

## SURPRISE TENNIS CLASSIC SURPRISE, AZ • FEBRUARY 12-19



### TOURNAMENT INFO

**Site:** Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex  
Surprise, Ariz.

**Website:** [www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com)  
[www.surpriseaz.gov/tennis](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/tennis)

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, Feb. 12

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, Feb 14

**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	\$3,919	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

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Tuesday, Feb. 14** – Kids' Day, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15** – Senior Day

**Thursday, Feb. 15** – High School Tennis Day and Clinic  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 18** – Kids' Carnival  
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO SURPRISE FOR 10TH YEAR

The **Surprise Tennis Classic** returns to Surprise for the 10th consecutive year. It is the first of two consecutive \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit hard-court tournaments, preceding Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., which is held next week.

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 Surprise include:

#### Sofia Kenin, 18, Pembroke Pines, Fla.

- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in Wesley Chapel, Fla., in January 2016, and then won the \$50,000 event in Sacramento, Calif., in July.
- Won the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a wild card into the 2016 US Open, facing eventual finalist Karolina Pliskova in the first round.
- Improved from No. 620 at the end of 2015 to No. 212 at the end of 2016.
- Won the 2015 USTA Girls' 18s national title to earn a wild-card berth into the US Open women's singles draw for her first Grand Slam main draw.
- As a junior player, reached the singles final at the 2015 US Open Junior Championships, the semifinals at the 2016 junior US Open and the quarterfinals at 2016 junior Wimbledon.
- Climbed as high as No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Represented the U.S. at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and also competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China.



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*Sofia Kenin climbed as high as No. 2 in the Defending singles champion Sofia Kenin climbed as high as No. 2 in the world junior rankings and reached the final of the junior US Open in 2015.*

- Also goes by Sonya.

#### Jacqueline Cako, 25, Brier, Wash. (Two-time doubles champion)

- Won three separate sectional qualifying titles in 2015 to advance to the US Open National Playoffs Championships in women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.
- In 2014, won the National Playoffs mixed doubles championship to earn a wild card into the mixed doubles draw at the US Open, where she and partner Joel Kielbowicz lost to Donald Young and Taylor Townsend in the first round. Also won the National Playoffs women's doubles title in 2016 to compete in the US Open women's doubles draw.
- Completed her NCAA career in 2013 at Arizona State University, receiving All-America honors and being named the 2013 Pac-12 Women's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- Holds nine USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles and two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles.

*Two-time Surprise doubles champion Jacqueline Cako holds nine USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles and competed in the US Open women's doubles and mixed doubles draws.*



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## **Danielle Collins, 23, St. Petersburg, Fla.**

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 as a two-time NCAA singles champion, winning the title in 2014 and 2016. In doing so, she became the seventh woman all-time to win multiple NCAA singles titles.
- Was also a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American and the 2016 ITA Senior Player of the Year; tallied 125 career singles victories in college.
- Received a wild card into the US Open women's draw in 2014 and 2016.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Williamsburg, Va., in 2011, and \$25,000 Stillwater, Okla., in 2016).
- Has trained at Nick Bollettieri's IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

## **Claire Liu, 16, Thousand Oaks, Calif.**

- 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.
- As a junior player, ranked a career-high No. 8 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. In 2016, reached the singles quarterfinals and won the doubles title at Wimbledon (with Usue Arconada) and reached the doubles quarterfinals of the junior US Open.
- In 2015, won the Easter Bowl and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Orange Bowl, both prestigious junior events.
- In February 2016, Liu the U.S. Fed Cup team in Hawaii as part of a junior Fed Cup camp run by USTA Player Development.

Players earning a main draw wild card include:

## **Raveena Kingsley, 18, Fulton, Md.**

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

## **Danielle Lao, 25, Arcadia, Calif.**

- Graduated from USC in 2013 after twice earning All-America honors in her college career.
- Led the Trojans to back-to-back Pac-12 team championships and was a team captain her senior year.
- In June 2015, won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$25,000 event in Baton Rouge, La. Also in 2015, qualified for the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., and won first ITF Circuit singles title, in Leon, Mexico, while also capturing the doubles title.
- Won the 2016 US Open National Playoffs – Women's Doubles Championship with Jacqueline Cako to earn a wild card into the US Open doubles draw.

- Holds three USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles.
- After college, wrote a book, "Invaluable Experience," about playing college tennis.

Players competing in qualifying include:

## **Usue Maitane Arconada, 18, College Park, Md.**

- Currently 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.

## **Caroline Dolehide, 18, Hinsdale, Ill.**

- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in June 2016 at the \$10,000 event in Buffalo, N.Y.; also won her first career doubles title in Buffalo.
- Advanced to three additional USTA Pro Circuit singles semifinals in 2016.
- Advanced to the doubles final at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., this year with fellow young American Kayla Day.
- Ranked as high as No. 16 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Reached the singles semifinals at the 2014 junior US Open and the doubles final at both the 2015 junior French Open and the 2016 junior US Open.

## **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 of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., 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.

## **Michaela Gordon, 17, Los Altos Hills, Calif.**

- Peaked at No. 21 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in January 2015.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals of junior Wimbledon in 2014 and 2015.
- Has competed in all four Grand Slam junior events.
- Reached the semifinals of the 2013 and 2014 Easter Bowl—a prestigious junior event.

## SURPRISE PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Jamie Loeb (USA)	CiCi Bellis (USA)	2016	Jacqueline Cako (USA) – Danielle Lao
2015	Sofia Arvidsson (SWE)	Sanaz Marand (USA)	2015	Jacqueline Cako (USA) – Kaitlyn Christian (USA)
2014	Jovana Jaksic (SRB)	Tamira Paszek (AUT)	2014	Shuko Aoyama (JPN) – Eri Hozumi (JPN)
2013	Tara Moore (GBR)	Louisa Chirico (USA)	2013	Samantha Crawford (USA) – Sachia Vickery (USA)
2012	Michelle Larcher de Brito (POR)	Claire Feuerstein (FRA)	2012	Maria Sanchez (USA) – Yasmin Schnack (USA)
2011	Monica Puig (PUR)	Lenka Wienerova (SVK)	2011	Huko Aoyama (JPN) – Remi Tezuka (JPN)
2010	Abigail Spears (USA)	Kurumi Nara (JPN)	2010	Chun-Mei Ji (CHN) – Yi-Fan Xu (CHN)
2009	Yanina Wickmayer (BEL)	Julia Vakulenko (UKR)	2009	Jorgelina Cravero (ARG) – Ekaterina Ivanova (RUS)
2008	Sesil Karatantcheva (KAZ)	Angela Haynes (USA)	2008	Carly Gullickson (USA) – Shenay Perry (USA)