

2017 ELIZABETH MOORE SARASOTA OPEN SARASOTA, FL • APRIL 15 – 23



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: United Tennis Club
Sarasota, Fla.

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, April 15

Main Draw Begins: Monday, April 17

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$100,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$14,400	100
Runner-up	\$8,480	60
Semifinalist	\$5,020	35
Quarterfinalist	\$2,920	18
Round of 16	\$1,720	8
Round of 32	\$1,040	0

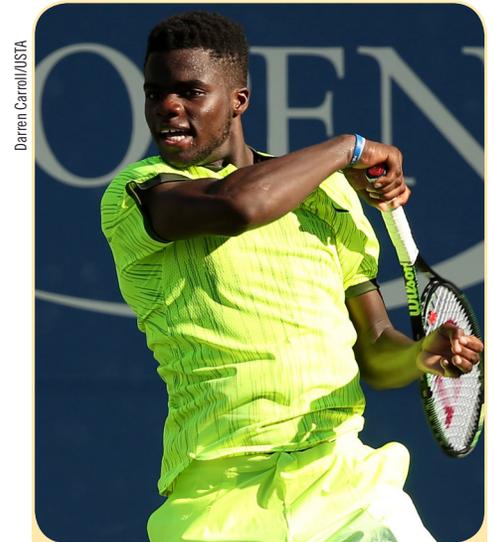
DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$6,200
Runner-up	\$3,600
Semifinalist	\$2,160
Quarterfinalist	\$1,280
Round of 16	\$720

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO SARASOTA, TAKES PART IN ROLAND GARROS WILD CARD CHALLENGE

The **2017 Elizabeth Moore Sarasota Open** is bringing USTA Pro Circuit tennis to Sarasota for the 10th consecutive year. This is one of five USTA Pro Circuit men's events offering \$100,000 in prize money this year and one of 14 men's events held in Florida.

Sarasota is taking part in the Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge, which will award a men's and women's wild card into the 2017 French Open. The challenge began the week of April 10 and concludes the week of May 1. In the men's wild card challenge, USTA Player Development considers all American results worldwide. Therefore, both USTA Pro Circuit tournaments (including Sarasota) and international ATP World Tour and Challenger tournaments on any professional outdoor clay surface (Har-Tru or red) at prize money of \$50,000 and above are included.

The American man and American woman who earn the most ATP and WTA ranking points over the four weeks of the challenge 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. Only U.S. 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



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Former world No. 2 junior Frances Tiafoe, the youngest player in the Top 100, earned a wild card into the 2016 US Open and pushed John Isner to five sets in the first round.

agreement in which wild cards into the 2017 French Open and 2017 US Open are exchanged.

Notable players competing in Sarasota include:

Frances Tiafoe, 19, Hyattsville, Md./Orlando, Fla.

- In 2017, Tiafoe qualified for and reached the second round of the Australian Open. He also qualified and reached the second round of the ATP Masters Series event in Miami, losing to Roger Federer in two close sets.
- Earned a wild card into the 2016 US Open and pushed John Isner to five sets in the first round.
- Won the 2015 Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit

Denis Kudla made his Olympic debut at the Rio Games in 2016. He climbed as high as No. 53 in the world in 2016.



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Wild Card Challenge to earn a spot in the French Open, which marked his Grand Slam debut. Also competed as a wild card at the 2015 US Open by winning the USTA Boys' 18s National Championships in Kalamazoo, Mich.

- Finished the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit season as the top earner in USTA Pro Circuit prize money.
- Won the \$100,000 Challenger in Stockton, Calif., and reached three additional Challenger finals in 2016.
- Also last year, played in the ATP events in Memphis, Houston and Indian Wells, where he won his first-round match over Taylor Fritz.
- In 2015, won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$15,000 Futures in Bakersfield, Calif.
- Served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team against Great Britain in Scotland in March 2015.
- As a junior, peaked at No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2014 and reached the boys' singles semifinals at the 2014 US Open.
- Won the prestigious Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships in December 2013 in Plantation, Fla., becoming the youngest boys' champion in the 67-year history of the event.
- Is a product of the Junior Tennis Champions Center in College Park, Md., a USTA Certified Regional Training Center, where his father, an immigrant from Sierra Leone, worked as a custodian.
- Currently training with the USTA at the new USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla.

