

PENSACOLA FUTURES CHAMPIONSHIPS PENSACOLA, FL • NOVEMBER 13-22

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Roger Scott Tennis Center
Pensacola, Fla.

Websites: www.pensacolasports.com
procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: The Pensacola Futures Championship

Qualifying Draw Begins: Friday, Nov. 13

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Nov. 17

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$10,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking 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

USTA PRO CIRCUIT RETURNS TO PENSACOLA

The **Pensacola Futures Championships** returns to Pensacola for the sixth consecutive year and the 14th year overall; the city hosted USTA Pro Circuit men's events from 1979 to 1983 and from 2002 to 2004. It is the last USTA Pro Circuit men's event of the year. It is also the last of three consecutive clay-court events to conclude the year. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training for younger players on clay.

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

Notable players competing in Pensacola include:

Evan King, a 2013 graduate of the University of Michigan, who was a three-time All-American (2011-13) and the Big Ten Athlete of the Year in 2012 and 2013. King owns the program record for most combined career singles and doubles wins (196), and he ranks third all-time on Michigan's singles wins list with 117 victories. In the pro ranks, King has captured 13 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, including the \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Decatur, Ill., and two titles in Africa earlier this year. Also in 2015, he won his first career USTA Pro



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Evan King was a three-time All-American at the University of Michigan. He holds 13 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles, as well as two singles titles.

Circuit singles title at the \$15,000 Futures in Edwardsville, Ill., as well as the \$10,000 Futures in Birmingham, Ala., and an ITF-level singles title in Zimbabwe. In 2014, King served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team during its World Group Play-off against Slovakia in Chicago.

Alex Rybakov, 18, who climbed to No. 14 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in January and reached the singles quarterfinals of the 2015 junior US Open. Rybakov, who has trained alongside the current rising group of top American boys for several years, also competed in the junior French Open, winning his first-round match. In August 2014, Rybakov represented the U.S. in the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, along with 2015 US Open girls' singles finalist Sofia Kenin. And in December 2014, he reached



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the quarterfinals of the Orange Bowl. He is coached by his father, Nick, and USTA coach Diego Moyano.

Wil Spencer, who graduated from the University of Georgia in 2012; he played his freshman and sophomore seasons for Texas A&M. Spencer went 104-49 in four years between the two schools and reached the round of 16 at the 2012 NCAA tournament. His final collegiate singles ranking was No. 11. Spencer holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles in his career, winning at the \$10,000 Futures in Vero Beach, Fla., this year and the \$10,000 Futures in Niceville, Fla., last year. He also has reached the singles quarterfinals or better at three USTA Pro Circuit events this fall.

Deiton Baughman, the 19-year-old who has won eight USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit titles in 2015, including three in singles. He won his first career USTA Pro Circuit title in 2014 by capturing the doubles crown at the \$10,000 Futures in Boynton Beach, Fla., with Collin Altamirano. This year, Baughman added the first two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of his career, at the \$10,000 clay-court Futures in Sunrise, Fla., and the \$10,000 Futures in Claremont, Calif. He also captured an ITF-level singles title in Bosnia and Herzegovina this year. As a junior player, Baughman reached the doubles semifinals of the 2014 USTA International Spring Championships and the singles semifinals of the 2013 Eddie Herr International Junior Tennis Championships—both prestigious junior events.

Jean-Yves Aubone, who has won 14 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF-level doubles titles over the last three years, including three USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles in 2015. Also this year, Aubone represented the U.S. in the Pan American Games in Toronto. In 2014, he won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in six years at the clay-court \$10,000 Futures in Pittsburgh. He played for Florida State University, where he became

the first player in the school's history to earn All-America singles honors twice. As a junior player, he represented the U.S. in Junior Davis Cup competition and reached the singles semifinals of the 2004 USTA Boys' 18s National Clay Court Championships.

Defending doubles champion **Justin Shane**, who graduated from the University of Virginia in 2014. This summer, he teamed with his brother, Ryan, to win the doubles title at the \$15,000 event in Champaign, Ill. Ryan, also a UVA standout, won the 2015 NCAA singles title.

Alexios Halebian, who won two doubles titles last year at ITF-level events in Turkey. Halebian was ranked as high as No. 24 in the ITF World Junior Rankings and reached the singles quarterfinals of the 2011 junior US Open. He also reached the singles final and won the doubles title at the 2012 Easter Bowl, a prestigious junior event. He spent this August and September overseas competing in Asia and reached the singles final at the \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Mansfield, Texas, in October.

