

## TAMPA USTA MEN'S PRO CIRCUIT FUTURES TAMPA, FL • MAY 1-7



### TOURNAMENT INFO

**Site:** Harbour Island Athletic Club – Tampa, Fla.

**Websites:** www.procircuit.usta.com

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Friday, April 28

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, May 2

**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                  |

### USTA PRO CIRCUIT RETURNS TO TAMPA

The Tampa USTA Men's Pro Circuit Futures is being held in Tampa, Fla., for the 18th consecutive year. The city also hosted nine USTA Pro Circuit events between 1980 and 1997. It is the last of three consecutive clay-court \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures, all of which will be held in Florida as part of the USTA Pro Circuit spring clay-court 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 Tampa include:

**Rhyn Williams, 26, Knoxville, Tenn.**

- Former Top 120 player who was away from the game from June 2015 to June 2016 due to a back injury. He is currently on the comeback trail on the USTA Pro Circuit.
- Turned pro in 2011 following his sophomore year at the University of Tennessee, where he reached the singles final at the NCAA Championships.
- In 2012, won three matches to qualify for the main draw of the US Open, facing Andy Roddick prior to Roddick's retirement announcement.
- Made a second Grand Slam main draw at the 2013 Australian Open, earning a wild card by winning the USTA Australian Open Wild



*Rhyn Williams, currently on the comeback trail following a back injury, reached the NCAA singles final in 2011 and peaked at No. 114 in the world in 2013.*

Card Playoffs. He also qualified for the 2013 French Open.

- Reached the semifinals at the ATP clay-court event in Houston in 2013 for his best ATP result.
- In 2014, qualified for the main draw of the Australian Open and took the first set off 2009 US Open champion and No. 5 seed Juan Martin del Potro in the opening round
- Since launching his comeback last summer, has won eight USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles and reached two singles finals.
- Comes from a tennis family—grandfather is Mike DePalmer Sr., co-founder of the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy; mother is Michelle DePalmer-Williams, a former pro and Orange Bowl 16s champion.

**Connor Smith, 26, Tampa, Fla.**

- Graduated from Ohio State in 2013 after transferring from Florida State following his sophomore season.
- Went 36-7 in singles and 33-7 in doubles during his senior year.
- Holds six USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit singles titles and 15 doubles titles, including



*Tampa resident Connor Smith graduated from Ohio State in 2013 and holds six USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and 15 doubles titles. He has also served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team.*

two doubles titles this year in Orlando, Fla., and one in Calabasas, Fla.

- In 2016, competed in Australian Open qualifying for the first time and served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team for its first-round match in Australia.

**Dennis Nevolo, 27, Gurnee, Ill.**

- Graduated from the University of Illinois in 2012, receiving two All-America honors.
- Was the second player in Illini program history to earn All-Big Ten honors all four seasons.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, both won in 2014, as well as four USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles.

**Winston Lin, 24, Williamsville, N.Y.**

- Graduated from the Columbia University in 2015, having played at

the No. 1 singles and doubles positions his senior year.

- Earned All-America honors his junior year and was the 2014 Ivy League Player of the Year.
- Spent most of 2016 competing overseas in ITF Circuit events in Greece, Croatia, Bulgaria, Finland and Canada.

**John McNally, 18, Cincinnati**

- Standout junior player, who peaked at No. 16 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in October 2016.
- Competed in the junior US Open, French Open, and Wimbledon in 2016, reaching the doubles quarterfinals of the French Open.
- Reached the final of the Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event, in 2016.
- Committed to play at Ohio State next season.

