

ACADEMIA SANCHEZ-CASAL WOMEN'S OPEN SPONSORED BY GERMAIN BMW OF NAPLES

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, May 7

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, May 9

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$25,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$3,919	50
Runner-up	\$2,091	30
Semifinalist	\$1,144	18
Quarterfinalist	\$654	9
Round of 16	\$392	5
Round of 32	\$228	1

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$1,437
Runner-up	\$719
Semifinalist	\$359
Quarterfinalist	\$196
Round of 16	\$131

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO NAPLES

The **Academia Sanchez-Casal Women's Open** sponsored by Germain BMW of Naples is taking place in Naples for the second consecutive year. The city will also host another \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event next week. Naples first hosted USTA Pro Circuit tennis in 2002, when the city held a \$50,000 women's event. It also hosted a \$50,000 women's event in 2000, as well as a \$50,000 men's Challenger from 1992 to 1994. This is the first of three \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit clay-court women's events held in May prior to the start of the hard-court season.

Notable players competing in Naples include:

Taylor Townsend, 21, Atlanta

- In 2017, qualified for the WTA event in Miami and advanced to the third round.
- Made third consecutive appearance in the main draw of the French Open in 2016 after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge; also won the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge in 2014 and advanced to the third round of that year's French Open for her career-best Grand Slam result.
- Qualified for the 2016 US Open and faced Caroline Wozniacki in the first round; also advanced to the women's doubles quarterfinals in New York.
- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and 12 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including eight doubles titles in 2016—the most of any player since 1987.



Former junior No. 1 Taylor Townsend advanced to the third round of the WTA event in Miami this year and qualified for the 2016 US Open,

- Was the 2012 ITF World Junior Champion, becoming the first U.S. girl to hold the year-end No. 1 junior ranking since Gretchen Rush in 1982; ascended to No. 1 by winning the Australian Open junior singles and doubles titles, as well as the junior doubles titles at the US Open and Wimbledon in 2012.

Kayla Day, 17, Santa Barbara, Calif. (2016 singles finalist)

- Currently ranked a career-high No. 147 in the world.
- Competed in the Australian Open for the first time this year after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Australian Open Wild Card Challenge in fall 2016.
- Advanced to the third round of the WTA event in Indian Wells in 2017 and also reached the singles final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.
- Won the 2016 US Open girls' singles title and shot to No. 1 in the world junior rankings; also reached the semifinals of junior Wimbledon in 2016.
- Also at the 2016 US Open, earned a wild card into the main draw and won her first-



2016 Naples singles finalist Kayla Day won the 2016 US Open girls' singles title to then become the No. 10-ranked junior in the world.

round match over Madison Brengle in her Grand Slam debut.

- Won her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2016 at the \$50,000 event in Macon, Ga.
- Moved from No. 998 in the rankings at the end of 2015 to No. 195 at the end of 2016.
- Helped lead the U.S. to a second-place finish on clay in Madrid at the 2015 Junior Fed Cup finals.
- Served as a practice partner for the U.S. Fed Cup team in February 2017 for its first-round win over Germany in Maui.

Samantha Crawford, 22, Tamarac, Fla.

- Advanced to the second round of the 2017 Australian Open—her best result at the tournament.
- Made Wimbledon main-draw debut in summer 2016 and won her first-ever Grand Slam match with a victory over Paula Kania in the first round.
- Competed in the Australian Open for the first time in 2016 after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Australian Open Wild Card Challenge; also won the USTA Pro Circuit US Open Wild Card Challenge in 2015, securing a spot in the US Open main draw for the second time in her career.
- Reached first WTA semifinal in 2016 in Brisbane as a qualifier.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$50,000 Scottsdale in 2015) and holds five doubles titles.
- In 2012, won the US Open girls' singles title and qualified for the women's singles main draw as a qualifying wild card.
- Rose to No. 5 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2012.
- Height is 6-foot-2.

Sofia Kenin, 18, Pembroke Pines, Fla.

- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in Wesley Chapel, Fla., in January 2016 and then won the \$50,000 event in Sacramento, Calif., in July.
- Won the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a wild card into the 2016 US Open, facing eventual finalist Karolina Pliskova in the first round.
- Improved from No. 620 at the end of 2015 to No. 212 at the end of 2016.
- Has reached the semifinals or better at four USTA Pro Circuit events so far in 2017.
- Won the 2015 USTA Girls' 18s national title to earn a wild-card berth into the US Open women's singles draw for her first Grand Slam main draw.
- As a junior player, reached the singles final at the 2015 US Open Junior Championships, the semifinals at the 2016 junior US Open and the quarterfinals at 2016 junior Wimbledon.
- Climbed as high as No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Represented the U.S. at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and also competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China.
- Also goes by Sonya.