Nathan Pasha, who graduated from the University of Georgia in May with a final collegiate ranking of No. 37 and received First Team All-SEC honors. In his junior year, he earned All-America honors by advancing to the round of 16 at the NCAA singles championship. As a junior player, Pasha won the 2010 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships doubles title, earning a wild card into the 2010 US Open men's doubles draw. He won his first career USTA Pro Circuit doubles title earlier this year at the \$10,000 Futures in Buffalo, N.Y., as well as an ITF-level doubles title in Canada.

Cameron Silverman, who played at the No. 1 singles position for Elon University.

**Player field subject to change*

PENSACOLA PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2014	Theo Fournerie (FRA)	Ben McLachlan (NZL)	2014	Justin Shane (USA) – Ben McLachlan (NZL)
2013	Benjamin Balleret (MON)	Eric Prodon (FRA)	2013	Joseph Cadogan (TRI) – Patrick Daciek (USA)
2012	Florian Reynet (FRA)	Sekou Bangoura (USA)	2012	Chase Buchanan (USA) – Daniel Nguyen (USA)
2011	Benjamin Balleret (MON)	Maverick Banes (AUS)	2011	Kamil Pajkowski (CAN) – Maciek Sykut (USA)
2010	Dennis Bloemke (GER)	Phillip Simmonds (USA)	2010	Jack Sock (USA) – Dimitar Kutrovsky (BUL)
2005-2009	Tournament Not Held		2005-2009	Tournament Not Held
2004	Andres Pedrosa (USA)	Francisco Rodriguez (PAR)	2004	Cody Conley (USA) – Ryan Newport (USA)
2003	Nicolas Todero (ARG)	Paul Goldstein (USA)	2003	Huntley Montgomery (USA) – Tripp Phillips (USA)
2002	Ivo Karlovic (CRO)	Marc Silva (USA)	2002	Thomas Blake (USA) – Doug Bohaboy (USA)
1984-2001	Tournament Not Held		1984-2001	Tournament Not Held
1983	Marko Ostoja (CRO)	Peter Fleming (USA)	1983	Bill Csipkay (USA) – Tom Csipkay (USA)
1982	Jeff Simpson (NZL)	Drew Gitlin (USA)	1982	Steve Meister (USA) – Craig Wittus (USA)
1981	Alan Waldman (USA)	Jeff Simpson (NZL)	1981	Joe Globisch (USA) – Charles Strode (USA)
1980	Ben Mckown (USA)	Chris Lewis (GBR)	1980	John Hayes (USA) – Kevin Kerns (USA)
1979	Jose Lopez Maeso (ESP)	Paul McNamee (AUS)	1979	Charlie Owens (USA) – Sam Vuille (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. **Victoria Azarenka, Eugenie Bouchard, John Isner, Andy Murray, Kei Nishikori, Sam Querrey, Maria Sharapova** and **Caroline Wozniacki** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit helped further the careers of two young Americans—**Stefan Kozlov** and **Nicole Gibbs**. Runner-up in 2014 at the junior championships of the Australian Open and Wimbledon, **Kozlov** reached the final of the Sacramento Challenger last October at age 16, becoming the youngest American to reach a Challenger final since Andre Agassi in 1986. That result vaulted Kozlov to No. 443 in the world, making him the youngest player in the ATP World Tour Top 500. He concluded 2014 by sweeping the singles and doubles titles at the prestigious Orange Bowl Junior Tennis Championships, locking down a No. 3 junior world ranking. **Gibbs**, in her first full season as a professional after capturing back-to-back NCAA singles championships in 2012 and 2013, won the women's USTA Pro Circuit US Open Wild Card Challenge in 2014. After claiming the title at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Carson, Calif., **Gibbs** clinched the US Open wild card by advancing to the final of the \$50,000 tournament in Lexington, Ky., her last USTA Pro Circuit event of the season. **Gibbs** went on to reach the third round at the US Open, scoring a pair of Top 50 victories along the way. Two weeks after the US Open, as a qualifier at Seoul, she reached her first WTA quarterfinal, which boosted her into the WTA Top 100 for the first time. **Gibbs** earned the second-most WTA ranking points of any American playing the USTA Pro Circuit in 2014.



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.

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.

NJTL

Founded in 1969 by Arthur Ashe, along with Charlie Pasarell and Sheridan Snyder, the USTA/National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network is a nationwide group of more than 625 non-profit youth development organizations that provide free or low-cost tennis, education and life skills programming to more than 350,000 children each year. Celebrating its 45th anniversary this year, NJTL is one of the USTA's largest community-based offerings.

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 13 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2014 US Open Qualifying



Tournament wild card. A mixed doubles element also was held, with the winning team earning a main draw mixed doubles wild card. This year, players again competed in singles and mixed doubles, but also had the chance to play in the new men's and women's doubles competition to earn main draw doubles wild cards. The US Open National Playoffs Championships are Aug. 21-29. For more information and the complete schedule, visit www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs.