

KNOXVILLE CHALLENGER

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, November 8

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Indoor

Prize Money: \$50,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$7,200	80
Runner-up	\$4,250	48
Semifinalist	\$2,510	29
Quarterfinalist	\$1,460	15
Round of 16	\$860	7
Round of 32	\$520	-

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$3,100
Runner-up	\$1,800
Semifinalist	\$1,080
Quarterfinalist	\$640
Round of 16	\$360

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S CHALLENGER RETURNS TO KNOXVILLE

The **Knoxville Challenger** is returning to Tennessee for the fifth straight year and the eighth year overall. The Knoxville Challenger is the second of three consecutive indoor Challengers that conclude the 2011 USTA Pro Circuit season.

The Knoxville Challenger is expected to include: 2008 Knoxville champion **Bobby Reynolds**, who won an eight-man US Open playoff to earn a main draw wild card into the 2011 US Open and then captured his 28th career USTA Pro Circuit title by winning the Challenger in Tulsa, Okla.; **Somdev Devvarman**, the top-ranked player in the field, who captured consecutive NCAA singles titles (2007-08) while at the University of Virginia; **Michael Yani**, who reached the semifinals at the ATP World Tour event in Newport, R.I., as a qualifier earlier this year and successfully qualified for the main draw of the 2011 US Open; and **Michael Russell**, the top-ranked American in the field, who has competed in the main draw of all four Grand Slam events in 2011 and who reached the third round of the Olympus US Open Series event in Washington, D.C., in August.

Also slated to compete in Knoxville are: **Alex Kuznetsov**, the 2004 French Open boys' finalist who reached the singles quarterfinals or better at five USTA Pro Circuit Challengers this season; **Vasek Pospisil** of Canada, who has qualified for consecutive ATP World Tour events in Russia and Spain and beat USTA Pro Circuit alum John Isner in the first round in Valencia, Spain, last week; South Africans



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Rik De Voest and **Izak Van Der Merwe**, who partnered to win the doubles title in Knoxville in 2010; and Bosnia's **Amer Delic**, who is working to regain his form following a knee injury that forced him out of action from July 2009 to August 2010. Delic, a former University of Illinois standout, climbed to No. 60 in the world in 2007 and, in 2009, reached the third round of the Australian Open.

Among the players expected in qualifying are: 2010 US Open boys' singles runner-up **Denis Kudla**, as well as former college standouts **Greg Ouellette** (University of Florida) and Nicholas Monroe (University of North Carolina), who all constituted the Pan American Games U.S. men's tennis team earlier this month (with Ouellette and Monroe pairing to win the bronze medal in doubles); **Steve Johnson**, the 2011 NCAA singles champion for USC, who won back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit Futures titles following this year's US Open, in which he lost in five sets in the first round to Top 50 player Alex Bogomolov Jr.; **Tim Smyczek**, who won a USTA playoff to earn a wild card into the 2011 French Open; **Jordan Cox**, the boys' singles runner-up at Wimbledon in 2009; and former Florida Gator Jesse



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Levine, who reached the third round at Wimbledon in 2009. Levine enters Knoxville with a 19-2 singles record since the beginning of September, including one USTA Pro Circuit singles title and two ITF Men's Circuit singles titles in Canada.

Former college standouts in qualifying include: **Rhyne Williams**, a former University of Tennessee All-American and the 2011 NCAA runner-up, who won his second career USTA Pro Circuit Futures title in July in Innisbrook, Fla., and subsequently turned pro; **Devin Britton**, who reached the 2008 US Open boys' singles final and won the 2009 NCAA Division I singles championship as a member of the University of Mississippi tennis team; **Daniel Kosakowski**, who turned pro following his freshman year at UCLA after capturing his first USTA Pro Circuit Futures title in Sacramento, Calif., in June; and **Blake Strode**, a former University of Arkansas All-American who won the US Open National Playoffs in 2010 and 2011 to earn wild cards into the US Open Qualifying Tournament. Strode deferred Harvard Law School to play pro tennis and has captured two USTA Pro Circuit titles this year.