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.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Williamsburg, Va., in 2011, and \$25,000 Stillwater, Okla., in 2016).
- Has trained at Nick Bollettieri's IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

Caroline Dolehide, 18, Hinsdale, Ill.

- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in June 2016 at the \$10,000 event in Buffalo, N.Y.; also won her first career doubles title in Buffalo.
- Won second career singles title this year at the \$25,000 event in Surprise, Ariz., as well as second doubles title at the \$25,000 event in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.
- Advanced to the doubles final at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., this year with fellow young American Kayla Day.
- Ranked as high as No. 16 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Reached the singles semifinals at the 2014 junior US Open and the doubles final at both the 2015 junior French Open and the 2016 junior US Open.

Robin Anderson, 24, Matawan, N.J.

- Graduated from UCLA in 2015 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for the fourth consecutive year, becoming the seventh player in school history to accomplish that feat.
- Named the ITA National Collegiate Player of the Year for 2014-15.
- Was part of UCLA's NCAA-title winning team in 2014 and reached the NCAA doubles final in 2013.
- At the 2015 US Open, won the American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament for the top U.S. college players.
- Has won one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Landisville, Pa., in 2011) and two doubles titles (\$25,000 Redding, Calif., in 2013 and \$25,000 Daytona Beach, Fla., in 2017).
- In February 2016, reached the final of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich.; advanced to two additional USTA Pro Circuit semifinals in 2016.
- As a junior player, reached the singles quarterfinals at the 2010 junior US Open.

Usue Maitane Arconada, 18, College Park, Md.

- Ranked as high as No. 5 in the world junior rankings.
- Won her first pro-level match at age 14, in qualifying for the WTA's Citi Open in Washington, D.C., in 2013, beating then 26-year-old Maria Irigoyen. In 2016, won her first WTA match at the Citi Open as a wild card.
- Reached the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Pelham, Ala., this year.
- Won the junior doubles title at Wimbledon in 2016 (with Claire Liu) and reached the girls' singles quarterfinals; also reached the third round in singles and the quarterfinals in doubles at the 2015 and 2016 junior US Open.
- Born in Argentina and moved to Puerto Rico when her father accepted a position as Puerto Rico's national volleyball coach.

Elizabeth Halbauer, 19

- This year, advanced to the semifinals in both singles and doubles at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event in Orlando, held at the new USTA National Campus.
- Cracked the Top 350 for the first time in 2016 after winning an ITF Circuit event in Argentina in April and reaching the final at another \$25,000 ITF Circuit event in Canada in August.
- Competed in US Open qualifying in 2016 as a wild card.
- Reached the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Daytona Beach, Fla., in 2017.
- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 2013.

Lauren Albanese, 27, Coral Springs, Fla.

- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as five doubles titles.
- Won the USTA Girls' 18s title in 2006 to earn a wild card into the US Open, where she advanced to the second round of the women's singles main draw.
- Also competed in the US Open main draw in 2007.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Victoria Duval, 21, Bradenton, Fla.

- Played in her first tournament since Wimbledon 2016 this April at the \$80,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., where she reached the semifinals and upset former Top 10 player Eugenie Bouchard.
- Played in her first tournament in August 2015 after a year away from the game after battling Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Has made a full recovery.
- Peaked at No. 87 in the world in August 2014 after qualifying for and reaching the second round at Wimbledon just before her diagnosis.
- Made international headlines at the 2013 US Open, where she qualified for the main draw and upset 2011 champion Samantha Stosur in the first round.
- In 2012, won the USTA Girls' 18s national title to earn a wild card into the US Open women's draw, where she played Kim Clijsters in the first round before Clijsters' retirement.
- Peaked at No. 18 in the world in the ITF World Junior Rankings in September 2011 after reaching the quarterfinals of the junior US Open and junior Wimbledon. Also reached the semifinals of the 2012 junior US Open.
- Grew up Haiti until she was 8. When she was 7, was held hostage in an armed robbery in her aunt's house in Port-au-Prince, along with several cousins, before being freed unharmed. Following that, Vicky's mother, Nadine, gave up her neonatal practice and moved Vicky and her two brothers to South Florida, leaving behind Vicky's father, Jean-Maurice, to continue his gynecology and obstetrics practice in Port-au-Prince.
- In 2010, Duval's father was involved in the earthquake in Haiti; he was pinned by collapsing walls outside his house. He dug himself out but had several devastating injuries. An Atlanta family connected with the Racquet Club of the South donated a large amount of money to airlift Jean-Maurice to a hospital in Fort Lauderdale for treatment.

