

BAPTIST HEALTH BOLO BASH TENNIS LITTLE ROCK, AR • APRIL 8-16



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Rebsamen Tennis Center – Little Rock, Ark.

Websites: www.bolobashtennis.com
www.procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Baptist Health Foundation

Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, April 8

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, April 11

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$25,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$3,600	27
Runner-up	\$2,120	15
Semifinalist	\$1,255	5
Quarterfinalist	\$730	3
Round of 16	\$430	1
Round of 32	\$260	-

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$1,550
Runner-up	\$900
Semifinalist	\$540
Quarterfinalist	\$320
Round of 16	\$180

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, April 9

Kids' Day, 2-4 p.m.

Men's and Junior Pro-Am

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO LITTLE ROCK FOR 37TH YEAR

The **Baptist Health Bolo Bash Tennis** will be held in Little Rock for the 37th year. First held in 1981, it is the longest-running event on the USTA Pro Circuit.

Little Rock is the last of four consecutive \$25,000 hard-court USTA Pro Circuit Futures events held this spring. It is the only event held in Arkansas this year and the last hard-court event until this summer, as the clay-court season will begin to prepare players for the French Open.

To follow the tournament, download the USTA Pro Circuit's phone app for smartphones and tablets by searching "procircuit" in the Apple and Google Play stores.

Notable players competing in Little Rock include:

Mackenzie McDonald, 21, Los Angeles

- Top seed in Little Rock.
- Three-time singles All-American who turned pro in 2016 after his junior year at UCLA.
- Made college tennis history in 2016 by sweeping the NCAA singles and doubles titles, becoming the first men's player in 15 years to do so.
- Finished his final season at UCLA ranked No. 1 in singles and doubles in the ITA collegiate standings.



Garrett Ellwood/USTA

Top seed and former UCLA standout Mackenzie McDonald made college tennis history last year, becoming the first man in 15 years to sweep both the NCAA singles and doubles titles.

- In 2016, made his debut at the US Open as a wild card.
- Also last year, won the first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of his career at the \$10,000 Futures in Irvine, Calif., while also winning the fifth doubles title of his career at the \$100,000 Challenger in Fairfield, Calif.
- Won his second career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2017 at the \$25,000 Futures in Los Angeles.
- In 2015, won the American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament held at the US Open for top college players.
- Turns 22 on April 16.

Eric Quigley, 28, Louisville, Ky.
(2016 Singles Finalist and 2014 Doubles Champion)

- 2012 NCAA singles runner-up for the University of Kentucky.

2016 Little Rock singles finalist Eric Quigley was the 2012 NCAA singles runner-up for the University of Kentucky.



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- One of the most decorated tennis players in Wildcats history, earning five All-America honors between singles and doubles.
- In 2016, won the US Open National Playoffs Men's Doubles Championship with Nicolas Meister to earn a wild card into the US Open men's doubles draw.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit singles title, won in 2013 at the \$15,000 Futures in Decatur, Ill. Also holds nine USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles.
- In 2008, became the first player from the state of Kentucky in 34 years to win four consecutive high school state singles titles.

Jared Hiltzik, 22, Wilmette, Ill./Tampa, Fla.

- Graduated in 2016 from the University of Illinois, where he earned three All-America honors, making him one of three Illini players ever to do so.
- Finished his collegiate career as the eighth-winningest singles player in program history, with 115 victories.
- Reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament as a junior in 2014.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit doubles title in early 2016 at the USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C., and then captured back-to-back doubles titles in Illinois in summer 2016.
- In July 2016, served as a practice partner with the U.S. Davis Cup team for its quarterfinal against Croatia in Portland, Ore.
- Advanced to the singles quarterfinals of the first USTA Pro Circuit men's event at the new USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla., in mid-February 2017.

Ryan Shane, 22, Falls Church, Va.

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 after a stellar collegiate career.
- In junior season, won the NCAA singles title and ended that season as the No. 2-ranked collegiate player in the country.
- Member of three NCAA championship teams with Virginia, winning the team title in 2013, 2015 and 2016.
- Earned All-America honors during junior and senior years, finishing collegiate career with a 103-36 record in singles play.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and one doubles title.
- Served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team in its first round against Switzerland this year in Birmingham, Ala.
- Turns 23 on April 15.

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.

Players competing in qualifying include:

Ulises Blanch, 19, Pompano Beach, Fla.

- Ranked as high as No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Reached the Wimbledon junior semifinals in 2016.
- Born in Puerto Rico and has lived in Seattle, China, Thailand, Argentina and India.

Vasil Kirkov, 18, Tampa, Fla.

- Competed in 2016 US Open qualifying as a wild card after reaching the final of the USTA Boys' 18s Championships in Kalamazoo, Mich., last summer.
- Also competed in the US Open, French Open and Wimbledon juniors in 2016, advancing to the doubles quarterfinals at Wimbledon.
- Has trained with Ivan Lendl as part of a USTA Player Development initiative.

Gonzales Austin, 24, Miami

- Graduated from Vanderbilt in 2015 as the SEC Player of the Year.
- Received All-America honors in both singles and doubles during junior and senior years.
- In collegiate career, earned 107 singles wins—the most of any player in Vanderbilt history.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 Futures in Claremont, Calif., in September 2015.

Winston Lin, 23, 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.

