

SPELL RESTAURANT GROUP MEN'S PRO TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY KE TENNIS ACADEMY

GERMANTOWN, TN • APRIL 1-9



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: KE Tennis at Germantown Country Club
Germantown, Tenn.

Websites: www.ketennisacademy.com
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Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, April 1

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, April 4

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

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	

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO GERMANTOWN

The **Spell Restaurant Group Men's Pro Tennis Championships presented by KE Tennis Academy** brings USTA Pro Circuit men's tennis to the Memphis area for the second consecutive year. The city also hosted a USTA Pro Circuit event in 1979 and 1980. It is one of two USTA Pro Circuit men's events held in Tennessee this year, joined by the \$75,000 Challenger in Knoxville in November.

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 Germantown include:

Alex Sarkissian, 27, Glendale, Calif.

- Finished runner-up at the 2014 NCAA singles championships as a redshirt sophomore at Pepperdine, becoming only the third player in school history to reach the NCAA singles final. Also advanced to the NCAA doubles quarterfinals.
- Received All-America honors in both singles and doubles while in college.
- Competed in Australian Open qualifying in 2017. Also reached the quarterfinals of the \$75,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Maui earlier this year.
- In 2016, qualified for Indian Wells and



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Top seed and former Pepperdine star Alex Sarkissian finished runner-up at the 2014 NCAA singles championships.

competed in Wimbledon qualifying, while also playing abroad in Australia, Korea, China and Mexico.

- In 2015, won two singles titles and reached two additional finals while playing overseas in ITF Circuit events.
- Overall, holds four USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit singles titles.

Mackenzie McDonald, 21, Los Angeles

- Three-time singles All-American who turned pro in 2016 after his junior year at UCLA.
- Made college tennis history by sweeping both the 2016 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.
- 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.



Garrett Ellwood/USTA

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.

- 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.

Evan King, 25, Chicago

- Graduated from the University of Michigan in 2013 as a three-time All-American (2011-13) and the Big Ten Athlete of the Year in 2012 and 2013.
- Owns the program record for most combined career singles and doubles wins (196), and ranks third all-time on Michigan's singles wins list with 117 victories.
- Holds 19 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles, including titles in 2017 in Australia and Indonesia.
- Holds six USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit singles titles, including three in 2016.
- In 2014, served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team during its World Group Playoff against Slovakia in Chicago.

Eric Quigley, 28, Louisville, Ky.

- 2012 NCAA singles runner-up for the University of Kentucky.
- 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 in Orlando in mid-February 2017.

Ryan Shane, 22, Falls Church, Va.

- Wild-card entry in Germantown.
- 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.
- Also a part 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.

Ulises Blanch, 19, Pompano Beach, Fla.

- Wild-card entry in Germantown.
- 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.

Christian Harrison, 22, Bradenton, Fla.

- Has played in just a handful of tournaments since July 2013 after suffering from a series of injuries.
- Qualified for the ATP Masters Series event in Miami in March.
- Qualified for the 2016 US Open—his first-ever Grand Slam main draw.
- Won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in summer 2016 at the \$25,000 Futures in Champaign, Ill. Also holds one ITF-level singles title, in Great Britain in 2013.
- Advanced to the doubles quarterfinals at the 2012 US Open with older brother and Top 50 player Ryan Harrison.

Peter Kobelt, 26, New Albany, Ohio

- Graduated from Ohio State in 2014; finished his college career as just the fourth player in program history to earn All-America honors four times.
- Also became the program's all-time career doubles wins leader with 142.
- Reached the doubles final of the 2014 NCAA championships with Kevin Metka.
- Holds two ITF Circuit singles titles, won in Israel in 2015 and 2016. Holds nine USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles.

GERMANTOWN PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Denis Shapovalov (CAN)	Tennys Sandgren (USA)	2016	Luke Bambridge (GBR) – Darren Walsh (GBR)
1981-2015	Event not held		1981-2015	Event not held
1980	Mel Purcell (USA)	John Hayes (USA)	1980	Terry Moor (USA) – Ray Pascale (USA)
1979	Arjun Fernando (SRI)	Keith West (USA)	1979	Arjun Fernando (SRI) – Keith West (USA)