

SUCCESS STORIES ABOUND ON THE USTA PRO CIRCUIT



Taylor Townsend celebrates at the Audi Melbourne Pro Tennis Classic after winning the women's Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge. (Inset) Robby Ginepri captures the USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger to clinch a wild card into the French Open.

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ATTEND USTA PRO CIRCUIT WORKSHOP

The USTA Pro Circuit Tournament Directors Workshop took place in Florida's Pompano Beach in May and provided the attendees with an opportunity to share success stories and a full agenda of workshop sessions.

"BIG BANG THEORY" STAR MAKES APPEARANCE AT USTA PRO CIRCUIT EVENT

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AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN ON THE USTA PRO CIRCUIT GAIN TITLES AND EXPERIENCE

Capturing 23 titles through June, a number of players from the United States have been enjoying success this year on the USTA Pro Circuit.

During the first half of 2014, the USTA Pro Circuit staged a total of 46 tournaments to provide junior stars, college standouts and other aspiring pros with the opportunity to develop their game and raise their ranking while making the transition to the sport's highest levels. Half of the singles winners were up-and-coming young American players, with Jared Donaldson, Grace Min, Connor Smith and Taylor Townsend each capturing a pair of titles and Katerina Stewart collecting a trio of trophies. Townsend was also joined by Robby Ginepri as the winners of the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge; each player cumulated the greatest number of ranking points at a series of three USTA Pro Circuit events to earn wild-card entries into the French Open singles main draws.

Tennis fans didn't have to miss any of the excitement on the USTA Pro Circuit, thanks



to the live scoring feature which allowed them to follow all of the action and the live web streaming from select events.

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USTA Pro Circuit Tournament Directors Attend Workshop

Attendees at the USTA Pro Circuit Tournament Directors Workshop had the opportunity to learn about a variety of subjects to help stage a successful tennis tournament. The workshop took place May on 16-18 at the Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa in Pompano Beach, Fla., and was held for all \$10,000, \$15,000, and \$25,000 Pro Circuit events.

Tournament directors were offered a full agenda of sessions to attend during the workshop. The sessions included: Negotiating with a Hotel, Working with Your Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Evaluating Economic Impact, Fundraising Basics, Involving a Charity, Leveraging Diversity for Success, Pre-Tournament Preparations and Your Tournament Day to Day.

Among the speakers at the workshop were Brian Earley, Director, USTA Pro Circuit; Skip Gilbert, Managing Director, Professional Tennis Operations; Donna Dozier Gordon, Director, Diversity & Inclusion; and Tom Gullikson, Lead National Coach.

One of the highlights of the workshop was a group dinner on Saturday night at the Blue Moon Fish Company in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Fla.



Taking a break from one of their working sessions, attendees at the USTA Pro Circuit Tournament Directors Workshop pose for a group photo.

Atkinson Bids Farewell; Rassow-Kantor Joins Pro Circuit Staff

Dianne Atkinson, who was part of the USTA Pro Circuit staff for 20 years, bid farewell earlier this year, on April 30. The USTA Pro Circuit wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

Following Atkinson's departure, Luke Rassow-Kantor joined the Pro Circuit Department as Coordinator. Prior to joining the USTA, Rassow-Kantor was the Assistant Director of Tennis at Intensity Tennis and Fitness Club in Norwalk, Conn., where he managed programming, tournaments and player schedules. Rassow-Kantor, originally from Westport, Conn., is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.



Dianne Atkinson



Luke Rassow-Kantor

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 34 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. John Isner, Andy Murray, Li Na, Maria Sharapova and Caroline Wozniacki are among today's top players who began their career on the USTA Pro Circuit.



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Pro Circuit Events Show Examples of Tournament Branding

Men's and women's tournaments on the USTA Pro Circuit are continuously looking for new ways to promote their event branding. Here are just a few examples:

- The Boyd Tinsley Clay Court Classic in Charlottesville, Va., celebrated its 13th anniversary with a large ice sculpture that displayed a prominent tournament logo.
- The Challenger of Dallas, a \$100,000 men's indoor hard-court event, placed a large banner on the back of the court with the tournament logo. In addition, the tournament had the word "Dallas" placed on the court behind the baseline.
- The USTA/St. Dominic USTA Pro Circuit Women's \$25,000 in Jackson, Miss., featured four digital billboards across the metro area with tournament advertising. The tournament is the only USTA Pro Circuit event—either men or women—held in the state of Mississippi.



An ice sculpture in Charlottesville
A court banner in Dallas (left).

Dothan Pro Classic Features Live Streaming

The Dothan Pro Classic, which kicked off the 2014 Har-Tru Wild Card Challenge, featured live streaming of matches during the tournament. The \$50,000 outdoor clay-court tournament, which was played on April 14-20 at the Westgate Tennis Center in Dothan, Ala., is one of 13 USTA Pro Circuit women's events to offer live streaming.

Here is the schedule for the remaining USTA Pro Circuit women's tournaments that can be viewed on live streaming.

