

YP CHALLENGER OF DALLAS DALLAS, TX • FEBRUARY 4 - 11

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: T Bar M Racquet Club — Dallas, Texas

Websites: www.challengerofdallas.com
procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Challenger of Dallas

Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, February 4

Main Draw Begins: Monday, February 6

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Indoor

Prize Money: \$100,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$14,400	100
Runner-up	\$8,480	60
Semifinalist	\$5,020	35
Quarterfinalist	\$2,920	18
Round of 16	\$1,720	8
Round of 32	\$1,040	--

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$6,200
Runner-up	\$3,600
Semifinalist	\$2,160
Quarterfinalist	\$1,280
Round of 16	\$720

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, February 4: Junior Clinic, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 5: Pro-Am, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, February 6: Adult Clinics, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
and 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7: Adult Clinics, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
and 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8: Adult Clinic, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 9: Adult Clinic, 9:00-10:30 a.m.;
Junior Deaf Clinic, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.;
Wheelchair Tennis, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 10: Adult Clinic, 9:00-10:30 a.m.;
Latino Tennis Clinic, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S CHALLENGER RETURNS TO DALLAS

The **YP Challenger of Dallas** is taking place in 2012 for the 12th consecutive year and 16th overall. This marks the event's first year offering \$100,000 in prize money, up from \$50,000 in 2011. It is the only USTA Pro Circuit Challenger held in Texas; the state also hosts three \$15,000 Futures.

The 2012 Dallas Challenger is slated to include **Sam Querrey**, who is receiving a tournament wild card as he works his way back into form following injury. Querrey was ranked No. 17 at the beginning of 2011 but subsequently hurt his elbow, requiring surgery, and he then suffered an umbilical cord infection. Returning to the tour in 2012, Querrey reached the second round of the Australian Open. He holds six career ATP singles titles and has reached the round of 16 at the US Open twice, in 2008 and 2010. He also won the 2009 US Open Series Bonus Challenge and has represented the United States in Davis Cup. Querrey owns three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, all won in 2006, and he reached the final at the \$100,000 Challenger in Tiburon, Calif., last October in the early stages of his comeback. Querrey's father was drafted by the Detroit Tigers, but chose to play college baseball instead.

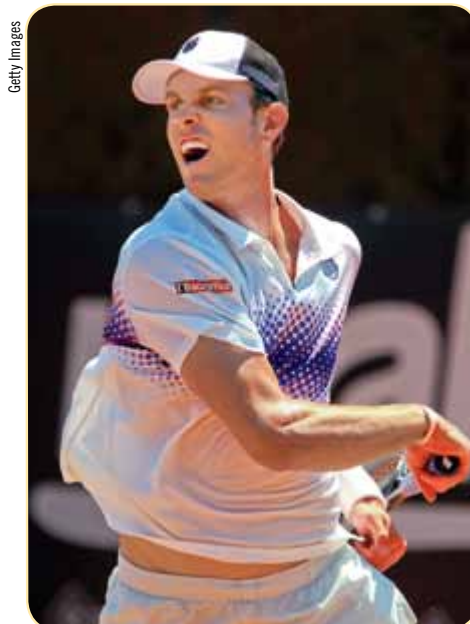
Jack Sock, Dallas' second wild card, won the 2011 US Open mixed doubles title (with



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Melanie Oudin) as well as the 2010 US Open boys' singles title. Sock has twice won the USTA Boys' 18s National Championships (2010 and 2011) to earn a main draw wild card into the US Open, and in 2011 he became the first junior national champion in 15 years (since Justin Gimelstob in 1996) to win a US Open main draw match.

The Dallas Challenger is also expected to include former world No. 15 **Robby Ginepri**, the only active American male other than Andy Roddick to reach the semifinals of a Grand Slam event—at the 2005 US Open, where he lost in five sets to Andre Agassi. Ginepri has reached the fourth round or better at all four Grand Slam events and competed for the U.S. Davis Cup team in 2004 and 2009. He is working his way back into form after suffering a broken elbow in late 2010, when he fell off his bicycle trying to avoid a squirrel. The injury kept him sidelined through the middle of 2011.



Wild card Sam Querrey was ranked No. 17 in early 2011 and has won six ATP World Tour singles titles.

