

THE USTA MEN'S PRO TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CALABASAS CALABASAS, CA • MARCH 19-27

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Calabasas Tennis & Swim Center
Calabasas, Calif.

Websites: www.calabasasprotennis.com
www.procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Top Seed – Calabasas

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, March 19

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, March 22

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	\$3,600	27
Runner-up	\$2,120	15
Semifinalist	\$1,255	8
Quarterfinalist	\$730	3
Round of 16	\$430	1
Round of 32	\$260	-

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$1,550
Runner-up	\$900
Semifinalist	\$540
Quarterfinalist	\$320
Round of 16	\$180

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, March 20

Pro-Am, 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 24

USPTA Coach's Workshop, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday, March 25

Pro-Am, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Stadium Court Junior Exhibitions, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 26

USTA Junior Team Tennis Kids' Tennis Carnival
10:30 a.m.-noon

USTA PRO CIRCUIT RETURNS TO CALABASAS

The USTA Men's Pro Tennis Championships of Calabasas returns to Calabasas, Calif., for the fifth consecutive year following a one-year hiatus in 2011. It served as a \$50,000 Challenger for 10 years (from 2001-10). It is the second of four \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit hard-court men's tournaments held this spring.

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 Calabasas include:

Eighteen-year-old **Tommy Paul**, who won the 2015 French Open junior singles title, becoming the sixth American ever to win the boys' championship. 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 last fall, also reached the final of the junior US Open in 2015, losing to Fritz, and the quarterfinals of junior Wimbledon. In addition, he won the first ITF Circuit singles titles of his career in 2015 in Spain and Italy and won the first two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of his career this January at the \$10,000 Futures in Plantation, Fla., and Sunrise, Fla.

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



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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. He also won the prestigious Metropolia Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships doubles title with fellow American Stefan Kozlov. In addition, Mmoh went 5-0 in singles to help lead the United States to the 2014 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 in Godfrey, Ill., and the \$15,000 Futures in Houston. This year, Mmoh qualified for the ATP's Memphis Open and reached the singles final at the \$25,000 Futures in Long Beach, Calif.

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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.

Stefan Kozlov, 18, who won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title this year at the \$25,000 Futures in Los Angeles and also won an ITF Circuit event in Canada. A junior standout, Kozlov peaked at No. 2 in the world junior rankings in 2014. He reached the junior boys' final at both Wimbledon and the Australian Open in 2014, as well as the quarterfinals at the junior US Open and French Open. At the All England Club, he fell to 2014 USTA Boys' 18s 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 reached the singles final at the \$10,000 Futures in Orange Park, Fla., won his first ITF Circuit 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., with coach Nicolas Todero. He has also practiced, on occasion, with Novak Djokovic and other top pros.

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 USTA Pro Circuit Challengers in Savannah, Ga., and Tallahassee, Fla., and the final at the \$15,000 Futures in Wichita, Kan.. He spent the last quarter of 2014 competing in Canada and Australia, winning a doubles title in Australia and reaching the singles quarterfinals or better at six events. Krueger was the top-ranked American junior boy in 2012, peaking at a career-high 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 family; his father played college tennis at Texas A&M University, and his mother is a tennis coach who played at Louisiana Tech. He is coached by USTA National Coach Stanford Boster.

2014 Calabasas doubles 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 Circuit event in the Dominican Republic last year. Bangoura holds 13 USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit doubles titles, including four in 2015. 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 thereafter.

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 captured the doubles title at the \$100,000 Challenger in Dallas with Nicolas Meister.

Ernesto Escobedo, who received a wild card into the 2014 US Open Qualifying Tournament and lost in the final round. Escobedo reached the quarterfinals or better at three straight USTA Pro Circuit events in the summer of 2014. Last year, he qualified for two \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challengers, in Binghamton, N.Y., and Winnetka, Ill., and reached the quarterfinals of the \$10,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Claremont, Calif. This year, Escobedo qualified for the \$50,000 Challenger in Maui and advanced to the quarterfinals.

Nicolas Meister, who captured his 11th career USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles title this year at the \$100,000 Challenger in Dallas with Eric Quigley. In addition to his doubles success, Meister holds two ITF singles titles, both won in Mexico in 2013. He peaked at No. 288 in singles in October 2015 after qualifying for the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Tiburon, Calif., and also qualifying for and reaching the quarterfinals of the \$100,000 Challenger in Sacramento, Calif., a week later. His best doubles ranking was No. 292, achieved in 2014. 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.

Players competing in qualifying include:

Mackenzie McDonald, who is a junior at UCLA. During his sophomore season in 2014-15, McDonald earned singles All-America honors for the second consecutive year and played at the No. 1 position in both singles and doubles. He also peaked at No. 2 in the ITA rankings that season. In his freshman year, McDonald compiled a 33-9 record, reaching the NCAA singles quarterfinals and helping lead the Bruins to the NCAA team semifinals. McDonald made history in 2013 during the Emirates Airline US Open Series, becoming the first unranked teen to qualify for an ATP Masters Series event, at the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati, beating Top 100 players Nicolas Mahut and two-time NCAA singles champion Steve Johnson in qualifying. He holds three USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles and reached his first USTA Pro Circuit singles final at the \$10,000 Futures in Claremont, Calif., in September 2015.

