

## HUNT COMMUNITIES 2016 WOMEN'S PRO TENNIS CLASSIC EL PASO, TX • JUNE 26-JULY 3

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Tennis West Sports and Racquet Club  
El Paso, Texas

**Website:** www.tenniswest.com  
procircuit.usta.com

**Facebook:** Tennis West Sports and Racquet Club

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, June 26

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, June 28

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

**Surface:** Hard / Outdoor

**Prize Money:** \$25,000

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### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$3,919	50
Runner-Up	\$2,091	30
Semifinalist	\$1,144	18
Quarterfinalist	\$654	9
Round 16	\$392	5
Round 32	\$228	1
DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)	
Winner	\$1,437	
Runner-Up	\$719	
Semifinalist	\$359	
Quarterfinalist	\$196	
Round 16	\$131	

### USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO EL PASO

The **Hunt Communities 2016 Women's Pro Tennis Classic** is taking place in El Paso for the 21st consecutive year. It is the third USTA Pro Circuit hard-court women's event that kicks off the summer hard-court season that leads up to the US Open and one of five USTA Pro Circuit women's events taking place in Texas this year.

To follow the tournament, download the USTA Pro Circuit's phone app for smartphones and tablets by searching "procircuit" in the Apple and Google Play stores.

Notable players competing in El Paso include:

Defending singles champion **Jamie Loeb**, who completed her sophomore year at the University of North Carolina in 2015 by winning the NCAA Division I singles title to become the first national singles champion in North Carolina women's tennis history. She turned pro following the season. Loeb also was the top-ranked college tennis player for most of her freshman year (2013-14). As a freshman, she was named the 2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year as well as the 2014 ACC Women's Tennis Player of the Year. Loeb has also participated in the US Open each of the past two years – in 2014, she won the inaugural American Collegiate Invitational at the US Open, and in 2015, she received a wild card into the main draw, where she lost to reigning finalist



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Caroline Wozniacki in the first round. Loeb was a standout junior player, reaching the quarterfinals at the Wimbledon girls' event in 2013 and the junior singles final at the USTA International Spring Championships in Carson, Calif., in 2013; she also won the doubles title in Carson. Overall, she holds five USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, including the \$25,000 event in Surprise, Ariz., earlier this year, and five doubles titles. A New York resident, she trains at the John McEnroe Tennis Academy in Randall's Island, N.Y.

**Kristie Ahn**, who graduated from Stanford in 2014 as a four-time All-American. Ahn went 97-17 in four seasons with the Cardinal and was named the 2014 ITA National Senior Player of the Year. She qualified for the 2008 US Open, where she lost to former world No. 1 Dinara Safina in the first round. Ahn has also won five USTA Pro Circuit/ITF-level singles titles, including two titles in Korea and Canada in 2015, and one doubles title in 2010. She made her first appearance in Australian Open qualifying

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this January and also reached the singles final of an ITF Circuit event in Korea earlier this year.

**Danielle Lao**, who graduated from USC in 2013 after twice earning All-America honors during her college career. During her time in Los Angeles, she led the Trojans to back-to-back Pac-12 team championships and was a team captain her senior year. In June 2015, Lao won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$25,000 event in Baton Rouge, La. Also in 2015, she qualified for the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., and won her first ITF Circuit singles title, in Leon, Mexico, where she also captured the doubles title. She won her first USTA Pro Circuit title in 2014 in doubles in Pelham, Ala. This May, she reached back-to-back quarterfinals at ITF Circuit events in China, and in February, she won her second USTA Pro Circuit doubles title at the \$25,000 event in Surprise, Ariz. After college, Lao wrote a book, "Invaluable Experience," about playing college tennis.

2013 El Paso singles champion and 2012 doubles champion **Sanaz Marand**, who played for the University of North Carolina, where she received All-America honors and, in 2010, helped lead the Tar Heels to their first NCAA team semifinals. In 2013, she won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in El Paso, Texas. She has also won 10 USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, including three tournaments in 2015.

**Raveena Kingsley**, 17, who reached her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles final this year at the \$50,000 event in Maui, Hawaii. Kingsley ranked as high as No. 22 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2015 on the strength of reaching the girls' singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open and the semifinals at the Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event. She also won matches at the junior US Open and Wimbledon in 2015.

**Jennifer Elie**, who won the 2015 US Open National Playoffs to earn a wild card into the US Open Qualifying Tournament. Elie has been a consistent player on the USTA Pro Circuit and in ITF Circuit events, winning two ITF Circuit singles titles in 2012 and five USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including one title last year in Australia. Elie has a career win over Sloane Stephens, at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Lexington, Ky., in 2011, and has ranked in the Top 300 in both singles and doubles. She started her 2016 season by competing in Australia before coming back to the States to play on the USTA Pro Circuit.