July 21	\$50,000	Lexington, Ky.	Hard/Outdoor
July 28	\$100,000	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	Hard/Outdoor
Sept. 15	\$75,000	Albuquerque, N.M.	Hard/Outdoor
Sept. 22	\$50,000	Las Vegas, Nev.	Hard/Outdoor
Oct. 20	\$50,000	Macon, Ga.	Hard/Outdoor
Oct. 27	\$50,000	New Braunfels, Texas	Hard/Outdoor
Nov. 3	\$50,000	Captiva Island, Fla.	Hard/Outdoor

Live streaming for USTA Pro Circuit women's events is available at: http://www.usta.com/Pro-Tennis/Pro-Circuit/2014_pro_circuit_womens_live_streaming/

The International Tennis Federation continues live scoring at all USTA Pro Circuit women's tournaments.

Lexington Challenger, a Dual Event, Acquires Kentucky Bank as New Title Sponsor



The USTA Pro Circuit Challenger event in Lexington, Ky., which features both men's and women's tournaments, has a new title sponsor and will now be known as the Kentucky Bank Tennis Championships.

Kentucky Bank, which originated in 1851, has banking offices in 10 Central and Eastern Kentucky counties. The bank offers a full range of banking services, as well as a strong background in commercial lending and wealth management.

"We are very proud to be able to usher the Kentucky Bank Tennis Championships into a new era," said Louis Prichard, President and CEO of Kentucky Bank. "The championships are important not only to tennis enthusiasts but also to virtually all of us in this region."

The \$100,000 Kentucky Bank Tennis Championships is Kentucky's only professional tennis event. This year's tournament will be played July 21-27 at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

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Live Streaming for USTA Pro Circuit Men's Challengers Makes Transition

The rights to provide Live Streaming for USTA Pro Circuit Men's Challenger events was retained by the ATP World Tour in 2014. However, the ATP then sold the rights to IMG, the world's largest independent producer and distributor of sports programming. IMG Media, which features an extensive catalogue of programs spanning more than 100 sports as well as scripted and unscripted entertainment shows, purchased the right to stream live coverage of main draw matches on primary and secondary courts at USTA Pro Circuit Men's Challengers.

All Live Streaming programming and production at USTA Pro Circuit Men's Challengers will remain the same throughout 2014. Several new features have been introduced this year to enhance the Live Streaming viewing experience for tennis fans.

- Viewers now have the ability to watch Live Streaming of two courts at the same time.
- Fans will also be able to watch a split screen of one match.
- Point replays are now available during Live Streaming as viewers can access a DVR function to rewind and replay during the stream.
- Archived matches can easily be accessed by clicking on a link at the bottom of the live stream page.

Live Streaming of USTA Pro Circuit Men's Challengers can be accessed at www.procircuit.usta.com. The Live Scoring feature for USTA Pro Circuit Men's Challenger events will continue to be provided by the ATP and International Tennis Federation (ITF).

Web Streaming at USTA Men's Pro Circuit Challengers



USTA PRO CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT NEWS—MEN

CALABASAS FUTURES EVENT FEATURES "BIG BANG THEORY" STAR

Actress Kaley Cuoco, star of the comedy TV show "The Big Bang Theory," came to the USTA Men's Pro Tennis Championships of Calabasas in March to watch her husband, Ryan Sweeting, who received a wild card into the \$15,000 tournament.

Sweeting, a former US Open boys' singles champion who reached the singles final of the Calabasas tournament in 2010, fell to fourth-seeded Roberto Marcora of Italy, 6-1, 6-2, in the first round. The match marked Sweeting's first tournament appearance since undergoing back surgery last September.

On March 22, a Kaley Cuoco & Friends Exhibition took place prior to the singles semifinals. Cuoco, a former ranked junior tennis player, played mixed doubles with Sweeting. Photos of the couple were featured in US Weekly and DailyMail.com.

In an All-American singles final, unseeded Marcos Giron won the title with a hard-fought, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 victory over third-seeded Jason Jung. Top-seeded Sekou Bangoura and Evan King defeated fellow Americans Dennis Novikov and Connor Smith, 6-4, 6-4, to win the doubles crown.

The USTA Men's Pro Tennis Championships of Calabasas returned to Calabasas, Calif., for the third consecutive year as a \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit event, following a one-year hiatus in 2011. The event was played as a \$50,000 Challenger from 2001 to 2010.



Kaley Cuoco (right) and Ryan Sweeting took part in a mixed doubles exhibition in Calabasas.



The Challenger of Dallas hosted a special tennis clinic for more than a dozen deaf children.

CHILDREN ENJOY DEAF JUNIOR TENNIS CLINIC AT DALLAS CHALLENGER

The \$100,000 Challenger of Dallas hosted a special tennis clinic at the T Bar M Racquet Club in Dallas as more than a dozen children enjoyed the two-hour Deaf Junior Tennis Clinic presented by Scott & Shannon Line. The Deaf Junior Tennis Clinic was only one event on a packed schedule of community events that took place during the Challenger of Dallas in early February. Other events included a City-Wide Junior Clinic, Sponsor Pro-Ams, Adult Tennis Clinics, Pink Day hosted by Tracy Austin and the Estrada Hinojosa Latino Children's Clinic.

The Challenger of Dallas was played for the 14th consecutive year and 16th year overall. This was the third year the tournament offered \$100,000 in prize money, up from \$50,000 in 2011. It is the only USTA Pro Circuit Challenger hosted in Texas.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT NEWS—MEN

AUSTIN SERVES AS PINK DAY HONORARY HOST AT CHALLENGER OF DALLAS

The \$100,000 Challenger of Dallas teamed with Susan G. Komen Dallas County to celebrate Pink Day on February 6 and help raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer, with tennis legend Tracy Austin serving as the honorary host. A two-time US Open singles champion and a Wimbledon mixed doubles champion, Austin won the 1979 US Open at the age of 16, becoming the youngest player ever to win the title.



