

KENTUCKY BANK TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS LEXINGTON, KY • JULY 23-31

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: University of Kentucky, Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex
Lexington, Ky.

Websites: www.lexingtonchallenger.com
www.procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Kentucky Bank Tennis Championships

Twitter: @LexChallenger

Instagram: kybanktennis

Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, July 23

Main Draw Begins: Monday, July 25

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$50,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$7,200	80
Runner-up	\$4,240	48
Semifinalist	\$2,510	29
Quarterfinalist	\$1,460	15
Round of 16	\$860	7
Round of 32	\$520	0

DOUBLES:

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, July 24 – Pro-Am, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, July 25 – Pro-Am Finals, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26 – Kids' Day, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.;

Women's Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.;

Ladies Round Robin, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27 – BTA Fun Tennis Blast, 5 p.m.;

Big Blue Night Exhibition, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 28 – BTA Fun Tennis Blast, 5 p.m.

Friday, July 29 – Men's Round Robin, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 30 – Progressive Beginner Tennis, 12 p.m.

Sunday, July 31 – UK Hall of Fame Induction, 12:30 p.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT RETURNS TO LEXINGTON, CONTINUES MEN'S US OPEN WILD CARD CHALLENGE

The **Kentucky Bank Tennis Championships** return to Lexington as a men's event for the 19th consecutive year. Lexington is also holding a \$50,000 women's Challenger in conjunction with this event in Lexington. It is the only men's USTA Pro Circuit event taking place in Kentucky. It is also the sixth \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit men's event of the 2016 season.

Lexington is the first of three consecutive men's hard-court tournaments (joining a \$50,000 Challenger in Binghamton, N.Y., and a \$100,000 Challenger in Aptos, Calif.) that are part of the **US Open Wild Card Challenge**, which will award a men's and women's wild card into the 2016 US Open based on USTA Pro Circuit results. Along with these three men's tournaments, the women's events that are part of the challenge are the University of the Pacific \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Stockton, Calif., held the week of July 11; the \$50,000 FSP Gold River Women's Challenger in Sacramento, Calif., held the week of July 18; and the \$50,000 Kentucky Bank Tennis Championships here in Lexington, held the week of July 25.

The American man and American woman who earn the most ATP and WTA ranking points at two of the three selected USTA Pro Circuit hard-court events will receive USTA

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Bjorn Fratangelo has competed in all three Grand Slam main draws this year, winning a round at the French Open.

wild cards to compete in the singles main draws of the US Open, which will be held Monday, Aug. 29, to Sunday, Sept. 11. Only players who do not receive direct entry into the US Open are eligible for the wild cards.

This tournament will be streamed live on www.procircuit.usta.com. To follow the action, 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 Lexington include:

Bjorn Fratangelo, who made his French Open main-draw debut this year after earning a main-draw wild card into the French Open by winning the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit Roland

Frances Tiafoe won last year's USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge to earn a spot in the 2015 French Open. This fall, the fast-rising teenager won his first ATP Masters 1000 match in Indian Wells.

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Garros Wild Card Challenge, where he won his first-round match over Sam Querrey in Paris for his first career Grand Slam win. Fratangelo finished this year's Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge with a title at the \$50,000 Challenger in Savannah, Ga., and by reaching the semifinals of the \$100,000 Challenger in Sarasota, Fla. Fratangelo won the French Open boys' singles title in 2011, becoming the first American to win the Roland Garros boys' title since John McEnroe in 1977. This year, he qualified for the 2016 Australian Open – his first appearance in a Grand Slam main draw outside of the US Open – as well as Wimbledon. He also qualified for the ATP events in Indian Wells, where he pushed world No. 1 Novak Djokovic to three sets in the second round, and Miami. Fratangelo made his Grand Slam main-draw debut at the 2015 US Open after winning the USTA Pro Circuit's US Open Wild Card Challenge last summer. He has won 10 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit singles titles over the last three years and broke into the Top 100 this June. Fratangelo, who is named after 11-time Grand Slam champion Bjorn Borg, is coached by USTA National Coach Stanford Boster.