Maria Sanchez, 27, Los Angeles

- Has thrived in doubles and has competed in all four Grand Slam tournaments in doubles, peaking at No. 56 in the world in doubles in September 2016.

- Won a WTA doubles title in 2014 in Auckland, New Zealand, with Sharon Fichman; also holds 18 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including three titles in 2016.
- Peaked at No. 107 in the world in singles in July 2013.
- Also in 2013, made her debut in a Grand Slam main draw by earning a wild card into the US Open.
- Was the No. 1-ranked collegian and an ITA All-American at the University of Southern California, winning the 2011 USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championship singles title.
- As a junior player, ranked No. 1 in the U.S. as a 16-year-old and No. 4 in the country as an 18-year-old.

Claire Liu, 16, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

- In March 2015, won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$10,000 event in Orlando, Fla. In doing so, at age 14 years, 9 months and 25 days old, became the youngest woman to win a USTA Pro Circuit tournament since Anna Kournikova in 1996 and the sixth-youngest ever.
- As a junior player, ranked a career-high No. 8 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. In 2016, reached the singles quarterfinals and won the doubles title at Wimbledon (with Usue Arconada) and reached the doubles quarterfinals of the junior US Open.
- In 2015, won the Easter Bowl and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Orange Bowl, both prestigious junior events.
- In February 2016, was with the U.S. Fed Cup team in Hawaii as part of a junior Fed Cup camp run by USTA Player Development.

Ronit Yurovsky, 23, New Kensington, Pa.

- Graduated in 2016 from the University of Michigan, where she was a 2016 All-American and received four All-Big Ten honors.
- Graduated No. 3 all-time in singles wins at Michigan, with 117.
- Earned four NCAA Singles Championship berths.
- Won two USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles in 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 her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in El Paso, Texas. Has also won 16 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including three titles this year.

Julia Elbaba, 22, Oyster Bay, N.Y.

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016, setting the UVA record for singles wins with 133 in her career. Earned All-America honors in singles for four consecutive years.
- Was ranked No. 1 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's singles rankings during her collegiate career.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 event in New Orleans in 2012.

Emina Bektas, 24, Indianapolis

- Won the 2016 US Open National Playoffs – Mixed Doubles Championship to earn a main-draw mixed doubles wild card into the 2016 US Open.
- Played for the University of Michigan, graduating in 2015 as the Wolverines' all-time leader in singles wins, with 129, and combined wins, with 258.

- Also played in the NCAA singles tournament all four years of her collegiate career—the first Wolverine in school history to do so.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Evansville, Ind., in 2013) and one ITF Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Mexico City in 2016).
- Holds nine USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including three titles this year.

Sophie Chang, 19, Havre de Grace, Md.

- Won the 2016 US Open National Playoffs – Women’s Singles Championship to earn a wild card into the US Open Qualifying Tournament in her US Open debut.
- Holds four USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles and advanced to the doubles semifinals at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., earlier this year.
- Committed to play at the University of Virginia before turning pro.
- Great-grandfather, Joseph Carpenter, won the mixed doubles title at the 1910 U.S. National Championships.

*Player field subject to change

NAPLES PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
May 2016	Valeria Solovyeva (RUS)	Kayla Day (USA)	May 2016	Gabriela Ce (BRA)-Justyna Jegiolka (POL)
March 2016	Barbara Haas (AUT)	Elizaveta Ianchuk (UKR)	March 2016	Valeria Solovyeva (RUS)-Maryna Zanevska (UKR)
2003-2015	Event not held		2003-2015	Event not held
2002	Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	Maureen Drake (CAN)	2002	Rika Hiraki (JPN) – Nana Miyagi (JPN)
2001	Event not held		2001	Event not held
2000	Yvette Basting (NED)	Catalina Castano (COL)	2000	Nana Miyagi (JPN) – Elena Tatarkova (UKR)