

## DME SPORTS WOMEN'S PRO TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS DAYTONA BEACH, FL • JAN. 7-14



### TOURNAMENT INFO

**Site:** Florida Tennis Center – Daytona Beach, Fla.

**Websites:** [www.protennisdaytona.com](http://www.protennisdaytona.com)  
[www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com)

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, Jan. 7

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, Jan. 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	-
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 DAYTONA BEACH

The **DME Sports Women's Pro Tennis Championships** returns to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the fifth consecutive year. It is the first USTA Pro Circuit women's event of 2017 and the first of three consecutive \$25,000 clay-court women's events to kick off the season, all of which will be held in Florida.

Notable players competing in Daytona Beach include:

**Victoria Duval, 22, Bradenton, Fla.**

- Reached the final of two USTA Pro Circuit events in 2017, as well as two semifinals. In her first tournament since 2016 Wimbledon, reached the semifinals at the \$80,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., in April.
- Played in her first tournament in August 2015 after a year away from the game due to 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.



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*Victoria Duval, who is on the comeback trail after recovering from Hodgkin's Lymphoma, peaked at No. 87 in the world in 2014 and has won matches at the US Open and Wimbledon.*

- Grew up in Haiti until she was 8. When she was 7, was held hostage, along with several cousins, in an armed robbery at her aunt's house in Port-au-Prince, before being freed unharmed. Following that incident, her 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 injured during 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.

**Claire Liu, 17, Thousand Oaks, Calif.**

- Became the No. 1-ranked junior in July 2017 after winning the junior Wimbledon title—the first American girls' singles champion at Wimbledon since Chanda Rubin in 1992.
- Defeated Ann Li at Wimbledon in the second-ever all-American girls' final at Wimbledon, dating back to 1947.



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*Former world junior No. 1 Claire Liu, 17, won the junior Wimbledon singles title in 2017.*

- Also reached the junior French Open final in 2017 in the second-ever all-American Roland Garros girls' final and won the junior doubles title in 2016.
- Won the 2015 and 2017 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event.
- Also qualified for the 2017 US Open—her first-ever Grand Slam main draw appearance.
- 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.
- Captured two USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles in 2017 (\$25,000 Naples, Fla., and \$25,000 Caserta, Italy).
- 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.

### **Francesca Di Lorenzo, 20, New Albany, Ohio**

- Recently turned pro after spending two full seasons at Ohio State. Won the 2017 NCAA doubles title with Miho Kawase—the first NCAA women's tennis title in Buckeye history.
- Was the top-ranked college player in the country during spring 2017, holding a 37-2 record in singles. The 37 wins tied the program record for single-season victories.
- Earned All-America honors in singles and doubles in 2016, making her the first two-time singles All-American in Ohio State women's tennis history.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as one doubles title won in 2016 in Canada.
- Reached back-to-back singles finals in June 2017 at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit events in Sumter, S.C., and Baton Rouge, La.
- Competed in the 2017 US Open doubles draw and singles qualifying tournament.
- Ranked as high as No. 11 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2015.
- Advanced to the singles and doubles semifinals at the 2015 junior US Open.

### **Usue Maitane Arconada, 19, 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., in 2017, as well as four additional USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit singles semifinals.
- 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.

### **Sophie Chang, 20, 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 six USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, including two titles in 2017, and advanced to the doubles semifinals or better at eight additional USTA Pro Circuit events in 2017.
- Committed to play at the University of Virginia before turning pro.
- Her great-grandfather, Joseph Carpenter, won the mixed doubles title at the 1910 U.S. National Championships.

### **Grace Min, 23, Atlanta/Orlando, Fla.**

- Was out of competition the first three months of 2017. Competed in US Open, Wimbledon and French Open qualifying last year.
- Captured her ninth career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2017 at the \$60,000 event in Lexington, Ky.
- Peaked at a career-high No. 97 in the world in March 2015 after reaching the second round of the WTA's Rio Open and competing in Indian Wells.
- In 2014, reached the semifinals of the WTA event in Bad Gastein, Austria—her first-ever WTA semifinal—and competed in the US Open and French Open main draws and qualifying at Roland Garros.
- Was one of the top juniors in the world in 2011, when she won the US Open girls' singles title and the Wimbledon girls' doubles title, propelling her to No. 4 in the world junior rankings.
- Trains at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

### **Maria Sanchez, 28, 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.
- 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, was ranked No. 1 in the U.S. as a 16-year-old and No. 4 in the country as an 18-year-old.

### **Chiara Scholl, 25**

- Spent a majority of the 2017 season competing overseas in Europe and South America, winning three ITF Pro Circuit singles titles last year, as well as five doubles titles.
- Holds nine USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and 11 doubles titles overall.
- Peaked at No. 164 in the world in singles in 2011.
- Also goes by Chichi.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

### **Robin Anderson, 24, Matawan, N.J. (Defending doubles champion)**

- Graduated from UCLA in 2015 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for four consecutive years, becoming the seventh player in school history to accomplish the feat.
- Named the ITA National Collegiate Player of the Year for 2014-15.
- Was part of UCLA's NCAA-title winning team in 2014. Also 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.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Landisville, Pa., in 2011, and \$25,000 Redding, Calif., in 2017) and two doubles titles (\$25,000 Redding, Calif., in 2013, and \$25,000 Daytona Beach, Fla., in 2017).
- As a junior player, reached the girls' singles quarterfinals at the 2010 US Open.

**Ann Li, 17, Devon, Pa.**

- Is the No. 13-ranked junior player in the world.
- Reached the singles final at junior Wimbledon in 2017 in the second-ever all-American girls' final at the All England Club, dating back to 1947.
- Won the first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of her career last year at the \$15,000 event in Evansville, Ind.
- Competed in US Open qualifying in 2017 as a wild card.

**Jessica Pegula, 23, Charleston, S.C.**

- Did not compete from January 2017 to August 2017 due to injury.
- Qualified for the 2016 US Open main draw and competed in US Open qualifying last year.
- Advanced to her first career WTA semifinal in summer 2016 in Washington, D.C.
- Played in just one tournament in 2014 after having knee surgery. Returned to competition in 2015 and, in her comeback, qualified for the 2015 US Open and won her first-round match in her first-ever Grand Slam main draw.

- Has ranked in the Top 100 in doubles. Holds five USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including two titles in 2017.
- Father, Terry, is the owner of the NHL's Buffalo Sabres and the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

**Caitlin Whoriskey, 29, East Sandwich, Mass.**

- Competed in the doubles draw at Wimbledon in 2017. Is ranked in the Top 175 in women's doubles.
- Won the 2014 US Open National Playoffs women's singles title to earn a wild card into US Open qualifying, where she won her first-round match.
- A former University of Tennessee standout, she was named the 2010 College Senior Player of the Year after leading the Volunteers to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament.
- Holds 15 career USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including two titles in 2017.
- Captured her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2014 at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**Ronit Yurovsky, 24, 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.

\*Player field subject to change

## DAYTONA BEACH PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2017	Anhelina Kalinina (UKR)	Elizabeth Halbauer (USA)	2017	Robin Anderson (USA) – Anhelina Kalinina (UKR)
2016	Ons Jabeur (TUN)	Olga Fridman (UKR)	2016	Natela Dzalamidze (RUS) – Veronika Kudermetova (RUS)
2015	Darya Kasatkina (RUS)	Elise Mertens (BEL)	2015	Sanaz Marand (USA) – Jan Abaza (USA)
2014	Anna Tatishvili (GEO)	Allie Kiick (USA)	2014	Nicole Melichar (USA) – Teodora Mircic (SRB)