

# HARDEE'S PRO CLASSIC

DOTHAN, AL  
APRIL 15 – APRIL 21



# TOURNAMENT NOTES

As of: April 10, 2019



## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### Site:

Westgate Tennis Center

### Website:

[www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com),  
[www.dothanprotennis.org](http://www.dothanprotennis.org)

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Mon., Apr. 15

**Main Draw Begins:** Tues., Apr. 16

**Main Draw:** 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

**Surface:** Clay / Outdoor

**Prize Money:** \$80,000

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## PRIZE MONEY/POINTS • \$80,000 WOMEN

Singles:	Prize Money	Points
Winner	\$12,192	115
Runner-up	\$6,518	70
Semifinalist	\$3,580	42
Quarterfinalist	\$2,059	21
Round of 16	\$1,248	10
Round of 32	\$740	1

Doubles:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$4,460
Runner-up	\$2,230
Semifinalist	\$1,115
Quarterfinalist	\$608
Round of 16	\$405

## USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO DOTHAN, CONTINUES ROLAND GARROS WILD CARD CHALLENGE

The **Hardee's Pro Classic** will take place in Dothan for the 19th consecutive year. It is one of two USTA Pro Circuit events held in Alabama, joining a \$25,000 women's event in Pelham, also in April.

Dothan is also the first of four consecutive women's clay-court tournaments (preceding a \$80,000 event in Charlottesville, Va., and \$100,000 events in Charleston, S.C. and Bonita Springs, Fla.) that are part of the **Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge**, which will award a men's and women's wild card into the 2019 French Open. Numerous men's tournaments are also taking place over four weeks to award a wild card.

The American man and American woman who earn the most ATP and WTA ranking points over the next four weeks will receive USTA wild cards to compete in the main draws of the French Open, which will be held Sunday, May 26, to Sunday, June 9. Players who do not receive direct entry into the French Open are eligible for the wild cards. The USTA and the French Tennis Federation have a reciprocal agreement in which wild cards into the 2019 French Open and 2019 US Open are exchanged.

This tournament will be streamed live on [www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com).

## NOTABLE PLAYERS COMPETING IN DOTHAN INCLUDE:

### Taylor Townsend, 22, Atlanta, Ga.

- Fell in the third round of the WTA Premier level tournament in Charleston, S.C.
- Reached the second round of the Miami Open as a qualifier, falling to No. 2 seed Simona Halep in straight sets.
- Fell in the first round of the 2019 Australian Open to American Sloane Stephens.
- Singles champion at the USTA Pro Circuit \$25K event in Sumter, S.C. on 2018.
- Reached the second round of the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open in 2018.
- Made fifth consecutive main draw appearance at the 2018 French Open by winning the Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge in the spring of 2018. Won the challenge by capturing her seventh and eighth career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles at the \$80,000 events in Dothan, Ala. and Charleston, S.C., going 16-2 in singles play over the course of the wild card challenge. Following Charleston, peaked at No. 73 in the world.
- Also earned a French Open wild card in 2014 and 2016 after winning the Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge. In 2014, advanced to the third round for her career best Grand Slam result.
- Qualified for the 2016 US Open and faced Caroline Wozniacki in the first round. Also advanced to the women's doubles quarterfinals in New York that year.
- In 2017, qualified for the WTA events in Miami, advancing to the third round, and Cincinnati, reaching the second round. Also competed in the 2017 US Open as a wild card and captured three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$80,000 Waco, Texas; \$25,000 Sumter, S.C.; and \$25,000 Florence, S.C.).
- Also holds 24 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including eight doubles titles in 2016—the most of any player since 1987.
- Was the 2012 ITF World Junior Champion, becoming the first U.S. girl to hold the year-end No. 1 junior ranking since Gretchen Rush in 1982. Ascended to No. 1 by winning the Australian Open junior singles and doubles titles, as well as the junior doubles titles at the US Open and Wimbledon in 2012.

### Madison Brengle, 29, Dover, Del.

- Quarterfinalist at the USTA Pro Circuit W100 event in Midland, Mich. Fell in the second round at Indian Wells.
- Reached the second round of the 2019 Australian Open losing to eventual semifinalist Karolina Pliskova in three sets.
- In 2018: Made the US Open main draw as a 'lucky loser,' and fell to fellow American Sofia Kenin in the first round in a third-set tiebreak; Also competed in the

- Australian Open main draw and won her 11th, 12th and 13th career USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$100,000 event in Midland, Mich., in February, the \$60,000 event in Landisville, Pa., in August and the \$80,000 event in Stockton in October. Also reached the finals of the \$80,000 event in Charleston, S.C., and won her first-round match at Wimbledon.
- Advanced to the third round of Wimbledon in 2017 and the quarterfinals at the WTA event in Auckland, defeating Serena Williams in the second round.
- In 2016, advanced to the third round of the Australian Open, falling to eventual champion Angelique Kerber, and reached the semifinals of the WTA event in s'Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, and the quarterfinals in Dubai.
- Reached her first-ever WTA final in Hobart in 2015 and then advanced to the fourth round of the 2015 Australian Open—her career-best Grand Slam result—upsetting Top 10 player Andrea Petkovic in the first round. Rose to a career-high No. 35 that year.
- Won USTA wild card playoffs to earn entry into the Australian Open (2007-08) and the French Open (2008).

## Claire Liu, 18, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

- Reached the third round at the WTA 125K series events in Newport Beach and Indian Wells earlier this year.
- Qualified for Wimbledon last summer and pushed eventual champion Angelique Kerber to three sets in a second-round defeat.
- Reached the second round of singles in the US Open main draw late last summer, and competed in several WTA tournaments in Asia.
- 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.
- 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.
- Last year, won matches at the WTA events in Miami and Charleston.
- 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.

