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# THE USTA MEN'S PRO TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CALABASAS

## CALABASAS, CA • MARCH 10-18

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Calabasas Tennis & Swim Center
Calabasas, Calif.

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procircuit.usta.com

**Twitter:** @calabasastennis

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Saturday, March 10

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, March 13

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

**Surface:** Hard / Outdoor

**Prize Money:** $15,000

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### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

| SINGLES: | Prize Money | Ranking Points |
|---|---|---|
| Winner | $1,950 | 27 |
| Runner-up | $1,350 | 15 |
| Semifinalist | $720 | 8 |
| Quarterfinalist | $435 | 3 |
| Round of 16 | $300 | 1 |
| Round of 32 | $176.25 | - |

| DOUBLES: | Prize Money (per team) |
|---|---|
| Winner | $945 |
| Runner-up | $495 |
| Semifinalist | $390 |
| Quarterfinalist | $270 |
| Round of 16 | $0 |

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Friday, March 16**
Adult Pro-Am, 9-11 a.m.

**Saturday, March 17**
Kids' Day, 4-5:30 p.m.

Guinness World Record attempt of more than 600 children exercising at once in a charity activity to raise money for the J.A.M. School Foundation, 5:30-6 p.m.

## USTA PRO CIRCUIT RETURNS TO CALABASAS

**The USTA Men's Pro Tennis Championships of Calabasas** returns to Calabasas, Calif., after a one-year hiatus and relaunches as a $15,000 Futures after serving as a $50,000 Challenger for 10 years (from 2001 to 2010). It is the third hard-court USTA Pro Circuit Futures of the year and the third event offering $15,000 in prize money (following two $15,000 Futures held in Texas in February). It is also the first of two consecutive $15,000 Futures in the state of California, with an event to be held in Costa Mesa next week.

Michael Baz



*Gregory Ouellette won the bronze medal in doubles at the 2011 Pan Am Games.*

Those competing in the main draw are: five-time University of Florida All-American **Gregory Ouellette**, the highest-ranked American in the field, who captured the bronze medal in men's doubles at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico; **Daniel Kosakowski**, who turned pro following his freshman year at UCLA after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Sacramento, Calif., in 2011, and who served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team during its 2012 first round victory against a Roger Federer-led Switzerland team; and **Brian Baker**, who returned to tennis in 2011 after missing three years due to Tommy John elbow surgery and won the USTA Pro Circuit $15,000 Futures in Pittsburgh in his first tournament back. Baker also captured the $10,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Weston, Fla., earlier this year. As a standout junior, Baker peaked at No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2003 after reaching the boys' singles final at the French Open and the quarterfinals of the juniors at the US Open and Wimbledon.

Anthony Behar



*Former UCLA standout Daniel Kosakowski served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team during its 2012 first round victory in Switzerland.*

Other players set to compete in Calabasas are: former University of Tennessee standout **Tennys Sandgren**, whose first name is pronounced like the sport, and who turned pro after capturing consecutive USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Illinois last year; and **Phillip Simmonds**, who qualified for the main draw of the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Atlanta in July 2011, and who won the USTA Pro Circuit $10,000 Futures in

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Weston, Fla., in January of last year.

Other players slated to compete in the main draw are: **Carsten Ball** of Australia, who reached a career-high ranking of No. 108 in 2010 and advanced to the final of the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Los Angeles in 2009; and **Jiri Vesely** of the Czech Republic, a current standout junior player who won the boys' singles title at the Australian Open and reached the boys' singles final at the US Open in 2011.

Players competing in qualifying include: **Bjorn Fratangelo**, who in 2011 became the first American to win the French Open boys' singles title since John McEnroe in 1977; former University of Texas standout **Joshua Zavala**, who reached his first professional singles final at an ITF Circuit Futures in Brazil in 2011; **Dennis Novikov**, who won a pre-qualifying event to earn a spot in the BNP Paribas Open qualifying tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., last week, and who will enroll at UCLA later this spring; and **Alexios Halebian**, the 2011 USTA Boys' 18s National Clay Courts champion, who trains full-time at the USTA Training Center-Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.

When Calabasas was a $50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger, many current and past ATP World Tour standouts found success in the tournament. 2007 doubles champion **John Isner** is currently ranked a career-high No. 11 and has captured three career ATP singles titles. Last month, Isner recorded arguably the biggest win of his career, upsetting Roger Federer during the United States' 5-0 sweep of Switzerland in Davis Cup; it was Federer's first loss to an American on clay since 1999. Isner also won the longest match in tennis history at Wimbledon in 2010, going 11 hours over three days to defeat Nicolas Mahut, 70-68, in the fifth set. 2006 singles champion **Mark Philippoussis** peaked at No. 8 in the world in 1999 after reaching the final of the 1998 US Open and capturing two hard-court singles titles in 1999. After a series of injuries, Philippoussis made a comeback in 2006 by playing on the USTA Pro Circuit and also won his 11th career ATP title in Newport, R.I. 2002 Calabasas singles champion **Michael Chang** is a former world No. 2 and a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame. He became the youngest player to win a main draw match at the US Open in 1987 and also captured his first USTA Pro Circuit Challenger that year in Las Vegas. In 1989, Chang became the youngest man to win a Grand Slam tournament when he captured the Roland Garros title at age 17 years, 3 months, and he went on to win 34 ATP World Tour singles crowns, as well as reach the final of three more Grand Slam events (1995 Roland Garros, 1996 Australian Open and 1996 US Open).

