

LEVENE GOULDIN & THOMPSON TENNIS CHALLENGER BINGHAMTON, NY • JULY 21-29



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Recreation Park, Binghamton, N.Y.

Websites: <http://binghamtonchallenger.com>
www.procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Levene Gouldin & Thompson
Tennis Challenger

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, July 21

Main Draw Begins: Monday, July 23

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$75,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$10,800	90
Runner-up	\$6,360	55
Semifinalist	\$3,765	33
Quarterfinalist	\$2,190	17
Round of 16	\$1,290	8
Round of 32	\$780	–

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$4,650
Runner-up	\$2,700
Semifinalist	\$1,620
Quarterfinalist	\$960
Round of 16	\$540

TOURNAMENT EVENTS

Sunday, July 22 – Pro-Am, 4 p.m.

Wed., July 25 – Fastest Serve Contest, 4:30 p.m.

BINGHAMTON CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S TENNIS, CONTINUES US OPEN WILD CARD CHALLENGE

The **Levene Gouldin & Thompson Tennis Challenger** returns to Binghamton for the 25th consecutive year. The tournament that claims Andy Murray and Leander Paes among its previous singles champions maintains its important place on the summer hard-court schedule in America, as it continues the US Open Wild Card Challenge.

Binghamton is one of three events this week – joining the US Open Series' BB&T Atlanta Open ATP 250 and \$100,000 ATP Challenger in Granby, Canada – where results from Americans will count toward the men's side of the Challenge. This is Week 3 of the five-week window where American players whose rankings fall outside of the US Open's direct-entry cutoff will have a chance to earn their way into the main draw of the year's final Grand Slam.

The American man and American woman who earn the most ATP World Tour and WTA ranking points from their best results will earn main-draw wild cards into the US Open. The men's challenge will include the best three results during the five-week time period. Only Americans who did not otherwise earn direct entry into the US Open are eligible. In the event of a tie, the player with the best ATP or WTA singles ranking on August 13 will be awarded the wild card.

This tournament will be streamed live on www.procircuit.usta.com.

Notable players competing in Binghamton include:



Marcel Granollers has been ranked as high as No. 19 in the world in singles and No. 4 in the world in doubles.

Marcel Granollers, 32, Barcelona, Spain

- Former world No. 19 in singles and No. 4 in doubles.
- Won his last of four career ATP singles titles in Kitzbuhel, in 2013; Owns 15 ATP doubles titles and was the doubles runner-up at the US Open in 2014.
- Finished in the Top 100 of the ATP rankings from 2008-16.

Jordan Thompson, 24, Sydney, Australia

- Reached a career-high No. 63 in the world in 2017, and beat Andy Murray when Murray was ranked No. 1 in London's Queen's Club event, ahead of Wimbledon.
- Won one Challenger title this year, and reached two additional finals.

Bjorn Fratangelo, 24, Pittsburgh/Orlando, Fla.

- In 2018, won ATP matches at the New York Open, Houston and Barcelona before a knee injury in Madrid sidelined him for a month; Returned for the grass-court season.
- In 2017, won his first career match at the US Open after competing in the main draw



Former French Open boys' champion Bjorn Fratangelo reached the singles final in Binghamton in 2015.

for three years. Also in 2017, qualified for the Australian Open and French Open and reached first ATP semifinal in July at the grass-court event in Newport, R.I., falling to John Isner.

- Won the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge to make his French Open debut in 2016 and won first-round match over Sam Querrey for his first career Grand Slam win.
- Also in 2016, notably pushed world No. 1 Novak Djokovic to three sets in a second-round match at the ATP Masters 1000 event in Indian Wells, Calif.
- Made Grand Slam main-draw debut at the 2015 US Open after winning the USTA Pro Circuit US Open Wild Card Challenge that year.
- Holds 10 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles.
- Won the French Open boys' singles title in 2011, becoming the first American to win the Roland Garros boys' title since John McEnroe in 1977.
- Named after 11-time Grand Slam champion Bjorn Borg.
- Currently trains at the USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla.

Christian Harrison, 24, Bradenton, Fla.

- Qualified for the Wimbledon main draw before losing to Kei Nishikori in the first round.
- Reached the singles final of the \$75,000 USTA Pro Circuit clay-court Challenger in May.
- Did not compete from July 2013 to August 2015 after suffering a series of injuries.
- Won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of 2017 at the \$25,000 Futures in Tulsa, Okla., in July, then won another title a week later in Wichita, Kan.
- Won first career 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.
- Qualified 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.

