

ATLANTIC TIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS CARY, N.C. • SEPTEMBER 8-16



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Cary Tennis Park – Cary, N.C.

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, September 8

Main Draw Begins: Monday, September 10

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$50,000+H

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$7,200	80
Runner-up	\$4,240	48
Semifinalist	\$2,510	29
Quarterfinalist	\$1,460	15
Round of 16	\$860	7
Round of 32	\$520	0

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$3,100
Runner-up	\$1,800
Semifinalist	\$1,080
Quarterfinalist	\$640
Round of 16	\$360

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO CARY

The **Atlantic Tire Championships** are taking place in Cary for the third consecutive year. It is the first USTA Pro Circuit event taking place following the US Open.

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

Notable players competing in Cary include:

JC Aragone, 23, Yorba Linda, Calif.

- Lost in the final round of singles qualifying at the 2018 US Open.
- Won his first career pro titles in 2018: two singles titles, at the USTA Pro Circuit \$25,000 Futures in Calabasas, Calif., and the ITF Pro Circuit \$25,000 event in Kelowna, Canada; and one doubles title, at a \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C.
- Graduated in May 2017 from the University of Virginia, where he was a part of three NCAA title-winning teams and clinched the victory for UVA in the title match last year.
- Won 37 singles matches for Virginia in his senior season, a career-best and team-high.
- Won three matches to qualify for the 2017 US Open; Also competed in the 2017 American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament for college players during the US Open.
- Competes with an insulin pump at a Type I diabetic.

Ernesto Escobedo, 22, West Covina, Calif.

- In 2018, won ATP matches in Indian Wells (defeating Frances Tiafoe), Acapulco, and at the New York Open.
- Lost in the second round of qualifying at the 2018 US Open.



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Ernesto Escobedo rose to No. 67 in the world shortly after turning 21 last year.

- Peaked at a career-high No. 67 in the world in July 2017 after competing in the main draw of the French Open and Wimbledon and winning his first-round match at the US Open Series event in Montreal.
- Broke into the Top 100 in April 2017 after reaching his first ATP semifinal in Houston, defeating John Isner in the quarterfinals. Qualified for the ATP Masters Series events in Miami and Madrid in 2017.
- Made his Grand Slam main-draw debut at the 2016 US Open after earning a wild card by clinching the USTA Pro Circuit's US Open Wild Card Challenge. At the US Open, won first-round match against Lukas Lacko.
- Won two Challenger titles in 2016 at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Lexington, Ky., and the \$100,000 ITF Pro Circuit Challenger in Monterrey, Mexico.
- A Mexican-American, grew up playing on public courts in Los Angeles.
- Born on July 4.
- Coach: Peter Lucassen

Christopher Eubanks, 22, Atlanta

- Won his first ATP Challenger title in April at the \$75,000 hard-court event in Leon, Mexico, after reaching the singles final a



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A former All-American at Georgia Tech, Eubanks won 9 of 10 hard-court Challenger matches in April and took home his first Challenger title.

week earlier at the \$50,000 event in Guadalajara; Broke into the Top 200 shortly thereafter and rose to a career-high No. 183 in June.

- Fell in the second round of qualifying at the 2018 US Open; Played doubles with Donald Young, falling in the first round.
- Turned pro in October 2017 after completing his junior year at Georgia Tech, where he was a two-time ACC Player of the Year and two-time ITA singles All-American; Advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2017 NCAA singles championship and went 31-6 in singles in his final season in college.
- Had a breakout summer in 2017, beating Taylor Fritz and Jared Donaldson to reach the quarterfinals of the US Open Series' BB&T Atlanta Open in his hometown; Made his Grand Slam main-draw debut at the 2017 US Open, after receiving a wild card.
- Childhood neighbor of Donald Young and his family, after the Youngs relocated to Atlanta from Chicago; Grew up playing and training with Donald at his family's nearby facility.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in June 2017 at the Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C. Also reached the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Los Angeles, Calif., in January.

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.
- Fell in the second round of US Open qualifying.
- In 2017, won his first career match at the US Open after competing in the main draw 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.

- Reached the men's doubles third round at the 2018 US Open with brother Ryan; Reached the mixed doubles semifinals with sister-in-law Christina McHale.
- 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.

Kevin King, 27, Peachtree City, Ga.

- Reached his first Challenger semifinal of 2018 in May, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Qualified for the Australian Open and lost to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in January.
- Served as practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup Team for April's Quarterfinal victory over Belgium in Nashville.
- Graduated from Georgia Tech in 2012, finishing his career ranked No. 4 in doubles in the collegiate rankings and with 87 doubles wins.
- Earned All-America honors in 2011 after reaching the semifinals of the NCAA Doubles Championships that year.
- Holds six USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, including three titles in 2017, and 11 doubles titles.

Dennis Novikov, 24, San Jose

- Won his first Challenger singles title in three years in February, at the Challenger in Morelo, Mexico.
- Fell in the first round of 2018 US Open qualifying.
- Turned pro after two seasons at UCLA; Was the Pac-12 Player of the Year as a sophomore in 2013.
- Won the 2012 USTA Boys' 18s National Championship to earn a wild card entry into the US Open.
- Born in Russia, played junior hockey for six years

Reilly Opelka, 21, Palm Coast, Fla.