Frances Tiafoe, who won the 2015 Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a spot in the French Open, which marked his Grand Slam debut. He also competed as a wild card at the 2015 US Open by winning the USTA Boys' 18s National Championships in Kalamazoo, Mich. Also last year, Tiafoe won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$15,000 Futures in Bakersfield, Calif. Tiafoe, who turned pro in early 2015, also reached three additional USTA Pro Circuit singles finals last year and served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team against Great Britain in Scotland in March 2015. This year, he reached the quarterfinals or better at five USTA Pro Circuit Challengers and played in the ATP events in Memphis, Houston and Indian Wells, where he won his first-round match over fellow rising young American Taylor Fritz. As a junior, Tiafoe peaked at No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2014 and reached the boys' singles semifinals at the 2014 US Open. He also won the prestigious Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships in December 2013 in Plantation, Fla., becoming the youngest boys' champion in the 67-year history of the event. Tiafoe is a product of the Junior Tennis Champions Center in College Park, Md., a USTA Certified Regional Training Center, where his father, an immigrant from Sierra Leone, worked as a custodian. He now trains with the USTA.

Stefan Kozlov, 18, who won the first two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of his career this year at the \$25,000 Futures events in Los Angeles in January and Little Rock, Ark., in April; he also won his first-round match at the ATP grass-court event in Newport, R.I., this month, won an ITF Circuit event in Canada in March and captured the doubles title at the \$50,000 Challenger in Winnetka, Ill., in June. Kozlov is currently ranked a career-high No. 163 in the world after reaching the quarterfinals of the ATP grass-court event in s'Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, as a wild card. A junior standout, Kozlov peaked at No. 2 in the world junior rankings in 2014, when he reached the junior boys' final at both Wimbledon and the Australian Open, as well as the quarterfinals of the junior US Open and French Open. At the All England Club, he fell to 2014 USTA Boys' 18s national champion Noah Rubin in the first all-American Wimbledon boys' final since 1977. Also in 2014, Kozlov won the prestigious Orange Bowl singles and doubles titles, and in the pro ranks, he reached the final of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Sacramento, Calif., losing to former Top 20 player Sam Querrey. In advancing to the Sacramento final at age 16, Kozlov became the youngest American to reach a Challenger final since Andre Agassi in 1986. Kozlov transitioned to primarily pro events in 2015, competing in the main draw of the ATP's Memphis Open and winning his first

USTA Pro Circuit Challenger doubles title in Maui, Hawaii. He also won his first ITF singles title in Belarus and served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team in Glasgow, Scotland. Kozlov trains both with his father, Andrei, at his dad's tennis academy in Pembroke Pines, Fla., and at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla. He has also practiced, on occasion, with Novak Djokovic and other top pros.

Noah Rubin, who earned a spot in the main draw of the 2016 Australian Open for the first time after clinching the USTA Pro Circuit's Australian Open Wild Card Challenge; he advanced to the second round in Melbourne with a first-round upset of No. 17 Benoit Paire. His only other Grand Slam main-draw appearance to date came in 2014, when he earned a wild card into the US Open as the USTA Boys' 18s Nationals singles champion. Rubin completed a standout freshman campaign at Wake Forest in May 2015, advancing to the NCAA singles final. He became the first player in ACC men's tennis history to earn ACC Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors in one season, as well as the first ACC men's tennis Player of the Year in Wake Forest men's tennis history. He was also the ITA Rookie of the Year and earned All-America honors. He subsequently turned pro and won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, claiming the \$50,000 Challenger in Charlottesville, Va., last year and competing in qualifying for the 2015 US Open. This year, he advanced to the semifinals of the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Maui, Hawaii, and the quarterfinals at the \$100,000 Challenger in Sarasota, Fla., while also qualifying for the main draw at the ATP event in Indian Wells. Rubin was a standout junior player, winning the 2014 Wimbledon junior title to go with his Boys' 18s National Championships crown. He is a protégé of John McEnroe's at his Randall's Island, N.Y., academy.