Tracy Austin

Pink Day festivities at the T Bar M Racquet Club included "Coffee with Tracy" and a special Pink Day lunch. Fans also had the opportunity to bid on International Tennis Hall of Fame items signed by Austin, Rod Laver, Mats Wilander and Jim Courier. All net proceeds from the Challenger of Dallas day session on February 6 were donated to Susan G. Komen Dallas County.

CHALLENGER OF DALLAS SHOWS PLAYERS TEXAS-SIZED HOSPITALITY

The champions and finalists in singles and doubles were shown some down-home Texas hospitality at the conclusion of the \$100,000 Challenger of Dallas at the T Bar M Racquet Club in Dallas in early February.

Following Steve Johnson's 6-4, 6-4, victory over Tunisia's Malek Jaziri in the singles final, both players were presented with large traditional cowboy hats by tournament officials during the post-match trophy presentation.

Earlier in the day, doubles champions Chris Guccione and Sam Groth of Australia, along with the runner-up team of Ryan Harrison and Mark Knowles, were also presented with large black cowboy hats after the doubles final.



Doubles finalists (left to right) Mark Knowles, Chris Guccione, Ryan Harrison and Sam Groth don cowboy hats at the Challenger of Dallas.

HAWAII MEN'S CHALLENGER NEW VENUE OFFERS RICH HISTORY AND SCENIC VISTAS

The year's first Men's Challenger featured a new venue as the \$50,000 Royal Lahaina Challenger was played January 18-26 at the Royal Lahaina Resort in Maui, Hawaii.

During the 1970s, the resort hosted a World Championship Tennis (WCT) event at what was then known as the Royal Lahaina Tennis Ranch and showcased stars such as Bjorn Borg, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors and Vijay Amritraj. The resort was also the home of USTA Pro Circuit tournaments in the 1980s and 1990s.

To celebrate the move to a new home, the tournament also had a new logo designed, which depicts Hawaii's rich culture.

One of the highlights for competitors at this year's tournament was the opportunity to watch whales passing by from the players' lounge, which was located just a short lobe from the beautiful Ka'anapali Beach.

American Bradley Klahn captured the singles title while Denis Kudla of the United States teamed with Japan's Yasutaka Uchiyama to win the doubles championship.

SPECIAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHT \$50,000 ROYAL LAHAINA CHALLENGER



It's no secret that many special events take place when the USTA Pro Circuit comes to Hawaii, and this year was no exception.

The \$50,000 Royal Lahaina Challenger, which was played in late January at the Royal Lahaina Resort in Maui, offered fans a full schedule of community events, which included a National Anthem Competition and Presentation on the final weekend, a Youth Tennis Fest, a Pro Am (Invitational), an Adult Tennis Clinic, a Teen Clinic, an Ice Cream Nite, a Boys & Girls Club visit, a USTA Adult League Appreciation Nite, a Family Appreciation Nite and a Big Brothers/Big Sisters On-Court Tennis Clinic.

A School Day On-Court Invitational also took place as the tournament hosted 50 children from nearby Sacred Hearts School in Lahaina, Maui. Tournament players Denis Kudla, Mitchell Krueger, Jarmere Jenkins and Takura Happy took part in the clinic and helped make it a memorable event for all participants.

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BOLLETTIERI, ISNER AND PIERCE MAKE APPEARANCES AT 2014 SARASOTA OPEN

Legendary coach Nick Bollettieri, John Isner, the highest-ranked men's player in the United States, and two-time Grand Slam singles champion Mary Pierce visited the \$100,000 Sarasota Open, which is played in mid-April at the Tennis Gardens at Long Boat Key Club & Resort in Sarasota, Fla. Isner and Bollettieri took time to sign autographs and chat with fans and volunteers during their time at the venue. They also attended a player party. Pierce was a spectator at the Women's Invitational event which is played in conjunction with the tournament.

The 82-year-old Bollettieri, a long-time Florida resident, was recently inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. He has coached ten world No. 1 players, including Andre Agassi, Jim Courier, Monica Seles and Boris Becker.

Isner, a four-time singles champion on the USTA Pro Circuit, was a US Open quarterfinalist in 2011. He has won eight singles titles on the ATP World Tour and achieved a career-high world ranking of No. 9 in 2012.

Pierce, a two-time singles champion on the USTA Pro Circuit, went on to capture 18 WTA singles titles, including the Australian Open and French Open, before retiring in 2006.

The 2014 Sarasota Open celebrated its seventh anniversary this year. The outdoor clay-court tournament is one of six USTA Pro Circuit men's events offering \$100,000 in prize money and one of 14 men's events played in Florida.



John Isner with a fan at the Sarasota Open.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WELCOMES \$15,000 BAKERSFIELD TENNIS OPEN

The inaugural Bakersfield Tennis Open, an outdoor men's Futures event, was played in March at the Bakersfield Racquet Club in Bakersfield, Calif. It was the first time a USTA Pro Circuit event has taken place in Bakersfield since 1993-95, when the city hosted a previous tournament.