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## CALABASAS PAST WINNERS

### Singles

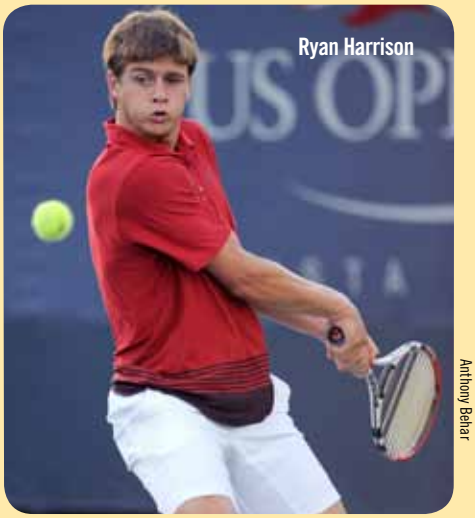
| Year | Winner | Runner-Up |
|---|---|---|
| 2010 | Marinko Matosevic (AUS) | Ryan Sweeting (USA) |
| 2009 | Donald Young (USA) | Michael Russell (USA) |
| 2008 | Vince Spadea (USA) | Sam Warburg (USA) |
| 2007 | Robert Kendrick (USA) | Donald Young (USA) |
| 2006 | Mark Philippoussis (AUS) | Amer Delic (BIH) |
| 2005 | Brian Vahaly (USA) | Denis Gremelmayr (GER) |
| 2004 | Ivo Karlovic (CRO) | Alex Bogomolov Jr. (USA) |
| 2003 | Jerome Golmard (FRA) | Lars Burgsmuller (GER) |
| 2002 | Michael Chang (USA) | Cecil Mamiit (PHI) |
| 2001 | Andre Sa (BRA) | Michael Russell (USA) |

### Doubles

| Year | Winner |
|---|---|
| 2010 | Ryan Harrison (USA) – Travis Rettenmaier (USA) |
| 2009 | Santiago Gonzalez (MEX) – Simon Stadler (GER) |
| 2008 | Ilija Bozoljac (SRB) – Dusan Vemic (SRB) |
| 2007 | John Isner (USA) – Brian Wilson (USA) |
| 2006 | Robert Kendrick (USA) – Cecil Mamiit (PHI) |
| 2005 | Amer Delic (BIH) – Bobby Reynolds (USA) |
| 2004 | Graydon Oliver (USA) – Travis Parrott (USA) |
| 2003 | Justin Gimelstob (USA) – Scott Humphries (USA) |
| 2002 | Paul Rosner (RSA) – Glenn Weiner (USA) |
| 2001 | Ota Fukarek (CZE) – Ivo Heuberger (SUI) |

## 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.



Anthony Behar

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.

## 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.


Jesse Levine

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Blake Strode

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Dennis Zivkovic


** All players American unless otherwise noted. * All information as of February 6, 2012



## Brian Baker

**Age: 26 (4/30/85)** **Hometown: Nashville, Tenn.** **Ranking: 386**

Baker started 2012 strong, winning the $10,000 Futures in Weston, Fla., without losing a set. He returned to pro tennis in 2011 after missing three seasons after undergoing Tommy John elbow ligament replacement surgery in February 2008. In his first tournament back, in July 2011, he qualified for and won the singles title at the $15,000 Futures in Pittsburgh. In November, he reached the final of the $50,000 Challenger in Knoxville, Tenn., also as a qualifier. In 2005, Baker reached the second round of the US Open after upsetting then-No. 9 seed and former French Open champion Gaston Gaudio before succumbing to a series of injuries. (Baker also competed in the US Open main draw in 2003 and 2004.) Baker was a standout junior, peaking at No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2003 after reaching the boys' singles final at the French Open and the quarterfinals of the juniors at the US Open and Wimbledon. While he was away from the game, Baker served as an assistant coach at Belmont University in Nashville, where he also takes classes.



## Sekou Bangoura

**Age: 20 (11/18/91)** **Hometown: Bradenton, Fla.** **Ranking: 850**

Bangoura played a mix of college and pro events in 2011 as he eased toward a professional career. In college, he was named a doubles All-American during his sophomore year at the University of Florida after reaching the semifinals of the 2011 NCAA Tournament with Alexandre Lacroix, and he was the Southeast Region Rookie of the Year as a freshman. On the USTA Pro Circuit, he reached the finals at four events in doubles, winning his first pro title (with Lacroix) at the Futures in Sacramento, Calif. As a junior player, Bangoura was ranked No. 1 in the boys' 18s standings, winning the 2009 Pan American Junior Championships and reaching the final at the USTA Boys' 18s National Clay Court Championships. Bangoura is an accomplished golfer and chess player, having won an AAU golf title at 8 years old and the Florida state chess title for his age group at 10.



## Devin Britton

**Age: 20 (3/17/91)** **Hometown: Brandon, Miss.** **Ranking: 705**

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 three doubles titles in five finals 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 quarterfinal Davis Cup tie between the United States and Croatia.



## Jordan Cox

**Age: 20 (1/7/92)** **Hometown: Duluth, Ga.** **Ranking: 670**

Cox played a mix of ATP events (largely in the qualifying) and USTA Pro Circuit tournaments in 2011, reaching the quarterfinals at the $15,000 Futures in McAllen, Texas, and winning his second career USTA Pro Circuit doubles title at the $15,000 Futures in Mansfield, Texas. 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 boys' doubles quarterfinals at the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open.