Marcos Giron, 24, 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.
- Holds six USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and three doubles titles; Reached the singles final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Calabasas, Calif., in March.
- 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.
- 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.

Thai-Son Kwiatkowski, 23, Charlotte

- Won his third and fourth pro singles titles recently at hard-court Futures events in Singapore and Canada.
- Graduated in May 2017 from the University of Virginia, where he won the 2017 NCAA singles title and was a three-time All-American.
- Was part of three NCAA championship-winning teams at Virginia, with the school capturing team titles in 2015, 2016 and 2017; Named "Most Outstanding Player" at the 2016 NCAA team championship.
- Ranked as high as No. 13 in the world among juniors in 2013. Competed in all four junior Grand Slams in singles and doubles, reaching the doubles quarterfinals at the 2012 junior US Open and French Open.

BINGHAMTON PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2017	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	Jordan Thompson (AUS)	2017	Denis Kudla (USA) – Daniel Nguyen (USA)
2016	Darian King (BAR)	Mitchell Krueger (USA)	2016	Matt Reid (AUS) – John-Patrick Smith (AUS)
2015	Kyle Edmund (GBR)	Bjorn Fratangelo (USA)	2015	Dean O'Brien (RSA) – Ruan Roelofse (RSA)
2014	Sergiy Stakhovsky (UKR)	Wayne Odesnik (USA)	2014	Daniel Cox (GBR) – Daniel Smethurst (GBR)
2013	Alex Kuznetsov (USA)	Bradley Klahn (USA)	2013	Bradley Klahn (USA) – Michael Venus (NZL)
2012	Michael Yani (USA)	Fritz Wolmarans (RSA)	2012	Dudi Sela (ISR) – Harel Sruogo (ISR)
2011	Paul Capdeville (CHI)	Wayne Odesnik (USA)	2011	Juan Sebastian Cabal (COL) – Robert Farah (COL)
2010	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	Robert Kendrick (USA)	2010	Treat Conrad Huey (PHI) – Dominic Inglot (GBR)
2009	Paul Capdeville (CHI)	Kevin Anderson (RSA)	2009	Rik De Voest (RSA) – Scott Lipsky (USA)
2008	Paul Capdeville (CHI)	Rajeev Ram (USA)	2008	Carsten Ball (AUS) – Travis Rettenmaier (USA)
2007	Thomas Johansson (SWE)	Dusan Vemic (SRB)	2007	Scott Oudsema (USA) – Ryan Sweeting (USA)
2006	Scott Oudsema (USA)	Lucas Lacko (SVK)	2006	Scott Lipsky (USA) – David Martin (USA)
2005	Andy Murray (GBR)	Alejandro Falla (COL)	2005	Huntley Montgomery (USA) – Tripp Phillips (USA)
2004	Noam Okun (ISR)	Danai Udomchoke (THA)	2004	Huntley Montgomery (USA) – Tripp Phillips (USA)
2003	Ivo Karlovic (CRO)	Nicolas Thomann (FRA)	2003	Jonathan Erlich (ISR) – Andy Ram (ISR)
2002	Scott Draper (AUS)	Peter Luczak (AUS)	2002	Paul Goldstein (USA) – Scott Humphries (USA)
2001	Cedric Kauffmann (FRA)	Noam Behr (ISR)	2001	Bobby Kokavec (CAN) – Frederic Niemeyer (CAN)
2000	Takao Suzuki (JPN)	Yong-Il Yoon (KOR)	2000	Justin Bower (RSA) – Jeff Coetzee (RSA)
1999	Anthony Dupuis (FRA)	Brett Steven (NZL)	1999	Mitch Sprengelmeyer (USA) – Jason Weir-Smith (RSA)
1998	Takao Suzuki (ISR)	Diego Nargiso (ITA)	1998	Myles Wakefield (RSA) – Wesley Whitehouse (RSA)
1997	David Witt (USA)	Brian MacPhie (USA)	1997	Brian MacPhie (USA)
1996	Vincenzo Santopadre (ITA)	Sargis Sargsian (ARM)	1996	Justin Gimelstob (USA) – Jeff Salzenstein (USA)
1995	Shuzo Matsuoka (JPN)	Jamie Morgan (AUS)	1995	Scott Humphries (USA) – Adam Peterson (USA)
1994	Leander Paes (IND)	David Witt (USA)	1994	David DiLucia (USA) – Chris Woodruff (USA)