Three ATP World Tour standouts and U.S. Davis Cup teammates have found success in Knoxville. 2000 singles runner-up **Andy Roddick** finished the 2003 season ranked No. 1 in the world after winning the US Open that year. In his career, Roddick has won 30 singles titles, finished in the Top 10 each year since 2002, advanced to five Grand

Slam tournament finals and been a long-time member of the U.S. Davis Cup team, leading the United States to the championship in 2007. 2001 singles champion **James Blake** peaked at No. 4 in the world in 2006, has won 10 career singles titles and reached the quarterfinals at the US Open in 2005 and 2006. 2002 singles runner-up and 2001 doubles champion **Mardy Fish** rose to No. 7 in the world this August after one of the strongest seasons of his career, which included reaching the quarterfinals of Wimbledon and the round of 16 at the US Open. He also won the Olympus US Open Series event in Atlanta en route to winning his first overall Olympus US Open Series crown. Fish has won six ATP World Tour titles and holds a 9-8 overall record in Davis Cup.

In addition, 2002 doubles champion **Dmitry Tursunov** is a 12-time ATP World Tour champion (seven in singles) who peaked at No. 20 in the world in 2006, and 2002 singles and doubles champion **Martin Verkerk** reached the French Open final a year later, when he peaked at No. 14 in the world. Last year's champion, **Kei Nishikori**, used the USTA Pro Circuit to work his way back from an elbow injury and won four Challenger titles—the most of any player on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2010. This year, Nishikori, working with Brad Gilbert, reached the third round of the Australian Open, the final of the ATP clay court event in Houston (where he defeated Fish en route) and the semifinals of the ATP Masters Series event in Shanghai to rise to No. 30 in the world—the best ranking ever achieved by a Japanese man.

KNOXVILLE PAST WINNERS

Singles

Year	Winner	Runner-Up
2010	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	Robert Kendrick (USA)
2009	Taylor Dent (USA)	Ilija Bozoljac (SRB)
2008	Bobby Reynolds (USA)	Luka Gergorc (SLO)
2007	Robert Kendrick (USA)	Kevin Kim (USA)
2002	Martin Verkerk (NED)	Mardy Fish (USA)
2001	James Blake (USA)	Gabriel Trifu (ROU)
2000	Cristiano Caratti (ITA)	Andy Roddick (USA)

Doubles

Year	Winner
2010	Rik De Voest (RSA) – Izak Van Der Merwe (RSA)
2009	Martin Emmrich (GER) – Andreas Siljeström (SWE)
2008	Kevin Anderson (RSA) – G.D. Jones (NZL)
2007	Harel Levy (ISR) – Sam Warburg (USA)
2002	Dmitry Tursunov (RUS) – Martin Verkerk (NED)
2001	Mardy Fish (USA) – Jeff Morrison (USA)
2000	Karsten Braasch (GER) – Michael Kohlmann (GER)

USTA PRO CIRCUIT

With 90-plus 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 32 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 more than \$2.5 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **Maria Sharapova, Andy Roddick, Caroline Wozniacki, James Blake, Justine Henin, Andy Murray and Sam Querrey** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

The USTA Pro Circuit helped launch the careers of two young Americans—**Melanie Oudin** and **John Isner**. Oudin began 2009 ranked No. 177, but climbed the rankings by winning back-to-back \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit events. With a boost in confidence, she reached the fourth round of Wimbledon and the quarterfinals of the 2009 US Open. She peaked at world No. 31 in 2010 and has been a crucial player on the U.S. Fed Cup team. Isner joined the USTA Pro Circuit after turning pro in 2007 and jump-started the best season of his career by winning the Tallahassee Challenger in 2009. Subsequently, he reached the semifinals at two Olympus US Open Series events and upset Andy Roddick en route to the fourth round at the 2009 US Open. Last year, Isner captured his first tour title, reached three tour finals, and also won the longest match in history at Wimbledon. He finished 2010 ranked in the Top 20.