Also expected to compete in the main draw are: two-time Dallas champion **Ryan Sweeting**, who reached a career-high No. 64 in 2011 after winning his first career ATP World Tour title at the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston; 2010 US Open boys' singles runner-up **Denis Kudla**, 19, who is returning from the 2012 Australian Open after qualifying for the men's singles main draw in a Grand Slam event for the first time in his career; **Michael Russell**, the men's all-time leader in USTA Pro Circuit singles titles with 22; and **Tim Smyczek**, who won two USTA wild card playoffs to earn wild cards into the 2010 US Open and the 2011 French Open, and who regularly trains at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Fla., with fellow Americans James Blake, Mardy Fish and John Isner.

Also expected in the main draw are: tournament wild card **Rhine Williams**, the 2011 NCAA men's singles runner-up for the University of Tennessee, who turned professional in July 2011 after capturing a Futures title in Innsbrook, Fla.; **Jesse Levine**, who won a USTA playoff to earn a wild card into the main draw of the 2012 Australian Open; **Michael Yani**, who reached the semifinals at the ATP World Tour event in Newport, R.I., as a qualifier in summer 2011, and who successfully qualified for the main draw of the 2011 US Open; **Wayne Odesnik**, who won USTA Pro Circuit Challengers in Savannah, Ga., and Lexington, Ky., in 2011; and 2007 Dallas champion **Robert Kendrick**, who returns to tennis this year following an eight-month suspension as dictated by the Tennis Anti-Doping Program, which is administered by the ITF. Kendrick has competed in all four Grand Slam events and has won 24 career USTA Pro Circuit titles (12 singles, 12 doubles).

Among the players expected in qualifying are: former University of North Carolina standout **Nicholas Monroe**, who won the bronze medal in doubles at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico (with Gregory Ouellette); and **Adam El Mihdawy**, who reached the final of two Futures in Mexico in 2011, and who reached the semifinals of a Futures in Austin, Texas, in October 2011.

Also expected in qualifying are: **Devin Britton**, the 2008 US Open boys' singles finalist and 2009 NCAA men's singles champion for the University of Mississippi; **Olivier Sajous**, a native of Haiti, whose family's home was destroyed by the 2010 earthquake; and American **Maciek Sykut**, a former Florida State University standout who was born in Poland and moved to the United States when he was 7 years old.

Many current and past ATP World Tour standouts have found success in Dallas. 1999 Dallas singles champion **Bob Bryan** is ranked No. 1 in the world in doubles with brother Mike. The Bryan brothers have won a record 76 doubles titles together and are the only doubles team to have won 700 matches. They are also the all-time winningest team in U.S. Davis Cup history. Last year's singles champion, **Alex Bogomolov Jr.**, went on to enjoy a career year, finishing 2011 ranked No. 34 in the world after reaching the third round at both Wimbledon and the US Open. Also, 2001 singles champion **Dmitry Tursunov** of Russia, broke into the Top 20 in 2006 and has won six tour-level singles crowns and four tour-level doubles titles. Tursunov also was a valuable member of the 2006 Davis Cup championship team from Russia, posting victories in all four of Russia's matches that season.

2003 singles runner-up and doubles champion **Justin Gimelstob** peaked at No. 18 in the world in doubles in 2000 after winning five ATP World Tour doubles titles the year prior. In his career, Gimelstob captured 13 doubles championships and won the 2006 singles title at the ATP World Tour event in Newport, R.I. He also reached the doubles semifinals of the 2001 Australian Open with Scott Humphries—his partner for his 2003 title here—as well as the doubles quarterfinals of four additional Grand Slam events. **Jamie Murray** and **Eric Butorac**, who teamed to win the 2007 Dallas doubles title, went on to capture three ATP World Tour doubles events together that year. Jamie, the older brother of Andy Murray, holds five ATP World Tour doubles titles and Butorac holds nine. 1998 singles champion **Daniel Nestor** is one of the most accomplished doubles players in men's tennis. He has won 71 career ATP World Tour doubles titles, including six Grand Slam events.

DALLAS PAST WINNERS

Singles

Year	Winner	Runner-Up
2011	Alex Bogomolov Jr. (USA)	Rainer Schuettler (GER)
2010	Ryan Sweeting (USA)	Carsten Ball (AUS)
2009	Ryan Sweeting (USA)	Brendan Evans (USA)
2008	Amer Delic (USA)	Stephane Bohli (SUI)
2007	Robert Kendrick (USA)	Benedikt Dorsch (GER)
2006	Kevin Kim (USA)	Robert Kendrick (USA)
2005	Michael Ryderstedt (SWE)	Andre Sa (BRA)
2004	Sebastien De Chaunac (FRA)	Amer Delic (USA)
2003	Simon Greul (GER)	Justin Gimelstob (USA)
2002	Jeff Morrison (USA)	Martin Verkerk (NED)
2001	Dmitry Tursunov (RUS)	Justin Bower (RSA)
1999	Andre Sa (BRA)	Jimy Szymanski (VEN)

Doubles

Year	Winner
2011	Scott Lipsky (USA) – Rajeev Ram (USA)
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2009	Prakash Amritraj (IND) – Rajeev Ram (USA)
2008	Benedikt Dorsch (GER) – Bjorn Phau (GER)
2007	Eric Butorac (USA) – Jamie Murray (GBR)
2006	Rajeev Ram (USA) – Bobby Reynolds (USA)
2005	Rik De Voest (RSA) – Giovanni Lapentti (ECU)
2004	Jordan Kerr (AUS) – Todd Perry (AUS)
2003	Justin Gimelstob (USA) – Scott Humphries (USA)
2002	Giorgio Galimberti (ITA) – Frederic Niemeyer (CAN)
2001	Gavin Sontag (USA) – Jerry Turek (CAN)
1999	Paul Kilderry (AUS) – Grant Silcock (AUS)

USTA PRO CIRCUIT

With approximately 90 tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. The USTA launched its Pro Circuit 33 years ago to provide players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has since grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering nearly \$3 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **Mardy Fish, Maria Sharapova, Andy Roddick, Caroline Wozniacki, James Blake, Li Na and Andy Murray** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit helped launch the careers of two young Americans—**Christina McHale** and **Ryan Harrison**. McHale reached the quarterfinals or better at five USTA Pro Circuit events in 2010 and climbed more than 100 spots in the WTA rankings that year. Buoyed by those results, she began to compete regularly on the WTA tour in 2011 and became the youngest player in the world's Top 50 after defeating No. 8 seed Marion Bartoli en route to the third round of the US Open. Three weeks prior, she upset world No. 1 Wozniacki at the US Open Series event in Cincinnati. McHale also was named to the U.S. Fed Cup team for the World Group Playoff in April 2011. Harrison began 2011 by winning the singles and doubles titles at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Honolulu and subsequently reached the round of 16 in Indian Wells, where he upset three players ranked in the Top 50. Harrison cracked the Top 100 for the first time in summer 2011—becoming one of just two teenage males in the Top 100—after reaching back-to-back semifinals at the US Open Series events in Atlanta and Los Angeles. He also played in the main draw of all four Grand Slam events last year, pushing world No. 5 David Ferrer to five sets in the second round at Wimbledon.



Ryan Harrison

Anthony Behar

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The USTA Player Development program identifies and develops the next generation of American champions by surrounding the top junior players and young pros with the resources, facilities and coaching they need to reach their maximum potential. The Player Development program is based at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and also utilizes Training Centers in Carson, Calif., and Flushing, N.Y., as well as a series of Certified Regional Training Centers located throughout the continental United States.

10 AND UNDER TENNIS

On January 1, the USTA announced that the rules of tennis have officially changed and require that 10 and Under Tennis tournaments be played utilizing smaller, lighter racquets and lower-bouncing balls on smaller courts. This rule change signifies the emergence of 10 and Under Tennis as an integral part of the development of young players. The scaled-down equipment and smaller courts better allow kids to rally and play the game earlier in their development, and increase the likelihood they will return to the court and continue to improve while having fun doing so. For more information, visit www.10andundertennis.com.

NJTL

Cities across the country participate in the USTA/National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) network, a nationwide network of community tennis organizations seeking to develop the character of young people through both tennis and education. Founded by Arthur Ashe in 1969, more than 650 registered chapters/programs exist throughout the nation with more than 250,000 participants ages 6–18, making NJTL one of the USTA's largest community-based initiatives.

US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS

The USTA launched the US Open National Playoffs in 2010, making the US Open “open” to anyone age 14+ and of all skill levels. Last year, more than 1,200 players competed in 16 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2011 US Open



Qualifying Tournament wild card. A mixed doubles element was also added, where the winning team won a main draw mixed doubles wild card. Blake Strode, 24, of St. Louis, defended his US Open National Playoffs men's title in 2011 and Robin Anderson, 18, of Matawan, NJ, won the women's wild card. David Martin and Christina Fusano won the mixed doubles tournament. Registration for the 2012 US Open National Playoffs opens on March 15.