Tommy Paul, who won the 2015 French Open junior singles title, becoming the sixth American ever to win the boys' championship in Paris. Paul defeated fellow American Taylor Fritz in the first-ever all-U.S. boys' singles final at Roland Garros, dating back to 1947. Paul, who peaked at a career-high No. 3 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in fall 2015, also reached the final of the junior US Open in 2015, losing to Fritz, and the quarterfinals of junior Wimbledon. As a pro, he captured the first USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of his career this year at the \$10,000 Futures events in Plantation, Fla., and Sunrise, Fla. Most recently, he upset No. 8 seed and world No. 53 Paolo Lorenzi to advance to the second round of the U.S. Clay Court Championship in Houston. In 2015, he also won ITF Circuit singles titles in Spain and Italy. Paul served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team in the quarterfinal tie against Croatia in Portland, Ore., this month.

Mitchell Krueger, a former junior standout who won his first USTA Pro Circuit event in 2015 at the \$15,000 Futures in Los Angeles. Also last year, he reached the quarterfinals at \$50,000 Challengers in Savannah, Ga., and Tallahassee, Fla., and the final at the \$15,000 Futures in Wichita, Kan. In 2014, he won the doubles title at an ITF Pro Circuit event in Australia and reached the singles quarterfinals or better at six events around the world. Krueger was the top-ranked American junior boy in 2012, peaking at No. 5 in the world junior rankings. He advanced to the boys' singles semifinals at the French Open and Wimbledon in 2012 and turned pro that July. He captured his first pro singles title in 2013 while competing overseas at a clay-court ITF Circuit event in the Netherlands. Krueger comes from a tennis-playing family; his father played college tennis at Texas A&M, and his mother is a tennis coach and played at Louisiana Tech. He is coached by USTA National Coach Stanford Boster.

Daniel Nguyen, who competed in qualifying at Wimbledon, the French Open and the Australian Open this year. He competed in his first-ever Grand Slam singles qualifying draw at the 2015 US Open, where he won his first-round match. Nguyen was a former standout college player at USC and holds eight USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit singles titles, including two in 2015. In doubles, he has won six combined USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles. Nguyen competed all over the world in 2015, making stops in Korea, Great Britain, Malaysia, Vietnam and India. He competed in the main draw of the men's doubles event at the 2009 US Open, where he reached the second round.

Players competing in qualifying include:

Brian Baker, who used a protected ranking to compete in the 2016 Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon main draws. His appearance at the All England Club was his first Wimbledon main draw since 2012; he missed the ensuing time recovering from numerous injuries and surgeries. At the 2013 Australian Open, Baker retired in his second-round match to Sam Querrey due to a knee injury and played in just three more tournaments that year (the last being the US Open), having knee surgery due to a cartilage defect in 2014. In 2012, Baker completed a fairytale comeback from a series of career-threatening injuries by reaching his first ever ATP final in Nice, France, advancing to the fourth round of Wimbledon and the second round of the French Open and the US Open. He also won three singles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2012, including the \$50,000 Challenger in Savannah, Ga., to climb nearly 400 spots in the ATP rankings and into the Top 60. Baker returned to pro tennis in 2011 after undergoing five surgeries for a series of ailments from 2005-08, including Tommy John elbow ligament replacement surgery in February 2008. This year, Baker won the doubles title at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Savannah, Ga., with Ryan Harrison—his first title since 2012. Baker was also 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 winning the 2002 Orange Bowl. While he was away from the game, he served as an assistant coach at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., where he was also enrolled as a student. He was recently named to the U.S. Olympic Team, where he used a protected ranking.

Mackenzie McDonald, a three-time singles All-American who recently turned pro after his junior year at UCLA and who made college tennis history this year by sweeping both the NCAA singles and doubles titles, the first men's player in 15 years to do so. McDonald also finished this season ranked No. 1 in singles and doubles in the ITA collegiate rankings. In 2015, he won the American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament held at the US Open for college players. McDonald holds three USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, won each year from 2013-15.

