

## DOTHAN PRO CLASSIC

DOTHAN, AL • APRIL 13-20



### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Westgate Tennis Center – Dothan, Ala.

**Websites:** [www.dothanprotennis.org](http://www.dothanprotennis.org)  
[procircuit.usta.com](http://procircuit.usta.com)

**Facebook:** Dothan Pro Classic

**Wild Card Challenge Twitter:** #USTAHarTruWC

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, April 13

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, April 15

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

**Surface:** Clay / Outdoors

**Prize Money:** \$50,000

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### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

| SINGLES:        | Prize Money | Ranking Points |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Winner          | \$7,600     | 70             |
| Runner-up       | \$4,053     | 50             |
| Semifinalist    | \$2,216     | 32             |
| Quarterfinalist | \$1,267     | 18             |
| Round of 16     | \$760       | 10             |
| Round of 32     | \$444       | 1              |

| DOUBLES:        | Prize Money (per team) |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Winner          | \$2,786                |
| Runner-up       | \$1,393                |
| Semifinalist    | \$696                  |
| Quarterfinalist | \$380                  |
| Round of 16     | \$254                  |

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Monday, April 14**

Pro-Am, 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 15**

USTA Southern Section Member Appreciation Day

**Friday, April 18**

Moe's Southwest Grill Dinner

**Saturday, April 19**

10 and Under Tennis Jamboree, 10:30 a.m.

## USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO DOTHAN, KICKS OFF HAR-TRU USTA PRO CIRCUIT WILD CARD CHALLENGE

The **Dothan Pro Classic** returns to Dothan for the 14th consecutive year. It is one of two USTA Pro Circuit events held in Alabama, joining a \$25,000 women's event in Pelham held last week, and one of 10 consecutive clay-court tournaments held during this season's USTA Pro Circuit clay-court swing. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training for younger players on clay.

Dothan is also one of three consecutive women's clay-court tournaments (joining \$50,000 events in Charlottesville, Va., and Indian Harbour Beach, Fla.) that make up the **Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge**, which will award a men's and a women's wild card into the 2014 French Open. The three women's tournaments join three men's events—the Sarasota Open in Florida, held the week of April 14; the Savannah Challenger in Georgia, held the week of April 21; and the USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger in Florida, held the week of April 29.

The American man and American woman who earn the most ATP World Tour and WTA ranking points at two of three USTA Pro Circuit clay-court events will receive USTA wild cards to compete in the main draws of the French Open, which will be held Sunday, May 25, through Sunday, June 8. Only players who did not receive direct entry into the French Open



*Shelby Rogers, who is ranked No. 110 in the world, earned wild cards into the US Open and the French Open in 2013, both times based on her results on the USTA Pro Circuit. She was also the top earner in USTA Pro Circuit prize money among all women in 2013.*

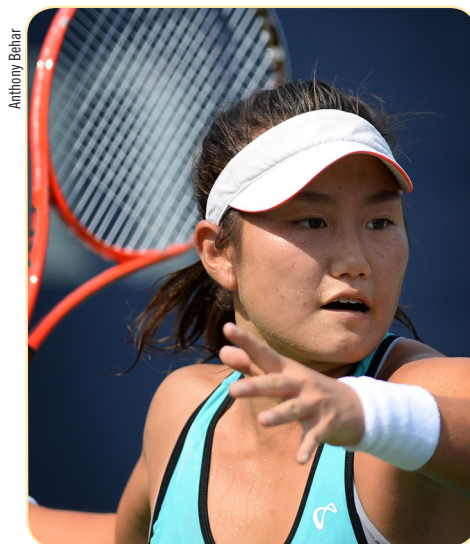
are eligible for the wild cards. The USTA and the French Tennis Federation have a reciprocal agreement in which wild cards into the 2014 French Open and US Open are exchanged.

This tournament will be streamed live on [www.procircuit.usta.com](http://www.procircuit.usta.com).