## Allie Kiick, 23, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

- Reached the third round at the WTA Tour 125K series event in Newport Beach losing to American Jessica Pegula. Followed by a run to the semifinals one month later at the USTA Pro Circuit W25 event in Surprise, Ariz.
- Won her first singles title in three years last summer at a \$25,000 event in Bastad, Sweden, then went on to qualify and reach the quarterfinals at the Citi Open in Washington, D.C.
- Competed in doubles at the 2018 US Open.
- Made Grand Slam debut at the 2017 US Open after winning three matches to qualify for the main draw. Also reached the quarterfinals or better at three USTA Pro Circuit events last summer.
- Was out of competition from July 2015 through June 2017 due to four knee surgeries and being diagnosed with a rare form of skin cancer.
- Won her first \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in 2015 in Charlottesville, Va. Also holds three additional USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as an ITF doubles titles she won in Canada in 2013.
- Peaked at No. 136 in the world in 2014.
- Last year, reached the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Pelham, Ala.
- As a junior player, was a singles finalist at the 2013 USTA Girls' 18s National Championships. Also, won the Girls' 18s doubles title with Sachia Vickery, allowing her to make her Grand Slam main-draw debut in the 2013 US Open women's doubles event.
- Is the daughter of Jim Kiick, a running back on the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins. Mother, Mary Johnson, is a former professional softball player.

## Caroline Dolehide, 20, Orlando, Fla.

- Reached the first round of the USTA Pro Circuit W25 event in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. as a qualifier in February.
- Came through qualifying to play in the main draws of both the French Open and Wimbledon in 2018; Won her first-round match at the French.
- Won her first \$60,000 title at the USTA Pro Circuit clay-court event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., in April 2018.
- Advanced to the third round of the WTA event in Indian Wells in 2018, where she pushed world No. 1 Simona Halep to three sets.
- 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.
- Won two singles titles in 2017 at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Surprise, Ariz., as well as the ITF Pro Circuit event in Winnipeg, Canada. Also holds three doubles titles.
- Advanced to first WTA quarterfinal in 2017 in Quebec City as a qualifier to break into the Top 150 for the first time. Also qualified and reached the second round at the US Open Series event in Stanford in 2017, losing to Madison Keys.
- 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.

## Francesca Di Lorenzo, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Quarterfinalist at the WTA Tour \$125K series event at Indian Wells in February.
- Advanced to the second round of the 2018 US Open as a qualifier, losing to No. 13 ranked Kiki Bertens.
- Turned pro after two standout seasons at Ohio State. Won the 2017 NCAA doubles title with Miho Kowase—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 three USTA/ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, including the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Wesley Chapel, Fla., this year, as well as two doubles titles, with her latest coming at the \$60,000 event in Saint-Gaudens, France, this May.
- 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.
- Trains at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

## Lauren Davis, 25, Cleveland, Ohio

- Reached the second round of the WTA Premier event in Charleston, S.C. as a qualifier. Fell in the second round at Indian Wells to Garbine Muguruza.
- Started 2019 strong, making a semifinal run at the WTA Tour \$125K event at Newport Beach, losing to American Jessica Pegula in straight sets.
- Singles finalist at the WTA Tour \$125K level event in Houston, Texas after qualifying to the main draw.
- Advanced to the third round of the Australian Open last year, ending with an epic third-round loss to Simona Halep, 4-6, 6-4, 15-13, in a match that lasted for three hours and 45 minutes, tying the match between Chanda Rubin and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in 1996 for the most games at the Australian Open.
- In 2017, peaked at No. 26 in the world in May after reaching her third quarterfinal of the year at the WTA event in Rabat, Morocco. Also reached the quarterfinals in Qatar and Dubai in February and reached the fourth round in Indian Wells.
- Won first career WTA singles title in 2017 in Auckland, New Zealand, upsetting four seeds en route.
- In 2016, advanced to two WTA finals (Washington D.C. and Quebec City).
- Advanced to the third round of the 2016 Australian Open, losing to Maria Sharapova in three sets, as well as in 2014. Also reached the third round of Wimbledon in 2014.
- In 2014, made Fed Cup debut against Italy in the World Group Quarterfinals in Cleveland, where Davis grew up. Also competed for the U.S. Fed Cup team in the 2015 World Group Playoff tie in Italy and in 2017 in the semifinal in Tampa Bay, Fla. With her Fed Cup participation last year, she is a part of the 2017 championship-winning team and received a Fed Cup trophy.

## Asia Muhammad, 28, Las Vegas, Nev.

- Advanced to the second round at the WTA Tour \$125K event at Indian Wells, Calif. earlier this year.
- Current Top 50 doubles player; Won her third WTA doubles title at the WTA International indoor event in Quebec the week after the 2018 US Open. The others: s'Hertogenbosch 2015; Guangzhou 2016; Reached the doubles quarterfinals of the 2016 US Open; 29 career USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- Won the singles title at the \$60,000 event in Lexington, Ky., last summer to help her win the 2018 US Open Wild Card Challenge and earn a singles main draw wild card into the US Open; lost in the first round.
- Broke into the singles Top 125 in 2017 after winning her fourth USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit singles title at a \$60,000 event in Australia and also qualifying for the WTA event in Charleston, S.C. Also qualified for the WTA grass-court event in s'Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, last June.
- Only Grand Slam main draw singles appearance came in 2008 when she earned a wild card into the US Open.
- Learned to play tennis at the Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club in Las Vegas