Denis Kudla, 24, Arlington, Va./Tampa, Fla.

- Made his Olympic debut in Rio in 2016.
- Earned a wild card into Wimbledon in 2015 and reached the fourth round for his career-best Grand Slam singles result.
- In summer 2015, reached the semifinals of the US Open Series event in Atlanta (his best ATP result) and qualified for both Cincinnati and Montreal.
- 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.
- Climbed to a career-best No. 53 in the world in May 2016.
- Holds seven USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit singles titles, as well as five doubles titles.
- 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.

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.
- 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 Challenger in Knoxville, Tenn. Holds four additional Futures titles.
- Reached the quarterfinals or better at four USTA Pro Circuit Challengers following the 2016 US Open.
- 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.

Reilly Opelka, 19, Palm Coast, Fla.

- Qualified for the 2017 Australian Open 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.
- 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.

Jared Donaldson, 20, Providence, R.I./Irvine, Calif.

- Ranked a career-high No. 73 in the world after qualifying for and advancing to the fourth round of the ATP Masters Series event in Miami.
- Broke into the Top 100 in September 2016 after qualifying and reaching the third round of the US Open.
- Also won matches at four US Open Series events in 2016, including a run to the third round in Toronto.
- Made his Grand Slam tournament debut as a wild card at the 2014 US Open, where he faced eventual quarterfinalist Gael Monfils in the first round. Also competed as a wild card at the 2015 US Open.
- In 2015, won his first USTA Pro Circuit Challenger title in Maui, Hawaii, where he also captured the doubles title with Stefan Kozlov. Holds two additional USTA Pro Circuit singles titles.
- As a junior, competed in the junior US Open and represented the U.S. in Junior Davis Cup (16 and under).
- Coached by Mardy Fish and Jan-Michael Gambill; formerly coached by Taylor Dent.
- Has spent time in Dubai training with Roger Federer.

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 three ATP events this year (Memphis, Delray Beach, Miami).
- 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 to 2014, highlighted by a third-round showing in 2013.
- Peaked at No. 63 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.

Mitchell Krueger, 23, Boca Raton, Fla.

- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit event in 2015 at the \$15,000 Futures in Los Angeles; also holds ITF Circuit titles in the Netherlands (2013) and China (2016).
- In 2014, won the doubles title at an ITF Circuit event in Australia and reached the singles quarterfinals or better at six events around the world.
- Was the top-ranked American junior boy in 2012, peaking at No. 5 in the world junior rankings.
- Advanced to the boys' singles semifinals at the French Open and Wimbledon in 2012 and turned pro that July.
- Father played college tennis at Texas A&M. Mother is a tennis coach and played at Louisiana Tech.
- Currently training at the USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla.

Dennis Novikov, 23, San Jose, Calif.

- 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.
 - 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. There, he became just the second USTA Boys' 18s champ in 15 years (the other being Jack Sock) to advance to the second round in singles; defeated 2013 Wimbledon semifinalist Jerzy Janowicz in the first round.
 - Completed his sophomore year at UCLA in 2013 and turned pro that summer.
 - Holds eight singles and 10 doubles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit.
 - Born in Moscow and moved with his family to the U.S. as a 1-year-old.
- ## **Tennys Sandgren, 25, Gallatin, Tenn.**
- Former University of Tennessee standout who reached the semifinals of the 2011 NCAA Championships.
 - Captured three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles in 2016. Won one singles title in 2017 in Tempe, Ariz.

- Holds 13 singles and 16 doubles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit.

- In 2013, served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team as it prepared to face Serbia in Boise, Idaho.

- In 2014, had hip surgery that sidelined him from February until after that year's US Open.

Mackenzie McDonald, 22, Los Angeles

- Tournament wild card.