Michael Mmoh, who is regarded as one of the brightest young American prospects, drawing comparisons to Gael Monfils for his athleticism and power. Mmoh peaked at No. 2 in the junior rankings in 2015 after reaching the singles semifinals at the junior French Open and the quarterfinals at the junior US Open; he also competed in the junior Australian Open and Wimbledon in 2015, reaching the doubles semifinals at both tournaments. Mmoh finished the 2014 junior season by going 19-2 in international-level play, winning two ITF junior singles titles, and he won the prestigious Orange Bowl doubles title with fellow American Stefan Kozlov. Also in 2014, Mmoh went 5-0 in singles to help lead the U.S. to the Junior Davis Cup title, and he won his first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$15,000 Futures in Brownsville, Texas. He added two additional USTA Pro Circuit titles in 2015, at the \$15,000 Futures events in

Godfrey, Ill., and Houston. This year, Mmoh qualified for the ATP's Memphis Open and competed in the main draw of the ATP event in Miami, while also winning the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Bakersfield, Calif. Mmoh trains with coach Glenn Weiner in Nick Bollettieri's program at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. He is the son of former ATP professional and Nigerian Olympian Tony Mmoh.

Eric Quigley, who was the 2012 NCAA singles runner-up for the University of Kentucky. Quigley is one of the most decorated tennis players in Wildcats history, earning five All-America honors between singles and doubles. In 2008, he became the first player from the state of Kentucky in 34 years to win four consecutive high school state singles titles. In 2015, Quigley qualified for the ATP event in Delray Beach, Fla., and won three USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, as well as one doubles title in Nigeria. He holds one USTA Pro Circuit singles title, which he won in 2013 at the \$15,000 Futures in Decatur, Ill. This year, he has captured doubles titles at the \$100,000 Challenger in Dallas and the \$25,000 Futures in Calabasas, Calif., both with Nicolas Meister, and reached the quarterfinals or better at six USTA Pro Circuit, USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series and ITF Circuit events.

Alex Kuznetsov, the USTA Pro Circuit veteran who has competed in all four Grand Slam events, advancing to the second round of the Australian Open in 2007. Kuznetsov peaked at No. 120 in the world in 2013 after winning the 2013 Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a spot in the French Open main draw, qualifying for that year's Wimbledon and winning the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Binghamton, N.Y. In 2014, he qualified for and reached the quarterfinals of the ATP event in Memphis and qualified for the main draw at Wimbledon, and last year he reached the quarterfinals of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Dallas and competed in Australian Open qualifying. Kuznetsov won his sixth USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit singles title earlier this year in Canada to go along with 11 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles. As a junior player, he reached the 2004 French Open boys' singles final (falling to Gael Monfils). Kuznetsov is a native of Kiev, Ukraine, where his grandfather was a handball champion.

Sekou Bangoura, who won the second USTA Pro Circuit singles title of his career in January 2014 at the \$10,000 Futures in Plantation, Fla. He also won an ITF-level event in the Dominican Republic in 2015 and captured the USTA Pro Circuit Collegiate Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C., this month. Bangoura holds 14 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles, including the \$50,000 Challenger in Winnetka, Ill., this year. Bangoura was named a doubles All-American during his sophomore year at the University of Florida after reaching the doubles semifinals at the 2011 NCAA tournament. He turned pro shortly thereafter.

Nicolas Meister, who has captured six USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles this year, giving him 16 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles for his career. He cracked the Top 200 in the doubles rankings in June. In addition to his doubles success, Meister holds four ITF singles titles, winning two in Israel this spring and two in Mexico in 2013. Meister graduated from UCLA in 2012 with All-America honors in singles that year. He also earned All-America doubles honors during the 2009-10 season.

Many current ATP World Tour players have found success in Lexington.

2007 singles champion **John Isner** cracked the world's Top 10 in early 2012 and has been a key player for the U.S. Davis Cup team. He 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. Isner, currently ranked No. 16 in the world, has won 10 ATP World Tour singles titles and three doubles titles.

Lleyton Hewitt, the 1998 doubles champion, went on to become the No. 1 player in the world in 2001 after winning the US Open. Hewitt also captured the Wimbledon title in 2002 and won a total of 30 ATP World Tour career singles titles. He retired following this year's Australian Open.