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

10 and Under Tennis is a nationwide USTA initiative that uses the QuickStart Tennis play format and takes a better approach to introducing kids to the game. Balls are lower in compression, so they are easier to hit; racquets are sized for small hands; and the courts are smaller and easier to cover. Full-sized courts can now be reconfigured to accommodate up to six 36-foot courts. In turn, kids learn, rally, play and compete right from the start, and the game becomes more accessible and fun for them. 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 550 registered chapters/programs exist throughout the nation with more than 220,000 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 last year, making the US Open "open" to anyone age 14+ and of all skill levels. This 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 this year, 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 this year and Robin Anderson, 18, of Matawan, NJ, won the women's wild card. David Martin and Christina Fusano won the mixed doubles tournament.



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Devin Britton

Age: 20 (3/17/91) Hometown: Brandon, Miss.

Ranking: 755

After moving swiftly up the tennis ladder, Britton has made solid strides toward a professional career in recent years, reaching his first professional singles final in 2010 at the Futures in Costa Mesa, Calif., and winning two doubles titles in four finals so far in 2011. The Mississippi native burst onto the tennis scene in 2008, reaching the US Open boys' singles final as a wild card. He subsequently enrolled at the University of Mississippi in January 2009 and, at the age of 18 years, 2 months, became the youngest man ever to win the NCAA singles title. Britton's NCAA title earned him a main draw wild card into the 2009 US Open, where he pushed five-time defending champion Roger Federer in a 6-1, 6-3, 7-5 defeat. Also in 2009, he served as a practice partner for the 2009 quarterfinal Davis Cup tie between the United States and Croatia.



Jordan Cox

Age: 19 (1/7/92) Hometown: Duluth, Ga.

Ranking: 535

Cox has played a mix of ATP events (largely in the qualifying) and USTA Pro Circuit tournaments in 2011, reaching the quarterfinals at the Futures in McAllen, Texas, in March. A former junior standout, Cox reached the boys' singles final at Wimbledon and the quarterfinals at the Easter Bowl in 2009. In doubles that same year, he won the junior title at the Wimbledon warm-up tournament in Roehampton and reached the quarterfinals at the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open.



Somdev Devvarman (IND)

Age: 26 (2/13/85) Hometown: Charlottesville, Va.

Ranking: 84

Devvarman peaked at a career-high No. 66 in May after reaching the round of 16 at the ATP Masters Series event in Indian Wells, Calif., and the third round of the Masters event in Miami the following week. He also competed in the main draw of all four Grand Slam events this year, reaching the second round at Wimbledon. In 2010, he became the first Indian player ever to capture the gold medal in singles at the 2010 Asian Games, where he also won the doubles gold medal, and he is a member of India's Davis Cup team, having helped lead India back into the World Group this year. Devvarman reached his first career ATP World Tour singles final in 2009 in Chennai, India. He was a collegiate star at the University of Virginia, winning back-to-back NCAA singles titles in 2007 and 2008.



Alexander Domijan

Age: 20 (9/3/91) Hometown: Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Ranking: 758

A top collegiate player, the 6-foot-7 sophomore at the University of Virginia was ranked in the Top 5 of the ITA rankings for the entire 2010-11 season. He has also reached two USTA Pro Circuit singles finals in his career and qualified for the \$100,000 event in Aptos, Calif., earlier this year. Domijan was dominant on the ITF World Junior Circuit in 2008, putting together a 16-match winning streak that saw him win the Pan-American Championships and the Eddie Herr International before losing in the semifinals of the Dunlop Orange Bowl. He continued that momentum into 2009, spending much of the year as the No. 1 player in the USTA Boys' 18s national standings.



Robby Ginepri

Age: 29 (10/7/82) Hometown: Kennesaw, Ga.

Ranking: 318

Ginepri has been a mainstay on the world stage for the majority of his 11-year career, having won three career ATP singles titles, reached the fourth round or better at all four Grand Slam events—including the semifinals of the US Open in 2005, when he lost in five sets to Andre Agassi—peaked at No. 15 in the world rankings in 2006 and competed for the U.S. Davis Cup team in 2004 and 2009. He has been playing on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2011 as he works to regain form after an arm injury kept him out of action from October 2010 through the middle of this year. In his first tournament back, Ginepri reached the quarterfinals at the Challenger in Winnetka, Ill., and more recently he advanced to the final of the \$100,000 Challenger in Vancouver in August.



