

as of March 8, 2017

## BAKERSFIELD TENNIS OPEN

BAKERSFIELD, CA • MARCH 11-19



### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Bakersfield Racquet Club – Bakersfield, Calif.

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

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Saturday, March 11

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, March 14

**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	\$3,600	27
Runner-up	\$2,120	15
Semifinalist	\$1,255	5
Quarterfinalist	\$730	3
Round of 16	\$430	1
Round of 32	\$260	-

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$1,550
Runner-up	\$900
Semifinalist	\$540
Quarterfinalist	\$320
Round of 16	\$180

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Saturday, March 11**– Adult Pro-Am, 6 p.m.

**Sunday, March 12**– Tennis Clinic with the Pros, 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 15**– KCTA Awards Night

**Saturday, March 18**– Kids' Day, 3-4 p.m.

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

The **Bakersfield Tennis Open** will be played in Bakersfield for the fourth consecutive year. The city also hosted a USTA Pro Circuit men's event from 1993 to 1995. This is the first of two consecutive hard-court events in March, preceding Calabasas, which is held next week.

To follow the tournament, download the USTA Pro Circuit's phone app for smartphones and tablets by searching "procircuit" in the Apple and Google Play stores.

Notable players competing in Bakersfield include:

**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.
- 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.
- Turned pro in 2014.

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*Marcos Giron won the 2014 NCAA singles title as a junior at UCLA.*

- 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.



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**Jared Hiltzik, 22, 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 2014.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit doubles title in early 2016 at the USTA Pro Circuit

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Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C., and then captured back-to-back doubles titles in Illinois in summer 2016.

- In July 2016, served as a practice partner with the U.S. Davis Cup team for its quarterfinal against Croatia in Portland, Ore.
- Advanced to the singles quarterfinals of the first USTA Pro Circuit men's event in Orlando in mid-February 2017.

**Christian Harrison, 22, Bradenton, Fla.**

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

**Wil Spencer, 27, 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 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.

**Alexios Halebian, 22**

- Former top junior and four-time doubles champion on the USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit, most recently winning the doubles title in Claremont, Calif., in 2016.
- Reached the singles quarterfinals of 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.

**Gonzales Austin, 24, Miami**

- Graduated from Vanderbilt in 2015 as the SEC Player of the Year.
- Received All-America honors in both singles and doubles during junior and senior years.
- In collegiate career, earned 107 singles wins—the most of any player in Vanderbilt history.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 Futures in Claremont, Calif., in September 2015.

\*Player field subject to change

## BAKERSFIELD PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Michael Mmoh (USA)	Casper Ruud (NOR)	2016	Nicolas Meister (USA) – Adrien Puget (FRA)
2015	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	Maxime Tabatruong (FRA)	2015	Sekou Bangoura (USA) – Darian King (BAR)
2014	Daniel Kosakowski (USA)	Mitchell Krueger (USA)	2014	Sekou Bangoura (USA) – Evan King (USA)
1996-2013	Event not held		1996-2013	Event not held
1995	Alejandro Hernandez (MEX)	Juan Rios (PUR)	1995	Geoff Grant (USA) – Chris Pressley (USA)
1994	Steve Campbell (USA)	Kip Brady (USA)	1994	Paul Annacone (USA) – Justin Gimelstob (USA)
1993	Wojtek Kowalski (POL)	Sascha Bandermann (GER)	1993	Glenn Michibata (TPE) – Ari Nathan (USA)

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