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Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, September 21

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, September 23

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 $7,600 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

Sunday, September 21
Kids’ Fun Day, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 22
Pro-Am, 7:00 p.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN’S TENNIS COMES TO LAS VEGAS

The Red Rock Pro Open is making its debut on the USTA Pro Circuit this year. However, the USTA Pro Circuit has held an event in Las Vegas since 2007. It is the only USTA Pro Circuit women’s event held in Nevada and the first event following the US Open with $50,000 in prize money.

This tournament will be streamed live on www.procircuit.usta.com.

Notable players competing in the main draw include:

Former world No. 7 and tournament wild card Nicole Vaidisova, who retired from pro tennis in 2010 and is competing in her second tournament since then. Vaidisova has won six WTA singles titles and reached the semifinals of the 2007 Australian Open and the semifinals of the 2006 French Open, where she upset No. 1 seed Amelie Mauresmo in the fourth round and Venus Williams in the quarterfinals. She also has represented the Czech Republic in Fed Cup.

Defending singles champion Melanie Oudin, who burst onto the tennis scene in 2009, defeating former world No. 1 Jelena Jankovic to reach the fourth round at Wimbledon and beating five-time Grand Slam tournament champion Maria Sharapova en route to the US Open quarterfinals. Oudin peaked at No. 31 in the world in singles in April 2010, but struggled with injuries and inconsistency in the year that followed. She started a comeback in 2012, capturing her first WTA title at the Wimbledon tune-up event in Birmingham, England, where she won eight matches (including qualifying) and upset No. 5 seed Jankovic in the final. Oudin then competed at Wimbledon as a wild card. She also earned a 2012 French Open wild card based on her results on the USTA Pro Circuit, which included a title at the event in Charlottesville, Va. (She reached the second round at Roland Garros that year.) Last year, Oudin won the Party Rock Open, a $50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Las Vegas sponsored by music sensation Redfoo; reached the second round at the French Open; and qualified for the clay-court WTA events in Rome and Brussels. In addition to her success in singles, she notched one of the biggest victories of her career at the 2011 US Open, claiming the mixed doubles title with countryman Jack Sock. She also has been a consistent performer for the U.S. Fed Cup team. Oudin announced in November 2013 that she was suffering from *Player field subject to change
rhabdomyolysis, a muscle-damaging condition, and took time off to recover. She resumed competition in March of this year and competed on the USTA Pro Circuit and in qualifying for the US Open, French Open and Wimbledon.

**Madison Brengle**, who won her first Grand Slam tournament main draw match this year at the US Open, where she competed as a wild card. Brengle defeated Israel’s Julia Glushko in the first round at the US Open. Brengle won the sixth USTA Pro Circuit singles title of her career this year at the $50,000 women’s event in Lexington, Ky. She also holds five USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles. This spring, Brengle competed overseas in ITF Pro Circuit events, reaching three consecutive quarterfinals. Brengle also had a strong finish to the 2013 USTA Pro Circuit season, capturing two singles crowns and one doubles title. (She reached the quarterfinals or better at all five USTA Pro Circuit events she competed in following the 2013 US Open.) In her career, Brengle has played in the main draw at three of the four majors, winning USTA wild-card playoffs to earn entry into the Australian Open (2007-08) and the French Open (2008), as well as competing in the US Open main draw in 2007 and in 2014. As a junior player, Brengle ascended to a career-high ranking of No. 4 in the world in 2007, after advancing to the girls’ singles final at Wimbledon.

**Anna Tatishvili**, who peaked at No. 50 in the world in singles in October 2012 and at No. 59 in doubles in May 2012. She reached the fourth round of the US Open in 2012, losing to former world No. 1 Victoria Azarenka. Tatishvili has won seven USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, as well as three ITF Pro Circuit singles titles. As a junior player, she climbed as high as No. 19 in the ITF World Junior Rankings and reached the doubles semifinals of the 2006 junior Australian Open, playing alongside Caroline Wozniacki. Tatishvili formerly represented the country of Georgia, but changed her representation to the United States in April 2014.

**Irina Falconi**, who has played in each Grand Slam tournament at least twice. At the 2011 US Open, she upset No. 14 Dominika Cibulkova in the second round in Arthur Ashe Stadium. Also in 2011, Falconi won a USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the $25,000 event in Redding, Calif., before spending the spring competing in Italy and France. Falconi reached back-to-back doubles titles at the USTA Pro Circuit events in Charlottesville, Va., and Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. She also won the US Open National Playoffs USTA Missouri Valley Sectional Qualifying Tournament this summer to advance to the Women’s Championship in August, vying for a singles spot in the US Open Qualifying Tournament.

**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 title since 2007 at the $25,000 event in Raleigh, N.C. Muhammad holds 12 USTA Pro Circuit titles overall (10 in doubles). Thus far in 2014, she has won back-to-back doubles titles at the USTA Pro Circuit events in Charlottesville, Va., and Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. She also won the US Open National Playoffs USTA Missouri Valley Sectional Qualifying Tournament this summer to advance to the Women’s Championship in August, vying for a singles spot in the US Open Qualifying Tournament.

Players competing in qualifying include:

**Samantha Crawford**, who won the 2012 US Open girls’ singles title. Crawford also qualified for the main draw of the Open that year 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. This year, she won the third USTA Pro Circuit doubles title of her career at the $25,000 event in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., before spending the spring competing in Italy and France. Crawford, who speaks Chinese (her mother is from China), trains with the USTA Player Development program.