Notable players competing in the main draw include:

**Shelby Rogers**, the top-ranked player in Dothan, at No. 110 in the world. Rogers earned a main draw wild card into the 2013 French Open by winning last year's Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge. She then won her first Grand Slam main draw match at Roland Garros, defeating wild card Irena Pavlovic in the first round. Rogers

*2011 US Open girls' singles champion Grace Min has won four USTA Pro Circuit singles titles.*



also earned a wild card into the 2013 US Open through her summer hard-court results on the USTA Pro Circuit. After the 2013 US Open, Rogers won her third USTA Pro Circuit tournament of the year at the \$75,000 event in Albuquerque, N.M., and finished the year as the USTA Pro Circuit prize-money leader, with \$36,308 in earnings. As a junior player, Rogers won the USTA Girls' 18s National Championships to earn a wild card into the main draw of the 2010 US Open for her first appearance in a Grand Slam (in either the women's main draw or the juniors). She trains with the USTA Player Development program at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.

**Grace Min**, who was one of the top juniors in the world in 2011, defeating the No. 2 seed in the first round and the No. 1 seed in the final to win the US Open girls' singles crown without dropping a set. That same year, she also won the girls' doubles title at Wimbledon and reached the singles semifinals at the Easter Bowl and the USTA International Spring Championships. Those results propelled her to No. 4 in the world junior rankings. In 2013, Min qualified for the French Open—her first women's singles main draw Grand Slam tournament appearance outside the United States—as well as the US Open. She also qualified for the WTA events in Indian Wells, Calif.; Charleston, S.C.; and Acapulco, Mexico, last year to crack the Top 150 for the first time in her career. Min won her fourth USTA Pro Circuit singles title this year at the \$25,000 event in Innisbrook, Fla., defeating fellow American Nicole Gibbs in the final. Min has trained full-time at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., since 2009.

**Irina Falconi**, who has played in every Grand Slam tournament at least twice, reaching the third round of the 2011 US Open and the second round of the 2012 French Open. At the 2011 US Open, she upset then-No. 14 Dominika Cibulkova in the second round in Arthur Ashe Stadium and carried an American flag around the court in celebration following the win. Also in 2011, Falconi won a USTA playoff to earn a wild card into the French Open, where she advanced to the second round. She also qualified for the Australian Open and Wimbledon that year to rise to No. 73 in the world rankings. In addition, she was selected to represent the United States in the 2011 Pan Am Games, where she won the gold medal in singles and the silver medal in doubles (with Christina McHale). In 2013, Falconi reached back-to-back doubles finals at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit events in Portland, Ore., and Yakima, Wash., winning the title in Portland for her second USTA Pro Circuit doubles title. She also holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, the most recent coming in 2010. In two seasons at Georgia Tech, Falconi was a two-time All-American and holds the school record in all-time winning percentage (.824; 70-15). She was born in Ecuador and moved to New York at age 3, learning to play on public courts in Manhattan.

**Victoria Duval**, 18, who became a top storyline at the 2013 US Open, where she qualified for the main draw and upset 2011 champion Samantha Stosur in the first round. Following the US Open, Duval competed in ITF Pro Circuit events in Canada, winning her first pro singles and doubles titles in Toronto. She opened the 2014 season ranked a career-high No. 143 in the world. In 2012, Duval won the USTA Girls' 18s national title to earn a wild card into the US Open women's draw, where she played Kim Clijsters in the first round before Clijsters' retirement. Duval peaked at No. 18 in the world in the ITF World Junior Rankings in September 2011 after reaching the quarterfinals of the junior US Open and junior Wimbledon. She also reached the semifinals of the 2012 US Open Junior Championships. Duval grew up Haiti until she was 8. When she was 7, she was held hostage in an armed robbery at her aunt's house in Port-au-Prince,

along with several cousins, before being freed unharmed. Following that, Vicky's mother, Nadine, gave up her neonatal practice and moved Vicky and her two brothers to South Florida, leaving behind Vicky's father, Jean-Maurice, to continue his gynecology and obstetrics practice in Port-au-Prince. Vicky gave up ballet to pursue tennis, first at the Nick Bollettieri Academy in Bradenton, Fla., then at the Racquet Club of the South, a USTA Certified Regional Training Center in Atlanta. In January 2010, during the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti, Duval's father was pinned by collapsing walls outside his house. He dug himself out, but had several devastating injuries. An Atlanta family connected with the Racquet Club of the South donated a large amount of money to airlift Jean-Maurice to a hospital in Fort Lauderdale for treatment.