Wil Spencer, who graduated from the University of Georgia in 2012, playing two years for the Bulldogs after competing for Texas A&M as a freshman and sophomore. 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 career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, winning at the \$10,000 Futures in Vero Beach, Fla., in 2015, and the \$10,000 Futures in Niceville, Fla., in 2014. This year, he reached the singles semifinals at the \$10,000 Futures in Boca Raton, Fla., and the doubles final at the \$10,000 Futures in Palm Coast, Fla.

Christian Harrison, the younger brother of former Top 50 player and 2010 Calabasas doubles champion Ryan Harrison. Harrison is playing in just his fifth tournament since July 2013 after suffering from a series of injuries. He has won one ITF Circuit singles title in Great Britain in 2013 and advanced to the doubles quarterfinals at the 2012 US Open with Ryan.

Eric James Johnson, who graduated from USC in 2015 and was a part of three NCAA championship-winning teams. He finished his collegiate career at No. 74 in the ITA singles rankings. In 2015, Johnson won the first ITF Circuit singles titles of his career, in Israel and Greece, respectively.

Dennis Nevolo, who graduated from the University of Illinois in 2012, where he received two All-America honors. He is also the second player in Illini program history to earn All-Big Ten honors all four seasons. Nevolo holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, both won in 2014, as well as four USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles. He is using a protected ranking to compete in Calabasas.

Jean-Yves Aubone, who has won 14 USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles over the last three years, including three USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles in 2015. Also last 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 at the 2004 USTA Boys' 18s National Clay Court Championships.

Many current and past ATP World Tour standouts have found success in Calabasas.

2007 doubles champion **John Isner** reached a career-high No. 9 in the world in 2012 and has captured 10 ATP singles titles. He also reached the quarterfinals of the 2011 US Open. Isner has been a regular for the U.S. Davis Cup team, with victories over Roger Federer and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, among others. 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.

2002 Calabasas singles champion **Michael Chang** is a former world No. 2 and was enshrined in the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2008. He became the youngest player to win a main draw match at the US Open in 1987 and captured his first USTA Pro Circuit Challenger title that same year in Las Vegas. In 1989, Chang became the youngest Grand Slam tournament men's singles champion when he won Roland Garros at age 17 years, 3 months. He finished his career with 34 ATP World Tour singles titles. He also reached the final of the 1996 US Open.

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. Following a series of injuries, Philippoussis made a comeback in 2006 by playing on the USTA Pro Circuit and also claiming his 11th ATP singles title in Newport, R.I.

**Player field subject to change*

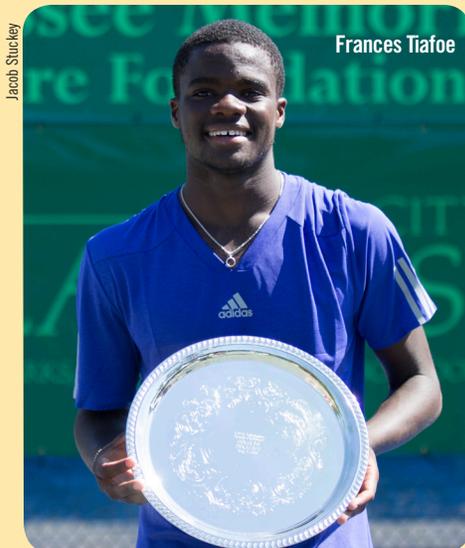
CALABASAS PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2015	Dennis Novikov (USA)	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	2015	Oscar Fabian Matthews (USA) – Jeremy Hunter Nicholas (USA)
2014	Marcos Giron (USA)	Jason Jung (USA)	2014	Sekou Bangoura (USA) – Evan King (USA)
2013	Sanam Singh (IND)	Bradley Klahn (USA)	2013	Saketh Myneni (IND) – Sanam Singh (IND)
2012	Tennys Sandgren (USA)	Daniel Kosakowski (USA)	2012	Carsten Ball (AUS) – Andre Begemann (GER)
2011	Tournament not held		2011	Tournament not held
2010	Marinko Matosevic (AUS)	Ryan Sweeting (USA)	2010	Ryan Harrison (USA) – Travis Rettenmaier (USA)
2009	Donald Young (USA)	Michael Russell (USA)	2009	Santiago Gonzalez (MEX) – Simon Stadler (GER)
2008	Vince Spadea (USA)	Sam Warburg (USA)	2008	Ilija Bozoljac (SRB) – Dusan Vemic (SRB)
2007	Robert Kendrick (USA)	Donald Young (USA)	2007	John Isner (USA) – Brian Wilson (USA)
2006	Mark Philippoussis (AUS)	Amer Delic (BIH)	2006	Robert Kendrick (USA) – Cecil Mamiit (PHI)
2005	Brian Vahaly (USA)	Denis Gremelmayr (GER)	2005	Amer Delic (BIH) – Bobby Reynolds (USA)
2004	Ivo Karlovic (CRO)	Alex Bogomolov Jr. (USA)	2004	Graydon Oliver (USA) – Travis Parrott (USA)
2003	Jerome Golmard (FRA)	Lars Burgsmuller (GER)	2003	Justin Gimelstob (USA) – Scott Humphries (USA)
2002	Michael Chang (USA)	Cecil Mamiit (PHI)	2002	Paul Rosner (RSA) – Glenn Weiner (USA)
2001	Andre Sa (BRA)	Michael Russell (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 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.



Jacob Stuckey

Frances Tiafoe

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.

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.