- Best known for his height (6-foot-11), which ties him with Ivo Karlovic as the tallest player in the world, and his serve, which has officially clocked as high as 145 mph.
- Fell in the first round of qualifying and doubles at the 2018 US Open.
- Qualified for the 2017 Australian Open (his first Grand Slam main draw appearance) and pushed eventual quarterfinalist and then Top-10 player David Goffin to five sets in the first round.
- Won his second career ATP Challenger title in May, at the €06,000 event in Bordeaux, France, ahead of the French Open. First Challenger title came at the USTA Pro Circuit \$50,000 event in Charlottesville, Va., in 2016.
- This January, reached the semifinals of the ATP Challengers in Playford, Australia, and Newport Beach, Calif. Also reached the quarterfinals of the ATP event in Delray Beach, Fla., this February as a wild card.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 125 in the world in June 2017.
- Has dealt with many injuries over the years because of his rapid growth, but had his best summer as a pro in 2016, reaching the semifinals in Atlanta and the second round in Cincinnati, both US Open Series events.

- As a junior, won the Wimbledon boys' singles title in 2015 and was ranked as high as No. 4 in the world.
- Was introduced to tennis by USTA national coach and former U.S. Davis Cup captain Tom Gullikson after Gullikson met Opelka's father while playing golf near Palm Coast, Fla.

Donald Young, 28, Atlanta

- Reached a career-high ranking of No. 38 in the world in February 2012 and qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympic team.
- Qualified for the 2018 US Open and fell to Juan Martin del Potro in the first round.
- In 2017, reached back-to-back ATP semifinals in February in Memphis and Delray Beach, then reached the fourth round in Indian Wells and Miami in back-to-back weeks.
- Also in 2017, reached the men's doubles final at the French Open with Santiago Gonzalez and peaked at No. 43 in doubles in August.
- In 2016, advanced to the semifinals at the grass-court ATP event in Newport, the quarterfinals of the Memphis Open and in Atlanta, as well as the quarterfinals or better at two USTA Pro Circuit Challengers.
- Reached the final of the ATP event in Delray Beach, Fla., in February 2015—his second career ATP singles final (2011 Bangkok).
- In 2011, reached the fourth round at the US Open, upsetting two Top 30 players en route. Also reached the fourth round of the US Open in 2015 for his career-best Grand Slam results.
- Made second appearance for the U.S. Davis Cup team in March 2015 against Great Britain in Scotland and was named to the team again in September 2015 against Uzbekistan.
- As a junior, won the boys' singles titles at the 2005 Australian Open and 2007 Wimbledon, and at age 16 years, 5 months, he became the youngest-ever year-end world junior No. 1 in 2005.

Mitchell Krueger, 24, Fort Worth, Texas/Orlando, Fla.

- Qualified for the 2018 US Open, but fell in the first round of the main draw.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 169 in May 2017 after reaching the singles semifinals at the \$75,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Tallahassee. Also in 2017, reached a Challenger final in Australia and qualified for the US Open Series event in Cincinnati, winning his first-round match.
- This year, qualified for and reached the second round at the ATP Masters Series event in Indian Wells.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit event in 2015 at the \$15,000 Futures in Los Angeles. Also holds ITF Pro Circuit singles titles in the Netherlands (2013) and China (2016) and six USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- Was the top-ranked American junior boy in 2012, peaking at No. 5 in the world junior rankings; Advanced to the boys' singles semifinals at the French Open and Wimbledon in 2012 and turned pro that July.
- His father played college tennis at Texas A&M; mother is a tennis coach and played at Louisiana Tech.
- Currently trains at the USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla.

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.

Alexander Sarkissian, 28, Glendale, Calif.

- Finished runner-up at the 2014 NCAA singles championships as a redshirt sophomore at Pepperdine; became only the third player in school history to reach the NCAA singles final; also advanced to the NCAA doubles quarterfinals.
- With collegiate success, received All-America honors in both singles and doubles.
- Overall, holds six USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, including two titles in Canada and China in 2017, and one doubles title.
- Competed in Australian Open qualifying this year.

Collin Altamirano, 22, Sacramento, Calif.

- Rose to a career-high No. 384 after reaching the semifinals of the USTA Pro Circuit \$75,000 Challenger in Winnetka, Ill., and \$25,000 Futures in Iowa City, Iowa, in recent weeks.
- Played for three years at the University of Virginia, turning pro following last season.
- Has been a part of three consecutive NCAA-championship winning teams (2015-17).
- Was named All-ACC Second Team during sophomore and junior year.
- Captured first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title earlier this year at the \$25,000 Futures in Long Beach, Calif., while also reaching the final.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit doubles title in 2014 in Boynton Beach, Fla.
- In 2013, won the USTA Boys' 18s National Championships to earn a wild card into the 2013 US Open. Was the youngest player in the main draw that year at age 17.
- Also as a junior player, reached the singles quarterfinals of the 2013 junior US Open.

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.

**Player field subject to change*

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2017	Kevin King (USA)	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	2017	Marcelo Arevalo (ESA) – Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela (MEX)
2016	James McGee (IRL)	Ernesto Escobedo (USA)	2016	Philip Bester (CAN) – Peter Polansky (CAN)