**Allie Kiick**, who qualified for the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif., last month and subsequently rose to No. 155 in the world. Kiick turned pro last year and improved her ranking nearly 100 spots through her results on the USTA Pro Circuit. In 2013, she won the second USTA Pro Circuit singles title of her career at the \$10,000 event in Gainesville, Fla. She also reached the final of the \$50,000 event in Charlottesville, Va. In the junior ranks, Kiick was a finalist in the 2013 USTA Girls' 18 National Championships singles event and won the doubles title with Sachia Vickery, allowing Kiick to make her Grand Slam tournament women's main draw debut in the doubles event at the 2013 US Open. Kiick is the daughter of Jim Kiick, who was a running back on the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins. Her mother, Mary Johnson, is a former professional softball player. Allie has spent time training at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and with former Grand Slam finalist Harold Solomon.

**Nicole Gibbs**, who won her second consecutive NCAA singles title in 2013 for Stanford University, becoming the fifth player in history—and the fourth from Stanford—to win back-to-back NCAA Division I women's singles championships. Gibbs also helped lead Stanford to its 17th NCAA team title in 2013. As a sophomore in 2012, she defeated teammate Mallory Burdette in the NCAA singles title match and then teamed with Burdette to win the NCAA doubles championship. Following the collegiate season in 2013, Gibbs won the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Yakima, Wash., and she reached the quarterfinals or better at the last four USTA Pro Circuit events of the year. This year, she reached the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event in Innisbrook, Fla. Gibbs received wild cards into the singles main draw of the US Open in 2012 and 2013. As a junior, she advanced to the final of the USTA Girls' 18 National Championships in 2010 and 2011, and she reached the semifinals of the 2011 US Open Junior Championships as a qualifier.

Teenager **Sachia Vickery**, who earned a main draw wild card into the 2014 Australian Open by winning the USTA's Australian Open Wild Card Playoff in Norcross, Ga., against other up-and-coming Americans. The Australian Open was Vickery's first Grand Slam tournament outside the United States; she lost to fellow American Lauren Davis in the first round. Vickery won the 2013 USTA National Girls' 18s singles and doubles titles last summer, earning wild cards into the women's singles and doubles main draws at the 2013 US Open. She then won her first-round match in her Grand Slam debut in New York, defeating Mirjana Lucic-Baroni in straight sets. Vickery climbed 150 spots in the rankings in 2013 due to her US Open win, in addition to reaching the semifinals of two USTA Pro Circuit events, to end the 2013 season ranked in the Top 200 for the first time in her career. As a junior, Vickery was ranked as high as No. 6 in the ITF World Junior Rankings, reaching the doubles semifinals of junior Wimbledon in 2012 and competing in all four junior Grand Slams. Vickery trains

with the USTA Player Development program at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.

Dothan defending doubles champion **Julia Cohen**, who qualified for the main draw at the 2014 Australian Open. Cohen broke into the Top 100 of the WTA rankings in July 2012 after advancing to her first WTA final, in Baku, Azerbaijan, prior to playing in her first US Open main draw that August. She spent a majority of 2013 competing on the USTA Pro Circuit and overseas in ITF Pro Circuit tournaments, reaching the singles quarterfinals or better at three USTA Pro Circuit events and winning the doubles title at the \$50,000 event in Dothan, Ala. Cohen has excelled at all levels of competitive tennis, winning as a junior, collegiate player and in USTA family events, in addition to her successes in the professional ranks. Cohen peaked at No. 4 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2007, when she reached the Australian Open girls' doubles final. As a collegian, Cohen earned All-America honors in 2009 as a sophomore for the University of Miami (Fla.), after taking home the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rookie of the Year award as a freshman for the University of Florida. In 2008, she won three USTA parent-child national championships and added another in 2009.