**Jamie Loeb**, who is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina, where she was the top-ranked college tennis player for most of her freshman year. Among her accomplishments, Loeb was named the 2014 ACC Women’s Tennis Player of the Year—the third North Carolina player ever to earn that achievement—and the 2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Player of the Year. This summer, Loeb won the inaugural American Collegiate Invitational, part of the program of events at the US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York. Loeb also was a standout junior player, reaching the quarterfinals of the Wimbledon girls’ event in 2013 and the singles final at the 2013 USTA International Spring Championships in Carson, Calif. (She also won the doubles title in Carson.) Loeb holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and two doubles titles, the most recent coming this June at the $10,000 event in Charlotte. She trains at the John McEnroe Tennis Academy in Randalls Island, N.Y.

Players receiving main draw wild cards include:

**Louisa Chirico**, an up-and-coming young American who outperformed every other U.S. 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 US Open juniors to finish the 2013 season 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. Chirico won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2012 at the $10,000 event in Sumter, S.C., and her first doubles title in 2013 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 and spent the spring competing in Europe, where she won an ITF Pro Circuit singles title in Italy and reached one additional final in Switzerland. She also competed in US Open qualifying this year. Chirico trains with the USTA Player Development program.

**Julia Boserup**, who qualified for and reached the quarterfinals of the WTA event in Monterrey, Mexico, this April 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. In her career, she has competed in qualifying for the US Open and Australian Open. As a junior player, she won the prestigious Orange Bowl in 2008, defeating U.S. Olympian and Fed Cupper Christina McHale in the final.

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Maria Sanchez, who peaked at No. 107 in the world in July 2013 after strong results on the USTA Pro Circuit and the WTA tour. She started that year by reaching the quarterfinals of the USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., and competing in three WTA events. Sanchez also made her debut in a Grand Slam tournament main draw by earning a wild card into the 2013 US Open. She won both her USTA Pro Circuit singles titles in 2012; she also holds seven USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles for her career, including a doubles title at the $100,000 event in Vancouver this summer. Prior to the 2014 Australian Open, Sanchez won her first WTA doubles title, teaming with Sharon Fichman for the championship in Auckland, New Zealand. 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 ITF 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.

Julia Cohen, who qualified for the main draw at the 2014 Australian Open and spent a majority of the spring and summer competing overseas. 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 events, 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.

Caitlin Whoriskey, a former University of Tennessee standout, who was named the 2010 College Senior Player of the Year after leading the Volunteers to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in eight seasons. Whoriskey captured her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title this May at the $10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C., where she also won the doubles crown. She has also captured seven USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles throughout the world. This year, Whoriskey won the US Open National Playoffs, earning a wild card into US Open qualifying, where she won her first-round match.

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 title, at the $25,000 event in El Paso, Texas. Marand also has won six USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, with three coming in 2012. She competed in Europe this spring, where she won one ITF Pro Circuit doubles title in Italy and advanced to one additional final in Switzerland. As a junior player, Marand reached the doubles final at the 2006 Easter Bowl with Ashley Weinhold.

Allie Will, who has jumped more than 150 spots in the singles 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. This June, Will won back-to-back doubles titles at ITF Pro Circuit events in Mexico, while reaching a singles final and a semifinal. Also this year, she won her seventh USTA Pro Circuit doubles title at the $25,000 event in Vero Beach, Fla., to break into the Top 100 in the WTA doubles rankings for the first time.

Las Vegas has been a stepping stone toward success for many WTA stars. 2007 Las Vegas doubles champion Victoria Azarenka went on to claim two Grand Slam tournament singles crowns and rank No. 1 in the world. She won her first Grand Slam tournament title at the 2012 Australian Open and successfully defended the crown in 2013. She also reached the US Open final in 2012 and 2013. Azarenka holds 17 WTA singles titles and won the bronze medal for Belarus in singles at the 2012 Olympics in London. She also won the 2012 Olympic gold medal in mixed doubles, to go along with her mixed doubles titles at the 2008 French Open and the 2007 US Open.

2007 Las Vegas singles champion Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark ended 2010 and 2011 ranked No. 1 in the world. She has captured 22 WTA singles titles and has reached the quarterfinals or better at seven Grand Slam tournaments, including the 2009 and 2014 US Open, where she was the runner-up.

2012 Las Vegas singles champion Lauren Davis rose to No. 43 in the world this July after advancing to the third round of Wimbledon and the quarterfinals of the WTA event in Eastbourne, Great Britain. Davis also made her debut for the U.S. Fed Cup team this past February against Italy in the World Group Quarterfinals, winning the dead doubles match with Madison Keys in Cleveland, where Davis grew up. Davis competed in all four majors in 2013. She started the year by reaching the quarterfinals of the Australian Open tune-up event in Hobart, losing to fellow young American Sloane Stephens, and, after the Australian Open, returned to the States and won the $100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich. Also in 2013, she reached two WTA quarterfinals in Monterrey, Mexico, and Quebec City, Canada.

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### LAS VEGAS PAST WINNERS

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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.

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.

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.

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. This year, nearly 1,100 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. A pair of former college All-Americans won the singles playoffs. Caitlin Whoriskey of East Sandwich, Mass., won the 2014 US Open National Playoffs women’s title and Sanam Singh of Charlottesville, Va., won the men’s wild card. Jacqueline Cako and Joel Kielbowicz won mixed doubles. The 13 sectional qualifying tournaments for the US Open National Playoffs began in May, with championships in August. For more information, visit www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs.