

## STOCKTON CHALLENGER

STOCKTON, CA • SEPT. 30 – OCT. 8



### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center at the University of the Pacific – Stockton, Calif.

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

**Facebook:** \$100,000 Stockton Men's Challenger

**Twitter:** @StocktonMensATP

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Saturday, Sept. 30

**Main Draw Begins:** Monday, Oct. 2

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

**Surface:** Hard / 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 STOCKTON

The **Stockton Challenger** is taking place in Stockton for the second consecutive year. The city also hosts a \$60,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event in July. It is one of five \$100,000 Challengers on the USTA Pro Circuit calendar this year and the third Challenger following this year's US Open.

This tournament will be streamed live on [www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com).

Notable players competing in Stockton include:

**Tennys Sandgren, 26, Gallatin, Tenn.**

- Made his Grand Slam main-draw debut at the 2017 French Open after winning the Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge. Earned the wild card by winning the \$75,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Savannah, Ga., and by reaching the final of the \$100,000 Challenger in Sarasota, Fla. Had attempted to qualify for a Grand Slam main draw 12 times.
- Peaked at No. 98 in the world following this year's US Open after making his main draw debut in New York. Was ranked outside the Top 300 as recently as last year.
- Is on the comeback trail after having hip surgery in 2014, which sidelined him from February until after that year's US Open.
- Was a former University of Tennessee standout; reached the semifinals of the 2011 NCAA Championships.
- Holds 14 singles and 16 doubles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit, including two titles this year.



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*Tennys Sandgren, who was ranked outside the Top 300 as recently as last year, peaked at No. 98 in the world in September after making his main-draw debut at the 2017 US Open.*

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

**Noah Rubin, 21, Long Island, N.Y.**

- Qualified for the 2017 Australian Open and won his first-round match; faced Roger Federer in the second round. Also advanced to the semifinals of the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Cary, N.C., this September.
- Earned a spot in the main draw of the 2016 Australian Open for the first time after clinching the USTA Pro Circuit Australian Open Wild Card Challenge; advanced to the second round in Melbourne with a first-round upset of No. 17 Benoit Paire. His only other Grand Slam main-draw appearance to date came in 2014, when he earned a wild card into the US Open as the USTA Boys' 18s national singles champion.
- Completed a standout freshman campaign at Wake Forest in May 2015, advancing to the NCAA singles final; became the first player in ACC men's tennis history to earn ACC Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors in one season, as well as the

*Noah Rubin qualified for the 2017 Australian Open and won his first-round match before falling to Roger Federer in three close sets in the second round.*



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first ACC men's tennis Player of the Year in Wake Forest men's tennis history; was also named the ITA Rookie of the Year and earned All-America honors.

- In 2016, advanced to the quarterfinals or better at four USTA Pro Circuit Challengers, while also qualifying for the main draw at the ATP event in Indian Wells.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$50,000 Charlottesville, Va., in 2015) and one ITF Pro Circuit singles title (\$75,000 Launceston, Australia, in 2017).
- As a junior, won the 2014 Wimbledon boys' title.
- Protégé of John McEnroe's at his eponymous Randall's Island, N.Y., academy.

### **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 and competed in the Masters Series event in Miami as a wild card.
- 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 event in Knoxville, Tenn., and his second this year at the \$75,000 Challenger in Lexington, Ky. Holds four additional Futures titles.
- 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.

### **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 five ATP events this year (Memphis, Delray Beach, Miami, Atlanta, Montreal) and also qualified for the 2017 US Open.
- 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 2012-14, highlighted by a third-round showing in 2013.
- Peaked at No. 68 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.**

- Peaked at a career-high No. 169 in May after reaching the singles semifinals at the \$75,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Tallahassee. Also this year, reached a Challenger final in Australia and qualified for the ATP Masters Series event in Cincinnati, winning his first-round match.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit event in 2015 at the \$15,000 Futures in Los Angeles. Also holds ITF Pro Circuit titles in the Netherlands (2013) and China (2016).
- In 2014, won the doubles title at an ITF Pro 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.
- His father played college tennis at Texas A&M; mother is a tennis coach and played at Louisiana Tech.
- Currently trains at the USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla.

### **Mackenzie McDonald, 22, Los Angeles**

- Was a three-time singles All-American at UCLA, turning pro after his junior year in 2016.
- 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.

### **Christian Harrison, 23, Bradenton, Fla.**

- Did not compete from July 2013 to August 2015 after suffering a series of injuries.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of 2017 at the \$25,000 Futures in Tulsa, Okla., then won another title a week later in Wichita, Kan. 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, won in Great Britain in 2013.
- Is on the comeback trail after qualifying for the 2016 US Open—his first-ever Grand Slam main draw.
- Advanced to the doubles quarterfinals at the 2012 US Open with older brother and Top 50 player Ryan Harrison.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

### **Jared Hiltzik, 23, Wilmette, Ill./Tampa, Fla.**

- Graduated in 2016 from the University of Illinois, where he earned three All-America honors, making him one of three Illini players ever to do so.

- Finished his collegiate career as the eighth-winningest singles player in program history, with 115 victories.
- Reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament as a junior in 2015.
- Won his first career pro singles title at the \$25,000 USTA Futures event in Memphis, Tenn., this year; reached the semifinals at the \$25,000 Futures in Little Rock, Ark., the following week.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit doubles title in early 2016 at the USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C., and then captured back-to-back doubles titles in Illinois in summer 2016. Also won a doubles title at an ITF Pro Circuit event in Israel this year.
- In July 2016, served as a practice partner with the U.S. Davis Cup team for its quarterfinal tie against Croatia in Portland, Ore.

**Ryan Shane, 23, Falls Church, Va.**

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 after a stellar collegiate career.
- During his junior season, won the NCAA singles title and finished as the No. 2-ranked collegiate player in the country.
- Was a member of three NCAA championship teams with Virginia, winning team titles in 2013, 2015 and 2016.
- Earned All-America honors during his junior and senior years, finishing his collegiate career with a 103-36 record in singles play.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and two doubles titles.
- Swept the singles and doubles titles at the \$15,000 USTA Futures event in Laguna Niguel, Calif., this September. Reached back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit quarterfinals this summer at the \$25,000 events in Tulsa, Okla., and Wichita, Kan.
- Competed in the main draw of the 2015 US Open as a wild card.
- Served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team in its first-round tie against Switzerland this year in Birmingham, Ala.

**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.

**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.

**Daniel Nguyen, 26, Oxnard, Calif.**

- Was a former standout college player at USC, clinching the 2009-10 and 2010-11 NCAA Team Championships for USC.
- Competed in qualifying at all four Grand Slam events in 2016, as well as US Open qualifying in 2017. Competed in the main draw of the men's doubles event at the 2009 US Open, where he reached the second round.
- Holds 11 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, including three titles this year in Korea and Chinese Taipei.
- In doubles, has won seven USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit titles.
- Competed extensively overseas in Asia and Australia this year.

\*Player field subject to change

## STOCKTON PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	Noah Rubin (USA)	2016	Brian Baker (USA) – Sam Groth (AUS)