**Player field subject to change*

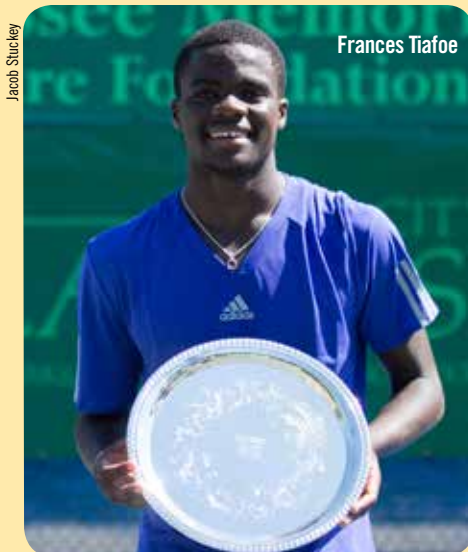
LEXINGTON PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2015	John Millman (AUS)	Yasutaka Uchiyama (JPN)	2015	Carsten Ball (AUS) – Brydan Klein (GBR)
2014	James Duckworth (AUS)	James Ward (GBR)	2014	Peter Polansky (CAN) – Adil Shamasdin (CAN)
2013	James Ward (GBR)	James Duckworth (AUS)	2013	Frank Dancevic (CAN) – Peter Polansky (CAN)
2012	Denis Kudla (USA)	Erik Chvojka (CAN)	2012	Austin Krajicek (USA) – John Peers (AUS)
2011	Wayne Odesnik (USA)	James Ward (GBR)	2011	Jordan Kerr (AUS) – David Martin (USA)
2010	Carsten Ball (AUS)	Jesse Levine (USA)	2010	Raven Klaasen (RSA) – Izak Van Der Merwe (RSA)
2009	Harel Levy (ISR)	Alex Kuznetsov (USA)	2009	Kevin Anderson (RSA) – Ryler DeHeart (USA)
2008	Somdev Devvarman (IND)	Robert Kendrick (USA)	2008	Alessandro Da Col (ITA) – Andrea Stoppini (ITA)
2007	John Isner (USA)	Brian Wilson (USA)	2007	Brendan Evans (USA) – Ryan Sweeting (USA)
2006	Hyun-Taik Lee (KOR)	Amer Delic (USA)	2006	Sanchai Ratiwatana (THA) – Sonchat Ratiwatana (THA)
2005	Dudi Sela (ISR)	Bobby Reynolds (USA)	2005	Scoville Jenkins (USA) – Bobby Reynolds (USA)
2004	Matias Boeker (USA)	Jesse Witten (USA)	2004	Matias Boeker (USA) – Amer Delic (USA)
2003	Frank Dancevic (CAN)	Petr Kralert (CZE)	2003	Jonathan Erlich (ISR) – Takao Suzuki (JPN)
2002	Scott Draper (AUS)	Paul Goldstein (USA)	2002	Jack Brasington (USA) – Glenn Weiner (USA)
2001	Paul Goldstein (USA)	Jack Brasington (USA)	2001	John-Laffnie de Jager (RSA) – Robbie Koenig (RSA)
2000	Takao Suzuki (JPN)	Justin Gimelstob (USA)	2000	Lorenzo Manta (SUI) – Laurence Tieleman (ITA)
1999	Harel Levy (ISR)	Kevin Kim (USA)	1999	Michael Sell (USA) – Gabriel Trifu (ROU)
1998	Paul Goldstein (USA)	Hyung-Taik Lee (KOR)	1998	Ben Ellwood (AUS) – Lleyton Hewitt (AUS)

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—**Frances Tiafoe** and **Samantha Crawford**. 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 (based on results in three USTA Pro Circuit Challengers) 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. 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. 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.



Frances Tiafoe

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.

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.

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.



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.

FORT WALTON BEACH PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2009	Gabriela Paz (VEN)	Ekaterina Dzehalevich (BLR)	2009	Alexandra Panova (RUS) / Tatiana Poutchek (BLR)
2008	Barbora Zahlavova (CZE)	Melanie Oudin (USA)	2008	Anna Fitzpatrick (GBR) / Ana Veselinovic (SRB)
2007	Pauline Parmentier (FRA)	Jana Juricova (SVK)	2007	Angelika Bachmann (GER) / Tetiana Luzhanska (UKR)
2006	Greta Arn (HUN)	Valentina Sassi (ITA)	2006	Maureen Drake (CAN) / Vladimira Uhlirova (CZE)