Third-seeded Daniel Kosakowski edged fellow American Mitchell Krueger, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, to win the singles titles. The top-seeded

American team of Sekou Bangoura and Evan King combined to score a 5-7, 6-4, [10-5] victory over second-seeded Adam Chadaj of Poland and Marek Michalicka of Czech Republic to capture the doubles championship.

The Bakersfield Tennis Open was the first of four \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit hard-court men's tournaments on the 2014 schedule and one of nine events held in California this year.



USTA PRO CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT NEWS—MEN

MEDIA CELEBRITIES PLAY TENNIS AT HARLINGEN FUTURES EVENT

It was time for some fun on the court earlier this year during the Harlingen Country Club Men's \$15,000 Futures in Harlingen, Texas. John Neely, an on-air personality for Q94.5 The Rock Station, and Brandon Ortega, sports anchor/reporter at KRGV Channel 5, had the opportunity to hit some tennis balls with the second-seeded doubles team of Evan King and Devon McCarthey of the United States.



Radio personality John Neely teams up with Evan King at a celebrity match in Harlingen, Texas.

The two media celebrities may have brought a bit of good luck as King and McCarthey went on to win the doubles title by defeating Edward Corrie and Daniel Smethurst of Great Britain, 6-3, 7-6 (2) in the final.

MEN'S EVENTS SEE SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Tulsa Pro Championship, a men's \$15,000 Futures event, was held in Tulsa for the first time since 2011. The outdoor hard-court tournament was played on June 14-22 at the Philcrest Hills Tennis Club. The city hosted a men's USTA Pro Circuit event from 1988-2002 and a \$50,000 Challenger from 2005-11. This year's Tulsa Pro Championship was the first USTA Pro Circuit hard-court men's event which kicked off the summer hard-court season.

Two USTA Pro Circuit men's Futures events located in Texas moved their tournament dates this year. The Harlingen Country Club Men's \$15,000 Futures, which took place from February 23 to March 3 last year, was played this year from March 29 through April 6. The Futures event in Brownsville, which was played from February 16-24 last year, has moved to the week of October 20. Both tournaments made the schedule changes to avoid windy weather conditions in Texas during February.

MEN'S \$10,000 FUTURES EVENTS UNVEIL NEW TOURNAMENT LOGOS

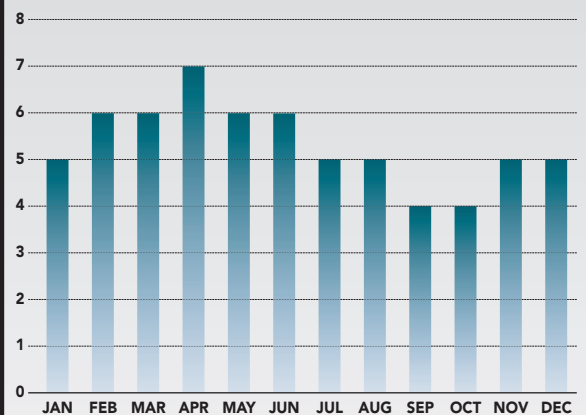


The \$10,000 Lewis and Clark Pro Tennis Classic, an outdoor hard-court event, unveiled a brand new logo in time for this year's tournament, which takes place on July 18-27 at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Ill. The stylish, colorful logo incorporates a tennis racquet and a yellow tennis ball in the design.



The Eagle Landing Tennis Classic Presented by St. Vincent's Healthcare promoted its brand with a new logo which highlights three bright tennis balls along with the names of the tournament and presenting sponsor. This year's Eagle Landing Tennis Classic was played in early May. It marked the 12th consecutive year the tournament was held in Orange Park, Fla. The \$10,000 outdoor clay-court tournament is one of 14 USTA Pro Circuit events scheduled in Florida this year.

Average wind speed (MPH) in Brownsville, Texas



PALM COAST MEN'S FUTURES HOSTS SUCCESSFUL KIDS' DAY

The USTA Pro Circuit \$10,000 Men's Futures Tournament at Palm Coast, which began in late January, hosted a successful Kids' Day event at the Palm Coast Tennis Center in Palm Coast, Fla. Approximately 20 children ages 6-12 participated in a tennis clinic. Singles quarterfinalist Gregory Ouellette and qualifying player Malcolm Harrison took part in a question-and-answer session and assisted in conducting tennis drills with the children. After the clinic, participants enjoyed a pizza party.

The USTA Pro Circuit \$10,000 Men's Futures Tournament at Palm Coast was one of seven consecutive \$10,000 Futures held in Florida on clay courts to kick off the 2014 USTA Pro Circuit season. The Palm Coast Tennis Center, the tournament's venue, was named the 2010 USTA National Award Winner for Outstanding Small Public Facility.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT NEWS – WOMEN

DOW CORNING TENNIS CLASSIC CELEBRATES 26TH YEAR ON USTA PRO CIRCUIT

The Dow Corning Tennis Classic celebrated its 26th year on the USTA Pro Circuit in February. The \$100,000 women's indoor hard-court event held its annual press conference at the Midland Community Tennis Center in Midland, Mich., which serves as the tournament venue.

Despite a late withdrawal in one of the doubles semifinals, fans still watched an entertaining match as Tournament Director Mike Woody and his son Austin stepped onto the court for a friendly impromptu exhibition against American Asia Muhammad and Great Britain's Nicola Slater. Canada's Sharon Fichman also took part as she sat in the umpire's chair for the match.

