

LEGACY CREDIT UNION WOMEN'S \$25,000 PELHAM, AL • APRIL 8-15



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Pelham Racquet Club – Pelham, Ala.

Website: www.procircuit.usta.com

Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, April 8

Main Draw Begins: Monday, April 10

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 16	\$392	5
Round 32	\$228	1
DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)	
Winner	\$1,437	
Runner-Up	\$719	
Semifinalist	\$359	
Quarterfinalist	\$196	
Round 16	\$131	

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO PELHAM

The Legacy Credit Union Women's \$25,000 returns to Pelham, Ala., for the 14th consecutive year. It is one of two USTA Pro Circuit women's events held in Alabama, joining a \$60,000 women's event in Dothan next week. It is also the second of four consecutive \$25,000 clay-court events in the South—following an event in Jackson, Miss., and preceding two events in Naples, Fla.—in advance of the 2017 French Open.

Notable players competing in Pelham include:

Usue Maitane Arconada, 18, College Park, Md.

- Ranked as high as No. 5 in the world junior rankings.
- Won her first pro-level match at 14 years old, 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.
- 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.

Raveena Kingsley, 18, Fulton, Md.

- Reached first career USTA Pro Circuit singles final in 2016 at the \$50,000 event in Maui, Hawaii.



Rob Foley

Usue Maitane Arconada was ranked as high as No. 5 in the world junior rankings and won the junior doubles title at Wimbledon in 2016.

- Ranked as high as No. 22 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2015 on the strength of reaching the girls' singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open and the semifinals at the Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event.
- Also won matches at the junior US Open and Wimbledon in 2015.

Maria Sanchez, 27, Los Angeles

- Has thrived in doubles and competed in all four Grand Slam 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, including three titles in 2016.
- 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.



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Teenager Raveena Kingsley ranked as high as No. 22 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2015 on the strength of reaching the girls' singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open that year.

- As a junior player, ranked No. 1 in the U.S. as a 16-year-old and No. 4 in the country as an 18-year-old.

Sanaz Marand, 28, Katy, Texas

- Played for the University of North Carolina, where she received All-America honors and, in 2010, helped lead the Tar Heels to their first NCAA team semifinals.
- In 2013, won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in El Paso, Texas.
- Has also won 14 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including one title this year at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando.

Players competing in qualifying include:

Julia Elbaba, 22, Oyster Bay, N.Y.

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016, setting the UVA record for singles wins with 133 in her career. Earned All-America honors in singles for the fourth consecutive year.
- Was ranked No. 1 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles rankings during her collegiate career.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 event in New Orleans in 2012.

Chiara Scholl, 24

- Spent the second half of 2016 competing overseas in France, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands, winning four ITF Pro Circuit singles titles and four doubles titles.
- Also won both the singles and doubles titles at two USTA Pro Circuit events in 2011 (\$50,000 Lexington, Ky., and \$25,000 El Paso, Texas).
- Peaked at No. 164 in the world in singles in 2011.
- Has reached two USTA Pro Circuit doubles finals in 2017.
- Also goes by Chichi.

Emina Bektas, 24, Indianapolis

- Won the 2016 US Open National Playoffs – Mixed Doubles Championship to earn a main draw mixed doubles wild card into the 2016 US Open.
- Played for the University of Michigan, graduating in 2015 as the Wolverines' all-time leader in singles wins, with 129, and combined wins, with 258.
- Also played in the NCAA singles tournament all four years of her collegiate career—the first Wolverine in school history to do so.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Evansville, Ind., in 2013) and one ITF Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Mexico City in 2016).
- Holds seven USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including one title this year at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando.

Nicole Frenkel, 19

- Qualified for four USTA Pro Circuit events in 2016 to work her way up the rankings.
- Competed in the 2016 US Open qualifying as a wild card.
- Qualified for the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., in 2017—her biggest USTA Pro Circuit tournament to date.

Sophie Chang, 19, 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 four USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles and advanced to the doubles semifinals at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., earlier this year.
- Committed to play at the University of Virginia before turning pro.
- Great-grandfather, Joseph Carpenter, won the mixed doubles title at the 1910 U.S. National Championships.

**Player field subject to change*

PELHAM PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Grace Min (USA)	Bernarda Pera (USA)	2016	Asia Muhammad (USA) – Taylor Townsend (USA)
2015	Anhelina Kalinina (UKR)	Laura Siegemund (GER)	2015	Draw not completed due to rain
2014	Laura Siegemund (GER)	Yulia Putintseva (KAZ)	2014	Danielle Lao (USA) – Keri Wong (USA)
2013	Mariana Duque-Marino (COL)	Kurumi Nara (JPN)	2013	Ashleigh Barty (AUS) – Arina Rodionova (RUS)
2012	Heidi El Tabakh (CAN)	Edina Gallovits-Hall (ROU)	2012	Julie Coin (FRA) – Marie-Eve Pelletier (CAN)
2011	Marina Erakovic (NZL)	Renata Voracova (CZE)	2011	Liga Dekmeijere (LAT) – Marie-Eve Pelletier (CAN)
2010	Edina Gallovits-Hall (ROU)	Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO)	2010	Mallory Cecil (USA) – Jamie Hampton (USA)
2009	Rosana de Los Rios (PAR)	Jorgelina Cravero (ARG)	2009	Danielle Harmsen (NED) – Kim Kilsdonk (NED)
2008	Raquel Kops-Jones (USA)	Rosana de Los Rios (PAR)	2008	Michaela Pastikova (CZE) – Ahsha Rolle (USA)
2007	Edina Gallovits-Hall (ROU)	Greta Arn (HUN)	2007	Carly Gullickson (USA) – Nicole Kriz (AUS)
2006	Vasilisa Bardina (RUS)	Anda Perianu (ROU)	2006	Tetiana Luzhanska (UKR) – Romana Tedjakusuma (INA)
2005	Soledad Esperon (ARG)	Aleksandra Wozniak (CAN)	2005	Kristina Czufikova (SVK) – Tetiana Luzhanska (UKR)
2004	Zuzana Zemenova (SVK)	Olga Puchkova (RUS)	2004	Liga Dekmeijere (LAT) – Natalia Dziamidzenka (BLR)