USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN’S TENNIS RETURNS TO TAMPA FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2008

USTA Pro Circuit women’s tennis will return to Tampa for the first time since 2008 with the **SGI $15,000 Women’s Event**. This is the second of two consecutive $15,000 clay-court tournaments hosted in Florida in March, following Orlando, which was held at the new USTA National Campus last week. Tampa hosted a women’s USTA Pro Circuit tournament from 2004-08. The city also hosts a $15,000 men’s event in May.

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 Tampa include:

**Danielle Collins**, 23, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 as a two-time NCAA singles champion, winning the title in 2014 and 2016. In doing so, she became the seventh woman all-time to win multiple NCAA singles titles.
- Was also a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American and the 2016 ITA Senior Player of the Year; tallied 125 career singles victories in college.
- Received wild cards into the US Open women’s draw in 2014 and 2016.

**Sanaz Marand**, 28, Katy, Texas
- Played for the University of North Carolina, where she received All-America honors and, in 2010, helped lead the Tar Heels to their first NCAA team semifinals.
- In 2013, won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the $25,000 event in El Paso, Texas.
- Has also won 13 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including three in 2015 and one in 2016 in Great Britain with Melanie Oudin.

**Lauren Albanese**, 27, Coral Springs, Fla.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit and ITF

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*Player field subject to change*