Ryan Harrison

Age: 19 (5/7/92)

Hometown: Bradenton, Fla.

Ranking: 79

Harrison cracked the Top 100 for the first time earlier this year after reaching back-to-back semifinals at the Olympus US Open Series events in Atlanta and Los Angeles; he lost to American No. 1 Mardy Fish in both events. Harrison began the year by winning his first career Challenger at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Honolulu in January, and subsequently reached the round of 16 in Indian Wells, where he upset three players ranked in the Top 50 before falling to Roger Federer in two close sets. Harrison first made waves in 2008 when he became the third-youngest player since 1990 to win a main-draw ATP match (bested only by Rafael Nadal and Richard Gasquet). His father, Pat, played collegiate tennis at Oklahoma State and Mississippi before a brief pro career, and his 17-year-old brother, Christian, is a junior standout who also competes on the USTA Pro Circuit.



Steve Johnson

Age: 21 (12/24/89)

Hometown: Orange, Calif.

Ranking: 405

Johnson captured the 2011 NCAA Division I singles title at USC and also helped lead the Trojans to their third NCAA team title in his three years at the school. His individual NCAA title earned Johnson a wild card into the 2011 US Open, where he pushed Top 40 player Alex Bogomolov Jr. to five sets in the opening round. Following the Open, Johnson won back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit Futures titles in California for his first professional titles. In addition, he was named a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team's quarterfinal against Spain in Austin, Texas in July. After playing this fall on the USTA Pro Circuit, Johnson will return to USC for the spring season.



Kevin Kim

Age: 33 (7/26/78)

Hometown: Newport Coast, Calif.

Ranking: 393

Kim has been remarkably consistent throughout his career, finishing in the Top 200 eight of the past 11 years and in the Top 125 five of the last seven. He peaked at No. 63 in 2005 after advancing to the third round of the Australian Open, and in 2009 he qualified for the ATP World Tour events at both Indian Wells and Miami, reaching the second round in Miami before losing to Roger Federer. He holds nine career singles title on the USTA Pro Circuit and reached the singles quarterfinals of four Challengers in 2010. As an All-American at UCLA (1996-97), Kim led the Bruins to a USTA/ITA National Team Indoor title and the NCAA semifinals. He was the USTA Boys' 18s champion in 1996, defeating Bob Bryan in the final, and also reached the doubles final with Michael Russell (falling to Bob and Mike Bryan).



Austin Krajicek

Age: 21 (6/16/90)

Hometown: Brandon, Fla.

Ranking: 807

A standout at Texas A&M, Krajicek won the 2011 NCAA doubles title with Jeff Dadamo. He was also named to the 2011 USTA Summer Collegiate Team, where he reached three USTA Pro Circuit singles quarterfinals. Krajicek has also captured two Futures doubles titles in 2008 and 2009, both with former Texas A&M teammate Conor Pollock. As a junior player, Krajicek won the 2008 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships to earn a wild card into the main draw at the 2008 US Open. He also reached the doubles final at the 2006 US Open. Austin is a cousin of former Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek.



Denis Kudla

Age: 19 (08/17/92)

Hometown: Arlington, Va.

Ranking: 276

A former top junior, Kudla has made a successful transition to a professional career in 2011. He posted his career-best showing on the ATP World Tour in July when he reached the quarterfinals at the grass-court Hall of Fame Championships in Newport, R.I. He also won the title at the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Laguna Niguel, Calif., this September. As a junior, Kudla reached the boys' singles final of the 2010 US Open, where he lost to Jack Sock in three sets. He rose to No. 3 in the world junior rankings in 2010 and subsequently moved onto the USTA Pro Circuit, where he won his first professional title at the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Austin, Texas. Kudla was named a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team during its 2010 first round tie in Serbia.



Alex Kuznetsov

Age: 24 (2/5/87)

Hometown: Tampa, Fla.

Ranking: 223

Kuznetsov was born in Kiev, Ukraine, where his grandfather was a handball champion. A runner-up at the 2004 junior French Open, Kuznetsov suffered a broken leg that required surgery following a 2005 car accident. He rebounded to play in his first US Open main draw in 2006, and in 2007 he won his first Grand Slam match at the Australian Open and reached the round of 16 in doubles at the US Open. Kuznetsov returned to the Top 200 in early 2011 after advancing to the singles and doubles finals at the Honolulu Challenger and qualifying for the ATP event in San Jose, Calif. He also reached the semifinals of the \$100,000 Sacramento Challenger in October, losing to James Blake.



Jesse Levine

Age: 24 (10/15/87)

Hometown: Boca Raton, Fla.

Ranking: 319

Levine has showed promise during his young career. In 2009, he defeated then-world No. 24 Marat Safin to advance to the third round at Wimbledon, and he reached the second round of the US Open and the quarterfinals at the ATP World Tour event in Newport, R.I., that same year. Thus far in 2011, Levine has qualified for the main draw of the ATP event in San Jose, Calif., won a USTA Pro Circuit Futures title in Indian Harbor Beach, Fla., in June, and reached three consecutive finals at ITF-level events in his native Canada (winning two titles). As a collegian, he compiled a 24-1 record as a freshman at the University of Florida in 2007 and immediately turned pro. That same year, Levine spent 10 weeks training with Roger Federer in Dubai.



Nicholas Monroe

Age: 29 (4/12/82)

Hometown: Chapel Hill, N.C.

Ranking: 304

Monroe has had a strong showing on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2011, winning the \$15,000 Futures in Brownsville, Texas, for his first USTA Pro Circuit title since 2007, and capturing his seventh doubles title. Also this year, he has competed overseas in China, Great Britain and India, and played in the Wimbledon tune-up event at the Queens Club in London. Monroe was also selected to represent the U.S. in the Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, in October. As a collegian, he was a two-time All-American at the University of North Carolina (2003-04) and reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament in 2004. In 2003, he received the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Arthur Ashe Regional Sportsmanship and Leadership Award for the Mideast region.



Greg Ouellette

Age: 25 (5/19/86)

Hometown: Ormond Beach, Fla.

Ranking: 301

In 2011, Ouellette approached Top 250 after reaching the quarterfinals or better of five USTA Pro Circuit events. He also won the doubles title with Devin Britton at the \$15,000 Futures in Brownsville, Texas. Ouellette was selected to represent the U.S. in the 2011 Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, in October. He was a four-time All-American for the University of Florida and peaked at No. 2 in the ITA Division I collegiate rankings during his senior year in 2008.



Bobby Reynolds

Age: 29 (7/17/82)

Hometown: Acworth, Ga.

Ranking: 122

Reynolds captured his 28th and 29th career USTA Pro Circuit titles by sweeping singles and doubles at the \$50,000 Challenger in Tulsa, Okla., in September, and he has reached the semifinals or better in singles at five additional Challengers in 2011 to once again close in on the Top 100. He ascended to a career-best No. 63 in 2009 shortly before suffering a wrist injury that cost him seven months. In his career, Reynolds has reached the second round or better at all four Grand Slam events and owns one ATP doubles title, which he won at the 2006 Olympus US Open Series event in Indianapolis with Andy Roddick. In three seasons at Vanderbilt, Reynolds became the school's first two-time All-American and led the Commodores to the 2003 NCAA team final.



Michael Russell

Age: 33 (5/1/78)

Hometown: Houston

Ranking: 95

Russell is the men's all-time leader in USTA Pro Circuit singles titles with 22. He qualified for the ATP event in Memphis, Tenn., earlier this year and advanced to the quarterfinals. He also reached the third round of the Olympus US Open Series event in Washington D.C. and qualified for the ATP Masters Series events in Indian Wells, Calif., and Miami. Russell, who turned pro in 1998, has finished inside the Top 100 three times in the past four years and has competed in all four Grand Slam events, making seven US Open main draw appearances. His best showing at a Slam came at the 2001 French Open, where he lost in the fourth round to eventual champion Gustavo Kuerten in five sets.



Tim Smyczek

Age: 23 (12/30/87)

Hometown: Hales Corner, Wis.

Ranking: 255

Smyczek has made positive strides in each of the last two years. He made his first appearance in the main draw of the US Open in 2010, after winning an eight-man USTA wild card playoff, and backed that up with his maiden showing in the main draw of the French Open this year, after winning a similar six-man playoff. Also in 2011, Smyczek reached the quarterfinals of the ATP event in San Jose, Calif., and qualified for Indian Wells, where he reached the second round to approach the Top 150 for the first time in his career. He also qualified for two 2011 Olympus US Open Series events. In his career, Smyczek holds one USTA Pro Circuit title in five finals.



Jack Sock

Age: 19 (9/24/92)

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.

Ranking: 367

Sock has made quite a splash in the tennis world over the last two years. In 2010, he won the USTA Boys' 18s National Championships and the US Open boys' singles championship, becoming the first American to win the US Open boys' title since Andy Roddick in 2000 and the first to win both championships in the same year since Brian Dunn in 1992. This year Sock repeated as the USTA Boys' 18s champion, became the first USTA Boys' 18s winner also to win a round in the main draw of the US Open in 15 years and claimed his second US Open title in two years, this time in mixed doubles with Melanie Oudin. (The teenage duo upset the defending champions and top seeds Bob Bryan and Liezel Huber en route to the final.) For good measure, he won his fourth Kansas state high school title in four years and finished his high school career undefeated. On the USTA Pro Circuit, Sock, who turned pro this summer, has reached three doubles and one singles final, with a doubles title at the Futures in Palm Coast, Fla., in February.



Blake Strode

Age: 24 (7/9/87)

Hometown: St. Louis

Ranking: 410

Strode successfully defended his US Open National Playoffs title in 2011 to earn a wild card into the 2011 US Open Qualifying Tournament, where he reached the second round for the second consecutive year. Prior to the 2011 US Open, he captured his third career USTA Pro Circuit title at the \$10,000 Futures in Edwardsville, Ill. In 2009, Strode chose to defer Harvard Law School to play professional tennis. He was a standout at the University of Arkansas, where he reached the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament as a senior to earn All-America honors. A product of his local NJTL program in Ferguson, Mo., and a two-time SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Strode was named the national recipient of the 2009 ITA/Arthur Ashe Award for Leadership & Sportsmanship. He was also a winner of the Arthur Ashe Essay contest at age 12.



Rhyne Williams

Age: 20 (3/22/91)

Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.

Ranking: 528

Williams, a former top junior and University of Tennessee standout, turned pro this summer after winning the \$10,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Innisbrook, Fla. As a collegian, he won the prestigious USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships in November 2010, beating top seed Alex Domijan and defending champion Steve Johnson en route, and he also was the runner-up at the 2011 NCAA Tournament (falling to Johnson in the final.) As a junior, Williams won the 2007 Easter Bowl, reached the boys' singles quarterfinals at the 2008 US Open and reached a career-high No. 8 in the world junior rankings. Williams' mother, Michelle DePalmer Williams, is a former professional tennis player, and his father, Bob, played collegiately at Duke University. Williams' grandfather, Mike DePalmer, coached at the University of Tennessee from 1981 to 1994.



Ball



Frank



Fratangelo



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Player Name	Age / Hometown	Ranking	Player Information
Sekou Bangoura	19 (11/18/91) Bradenton, Fla.	917	University of Florida sophomore reached the singles final at the 2009 USTA Boys' 18s National Clay Court Championships and the doubles final at the 2009 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships. ... Represented the U.S. in the 2010 Master'U BNP Paribas, an international collegiate competition in France. ... Named to the USTA Collegiate Team in both 2010 and 2011.
Carsten Ball (AUS)	24 (6/20/87) Newport Beach, Calif.	320	Peaked at a career-high No. 108 in July 2010. ... Won first career ATP World Tour doubles title in Newport, R.I., in 2010 with countryman Chris Guccione and the duo reached the doubles quarterfinals of the 2009 US Open and the round of 16 at the 2011 Australian Open. ... Advanced to first ATP World Tour singles final at the 2009 LA Tennis Open, an Olympus US Open Series event.
Arnau Brugues-Davi (ESP)	26 (3/5/85) Barcelona, Spain	149	Four-time All-American at the University of Tulsa won back-to-back Futures titles this year in Oklahoma City and Little Rock, Ark., in spring of 2011. ... Also won five Futures overseas as well as a Challenger in Russia in 2011. Finished the 2009 collegiate season ranked No. 2 and was named the ITA National Senior Player of the Year.
Adam El Mihdawy	22 (8/9/89) Long Island City, N.Y.	428	Won his first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in summer 2010 at the Futures in Pittsburgh. ... Reached the final of two ITF Circuit events in Mexico in the summer of 2011, and reached the final of five Futures in Mexico and Bolivia in 2010, winning one title. ... Quarterfinalist at the 2007 USTA International Spring Championships on the junior circuit.
Mitchell Frank	19 (10/16/92) Annandale, Va.	628	Won the ITA All-American title in October 2011 as a freshman for the University of Virginia. ... Reached the second round of qualifying at the 2011 US Open. ... Reached the round of 16 at the 2010 US Open and Australian Open juniors. ... Won ITF Grade 1 junior titles in 2009 at the Yucatan World Cup and the USTA International Spring Championships.
Bjorn Fratangelo	18 (7/19/93) Pittsburgh	791	Became the first American since John McEnroe in 1977 to win the boys' singles title at the French Open in 2011. ... Reached his first professional final in 2011 at the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Pittsburgh. ... Won the 2010 Easter Bowl. ... Won the 2009 USTA Boys' 16s National Clay Court Championships and 2010 USTA Boys' 18s National Clay Court Championships
Marcos Giron	18 (7/24/93) Thousand Oaks, Calif.	1182	Undefeated in three ITF junior tournaments to start 2011. ... In April, joined Sam Querrey as only the boy to win the International Spring Championships and the Easter Bowl singles titles in back-to-back weeks. ... Competed on U.S. Junior Davis Cup team in 2009. ... Is playing play collegiately at UCLA this fall.
Chris Guccione (AUS)	26 (7/30/85) Australia	245	The 6-foot-7 left-hander has advanced to two career ATP World Tour singles finals, along with one in doubles. ... Has reached the second round at all four Grand Slam events in singles and reached the US Open doubles quarterfinals in 2009. ... In 2010, won his second career USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the Futures in Irvine, Calif., and his second career USTA Pro Circuit doubles title at \$75,000 Aptos, Calif. ... Finished 2008 ranked in the Top 100.
Alexios Halebian	17 (6/8/94) Glendale, Calif.	1801	Won the 2011 USTA Boys' 18s National Clay Court Championships, after reaching the final in 2010. ... Won the boys' 16s title at the 2009 Dunlop Orange Bowl. ... Reached the semifinals at the 2010 Dunlop Orange Bowl and the 2010 Easter Bowl. ... Helped lead the U.S. to the 2008 World Junior Tennis (14-and-under) title. ... Trains full-time at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.
Jarmere Jenkins	20 (11/25/90) College Park, Ga.	1243	University of Virginia junior went 63-15 (combined singles and doubles) in his sophomore campaign. ... Named to the 2010 USTA Collegiate Team; reached his first career USTA Pro Circuit singles final at the Futures in Rochester, N.Y., in July 2010, and won his second career doubles title at the Futures in Decatur, Ill. ... Won the doubles title and reached the singles final at the 2008 Dunlop Orange Bowl. ... Reached the boys' doubles final at the 2006 US Open.



