



IRVINE FUTURES

IRVINE, CA * SEPTEMBER 16-25, 2016

Preview Notes as of Sept. 12

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

Site: Racquet Club of Irvine, Irvine, Calif.
Main Draw: Begins on Tuesday, Sept. 20
Qualifying Draw: Begins on Friday, Sept. 16
Surface: Hard / Outdoor
Prize Money: \$10,000
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USTA PRO CIRCUIT RETURNS TO IRVINE FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2014

The **Irvine Futures** is the second of three consecutive USTA Pro Circuit \$10,000 Futures hard-court events in California following the US Open, following Claremont and preceding Fountain Valley. Irvine hosted USTA Pro Circuit men's tournaments from 2004 to 2008 and also in 1997, 2010, 2012 and 2014.

Notable players competing in the main draw include:

Clay Thompson, who graduated from UCLA in 2014, where he was the top-ranked college player from January through June 2014. He also earned All-America honors in singles and was named the 2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Senior Player of the Year. In 2015, Thompson won his first ITF-level singles title, in Mexico, and reached the quarterfinals or better at three consecutive USTA Pro Circuit events that July. He closed out the year by qualifying for and reaching the semifinals at the \$50,000 Challenger in Champaign, Ill. This year, he qualified for the \$100,000 Challenger in Dallas and has competed overseas in Egypt and Israel, reaching the singles final at an event in Egypt.

Marcos Giron, who won the 2014 NCAA singles title as a junior at UCLA and finished the year as the No. 1 college tennis player, as ranked by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Giron became the 11th Bruin to win the NCAA men's singles crown and the first to do so in eight years. On the strength of his NCAA title, Giron received a wild card into the 2014 US Open, where he lost to fellow American John Isner in the first round. He rebounded to claim the men's title at the inaugural US Open American Collegiate Invitational. After winning the NCAA title, Giron turned pro. Also in 2014, Giron won the third USTA Pro Circuit singles title of his career at the \$10,000 Futures in Calabasas, Calif., and served as a Davis Cup practice partner for the team's World Group Playoff in Chicago. Giron is playing in his first USTA Pro Circuit event of the year after having hip surgery in December 2015. While recovering from surgery, he was UCLA's men's tennis volunteer assistant coach.

Alexios Halebian, a former top junior and two-time doubles champion on the ITF Pro Circuit. Halebian reached the singles quarterfinals of the 2011 junior US Open and climbed as high as No. 24 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. He also reached the singles final and won the doubles title at the 2012 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event. On the professional level, he won his two doubles titles in Turkey in

2014. This year, Halebian has competed on the USTA Pro Circuit and also in China, Korea, Puerto Rico, Israel, and Canada, reaching the quarterfinals or better at six tournaments.

Nick Chappell, who graduated from TCU in 2015, where he earned All-Big 12 honors throughout his collegiate career. He graduated with more than 150 singles and doubles wins. Chappell has played most of this year overseas in ITF Circuit events in Israel, winning his first doubles title in March and reaching two singles finals. He also competed in Egypt and Italy.

Patrick Daciek, a former standout for Virginia Tech who holds one USTA Pro Circuit doubles title, at the \$10,000 Futures in Pensacola, Fla., in 2013.

Irvine Past Champions

Singles

<u>Year</u>	Winner	Runner-up
2014	Dennis Nevolo (USA)	Alex Sarkissian (USA)
2013	<i>Tournament not held</i>	
2012	Daniel Nguyen (USA)	Alex Bogdanovic (GBR)
2011	<i>Tournament not held</i>	
2010	Chris Guccione (AUS)	Daniel Kosakowski (USA)
2009	<i>Tournament not held</i>	
2008	Tobias Clemens (GER)	Jose De Armas (VEN)
2007	Nikita Kryvonos (USA)	Luigi D'Agord (ITA)
2006	Fred Hemmes (NED)	Ryler DeHeart (USA)
2005	Tyler Cleveland (USA)	Augustin Gense (FRA)
2004	Zbynek Mlynarik (AUT)	Bruno Echagaray (MEX)
1998-2003	<i>Tournament not held</i>	
1997	Simon Aspelin (SWE)	Jim Thomas (USA)

Doubles

<u>Year</u>	Winner	
2014	Greg Jones (AUS) – Gregory Ouellette (USA)	
2013	<i>Tournament not held</i>	
2012	Devin Britton (USA) – Austin Krajicek (USA)	
2011	<i>Tournament not held</i>	
2010	Nathaniel Gorham (USA) – Dennis Novikov (USA)	
2009	<i>Tournament not held</i>	
2008	Victor-Carvalho Melo (BRA) – Andreas Siljestrom (SWE)	
2007	Stephen Bass (USA) – Todd Paul (USA)	
2006	Adam Kennedy (AUS) – Robert Smeets (AUS)	
2005	Tyler Cleveland (USA) – Dave Lingman (USA)	
2004	Brendan Evans (USA) – Scott Oudsema (USA)	
1998-2003	<i>Tournament not held</i>	
1997	Simon Aspelin (SWE) – Chris Groer (USA)	



Prize Money/Points - \$10,000 Men

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Points
Winner	\$1,440	17
Runner-up	\$848	9
Semifinalist	\$502	5
Quarterfinalist	\$292	2
Round of 16	\$172	1
Round of 32	\$104	--

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$620
Runner-up	\$360
Semifinalist	\$216
Quarterfinalist	\$128
Round of 16	\$0

About the 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 37 years ago to provide players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has since grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering more than \$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, Sam Querrey, Sloane Stephens, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka** and **Andy Murray** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.