Alexios Halebian, 22

- Former top junior and four-time doubles champion on the USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit, most recently winning the doubles title in Claremont, Calif., in 2016.
- Reached the singles quarterfinals of the 2011 junior US Open and climbed as high as No. 24 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Also reached the singles final and won the doubles title at the 2012 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event.

LITTLE ROCK PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Stefan Kozlov (USA)	Eric Quigley (USA)	2016	Ryan Lipman (USA) – Tennys Sandgren (USA)
2015	Jason Jung (USA)	Darian King (BAR)	2015	Keith-Patrick Crowley (RSA) – Hans Hach (MEX)
2014	Filip Krajinovic (SRB)	Daniel Smethurst (GBR)	2014	Jean-Yves Aubone (USA) – Eric Quigley (USA)
2013	Austin Krajicek (USA)	Luke Saville (AUS)	2013	Chase Buchanan (USA) – Austin Krajicek (USA)
2012	Tennys Sandgren (USA)	John Peers (AUS)	2012	Gregory Ouellette (USA) – Tennys Sandgren (USA)
2011	Arnaud Brugues-Davi (ESP)	Alex Bogdanovic (GBR)	2011	Nima Roshan (AUS) – Artem Sitak (NZL)
2010	Brydan Klein (AUS)	John Millman (AUS)	2010	Lester Cook (USA) – Brett Joelson (USA)
2009	Matej Bocko (SVK)	Michael McClune (USA)	2009	Kaden Hensel (AUS) – Adam Hubble (AUS)
2008	Artem Sitak (RUS)	Matthew Roberts (USA)	2008	Haydn Lewis (BAH) – Bjorn Munroe (BAH)
2007	Donald Young (USA)	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	2007	Kei Nishikori (JPN) – Donald Young (USA)
2006	Wayne Odesnik (USA)	Scott Oudesma (USA)	2006	Michael Quintero (COL) – Wesley Whitehouse (RSA)
2005	Zbynek Mlynarik (AUT)	Fritz Wolmarans (RSA)	2005	Tres Davis (USA) – Scott Lipsky (USA)
2004	Emin Agaev (AZE)	Rajeev Ram (USA)	2004	Rajeev Ram (USA) – Ryan Sachire (USA)
2003	Ignacio Hirigoyen (ARG)	Brian Baker (USA)	2003	Jay Gooding (AUS) – Jordan Kerr (AUS)
2002	Florian Jeschonek (GER)	Alun Jones (AUS)	2002	Huntley Montgomery (USA) – Ryan Sachire (USA)
2001	Fredrik Jonsson (SWE)	Martin Verkerk (NED)	2001	Jeff Coetzee (RSA) – Shaun Rudman (RSA)
2000	Marcus Sarstrand (SWE)	Damien Furmanski (ARG)	2000	Grant Doyle (AUS) – Frederic Niemeyer (CAN)
1999	Jimy Szymanski (VEN)	Jason Weir-Smith (RSA)	1999	James Blake (USA) – Thomas Schroerlucke (USA)
1998	Oren Motevassel (USA)	Louis Vosloo (RSA)	1998	Luke Bourgeois (AUS) – Michael Hill (AUS)
1997	Eyal Erlich (ISR)	Noam Behr (ISR)	1997	Brian Eagle (USA) – Mark Quinney (USA)
1996	Doug Flach (USA)	Marcus Hilpert (GER)	1996	Peter Kuhn (RSA) – Paul Rosner (RSA)
1995	Jamie Holmes (AUS)	Chris Woodruff (USA)	1995	Bill Barber (USA) – David DiLucia (USA)
1994	Neville Godwin (RSA)	Donny Isaak (USA)	1994	Keith Evans (USA) – Brian Gyetko (CAN)
1993	Tournament info not available		1993	Tournament info not available
1992	Andrew Sznajder (CAN)	D.J. Bosse (RSA)	1992	Johan DeBeer (RSA) – John Sullivan (USA)
1991	Clinton Marsh (USA)	Grant Stafford (RSA)	1991	Mike Briggs (USA) – Trevor Kronemann (USA)
1990	Tommy Ho (USA)	Scott Melville (USA)	1990	Jeff Brown (USA) – Scott Melville (USA)
1989	John Carras (USA)	Pat Galbraith (USA)	1989	Eric Amend (USA) – Pat Galbraith (USA)
1988	Scott Melville (USA)	MaliVai Washington (USA)	1988	Clinton Banducci (RSA) – Earl Zinn (RSA)
1987	Shelby Cannon (USA)	Scott Patridge (USA)	1987	Joey Blake (USA) – Darren Yates (USA)
1986	Ricardo Acioly (BRA)	Joey Blake (USA)	1986	Ricardo Acioly (BRA) – Richard Matuszewski (USA)
1985	Brett Dickinson (USA)	Luke Jensen (USA)	1985	Nelson Aerts (BRA) – Rick Rudeen (USA)
1984	James Grabb (USA)	Dan Cassidy (USA)	1984	Dan Cassidy (USA) – Morris Strode (USA)
1983	Matt Anger (USA)	Kevin Kerns (USA)	1983	Robert Seguso (USA) – Ken Flach (USA)
1982	Ken Flach (USA)	Jimmy Arias (USA)	1982	Erik Van't Hof (USA) – Robert Van't Hof (USA)
1981	Chris Delaney (USA)	Mike Brunberg (USA)	1981	Mike Bauer (USA) – John Benson (USA)