- Three-time singles All-American who turned pro in 2016 after his junior year at UCLA.

- 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 career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2017 at the \$25,000 Futures in Los Angeles.

- Holds six USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles.

- In 2015, won the American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament held at the US Open for college players.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Brian Baker, 31, Nashville, Tenn.

- Ranked a career-high No. 37 in the world in doubles after winning his first ATP doubles title at the Memphis Open and reaching the doubles semifinals of the ATP Masters Series event in Miami.

- Used a protected ranking to compete in all four Grand Slam events in 2016 and the Olympic Games in Rio.

- In 2016, won five USTA Pro Circuit Challenger doubles titles—his first titles since 2012.

- In 2012, completed a fairytale comeback from a series of career-threatening injuries by reaching his first-ever ATP final, in Nice, France, advancing to the fourth round of Wimbledon and the second round of the French Open and the US Open.

- Also in 2012, won three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles in 2012 to climb nearly 400 spots in the ATP rankings and into the Top 60.

- At the 2013 Australian Open, retired in his second-round match against Sam Querrey with a knee injury and played in just three more tournaments that year (the last being the US Open) before having surgery due to a cartilage defect in 2014.

- Returned to pro tennis in 2011 after undergoing five surgeries for a series of ailments from 2005-08, including Tommy John elbow ligament replacement surgery in February 2008.

- As a junior, peaked at No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2003 after reaching the boys' singles final at the French Open and winning the 2002 Orange Bowl.

- While away from the game and recovering from surgery, served as an assistant coach at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., where he was also enrolled as a student.

Bradley Klahn, 26, Poway, Calif.

- Won the doubles title earlier this year at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Calabasas, Calif., his first pro title since 2014.

- Won the 2010 NCAA men's singles title for Stanford and was a collegiate All-American in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

- Following 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 USTA Pro Circuit singles finals and winning two singles titles.

- Is competing on the tour again for the first time in nearly two years after back surgery. In first event back at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Champaign, Ill., in November 2016, qualified and advanced to the quarterfinals.

Marcos Giron, 23, 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, and turned pro thereafter.

- 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.

- Holds five USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, including the \$25,000 Futures in Long Beach, Calif., in 2017. 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.

Christian Harrison, 22, Bradenton, Fla.

- Has played in just a handful of tournaments since July 2013 after suffering a series of injuries.

- On the comeback trail after qualifying for the 2016 US Open—his first-ever Grand Slam main draw.

- 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, in Great Britain in 2013.

- Advanced to the doubles quarterfinals at the 2012 US Open with older brother and Top 50 player Ryan Harrison.

**Player field subject to change*

SARASOTA PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Mischa Zverev (GER)	Gerald Melzer (AUT)	2016	Facundo Arguello (ARG) / Nicolas Kicker (ARG)
2015	Federico Delbonis (ARG)	Facundo Bagnis (ARG)	2015	Facundo Bagnis (ARG) / Facundo Arguello (ARG)
2014	Nick Krygios (AUS)	Filip Krajinovic (SRB)	2014	Marin Draganja (CRO) / Henri Kontinen (FIN)
2013	Alex Kuznetsov (USA)	Wayne Odesnik (USA)	2013	Ilija Bozoljac (SRB) / Somdev Devvarman (IND)
2012	Sam Querrey (USA)	Paolo Lorenzi (ITA)	2012	Johan Brunstrom (SWE) / Izak Van Der Merwe (RSA)
2011	James Blake (USA)	Alex Bogomolov Jr. (USA)	2011	Ashley Fisher (AUS) / Stephen Huss (AUS)
2010	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	Brian Dabul (ARG)	2010	Brian Battistone (USA) / Ryler DeHeart (USA)
2009	James Ward (GBR)	Carsten Ball (AUS)	2009	Victor Estrella (DOM) / Santiago Gonzalez (MEX)
2008	Jesse Levine (USA)	Robert Kendrick (USA)	2008	Carsten Ball (AUS) / Lester Cook (USA)