**Maria Sanchez**, who peaked at No. 107 in the world in July 2013 after strong results on the USTA Pro Circuit and WTA tour. She opened last year by reaching the quarterfinals of the USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., and competing in three WTA events. Prior to Wimbledon, she qualified for and reached the third round of the WTA grass-court event in Birmingham, England, for her best result of the year. Sanchez also made her debut in a Grand Slam women's main draw by earning a wild card into the 2013 US Open. She won two USTA Pro Circuit titles in 2012 and holds six USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles for her career. Prior to the 2014 Australian Open, Sanchez won her first WTA title in Auckland, New Zealand, teaming with Canada's Sharon Fichman for the doubles crown. As a junior player, Sanchez was ranked No. 1 in the United States as a 16-year-old and No. 4 in the country as an 18-year-old. She also was the No. 1-ranked collegian and an ITA All-American at USC, winning the 2011 USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championship singles title. Sanchez trains with the USTA Player Development program at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.

**Chieh-Yu (Connie) Hsu**, an American born in Taiwan, who is a former University of Pennsylvania standout. She won the doubles title last year at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Innisbrook, Fla., and has won four ITF Pro Circuit singles titles, including championships in Taiwan and Turkey in 2011. In addition to competing on the USTA Pro Circuit, Hsu played in events in Australia, Japan, Mexico and Brazil last year. Last month, she reached the semifinals of an ITF Circuit event in Mexico.

Players competing in qualifying include:

Former world No. 1 junior and four-time junior Grand Slam champion **Taylor Townsend**. Townsend turned pro at the start of 2013 and, in her WTA main draw debut, beat then-No. 57 Lucie Hradecka in the first round of the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif. In 2012, Townsend clinched the year-end ITF No. 1 junior ranking, becoming the first American girl to hold that position since Gretchen Rush in 1982. Also in 2012, Townsend won the Australian Open junior singles and doubles titles, as well as the junior doubles titles at the US Open and Wimbledon. In addition, she led the United States to the Junior Fed Cup championship. After playing primarily in pro events early in the year, she returned to the junior ranks in spring 2013 and reached the girls' singles final at Wimbledon, as well as the girls' singles

quarterfinals at Roland Garros. In the pro ranks in 2013, in addition her win at Indian Wells, Townsend reached the final round of qualifying at the US Open. This year, she defeated Top 50 player Karin Knapp to reach the second round of Indian Wells as a wild card.

**Samantha Crawford**, who won the 2012 US Open girls' singles title. Crawford also qualified for the women's singles main draw of the 2012 US Open and pushed Great Britain's Laura Robson in the first round. At 6-foot-2, Crawford's big serve and aggressive baseline game helped her rise to No. 5 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2012. In 2013, she advanced to the singles semifinals at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Raleigh, N.C. She also owns two USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles. Crawford, who speaks Chinese (her mother is from China), trains with the USTA Player Development program.

**Louisa Chirico**, who outperformed every other American junior at the 2013 French Open, reaching the girls' singles semifinals before falling to eventual champion Belinda Bencic in three sets. Chirico then reached the semifinals of the Wimbledon juniors, again losing to Bencic, and the quarterfinals of the junior US Open to finish 2013 in the Top 10 of the ITF World Junior Rankings. In 2012, she teamed with Taylor Townsend to lead the United States to the Junior Fed Cup title in Barcelona, Spain, and she also joined Townsend as the only two American 16-year-olds to rank in the WTA's Top 500 in March 2012. Chirico won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2012 at the \$10,000 event in Sumter, S.C., and, in 2013, captured her first doubles title at the \$50,000 event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. This year, she has reached the doubles semifinals or better at four USTA Pro Circuit events. Chirico trains at the USTA Training Center-East at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y., home of the US Open.

**Julia Boserup**, who comes to Dothan after qualifying for and reaching the quarterfinals of the WTA event in Monterrey, Mexico, earlier this month for her career-best WTA result. Boserup returned to action in summer 2013 after missing the first half of the year due to injury. She won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2011 at the \$25,000 event in Redding, Calif. She has competed in qualifying at the US Open and Australian Open. As a junior player, she won the prestigious Orange Bowl in 2008, defeating U.S. Olympian and Fed Cup team member Christina McHale.

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 crown at the \$25,000 event in El Paso, Texas. Overall, Marand has won five USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, with three coming in 2012. She also has reached two USTA Pro Circuit doubles finals in 2014. As a junior player, Marand reached the doubles final at the 2006 Easter Bowl with Ashley Weinhold.

**Asia Muhammad**, who learned to play tennis at the Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club in Las Vegas. In 2013, she won two USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles and captured her first singles crown since 2007 at the \$25,000 event in Raleigh, N.C. Muhammad holds nine USTA Pro Circuit titles overall (seven in doubles). So far in 2014, her highlights include reaching the doubles final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Daytona Beach, Fla., in January.

**Allie Will**, who has jumped more than 150 spots in the rankings since turning pro in 2012 after completing her junior year at the University of Florida, where she rose to No. 1 in the collegiate singles rankings.



In July 2013, she reached the semifinals of the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Sacramento, Calif., and won her fifth USTA Pro Circuit doubles title of the year at the \$50,000 event in Captiva Island, Fla., to vault into the Top 100 in the WTA doubles rankings. Will has won nine doubles titles in her career, seven on the USTA Pro Circuit.

Many past and current WTA standouts have found success in Dothan.

Three-time singles finalist **Varvara Lepchenko** made her Fed Cup debut in the 2013 Fed Cup first round in Italy, where she scored singles wins over Top 20 players Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci. In September 2012, Lepchenko became the first American other than sisters Venus and Serena Williams to be ranked in the Top 20 since 2006, when Lindsay Davenport left the sport to start a family. Lepchenko started the 2012 season ranked No. 127 in the world, but moved up quickly after reaching the fourth round of the French Open, making her one of only two Americans to advance that far. She then went on to reach the third round of Wimbledon and the US Open. With her success, Lepchenko was named to the U.S. Olympic team in London. She remains ranked in the Top 50.

**Liesel Huber**, the 2002 Dothan singles runner-up, owns 53 WTA women's doubles titles and held the No. 1 doubles ranking 199 weeks,

the second-longest reign in WTA history, trailing only Martina Navratilova's 237 weeks. Huber has also captured five Grand Slam tournament women's doubles titles, including the 2011 US Open, and won the 2009 French Open and 2010 US Open mixed doubles titles with Bob Bryan. She is a regular competitor on the U.S. Fed Cup team and competed in the 2012 Olympics in London.

**Bethanie Mattek-Sands**, the 2008 Dothan singles champion, reached the fourth round of Wimbledon shortly after winning her title in Dothan. She peaked at No. 30 in the world in singles in July 2011 and also has had great success in doubles, reaching a career-best No. 11 in doubles in April 2011. She has won 12 WTA doubles titles. Mattek-Sands has also represented the United States in Fed Cup.

2012 Dothan doubles champion **Eugenie Bouchard** has burst into the WTA pantheon of stars since competing in Dothan. She is currently ranked a career-high No. 19 in the world, after reaching the semifinals earlier this month at the WTA's Family Circle Cup in Charleston, S.C., where she defeated former world No. 1 players Venus Williams and Jelena Jankovic. Bouchard first gained widespread international attention at the 2014 Australian Open, where she advanced to the semifinals.

2005 doubles champion **Carly Gullickson** won the 2009 US Open mixed doubles title with Travis Parrott and peaked at No. 52 in the world in doubles in 2006.