\*Player field subject to change

## TAMPA PAST WINNERS

| Singles    |                        |                             | Doubles    |  |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| Year       | Winner                 | Runner-Up                   | Year       | Winner   |
| 2016       | Peter Polansky (CAN)   | Roberto Quiroz (ECU)        | 2016       | Gonzalo Escobar (ECU) – Roberto Quiroz (ECU)     |
| 2015       | Thales Turini (BRA)    | Tennys Sandgren (USA)       | 2015       | Sekou Bangoura (USA) – Brandon Anandan (USA)     |
| 2014       | Bjorn Fratangelo (USA) | Christian Garin (CHI)       | 2014       | Nicolas Jarry (CHI) – Tiago Lopes (BRA)          |
| 2013       | Austin Krajicek (USA)  | Christian Harrison (USA)    | 2013       | Jean Yves-Aubone (USA) – Ryan Rowe (USA)         |
| 2012       | Tennys Sandgren (USA)  | Bjorn Fratangelo (USA)      | 2012       | Philip Bester (CAN) – Kamil Pajkowski (CAN)      |
| 2011       | Blake Strode (USA)     | Lester Cook (USA)           | 2011       | Ashley Fisher (AUS) – Chris Haggard (RSA)        |
| 2010       | Augustin Gensse (FRA)  | Erling Tveit (NOR)          | 2010       | Denis Kudla (USA) – Junior Ore (USA)             |
| 2009       | Philip Bester (CAN)    | Haydn Lewis (BAR)           | 2009       | Kaden Hensel (AUS) – Adam Hubble (AUS)           |
| 2008       | Daniel Garza (MEX)     | Marcus Fugate (USA)         | 2008       | Adam Fuss (USA) – Vahid Mirzadeh (USA)           |
| 2007       | Victor Estrella (DOM)  | Stefano Ianni (ITA)         | 2007       | Colin Ebelthite (AUS) – Clinton Thomson (AUS)    |
| 2006       | Robert Yim (USA)       | Izak Van Der Merwe (RSA)    | 2006       | Kelly Jones (USA) – Pete Stroer (USA)            |
| 2005       | Jose De Armas (VEN)    | Diego Alvarez (ARG)         | 2005       | Cody Conley (USA) – Ryan Newport (USA)           |
| 2004       | K.J. Hippensteel (USA) | Brian Baker (USA)           | 2004       | Ryan Haviland (USA) – K.J.Hippensteel (USA)      |
| 2003       | Dusan Vemic (SRB)      | Francisco Rodriguez (PAR)   | 2003       | Ryan Haviland (USA) – K.J.Hippensteel (USA)      |
| 2002       | Jose De Armas (VEN)    | Frank Dancevic (CAN)        | 2002       | Thomas Blake (USA) – Levar Harper-Griffith (USA) |
| 2001       | Daniel Andersson (SWE) | Levar Harper-Griffith (USA) | 2001       | Enrique Abaroa (MEX) – Lee Pearson (AUS)         |
| 2000       | Cedric Kauffmann (FRA) | Noam Behr (ISR)             | 2000       | Enrique Abaroa (MEX) – Mauricio Hadad (COL)      |
| 1998-99    | Event not held         |                             | 1998-99    | Event not held                                   |
| 1997       | David Witt (USA)       | Ricardo Mena (POR)          | 1997       | Robert Kraus (RSA) – Markus Zillner (GER)        |
| 1991-96    | Event not held         |                             | 1991-96    | Event not held                                   |
| April 1990 | Bryan Shelton (USA)    | Broderick Dyke (AUS)        | April 1990 | Doug Flach (USA) – Ken Flach (USA)               |
| March 1990 | Jan Apell (SWE)        | Massimo Ardinhi (ITA)       | March 1990 | Scott Melville (USA) – Jacco Van Duyn (NED)      |
| 1989       | Event not held         |                             | 1989       | Event not held                                   |
| 1988       | Jimmy Brown (USA)      | Jon Sorbo (USA)             | 1988       | Julian Barham (USA) – Rikard Bergh (SWE)         |
| 1987       | Jim Courier (USA)      | Jimmy Brown (USA)           | 1987       | Tobias Svantesson (SWE) – John Trembl (USA)      |
| 1986       | Andrei Chesnokov (RUS) | Ramesh Krishnan (IND)       | 1986       | Brett Custer (AUS) – David MacPherson (AUS)      |
| 1985       | Magnus Tideman (SWE)   | Ahmed El Mehelmy (EGY)      | 1985       | Peter Carlsson (SWE) – Magnus Tideman (SWE)      |
| 1984       | Jay Lapidus (USA)      | Ben Testerman (USA)         | 1984       | Jonathan Canter (USA) – Derek Tarr (USA)         |
| 1981-83    | Event not held         |                             | 1981-83    | Event not held                                   |
| 1980       | Ben Mckown (USA)       | Rick Fagel (USA)            | 1980       | Morris Strode (USA) – Charles Strode (USA)       |