Heather Watson of Great Britain had a week to remember as she defeated unseeded Ksenia Pervak of Russia, 6-4, 6-0, to win the singles title. Watson also teamed with Georgia's Anna Tatishvili (who has since become a U.S. citizen) to capture the doubles championship.

The Dow Corning Tennis Classic, which offered tennis fans lobster meals at courtside, is the longest consecutive running women's event on the USTA Pro Circuit.



A press conference at the Dow Corning Tennis Classic, which celebrated its 26th year.

BOYD TINSLEY HONORED AT CHARLOTTESVILLE WOMEN'S CHALLENGER

The Boyd Tinsley Clay Court Classic, which is played at the Boar's Head Sports Club in Charlottesville, Va., celebrated its 13th anniversary this spring. On April 27, Tournament Director Ron Manilla presented Boyd Tinsley with an award to recognize the Charlottesville native for his support and title sponsorship of the \$50,000 Women's Challenger. A violinist and mandolinist who performs as a member of the Dave Matthews Band as well as a dedicated philanthropist, Tinsley was on hand for the post-match award presentation as Taylor Townsend of the United States defeated Paraguay's Montserrat Gonzalez, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, in the singles final.

Townsend, a former world No. 1 junior and four-time junior Grand Slam tournament champion, also won the doubles title as she teamed with Asia Muhammad for a 6-3, 6-1, victory over top-seeded Irina Falconi and Maria Sanchez in an All-American final.

The Boyd Tinsley Clay Court Classic is the only USTA Pro Circuit women's event played in Virginia and one of 10 consecutive clay-court tournaments held during this year's USTA Pro Circuit clay-court season.



Boyd Tinsley receives an award for "Brightening So Many Lives Through Tennis" (left) at the Boyd Tinsley Clay Court Classic and poses with singles champion Taylor Townsend and finalist Montserrat Gonzalez.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT NEWS – WOMEN



Doubles finalists at the Daytona Beach Women's Challenger (from left to right) Teodora Mircic, Nicole Melichar, Allie Will and Asia Muhammad are joined by NASCAR driver Ryan Ellis (center),

NASCAR'S RYAN ELLIS VISITS DAYTONA BEACH WOMEN'S CHALLENGER

A special celebrity visitor made an appearance in late January during the Daytona Beach \$25,000 Women's Tennis Tournament at the Florida Tennis Center in Daytona Beach.

NASCAR driver Ryan Ellis took time to sign autographs and participate in the coin toss prior to the doubles final between Nicole Melichar of the United States and Serbian Teodora Mircic playing against a pair of Americans, Asia Muhammad and Allie Will. Melichar and Mircic went on to win the title with a thrilling 6-7 (5), 7-6 (1), [10-1] victory.

The 24-year-old Ellis is a third generation racecar driver who began racing Quarter Midget racecars when he was four years old. A resident of Auburn, Va., he is currently a Business Marketing major at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

DAYTONA BEACH WOMEN'S CHALLENGER GETS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY

The Daytona Beach \$25,000 Women's Tennis Tournament may have only played its inaugural event in late January, but it has already put down roots in the Florida community. The outdoor clay-court tournament, which was played at the Florida Tennis Center, raised \$4,000 for tennis scholarships for advanced kids without financial resources.

Up-and-coming American tennis star Taylor Townsend, who reached the quarterfinals in singles, delighted a group of kids at a neighborhood tennis party during the tournament.

Congratulations on a great start on the USTA Pro Circuit!



Taylor Townsend helps out at a Daytona Beach tennis clinic.



Tournament director Holly Baney hosts a draw party at the Audi Melbourne Pro Tennis Classic.

INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH WOMEN'S CHALLENGER HOLDS DRAW PARTY

The Audi Melbourne Pro Tennis Classic Presented by Revolution Technologies celebrated its ninth consecutive year in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. The \$50,000 Women's Challenger, which took place on April 27 to May 4, staged a successful draw party at the Kiwi Tennis Club, which was named "Member Organization of the Year" by USTA Florida in 2012.

The Audi Melbourne Pro Tennis Classic Presented by Revolution Technologies is played outdoors on clay and is one of nine USTA Pro Circuit women's events held in Florida this year. American Taylor Townsend routed seventh-seeded Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-1, in the final. Townsend also captured the doubles title with Asia Muhammad as they defeated fellow Americans Jan Abaza and Sanaz Marand, 6-2, 6-1.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT NEWS – WOMEN