Players competing in qualifying include:

**Jacqueline Cako**, who won three separate sectional qualifying titles in 2015 to advance to the US Open National Playoffs Championships in women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. In 2014, she won the National Playoffs mixed doubles championship to earn a wild card into the mixed doubles draw at the US Open, where she and partner Joel Kielbowicz lost to Donald Young and Taylor Townsend in the first round. Cako completed her NCAA career in 2013 at Arizona State University, where she received

All-America honors and was named the 2013 Pac-12 Women's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Cako has thrived in doubles on the USTA Pro Circuit, winning eight titles, including the \$25,000 event in Surprise, Ariz., earlier this year. She peaked at No. 169 in the world doubles rankings in September 2013. She has also won two career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles.

Two-time El Paso doubles champion and two-time singles finalist **Ashley Weinhold**, a USTA Pro Circuit veteran, who captured her 14th USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles title this June at the \$25,000 event in Sumter, S.C. She also holds three USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit singles titles, her last coming in October 2013 in Mexico. Weinhold broke into the Top 200 in the world in 2011. She won the Girls' 18s National Championships in 2007 to earn a wild card into the main draw of that year's US Open, where she lost to then-world No. 4 Anna Chakvetadze. She also played in the US Open women's doubles draw in 2006 and 2007 and in US Open qualifying three times.

**Francesca Di Lorenzo**, who completed her freshman year at Ohio State this year as one of the nation's top college tennis players, earning accolades of Big Ten Player of the Year and Big Ten Freshman of the Year; she also became just the third Buckeye to claim All-America honors. Di Lorenzo advanced to the round of 16 at the NCAA singles championship and ended this season ranked No. 4 nationally. She was 37-5 on the year, setting the program record for single-season wins, and was also the No. 1-ranked college player in the nation for four weeks this season, the first woman to do so in program history.

**Caroline Dolehide**, 17, who won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title this June at the \$10,000 event in Buffalo, N.Y., while also winning her first career doubles title in Buffalo, as well. A junior standout, Dolehide ranked as high as No. 16 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. She reached the singles semifinals at the 2014 junior US Open and the doubles final at the 2015 junior French Open.

**Caitlin Whoriskey**, who won the 2014 US Open National Playoffs women's singles title to earn a wild card into US Open qualifying, where she won her first-round match. She is a former University of Tennessee standout who was named the 2010 College Senior Player of the Year after leading the Volunteers to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. Whoriskey captured her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2014 at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C. She also holds 10 career USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including three last year.

**Ingrid Neel**, a standout junior player and University of Florida recruit who trains out of the Nick Bollettieri IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. Neel was noticed at an early age by John McEnroe, who wanted her to train at his academy at Randall's Island in New York City. Neel and CiCi Bellis won the doubles title at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., earlier this year. Overall, Neel holds four other USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles and two singles titles, which she won at the \$10,000 event in Amelia Island, Fla., in 2014 and the \$10,000 event in Bethany Beach, Del., this June.