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## Jeff Dadamo

**Age: 22 (7/17/89)** **Hometown: Tampa, Fla.** **Ranking: 635**

Dadamo capped his collegiate career by winning the 2011 NCAA doubles title with Texas A&M teammate Austin Krajicek. The two also won the 2010 USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships and partnered to reach two doubles finals on the USTA Pro Circuit, with a victory at the $10,000 Futures in Godfrey, Ill., in 2011. Dadamo did not play his first USTA Pro Circuit singles event until June 2011 but went on to reach the final at the Futures in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and the semifinals at two additional events. He competed for two years at the University of Florida, playing No. 1 doubles as a freshman, before transferring to Texas A&M, where he was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Year in 2010. As a junior competitor, Dadamo reached the quarterfinals of the Easter Bowl in 2007.



## Alexander Domijan

**Age: 20 (9/3/91)** **Hometown: Wesley Chapel, Fla.** **Ranking: 776**

A former junior standout and one of the top college players entering 2012, the big-serving 6'7" Domijan remains a talent to watch. Domijan, a sophomore, earned All-America honors in singles and was a steady presence in the Top 5 of the collegiate rankings for the University of Virginia the entire 2010-11 season. He also led the Cavaliers to the 2010 USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships title and to the team final of the 2011 NCAA Championships. On the USTA Pro Circuit, he qualified for Challengers in Dallas and Aptos, Calif. Domijan ascended to No. 1 in the USTA junior rankings at nearly every age level, and he peaked at No. 12 in the world junior rankings in 2009. That year, he served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team for its tie against Switzerland. Domijan played World TeamTennis in 2009 and 2010, posting victories over John McEnroe, Bobby Reynolds and Robert Kendrick, among others.



## Mitchell Frank

**Age: 19 (10/16/92)** **Hometown: Annandale, Va.** **Ranking: 623**

A standout for the University of Virginia, Frank captured both the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American title in October 2011 and the USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Tennis Championship in November 2011 as a freshman. He is just the fourth player ever to win both major ITA titles in the same season (joining James Blake, MaliVai Washington and Sargis Sargisian). Also last year, Frank reached the semifinals or better at three USTA Pro Circuit events and advanced to the second round of the US Open qualifying. As a junior, Frank reached the round of 16 in boys' singles at the US Open and Australian Open in 2010. He peaked at No. 5 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in January of that same year.



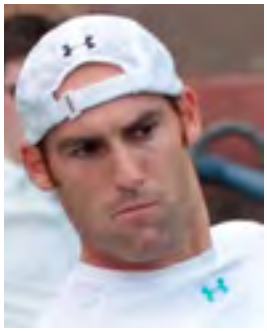
## Bjorn Fratangelo

**Age: 18 (7/19/93)** **Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.** **Ranking: 788**

Fratangelo, who was named after tennis legend Bjorn Borg, made a name for himself on the international tennis scene at the 2011 French Open, becoming the first American to win the boys' singles title since John McEnroe in 1977. The victory propelled Fratangelo to a career-high No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. The following month, he reached his first USTA Pro Circuit singles final at the $10,000 Futures event in his hometown of Pittsburgh. In other junior play in 2011, Fratangelo reached the final of the Coffee Bowl and the International Spring Championships, the semifinals of the Easter Bowl and the round of 16 at the US Open juniors. In 2010, he won the Easter Bowl and the USTA Boys' 18s National Clay Court Championships. He was named a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team during the 2012 World Group First Round in Switzerland in February.



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## Robby Ginepri

**Age: 29 (10/7/82)** **Hometown: Kennesaw, Ga.** **Ranking: 249**

Ginepri has been a mainstay on the world stage for the majority of his 11-year career, having won three career ATP singles titles. He is the only active American male other than Andy Roddick to reach the semifinals of a Grand Slam event – the 2005 US Open where he lost in five sets to Andre Agassi. He has reached the fourth round or better at all four Grand Slam events, peaked at No. 15 in the world rankings in 2006 and competed for the U.S. Davis Cup team in 2004 and 2009. Ginepri suffered a broken elbow in late 2010 when he fell off his bicycle trying to avoid a squirrel, and the injury kept him sidelined through the middle of 2011. He returned to competition on the USTA Pro Circuit, and reached the final of the $100,000 Challenger in Vancouver.



## Jarmere Jenkins

**Age: 21 (11/25/90)** **Hometown: College Park, Ga.** **Ranking: 762**

In his first two seasons at the University of Virginia, Jenkins established himself as one of the top collegiate players in the country. As a freshman in 2009-10, he went 65-18 (combined singles and doubles) to earn all-ACC and ITA Atlantic Region Freshman of the Year honors. In 2010-11, he went 33-6 in singles and 30-9 in doubles to help lead the Cavaliers to the 2010 USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships title and the 2011 NCAA Championships team final. On the USTA Pro Circuit last year, Jenkins qualified for the Challenger in Dallas, and in 2010 he reached his first career USTA Pro Circuit singles final at the Futures in Rochester, N.Y., and won the doubles title at the Futures in Decatur, Ill. As a junior, Jenkins won the doubles title and reached the singles final at the 2008 Orange Bowl and also reached the boys' doubles final at the 2006 US Open.



## Steve Johnson

**Age: 22 (12/24/89)** **Hometown: Orange, Calif.** **Ranking: 365**

A collegiate standout, Johnson captured the 2011 NCAA Division I singles title at USC and led the Trojans to their third NCAA team title in his three years at the school. The five-time All-American also reached the final at the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships in December 2010 to earn the 2010-11 National Player of the Year honors. Johnson's individual NCAA title earned him 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 US Open, Johnson won back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit Futures events in California for his first professional titles. In addition, Johnson was named a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team's 2011 quarterfinal against Spain in Austin, Texas. He is playing the spring semester at USC in 2012 to attempt to win a fourth NCAA team title.



## Robert Kendrick

**Age: 32 (11/15/79)** **Hometown: Orlando, Fla.** **Ranking: 242**

Kendrick 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 been a steady presence around the Top 100 for a decade, finishing at No. 83 in the world in 2008 and peaking at No. 69 in 2009. He has competed in all four Grand Slam events, advancing to the second round at all but the Australian Open, and he advanced to the quarterfinals in doubles at the US Open in 2007 (with Sam Querrey) and owns one tour doubles title, won in Newport, R.I., in 2006. Kendrick is also a decorated player on the USTA Pro Circuit, where he has won 24 career titles (12 singles, 12 doubles), and where he was the leading money winner in 2010. As a collegian, he earned All-America honors at the University of Washington in 1999 and at Pepperdine University in 2000.



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## Bradley Klahn

**Age: 21 (8/20/90)** **Hometown: Poway, Calif.** **Ranking: 667**

Klahn cemented his place as one of the best college players in the country in 2010, winning the NCAA Division I singles title and reaching the doubles semifinals as a sophomore at Stanford. That earned him a wild card into the main draw of the 2010 US Open singles, where he pushed Sam Querrey in a tight four-set match in the opening round. Klahn was again named an All-American in singles and doubles in 2011, finishing the year at No. 6 in the collegiate singles rankings and reaching the NCAA doubles final with partner Ryan Thacher. In the pro ranks in 2011, , Klahn reached the final round of qualifying at the US Open and, on the USTA Pro Circuit, advanced to the round of 16 at the $100,000 event in Vancouver. As a junior player, he ascended to No. 1 in the USTA boys' 18s rankings and to No. 14 in the world junior rankings.



## Daniel Kosakowski

**Age: 19 (2/21/92)** **Hometown: Downey, Calif.** **Ranking: 409**

Kosakowski jumped 300 spots in the ATP World Tour rankings in 2011, a move that prompted him to turn pro following his freshman year at UCLA, where he was the team's No. 1 player, a first team All-Pac-10 selection and the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year. On the USTA Pro Circuit, Kosakowski reached the quarterfinals or better at five Futures events between April and July 2011 and won his first professional title at the $15,000 Futures in Sacramento, Calif. In July 2011, he qualified for and won his first career tour-level match at the US Open Series event in Los Angeles, advancing to the round of 16. He was also named a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team during the 2012 World Group First Round in Switzerland in February.Kosakowski hails from a tennis-playing family; he is coached by his brother, Marcin, a standout at UC-Santa Barbara, and his two sisters play Division I tennis as well (at Pepperdine and Baylor, respectively.)



## Austin Krajicek

**Age: 21 (6/16/90)** **Hometown: Brandon, Fla.** **Ranking: 512**

After excelling at the junior and collegiate levels, Krajicek is turning his full attention to a professional career in 2012, and won his first professional title at a $15,000 event in China in January. As a collegian, the five-time All-American won the 2011 NCAA doubles title and the 2010 USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships with Jeff Dadamo; the two also partnered to reach two doubles finals on the USTA Pro Circuit last year. Krajicek also won the doubles title at the $50,000 Challenger in Knoxville, Tenn., near the end of 2011 with fellow collegiate standout Steve Johnson in addition to reaching four USTA Pro Circuit singles quarterfinals. 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. He is a distant relative of former Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek.



## Denis Kudla

**Age: 19 (8/17/92)** **Hometown: Arlington, Va.** **Ranking: 220**

A former top junior, Kudla qualified for the 2012 Australian Open to make his Grand Slam main draw debut after making 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 Hall of Fame Championships in Newport, R.I. He also reached the third round in qualifying at the US Open Series events in Los Angeles and Atlanta. On the USTA Pro Circuit, he won his second career title at the $10,000 Futures in Laguna Niguel, Calif., and reached the semifinals at the $75,000 Challenger in Charlottesville, Va. 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 he was a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team during its 2010 first round tie in Serbia. Kudla was born in the Ukraine and came over to the U.S. with his parents on his first birthday.



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## Alex Kuznetsov

**Age: 24 (2/5/87)** **Hometown: Tampa, Fla.** **Ranking: 176**

Kuznetsov qualified for the 2012 Australian Open in his first appearance in a Grand Slam main draw since 2007 and faced Rafael Nadal in the first round. He finished 2011 at a career-best year-end ranking after closing the year with a singles title at the $50,000 Challenger in Champaign, Ill., and a semifinal showing at the $100,000 Challenger in Sacramento, Calif. Kuznetsov also qualified for the ATP event in San Jose, Calif., in 2011. A native of Kiev, Ukraine, where his grandfather was a handball champion, Kuznetsov was a standout junior and the runner-up at the 2004 junior French Open. Following a severe leg injury suffered in a 2005 car accident, Kuznetsov came back to play in his first US Open main draw in 2006. In 2007, he won his first Grand Slam match at the Australian Open, reached the round of 16 in doubles at the US Open and posted career-best rankings of No. 158 in singles and No. 78 in doubles.



## Jesse Levine

**Age: 24 (10/15/87)** **Hometown: Boca Raton, Fla.** **Ranking: 160**

Levine climbed more than 300 spots in the ATP World Tour rankings in the last four months of 2011 by winning two USTA Pro Circuit titles in three finals, including the $50,000 Challenger in Knoxville, Tenn.; he also captured two ITF-level titles in Canada. Levine then won an eight-man USTA playoff in December to earn a wild card into the 2012 Australian Open—his first Grand Slam main draw appearance since Wimbledon in 2010. In 2009, Levine defeated then-world No. 24 Marat Safin to advance to the third round at Wimbledon, and he also reached the second round of the US Open and the quarterfinals at the ATP World Tour event in Newport, R.I. 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.



## Michael McClune

**Age: 22 (8/22/89)** **Hometown: Irvine, Calif.** **Ranking: 414**

McClune is on the comeback trail from a hip injury that kept him out of action for six months in 2010. In his first tournament back in September 2010, he reached the quarterfinals at the USTA Pro Circuit $50,000 Challenger in Tulsa. In 2011, McClune played a mix of ATP qualifying draws and USTA Pro Circuit tournaments, which included a victory over Sam Querrey en route to the semifinals at the $50,000 Challenger in Tulsa, Okla. McClune won the USTA Boys' 18s singles crown to earn a wild card into the main draw of the 2007 US Open, his only Grand Slam main draw appearance to date. In 2008, he reached the second round of the US Open in doubles, served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team and trained with Roger Federer in Dubai.



## Nicholas Monroe

**Age: 29 (4/12/82)** **Hometown: Chapel Hill, N.C.** **Ranking: 385**

Monroe 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, in addition to capturing his seventh doubles title. He also competed overseas in Asia, played in the Wimbledon tune-up event at Queens Club in London and represented the U.S. in the Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, where he won the bronze medal in doubles with Greg Ouellette. As a collegian, Monroe 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.



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## Wayne Odesnik

**Age: 26 (11/21/85) Hometown: Weston, Fla. Ranking: 107**

Odesnik returned to competition in January 2011 following a year-long suspension as dictated by the Tennis Anti-Doping Program, which is administered by the ITF. He got his career back on track by playing on the USTA Pro Circuit, climbing more than 1,200 spots in the ATP rankings to finish the year just outside the Top 100. Odesnik won four singles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2011, including two $50,000 Challengers. Prior to the suspension, he reached the third round at the 2008 French Open and was a finalist at the ATP World Tour event in Houston in 2009. He has also competed in five US Open main draws, reaching the second round in 2007 and 2008.



## Greg Ouellette

**Age: 25 (5/19/86) Hometown: Ormond Beach, Fla. Ranking: 378**

In 2011, Ouellette approached the 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 represented the U.S. in the 2011 Pam Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, in October, where he captured the bronze medal in doubles with Nicholas Monroe. Ouellette was a five-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. He is coached by his father, Ken.



## Rajeev Ram

**Age: 27 (3/18/84) Hometown: Carmel, Ind. Ranking: 152**

Ram is one of the most accomplished players in USTA Pro Circuit history. His 22 doubles titles rank fourth all-time and he has also reached seven singles finals, winning two titles. Ram has established himself as a steady presence in the Top 50 of the world doubles rankings, reaching the second round or better at all four Grand Slam events in doubles, including the quarterfinals at the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon. Overall, he has won six ATP doubles crowns, including back-to-back titles in San Jose, Calif., and Delray Beach, Fla., in 2011. In 2009, Ram won his first career ATP singles title in Newport, R.I., where he also captured the doubles title. He played at the University of Illinois for one semester, helping the Illini win their first NCAA title and post their first undefeated season in 2003.



## Bobby Reynolds

**Age: 29 (7/17/82) Hometown: Acworth, Ga. Ranking: 119**

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 2011. He also reached the semifinals or better in singles at five additional Challengers in 2011 to once again close in on the Top 100. Reynolds 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 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.



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## Michael Russell

**Age: 33 (5/1/78)** **Hometown: Houston** **Ranking: 103**

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., in early 2011 and advanced to the quarterfinals. He also reached the third round of the US Open Series event in Washington D.C. and qualified for the ATP Masters Series events in Indian Wells, Calif., and Miami in 2011. Russell, who turned pro in 1998, has finished inside the Top 100 four times in the past five years and has competed in all four Grand Slam events, making seven US Open main draw appearances. His best showing at a Grand Slam came at the 2001 French Open, where he lost in the fourth round to eventual champion Gustavo Kuerten in five sets.



## Tennys Sandgren

**Age: 20 (7/21/91)** **Hometown: Gallatin, Tenn.** **Ranking: 542**

Sandgren, named after the sport by his parents, made his move up the rankings in the summer of 2011. He won his first professional singles title at the $10,000 Futures in Godfrey, Ill., in July and captured his second title a week later at the $10,000 Futures in Decatur, Ill. Shortly thereafter, Sandgren turned pro, leaving the University of Tennessee after two years. Sandgren earned All-America honors at Tennessee after reaching the semifinals of the 2011 NCAA men's singles championships, and he was named All-Southeastern Conference as a freshman and as a sophomore. A standout junior player, he climbed to No. 9 in the world junior rankings in 2009. He also reached the second round or better at the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open juniors.