*\*Player field subject to change*

## DOTHAN PAST WINNERS

| Singles |                        |                              | Doubles |  |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--|
| Year    | Winner                 | Runner-Up                    | Year    | Winner   |
| 2013    | Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO) | Shuai Zhang (CHN)            | 2013    | Julia Cohen (USA) – Tatjana Malek (GER)                |
| 2012    | Camila Giorgi (ITA)    | Edina Gallovits-Hall (ROU)   | 2012    | Eugenie Bouchard (CAN) – Jessica Pegula (USA)          |
| 2011    | Melinda Czink (HUN)    | Stephanie Foretz-Gacon (FRA) | 2011    | Valeria Solovieva (RUS) – Lenka Wienerova (SVK)        |
| 2010    | Edina Gallovits (ROU)  | Anastasia Yakimova (BLR)     | 2010    | Alina Jidkova (RUS) – Anastasia Yakimova (BLR)         |
| 2009    | Shenay Perry (USA)     | Carly Gullickson (USA)       | 2009    | Carly Gullickson (USA) – Julie Ditty (USA)             |
| 2008    | Bethanie Mattek (USA)  | Varvara Lepchenko (USA)      | 2008    | Tetiana Luzhanska (UKR) – Michaela Pastikova (CZE)     |
| 2007    | Yung-Jan Chan (TPE)    | Alla Kudryavtseva (RUS)      | 2007    | Yung-Jan Chan (TPE) – Chia-Jung Chuang (TPE)           |
| 2006    | Yuliana Fedak (UKR)    | Varvara Lepchenko (USA)      | 2006    | Monique Adamczak (AUS) – Soledad Esperon (ARG)         |
| 2005    | Milagros Sequera (VEN) | Varvara Lepchenko (USA)      | 2005    | Carly Gullickson (USA) – Galina Voskoboeva (KAZ)       |
| 2004    | Shuai Peng (CHN)       | Eugenia Linetskaya (RUS)     | 2004    | Lisa McShea (AUS) – Milagros Sequera (VEN)             |
| 2003    | Akiko Morigami (JPN)   | Milagros Sequera (VEN)       | 2003    | Milagros Sequera (VEN) – Christina Wheeler (AUS)       |
| 2002    | Milagros Sequera (VEN) | Liesel Huber (USA)           | 2002    | Rika Fujiwara (JPN) – Maja Palversic Coopersmith (CRO) |
| 2001    | Irina Seljutina (KAZ)  | Ashley Harkleroad (USA)      | 2001    | Marissa Irvin (USA) – Janet Lee (TPE)                  |

## 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. Celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2014, the USTA Pro Circuit provides players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has 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. **Mardy Fish, Maria Sharapova, John Isner, Caroline Wozniacki, Sam Querrey, Victoria Azarenka and Andy Murray** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit helped launch the careers of two young Americans—**Bradley Klahn** and **Shelby Rogers**. Former Stanford standout and 2010 NCAA champion **Klahn** was the 2013 USTA Pro Circuit Prize Money Leader with \$50,606 in earnings, reaching five USTA Pro Circuit singles finals and winning two singles titles: the \$15,000 Futures in Costa Mesa, Calif., in March, and the \$100,000 Challenger in Aptos, Calif., in August. The two singles titles were the first USTA Pro Circuit singles crowns of his career. Klahn also earned a USTA wild card into the 2013 US Open through a wild card challenge incorporating USTA Pro Circuit events. Klahn finished 2013 ranked in the Top 100 for the first time in his career after starting the year ranked outside the Top 250. Rogers was the 2013 women's USTA Pro Circuit Prize Money Leader with \$36,308 in earnings, winning three singles titles with prize money of \$50,000 or more (\$50,000 events in Charlottesville, Va., and Lexington, Ky., and the \$75,000 event in Albuquerque, N.M.). Rogers also earned a USTA wild card into both the French Open and the US Open by winning wild card challenges for the two Grand Slam tournaments utilizing a series of USTA Pro Circuit events. In her debut at the 2013 French Open, Rogers won her first round match. She peaked at No. 116 in the world in October 2013, rising more than 100 spots throughout the year. Both Klahn and Rogers train with the USTA Player Development program.



Shelby Rogers

## 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](http://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 44th 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 1,000 players competed in 13 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2013 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. Mayo Hibi, a 17-year-old Japanese player living in Irvine, Calif., won the 2013 US Open National Playoffs women's title and USTA Pro Circuit regular Jeff Dadamo of Tampa, Fla., won the men's wild card. Yasmin Schnack and Eric Roberson won mixed doubles. The 13 sectional qualifying tournaments for this year's US Open National Playoffs are in May and June, with championships in August. For more information, visit [www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs](http://www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs).