## EL PASO PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2015	Jamie Loeb (USA)	Jennifer Brady (USA)	2015	Jennifer Brady (USA) – Alexa Guarachi (CHI)
2014	Elise Mertens (BEL)	Ashley Weinhold (USA)	2014	Jamie Loeb (USA) – Ashley Weinhold (USA)
2013	Sanaz Marand (USA)	Naomi Osaka (JPN)	2013	Adriana Perez (VEN) – Marcela Zacarias (MEX)
2012	Marie-Eve Pelletier (CAN)	Ashley Weinhold (USA)	2012	Ashley Weinhold (USA) – Sanaz Marand (USA)
2011	Chichi Scholl (USA)	Petra Rampre (SLO)	2011	Chichi Scholl (USA) – Alyona Sotnikova (UKR)
2010	Coco Vandeweghe (USA)	Ryoko Fuda (JPN)	2010	Angela Haynes (USA) – Ahsha Rolle (USA)
2009	Valerie Tetreault (CAN)	Mashona Washington (USA)	2009	Christina Fusano (USA) – Shikha Uberoi (IND)
2008	Anna Tatishvili (GEO)	Lauren Albanese (USA)	2008	Lauren Albanese (USA) – Surina De Beer (RSA)
2007	Gabriela Paz (VEN)	Helena Besovic (BIH)	2007	Helena Besovic (BIH) – Nina Munch-Soegaard (NOR)
2006	Nina Pantic (CAN)	Yasmin Clarke (GBR)	2006	Christina Fusano (USA) – Beau Jones (USA)
2005	Anda Perianu (ROU)	Raquel Kops-Jones (USA)	2005	Beau Jones (USA) – Anda Perianu (ROU)
2004	Cindy Watson (AUS)	Angela Haynes (USA)	2004	Beau Jones (USA) – Anne Mall (IRL)
2003	Milangela Morales (USA)	Angela Haynes (USA)	2003	Beau Jones (USA) – Anzela Zguna (LAT)
2002	Joanne Moore (GBR)	Michelle Dasso (USA)	2002	Liza Andriyani (INA) – Wukirasih Sawondari (INA)
2001	Teryn Ashley (USA)	Alison Nash (CAN)	2001	Jacqueline Trail (USA) – Alienor Tricceri (SUI)
2000	Erin Burdette (USA)	Leanne Baker (NZL)	2000	Leanne Baker (NZL) – Manisha Malhotra (IND)
1999	Sara Walker (USA)	Manisha Malhotra (IND)	1999	Manisha Malhotra (IND) – Julie Scott (NZL)
1998	Elena Bovina (RUS)	Diana Ospina (USA)	1998	Keiko Ishida (JPN) – Keiko Nagatomi (JPN)
1997	Holly Parkinson (USA)	Samantha Reeves (USA)	1997	Kaysie Smashey (USA) – Sara Walker (USA)
1996	Jane Taylor (AUS)	Anne Mall (IRL)	1996	Rebecca Jensen (USA) – Kristine Kurth (USA)

## 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 in 1979 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, Maria Sharapova, Andy Murray, Caroline Woznaicki, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka and Sam Querrey** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit was a pathway to success for two young Americans in 2015—**Samantha Crawford** and **Frances Tiafoe**. Crawford, the 2012 US Open girls' singles champion, started the 2015 season ranked No. 293 and competed in 23 USTA Pro Circuit events throughout the year. She went on to win the first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of her career at the \$50,000 event in Scottsdale, Ariz., and also won two of the USTA Pro Circuit's wild card challenges to earn wild cards into the 2015 US Open and 2016 Australian Open; the wild card challenges were based upon results on the USTA Pro Circuit. Crawford's hard work paid off, and in January 2016, she rose to No. 107 in the world after a strong start to the year in Australia, where she reached her first WTA semifinal in Brisbane as a qualifier. Tiafoe, a former world No. 2 junior who turned pro early in 2015, started last season ranked No. 1,143. His successes on the USTA Pro Circuit not only allowed Tiafoe to finish the year ranked No. 176, but also gave him experience on the Grand Slam stage. Tiafoe won the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a spot in the 2015 French Open, which marked his Grand Slam debut. He also won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2015 at the \$15,000 Futures in Bakersfield, Calif., and reached three additional finals. Tiafoe also competed in the 2015 US Open as a wild card and continues to climb in the rankings.



Samantha Crawford

## USTA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The USTA Player Development program, working with the American Tennis Family of players, coaches and families, helps to identify and develop the next generation of American champions by surrounding 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 utilizes National Training Centers in Carson, Calif., and Flushing, N.Y., as well as a network of Certified Regional Training Centers located throughout the United States.

## YOUTH TENNIS

The USTA is making it easier and more fun for kids to get into the game—and stay in the game. Kids are learning to play faster than ever before through the USTA's youth initiative, which is geared toward getting more kids to participate in tennis using modified equipment and courts tailored to a child's size. For more information, visit [YouthTennis.com](http://YouthTennis.com).

## USTA FOUNDATION

USTA Foundation, the national charitable organization of the USTA, helps serve up dreams for under-resourced youth; individuals with disabilities; and wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and their families. The foundation supports programs nationwide that leverage tennis and education to help those in need, primarily through the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network, and other efforts to assist military personnel, veterans and individuals with disabilities. To date, it has awarded more than \$19 million in grants and scholarships to hundreds of programs, benefitting thousands of children and adults through a tennis, education and health curricula. For more information, visit the website [www.ustafoundation.com](http://www.ustafoundation.com).

## 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 1,450 players competed in 13 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2015 US Open Qualifying Tournament wild card. A men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles element also was held, with the winning team earning a US Open main draw doubles wild card. Registration for all 2016 sectional events opens on March 15, with tournaments taking place in May and June. The US Open National Playoffs will take place in New Haven in August. For more information and the schedule, and to vie for a chance to compete in the US Open, visit [www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs](http://www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs).