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Bradley Klahn	21 (8/20/90) Poway, Calif.	675	Current senior at Stanford. ... Won the 2010 NCAA Division I singles title as a sophomore at Stanford to earn a wild card into the main draw of the 2010 US Open and reached the semifinals of the NCAA doubles tournament to earn All-America honors. ... Reached the final round of US Open Qualifying in 2011. ... Formerly ranked No. 1 in the USTA Boys' 18s rankings.
Daniel Kosakowski	19 (2/21/92) Downey, Calif.	385	Turned professional in June 2011 following his freshman season at UCLA after winning his first professional title at the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Sacramento, Calif. ... Won his first ATP World Tour main draw match at the Olympus US Open Series in Los Angeles in July 2011. ... Reached his first professional final as a qualifier at the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Irvine, Calif., in 2010. ... Won the 2009 USTA Boys' 18s Winter National Championships and the 2010 USTA International Spring Championships.
Dennis Novikov	17 (11/6/93) Boca Raton, Fla.	973	Russian-born junior has reached the quarterfinals of three USTA Pro Circuit Futures in 2011. ... He advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2010 US Open boys' singles. ... Reached the doubles final of the 2010 USTA International Spring Championships. ... Broke into the Top 40 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2010.
Todd Paul	25 (12/26/85) Stamford, Conn.	NR	First tennis player at Wake Forest University to be named All-ACC four consecutive years. ... Won the doubles title at the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Decatur, Ill., in 2010 and added three ITF Circuit doubles titles (two in Canada, one in Israel). ... Represented the U.S. at the 2007 Pan American Games. ... Appeared in seven USTA Pro Circuit Futures doubles finals in 2009, winning four titles.
Robbye Poole	27 (10/2/84) Summerville, S.C.	598	Won back-to-back singles titles in 2010 at the Futures in Joplin, Mo., and Godfrey, Ill., for his first career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles. ... Won his second and third career USTA Pro Circuit Futures doubles titles in 2010 in Niceville, Fla., and Amelia Island, Fla. ... Former All-American at the University of Mississippi.
Olivier Sajous (HAI)	24 (2/4/1987) Plantation, Fla.	557	Won the 2010 US Open National Playoffs USTA Florida Sectional Qualifying Tournament and advanced to the semifinals at the US Open National Playoffs – Men's Championship. ... Qualified and reached the final of the Futures in Plantation, Fla., in January ... Went 4-1 in Davis Cup play for Haiti in 2010. ... Family's home was destroyed by earthquake in January 2010.
Tennys Sandgren	20 (7/22/91) Gallatin, Tenn.	549	Turned professional after winning back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit Futures titles in Illinois in 2011. ... Named to the 2011 USTA Collegiate Team for the second consecutive year. ... Reached the final at the 2009 Easter Bowl and won the boys' 16s singles titles at both the USTA National Championships and the USTA National Clay Court Championships in 2007.
Phillip Simmonds	25 (5/18/86) Reston, Va.	454	Qualified for the main draw of the Olympus US Open Series event in Atlanta in July 2011. ... Ascended to a career-best No. 219 in 2006, when he reached the quarterfinals at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Vancouver, B.C., and received a wild card into the US Open. ... Won the singles title at the Futures in Weston, Fla., in January 2011 and reached the final at the Futures in Pensacola, Fla., in 2010.
John-Patrick Smith (AUS)	22 (1/24/89) Townsville, Australia	627	Won his first professional title in 2011 at the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Tulsa, Okla. ... Singles and doubles All-American at the University of Tennessee advanced to the NCAA Tournament singles final as a freshman in 2008 and reached the doubles final in 2010. ... Ranked No. 1 in the 2010-11 preseason NCAA Division I rankings.
Michael Venus (NZL)	24 (10/16/87) Orlando, Fla.	427	All-American in both singles and doubles at LSU was named the 2009 SEC Player of the Year, a feat not accomplished by a player at LSU since 1998. ... Competes on the New Zealand Davis Cup team. ... Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, including the Futures in Loomis, Calif., in 2010. ... Reached the quarterfinals in 2011 at Challengers in Aptos, Calif., and Winnetka, Ill.



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