached the singles final and won the doubles title at the 2012 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event.

**Cameron Silverman, 25, Mount Kisco, N.Y.**

- Graduated in 2014 from Elon; played in the No. 1 position there.
- Holds eight USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles throughout the world.
- In addition to competing on the USTA Pro Circuit this year, also played in Greece, Israel, India, and Bahrain. Reached two quarterfinals in India this fall.
- Advanced to the semifinals of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Decatur, Ill., this summer—his best singles result of the year. Also reached back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit quarterfinals at the \$15,000 Futures in Buffalo, N.Y., and Rochester, N.Y., this June.

**Raleigh Smith, 26, Miami**

- Graduated in 2014 from Northwestern.
- Was selected First Team All-Big Ten his junior and senior years.
- Graduated with 130 singles and doubles wins.
- Holds five ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including two this year in Morocco and three in 2015 in Turkey, Israel and the Dominican Republic.

*\*Player field subject to change*

## NICEVILLE PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Gianni Mina (FRA)	Constantin Schmitz (GER)	2016	Patrick Kypson (USA) – Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)
2015	Bastian Trinker (AUT)	Alex Rybakov (USA)	2015	Brian Battistone (USA) – Boris Nicola Bakalov (BUL)
2014	Wil Spencer (USA)	Peter Nagy (HUN)	2014	Jean-Yves Aubone (USA) – Benjamin Lock (ZIM)
2013	Sekou Bangoura (USA)	Eric Prodon (FRA)	2013	Alexis Musialek (FRA) – Arthur Surreaux (FRA)
2012	Chase Buchanan (USA)	Kyle Edmund (GBR)	2012	Jason Jung (USA) – Ryan Thacher (USA)
2011	Jason Kubler (AUS)	Roman Vogeli (CZE)	2011	Bassam Beidas (LIB) – Roman Vogeli (CZE)
2010	Adam Kellner (HUN)	James Lemke (AUS)	2010	Robbye Poole (USA) – Erling Tveit (NOR)
2009	Conor Niland (IRL)	James Lemke (AUS)	2009	Tigran Martirosyan (ARM) – Artem Sitak (RUS)