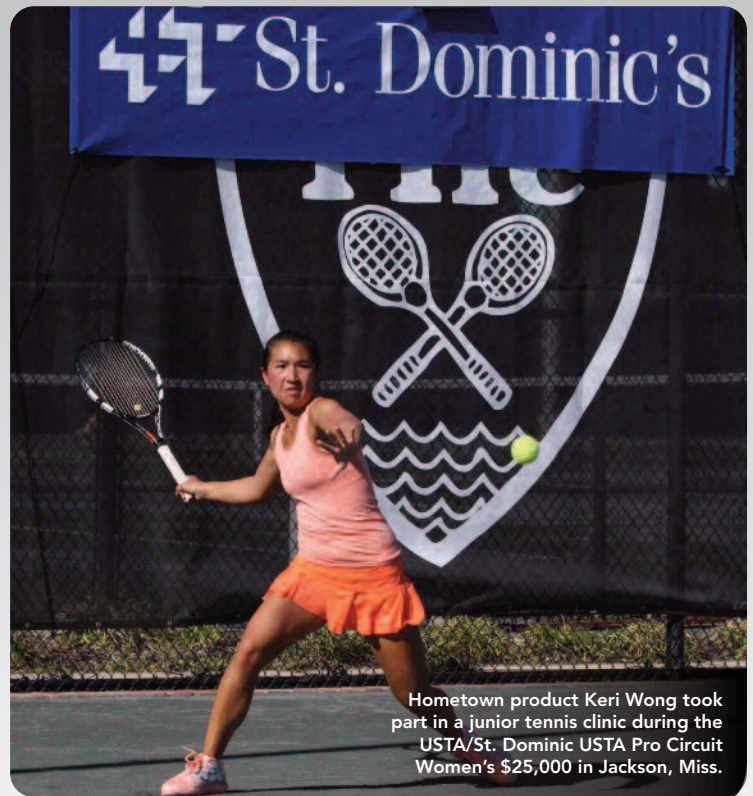
USTA/ST. DOMINIC USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S \$25,000 BENEFITS CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The USTA/St. Dominic USTA Pro Circuit Women's \$25,000, played in early April at the River Hills Club in Jackson, Miss., benefitted Catholic Charities.

"Catholic Charities is so blessed by the partnership with the USTA Pro Circuit, River Hills Club and St. Dominic's (Hospital)," said Greg Patin, Executive Director of Catholic Charities in Jackson. "The funds raised by the Women's Challenger support the many ministries and programs of Catholic Charities."

The USTA/St. Dominic USTA Pro Circuit Women's \$25,000, Mississippi's only professional tennis tournament, offered many special events during the week, which included Pro-Am matches, a free Ladies Tennis Clinic, a Meet the Player Party, a Crawfish Boil and a Chef's Pasta Night Cook-Off.

Tournament players Peggy Porter, Abby Guthrie, Danielle Lao and Jackson native Keri Wong gave a junior tennis clinic during the week. Junior players from all across the tri-county area as well as Vicksburg attended the free event. Following the clinic, participants were invited to watch the day's featured tournament match.



Hometown product Keri Wong took part in a junior tennis clinic during the USTA/St. Dominic USTA Pro Circuit Women's \$25,000 in Jackson, Miss.

WOMEN'S EVENTS MAKE SPARKLING DEBUT ON USTA PRO CIRCUIT



The USTA proudly welcomed new women's clay-court events in Florida and North Carolina to the Pro Circuit during the first half of 2014.

The inaugural Daytona Beach \$25,000 Women's Tennis Tournament was played in late January at the Florida Tennis Center. The tournament is one of 17 clay-court women's events taking place on the USTA Pro Circuit this year. Derrick Henry, mayor of the City of Daytona Beach, was on hand during the tournament to present awards. This

year's tournament singles champion was top-seeded Anna Tatishvili of Georgia (and now of the United States), who defeated fourth-seeded Allie Kiick of the United States, 6-1, 6-3.



The \$10,000 Charlotte Clay Classic made its debut on the USTA Pro Circuit in late June in an outdoor setting at the Charlotte Indoor Tennis Club. The tournament, which benefitted the Special Olympics of Mecklenburg County, was the last women's clay-court event before the

summer hard-court season began. The Clay Classic is one of two USTA Pro Circuit events taking place in North Carolina this year, joining a \$25,000 event in Raleigh in May. The tournament's first singles champion was fifth-seeded Katerina Stewart, who defeated fellow American Josie Kuhlman, 6-1, 7-6 (2), in the final.



Finalists Josie Kuhlman (left) and Katerina Stewart at the awards ceremony for the inaugural Charlotte Clay Classic.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT PLAYER NEWS

TOWNSEND AND GINEPRI WIN HAR-TRU USTA PRO CIRCUIT WILD CARD CHALLENGE

Taylor Townsend and Robby Ginepri were all smiles after winning the 2014 Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge and earning wild cards into this year's French Open at Roland Garros.

In the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge, the American man and American woman who earned the most ATP World Tour and WTA ranking points at two of three USTA Pro Circuit clay-court events received wild cards into the French Open main draw. The 2014 Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge consisted of the following events:

USTA Pro Circuit Men's Events:

- \$100,000 Sarasota (Fla.) Open (week of April 14)
- \$50,000 Savannah (Ga.) Challenger (week of April 21)
- \$50,000 Tallahassee (Fla.) Challenger (week of April 28)

USTA Pro Circuit Women's Events:

- \$50,000 Dothan (Ala.) (week of April 14)
- \$50,000 Charlottesville, (Va.) (week of April 21)
- \$50,000 Indian Harbour Beach, (Fla.) (week of April 28)



Ginepri, who was once ranked No. 15 in the world, clinched the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge on May 3 with a 6-1, 6-4, win over James McGee of Ireland in the Tallahassee Tennis Challenger semifinals.

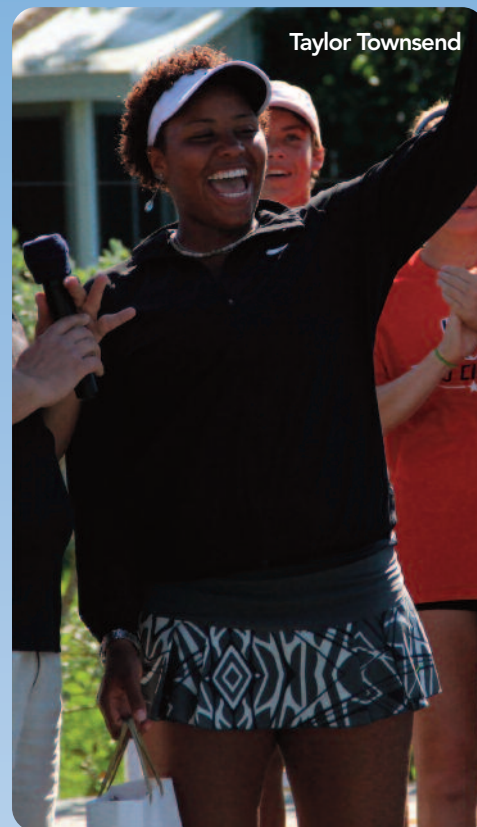
The 18-year-old Townsend earned her wild card by winning singles titles in Charlottesville and Indian Harbour Beach. Clinching the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge in Indian Harbour Beach was extra gratifying for Townsend as she had to play four matches on the last day of the tournament due to rain delays, winning the semifinals and finals in singles and doubles.

At the French Open, Ginepri fell to top-seed and eventual champion Rafael Nadal in the first round. Townsend, making her Grand Slam main draw debut, reached the third round as she upset 20th-seeded Alize Cornet of France in the second round before falling to 14th-seeded Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain.

The USTA first used the wild-card challenge format for its 2012 French Open wild cards, won by Melanie Oudin and Brian Baker. Oudin and Baker each advanced to the second round at that year's French Open and subsequently broke into the Top 100 of the world rankings. Last year, Alex Kuznetsov and Shelby Rogers earned the wild cards, with Rogers winning her first-ever Grand Slam singles match in Paris.

During the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge, point standings were updated on USTA.com and press releases were sent to national media. Tennis Channel also covered the Wild Card Challenge on its Court Report segments.

Har-Tru Sports, one of the leading providers of clay tennis courts, is in its second year as title sponsor of the challenge after signing a three-year agreement in 2013.



USTA PRO CIRCUIT PLAYER NEWS

AMERICANS MAKE IMPRESSIVE STRIDES ON USTA MEN'S PRO CIRCUIT

American Bradley Klahn got off to a strong start this year as the former NCAA singles champion won the \$50,000 Royal Lahaina Challenger in Maui, Hawaii. Two weeks later, he showed he could win on foreign soil as well as the 23-year-old captured the \$50,000 Men's Challenger in Adelaide, Australia. This past March, Klahn reached his career-high singles ranking of No. 63 in the world.

Steve Johnson continues his climb up the ATP World Tour Rankings thanks to solid results during the first six months of 2014. The former two-time NCAA singles champion was victorious at the \$100,000 Challenger of Dallas in early February. He followed up that performance by reaching the semifinals of the ATP World Tour event in Delray Beach as a qualifier. Johnson also won the \$100,000 Challenger in Guadeloupe this past April. The 24-year-old Californian is ranked No. 69 in the world as of early July.

American Daniel Kosakowski won the inaugural \$15,000 Bakersfield Open in March. The victory was the fourth career USTA Pro Circuit Futures title for Kosakowski, who played collegiate tennis for UCLA in 2011.

The top-seeded American team of Sekou Bangoura and Evan King combined to score a thrilling 5-7, 6-4, [10-5] victory over second-seeded Adam Chadaj of Poland and Marek Michalicka of Czech Republic to capture the Bakersfield Open doubles championship. Then the top-seeded Bangoura and King won their second doubles title in two weeks as they defeated fellow Americans Dennis Novikov and Connor Smith, 6-4, 6-4, in the doubles final at the \$15,000 USTA Men's Pro Tennis Championships of Calabasas at the Calabasas Tennis & Swim Center.

At Calabasas, Marcos Giron, a UCLA junior from Thousand Oaks, Calif., won the singles championship. The victory was his first USTA Futures event title of the year after winning two Futures singles titles in 2013.

In the spring, the American doubles team of Mitchell Krueger and Bjorn Fratangelo reached the doubles final of a USTA Pro Circuit event three weeks in a row. They finished as the runners-up at the \$50,000 USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger, the \$10,000 Eagle Landing Tennis Classic in Orange Park and the \$10,000 Tampa USTA Men's Pro Circuit Futures.



Daniel Kosakowski



Mitchell Krueger (left) and Bjorn Fratangelo



Marcos Giron (center)



Steve Johnson



Evan King (left) and Sekou Bangoura

USTA PRO CIRCUIT PLAYER NEWS

YOUNG MAKES APPEARANCE ON WCTV'S THE STARTING LINE UP

During the \$50,000 USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger, top-seeded Donald Young made a guest appearance on "The Starting Line Up", a half-hour sports talk show which airs on television station WCTV in Tallahassee.

This year's Tallahassee Tennis Challenger was played on April 26 through May 3 at the Forestmeadows Tennis Center. The outdoor clay-court tournament completed its 22nd consecutive year, making it one of the longest-running events on the USTA Pro Circuit.