## Michael Shabaz

**Age: 24 (8/20/87)** **Hometown: Fairfax, Va.** **Ranking: 909**

A former standout for the University of Virginia, Shabaz is a two-time NCAA doubles champion who earned a doubles main draw wild card into the US Open in 2009 and 2010. He also reached the semifinals in singles at the 2011 NCAA tournament and finished his college career with 124 career singles wins, which ranked fifth in the school's history. Shabaz qualified for and then reached the final of the USTA Pro Circuit $50,000 Challenger in Charlottesville, Va., in October 2010 for his best professional result. He graduated with a degree in anthropology.



## Tim Smyczek

**Age: 24 (12/30/87)** **Hometown: Milwaukee, Wis.** **Ranking: 250**

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 by winning a similar six-man USTA playoff to earn a wild card into the 2011 French Open. Also last year, 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 US Open Series events. In his career, Smyczek holds one USTA Pro Circuit title in five finals. He regularly trains at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Fla., with fellow Americans James Blake, Mardy Fish and John Isner.



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## Jack Sock

**Age: 19 (9/24/92)** **Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.** **Ranking: 321**

Sock is one of the fastest-rising young Americans. 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 1992. Last year, Sock repeated his title at the USTA Boys' 18s National Championships and became the first USTA Boys' 18s champion to win a round in the main draw of the US Open in 15 years. (He lost to fellow Nebraska native Roddick in the second round.) Sock then teamed with Melanie Oudin to win the 2011 US Open in mixed doubles title. Sock finished his high school career undefeated and won four Kansas state high school titles in his four years. On the USTA Pro Circuit, Sock won the first $10,000 Futures of 2012 in Plantation, Fla., and reached three doubles finals and one singles final in 2011, with a doubles title in Palm Coast, Fla.



## Blake Strode

**Age: 24 (7/9/87)** **Hometown: St. Louis** **Ranking: 391**

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 and 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: 487**

Williams, a former top junior and University of Tennessee standout, turned pro in the summer of 2011 after winning the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Innisbrook, Fla. Williams was a two-time All-American in his two seasons at Tennessee, defeating top seed Alex Domijan and defending champion Steve Johnson en route to the title at the prestigious USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships in November 2010 and reaching the final of the 2011 NCAA Tournament (falling to Johnson.). As a junior player, Williams ascended to 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.



## Michael Yani

**Age: 31 (12/31/80)** **Hometown: Durham, N.C.** **Ranking: 184**

Yani broke into the Top 150 for the first time in his career in early 2010 after qualifying for the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston and advancing to the semifinals of the Dallas Challenger on the USTA Pro Circuit. Yani also qualified for the main draw at the 2010 French Open, falling to Lukas Lacko of Slovakia, 4-6, 7-6(5), 7-6(4), 6-7(5), 12-10, in a first round marathon that lasted nearly five hours. (The 71 games equaled the most in a singles match at Roland Garros since tie-breaks were instituted in 1973.) In addition to competing on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2011, Yani qualified for the US Open and reached the semifinals of the grass-court ATP event in Newport, R.I., as a qualifier. Yani, who was born in Singapore, played collegiately at Duke University.



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# ADDITIONAL PLAYERS TO WATCH


*Ball*


*Battistone*


*Buchanan*


*Collarini*


*Delic*

| Player Name | Age / Hometown | Ranking | Player Information |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Carsten Ball (AUS)** | 24 (6/20/87) Newport Beach, Calif. | 332 | Peaked at a career-high No. 108 in July 2010. … Won his first career ATP World Tour doubles title in Newport, R.I., in 2010 with countryman Chris Guccione; the duo also 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, a US Open Series event. |
| **Brian Battistone** | 32 (8/10/79) Las Vegas | NR | Plays with a double-handled racquet and employs a volleyball-style jump serve. … Peaked at a career-high doubles ranking of No. 88 in 2010. |
| **Chase Buchanan** | 20 (6/4/91) Columbus, Ohio | 866 | Won the 2009 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships to earn a main draw wild card into the 2009 US Open. … Reached the boys' singles final at the 2009 US Open. … Won his first professional title in 2008 at the $10,000 Futures in Vero Beach, Fla. … Currently a senior at Ohio State, where he is a two-time Big Ten Player of the Year. |
| **Andrea Collarini** | 20 (1/31/92) Boca Raton, Fla. | 484 | Born in New York and raised in Argentina. … Reached the boys' singles final at the 2010 French Open. … Won two Futures titles in Argentina in 2011. … Trains at the USTA Training Center-Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla. |
| **Lester Cook** | 27 (4/24/84) Marina del Rey, Calif. | 778 | Reached the final of the $10,000 Futures in Tampa, Fla., in 2011. … Cracked the Top 200 in 2010 after reaching the final at the $50,000 Challenger in Tulsa, Okla. … Three time All-American at Texas A&M. |
| **Drew Courtney** | 22 (2/3/90) Clifton, Va. | NR | Captured the 2010 NCAA men's doubles title to earn a doubles wild card into the 2010 US Open. … Two-time doubles All-American for the University of Virginia, where he is currently a senior. |
| **Amer Delic (BIH)** | 29 (6/30/82) Jacksonville, Fla. | 193 | Won a Challenger in his native country and reached the quarterfinals of a Challenger in Champaign, Ill., in 2011. … Reached the third round of the 2009 Australian Open. … Peaked at a career-best No. 60 in 2007. … Won the 2003 NCAA singles title for the University of Illinois and helped lead the Illini to the team title that same year. |
| **Rik De Voest (RSA)** | 31 (6/5/80) South Africa | 125 | Reached the second round of Wimbledon as a qualifier in 2011. … Reached the final of the $50,000 Challenger in Champaign, Ill., in 2011. … Longtime member of the South African Davis Cup team. … Has won 11 USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, including two in 2011. |
| **Adam El Mihdawy** | 22 (8/9/89) Long Island City, N.Y. | 382 | Won his first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in the summer of 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. |
| **Daniel Garza (MEX)** | 26 (4/8/85) Mexico | 322 | Won the $10,000 Futures in Vero Beach, Fla., and two Futures in Mexico in 2011. … Also reached the final of the $10,000 Futures in Orange Park, Fla. |



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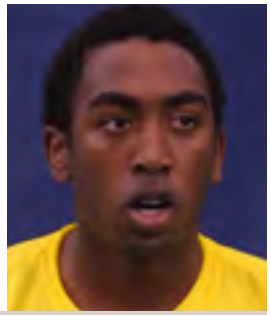
# ADDITIONAL PLAYERS TO WATCH


*Giron*


*Halebian*


*Kalmanovich*


*Kim*


*King*

| Player Name | Age / Hometown | Ranking | Player Information |
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| **Marcos Giron** | 18 (7/24/93)<br>Thousand Oaks, Calif. | 1400 | 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. … Committed to play collegiately at UCLA this fall. |
| **Chris Guccione (AUS)** | 26 (7/30/85)<br>Melbourne, Australia | 328 | The 6-foot-7 left-hander has advanced to two career ATP World Tour singles finals and one doubles final. … 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. … Has competed in Davis Cup for Australia, going 12-6 overall. |
| **Alexios Halebian** | 17 (6/8/94)<br>Glendale, Calif. | 1106 | 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. |
| **Christian Harrison** | 17 (5/29/94)<br>Bradenton, Fla. | 959 | Younger brother of top young American Ryan Harrison. … Reached the semifinals of a Futures in Mexico as a qualifier, and reached the quarterfinals of the $25,000 Futures in Laguna Niguel, Calif., in 2011. |
| **Treat Conrad Huey (PHI)** | 26 (8/28/85)<br>Philippines | 1085 | Currently ranked No. 56 in the world in doubles. … Reached the doubles final of the US Open Series event in Los Angeles and the third round in doubles at the US Open in 2011. … Won three USTA Pro Circuit Challenger doubles titles in 2011. |
| **Roy Kalmanovich** | 22 (7/5/89)<br>Framingham, Mass. | 955 | Reached the semifinals of the $10,000 Futures in Decatur, Ill., in 2011 as a qualifier. … Currently a senior at the University of Illinois. |
| **Kevin Kim** | 33 (7/26/78)<br>Newport Coast, Calif. | 435 | Finished in the Top 125 in five out of six years between 2004 and 2009. … Peaked at No. 63 in the world in 2005 after reaching the third round of the Australian Open. … Former All-American at UCLA. |
| **Evan King** | 19 (3/25/92)<br>Chicago | 802 | Junior at the University of Michigan was named an All-American in 2011. … Won his first USTA Pro Circuit doubles title at the Futures in Godfrey, Ill., as a member of the 2010 USTA Summer Collegiate Team. … As a junior, won the boys' 18s title at the 2009 Easter Bowl one week after reaching the final at the International Spring Championships. |
| **Jason Kubler (AUS)** | 18 (5/19/93)<br>Brisbane, Australia | 465 | Won consecutive $10,000 Futures in Birmingham, Ala., and Niceville, Fla., in 2011. … Reached the boys' semifinals at Wimbledon in 2011. |
| **Dennis Lajola** | 23 (2/12/89)<br>'Aiea, Hawaii | 721 | Reached the final of the $10,000 Futures in Laguna Niguel, Calif., in 2011. … Won his first professional title in 2007 at the Futures in Honolulu. … As a senior at the University of Hawaii, became the first player in school history to earn WAC Player of the Year Honors. |



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*Martin*


*Nevolo*


*Novikov*


*Quigley*


*Sarmiento*

| Player Name | Age / Hometown | Ranking | Player Information |
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| **David Martin** | 30 (2/22/81)<br>Huntington Beach, Calif. | 761 | Won two USTA Pro Circuit Challenger doubles titles in 2011. … Helped lead Stanford University to the NCAA team title in 2000. … Won the inaugural US Open National Playoffs mixed doubles title in 2011. … Played on the same high school basketball team as Andy Roddick and Mardy Fish. |
| **Dennis Nevolo** | 22 (12/22/89)<br>Gurnee, Ill. | 1838 | As a University of Illinois senior, reached the final of the 2011 USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships. … Earned All-America honors in 2011. |
| **Dennis Novikov** | 18 (11/6/93)<br>Boca Raton, Fla. | 972 | Russian-born junior player has reached the quarterfinals of three USTA Pro Circuit Futures in 2011. … 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. |
| **Peter Polansky (CAN)** | 23 (6/15/88)<br>Thornhill, Canada | 270 | Won the $15,000 Futures in Austin, Texas, as well as Futures in Canada and Venezuela in 2011. … Reached the semifinals of the Challenger in Champaign, Ill., as a qualifier to finish the 2011 season. … Advanced to the boys' singles final at the 2006 US Open. … Member of the Canadian Davis Cup team since 2007. |
| **Robbye Poole** | 27 (10/2/84)<br>Summerville, S.C. | 605 | Won back-to-back titles in 2010 at the Futures in Joplin, Mo., and Godfrey, Ill., for his first career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles. … Former All-American at the University of Mississippi. |
| **Vasek Pospisil (CAN)** | 21 (6/23/90)<br>Vancouver, Canada | 115 | Won Futures titles in South Korea and Canada in 2011, and reached the semifinals of the Challenger in Vancouver. … Qualified for ATP World Tour events in Spain and Russia in October 2011. … Made his Davis Cup debut for Canada in 2008. |
| **Eric Quigley** | 23 (1/30/89)<br>Pewee Valley, Ky. | 1449 | Senior and two-time All-American at the University of Kentucky. … Holds the most singles wins of any tennis player in Kentucky's school history. … Won the US Open National Playoffs USTA Midwest Sectional Qualifying Tournament in 2010 and 2011. …. … In 2008, became the first Kentucky player in 34 years to win four straight high school state singles titles. |
| **Olivier Sajous (HAI)** | 25 (2/4/1987)<br>Plantation, Fla. | 637 | 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 2011. … Went 4-1 in Davis Cup play for Haiti in 2010. … Family's home was destroyed by earthquake in January 2010. |
| **Raymond Sarmiento** | 19 (7/24/92)<br>Fontana, Calif. | 1449 | Sophomore at USC earned All-American honors and helped the Trojans win their third consecutive NCAA team title in 2011. … Took third place at the 2009 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships. … Helped lead the U.S. to the 2008 Junior Davis Cup title. |
| **Nate Schnugg** | 23 (10/5/88)<br>Medford, Ore. | 1153 | Singles and doubles All-American for the University of Georgia. … As a junior player in 2006, won the doubles titles at both Wimbledon and the US Open. … Won the ITF Futures doubles title in Mexico with older brother Scott in 2006. |



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*Simmonds*


*Smith*


*Venus*


*Vinsant*


*Zivkovic*

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| **Phillip Simmonds** | 25 (5/18/86)<br>Reston, Va. | 596 | 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)<br>Townsville, Australia | 431 | Won his first professional title in 2011 at the USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Tulsa, Okla. … Reached consecutive finals at Futures in Austin and Mansfield, Texas, in 2011. … Singles and doubles All-American at the University of Tennessee advanced to the NCAA Tournament singles final as a freshman in 2008. |
| **Maciek Sykut** | 25 (6/21/86)<br>Marathon, Fla. | 683 | Reached the semifinals of the $10,000 Futures in Rochester, N.Y., in 2011. … Reached his first professional final at a Futures in Ecuador in 2010. … Played collegiately at Florida State. |
| **Ty Trombetta** | 21 (5/21/90)<br>Miami | 797 | Reached the semifinals of the $10,000 Futures in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., in 2011, his best result on the USTA Pro Circuit, and also reached the quarterfinals of the Futures in Godfrey, Ill., in 2011. … As a junior, reached the semifinals of the 2008 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships. |
| **Izak Van Der Merwe (RSA)** | 27 (1/26/94)<br>South Africa | 138 | Won the $75,000 Challenger in Charlottesville, Va., and a Challenger in South Africa in 2011. … Reached the semifinals at the ATP World Tour event in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2011. |
| **Michael Venus (NZL)** | 24 (10/16/87)<br>Orlando, Fla. | 357 | All-American in both singles and doubles at LSU was named the 2009 SEC Player of the Year. … Competes on the New Zealand Davis Cup team. … Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles. … Reached the quarterfinals in 2011 at Challengers in Aptos, Calif., and Winnetka, Ill. |
| **Shane Vinsant** | 18 (10/25/93)<br>Keller, Texas | 1309 | Reached the boys' doubles final at the French Open and reached the Easter Bowl quarterfinals in 2011. … Reached the final at the 2010 USTA Boys' 16s National Championships. … Will enroll at Texas A&M in the fall. |
| **James Ward (GBR)** | 25 (2/9/87)<br>London | 158 | Won the $100,000 Challenger in Vancouver and reached the final of the $50,000 Challenger in Lexington, Ky., in 2011. … Also reached the semifinals of the Wimbledon tune-up event at Queen's Club in 2011. |
| **Joshua Zavala** | 23 (4/23/88)<br>Amarillo, Texas | 692 | Reached his first professional final in 2011 at a Futures in Brazil. … Reached four doubles finals on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2011, winning two titles. … Played collegiately at the University of Texas. |
| **Dennis Zivkovic** | 24 (9/30/87)<br>Sunny Island Beach, Fla. | 682 | Won his second career USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the Futures in Pittsburgh in 2009. … Reached back-to-back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit doubles semifinals during summer 2010 and won ITF Circuit doubles titles in Morocco, Colombia and Mexico. … Advanced to the final of a Futures event in Costa Mesa, Calif., in 2004, just prior to his 17th birthday. |



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