Donald Young

USTA PRO CIRCUIT GRADUATES GO THE DISTANCE AT WIMBLEDON

Four players with ties to the USTA Pro Circuit played one of the most memorable doubles finals in Wimbledon history as American Jack Sock teamed with Canadian Vasek Pospisil for a captivating five-set victory over Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan, the all-time winningest men's doubles duo, 7-6(5), 6-7(3), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. Sock earned his second career Grand Slam title. He won the US Open mixed doubles championship with Melanie Oudin in 2011.



(Right to left) Jack Sock and Vasek Pospisil accept congratulations from Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan after capturing the men's doubles title at Wimbledon.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT PLAYER NEWS

WOMEN GAIN TITLES AND EXPERIENCE ON USTA PRO CIRCUIT

The first half of 2014 provided tennis fans with lots of excitement and spectacular tennis on the women's USTA Pro Circuit as players gained a wealth of tournament experience as well as valuable ranking points.

The \$10,000 Palmetto Pro Open, which was played in May at the Palmetto Tennis Center in Sumter, S.C., is a perfect example of what the USTA Pro Circuit is all about—the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering players the opportunity to gain professional ranking points needed to compete on the major pro tours. Eighteen-year-old Brooke Austin won her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in Sumter as she defeated fellow American Nadja Gilchrist, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 6-1, in the final. Gilchrist, a qualifier who was playing in her first career Pro Circuit event, won eight matches in eight days to reach the final. Two talented 17-year-old American juniors, Sophie Chang and Andie Daniell, made the most of a wild card into the Sumter doubles draw as they dropped only one set on their way to winning the title with a convincing 6-1, 6-3, victory over top-seeded Sonja Molnar of Canada and Caitlin Whoriskey of the United States in the final.

After winning the USTA Girls' National 16s singles title in San Diego last year, 17-year-old Katerina Stewart became one of the standouts on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2014 as she captured singles titles in \$10,000 events in Orlando, Fla., Bethany Beach, Del., and Charlotte, N.C. She also reached the singles final in Gainesville, Fla.

American Grace Min won singles titles at the \$25,000 Innisbrook Women's Open and the \$50,000 Dothan Pro Classic earlier this year. Min, who owns five career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, is currently ranked No. 138 in the WTA world rankings as of early July.

In early May, American Maria Sanchez won the singles title at the \$25,000 Merz Aesthetics Women's Challenger in Raleigh, N.C. In January, she captured her first career WTA doubles title when she teamed with Canada's Sharon Fichman to win the championship in Auckland, New Zealand.

American Taylor Townsend reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 144 in the world in early July. The 18-year-old from Chicago captured \$50,000 Challenger singles titles in Charlottesville, Va., and Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., to win the Har-Tru Wild Card Challenge and earn a wild card into the French Open main singles draw.



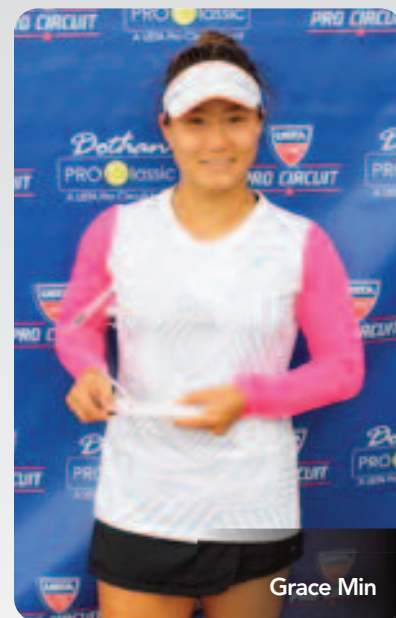
Brooke Austin



Andie Daniell (left) and Sophie Chang



Taylor Townsend (left)



Grace Min

USTA PRO CIRCUIT PLAYER NEWS

YOUNG AMERICANS WHO ARE USTA PRO CIRCUIT ALUMNI ENJOY SUCCESS ON THE WOMEN'S TOUR

Several young American women are enjoying a solid 2014 on the WTA tour and all are USTA Pro Circuit alumnae.

Sloane Stephens, who reached the fourth round of the French Open, was seeded 15th at Roland Garros and has been ranked as high as No. 11 in the world.

Madison Keys, Alison Riske and Lauren Davis, who honed their skills on the USTA Pro Circuit, reached the third round in singles at Wimbledon. After the tournament, Keys was ranked at No. 27 in the WTA rankings, while Riske was ranked No. 43 and Davis was ranked No. 44

In the week prior to Wimbledon, Keys and Coco Vandeweghe, another former USTA Pro Circuit competitor, made history as both players won their first career WTA singles titles.

Vandeweghe came through as a qualifier to win the WTA International-level Topshelf Open in 's-Hertogenbosch. The 19-year-old Keys won the WTA Premier-level Aegon International in Eastbourne, becoming the first teenager since 2009 to win a Premier-level tournament. Also, it was the first time since February 2002 that Americans won WTA titles in the same week; back then, Venus Williams won the title in Antwerp and Monica Seles captured the championship in Doha.

Twenty-one-year-old Shelby Rogers, who used the USTA Pro Circuit last year to earn wild cards into the main draws at Roland Garros and the US Open, reached a career-high of No. 104 this summer after reaching her first career final on the women's tour, at Bad Gastein, Austria. Rogers defeated a pair of Top 20 players, Carla Suarez Navarro and Sara Errani, en route to the championship.

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Sloane Stephens

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Madison Keys

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Coco Vandeweghe

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