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as of October 23, 2013

PENSACOLA FUTURES CHAMPIONSHIPS

PENSACOLA, FL • OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 3

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, Oct. 25

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Oct. 29

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 fourth consecutive year and the seventh year overall (the event was not held from 2005 to 2009). It is the second of four consecutive $10,000 Futures held on clay courts to conclude the 2013 USTA Pro Circuit season. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training on clay for younger players, this year adding four additional clay-court tournaments to the calendar. Pensacola is one of 15 USTA Pro Circuit men's events held in the state of Florida this year.

Notable players competing in the main draw include:

2012 Pensacola singles runner-up **Sekou Bangoura**, who was named a doubles All-American during his sophomore year at the University of Florida after reaching the doubles semifinals of the 2011 NCAA tournament. This September, he won two ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles in Canada for the third and fourth doubles titles of his career.

S. Paige Allen

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Jean-Yves Aubone, who has won four USTA Pro Circuit Futures doubles titles this year and won two singles titles in 2008. Aubone played for Florida State University, where he was the first player in the school's history to earn All-America singles honors twice. As a junior player, he represented the United States in the 16-and-under Junior Davis Cup competition and also reached the singles semifinals of the 2004 USTA Boys' 18 National Clay Court Championships.

Bill Kallenberg

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Nicolas Meister, who won his first ITF Pro Circuit singles title this May at the $10,000 event in Morelia, Mexico. Meister also won an ITF Circuit doubles title this year in Mexico for the eighth professional doubles title of his career. He graduated from UCLA in 2012 after a standout NCAA tennis career, and that year he also reached the singles and mixed doubles finals of the US Open National Playoffs.

Andrew Carter, who played for Louisville from 2008 to 2012 and was named to the All-Big East Conference team as a senior.

Devin McCarthy, who played for Ohio State

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and has received All-Big Ten honors. McCarthy was also a four-time Ohio State Scholar-Athlete recipient and won the 2008 Division II state high school singles title in Ohio.

Connor Farren, who will begin his NCAA tennis career this spring at the University of Southern California. Farren has traveled the globe in 2013, reaching the quarterfinals of $10,000 ITF Circuit events in Korea, Vietnam and Mexico. He also won the first pro doubles title of his career this May at a $10,000 ITF Pro Circuit tournament in Puebla, Mexico.

France's **Eric Prodon**, 32, who used a protected ranking to compete in Pensacola. Prodon peaked at No. 83 in the world in August 2011. He has won 23 ITF and USTA Pro Circuit singles titles from 2004 to 2011 and has competed in the US Open, Australian Open and French Open, facing Olympic gold medalist Andy Murray in the first round of the 2011 French Open. As a standout junior, he also finished the 1999 season ranked No. 3 in the ITF World Junior Rankings and reached the boys' quarterfinals of the 1999 Australian Open.

Many ATP World Tour standouts have found success in Pensacola.

2002 singles champion and former world No. 14 **Ivo Karlovic** reached the quarterfinals of Wimbledon in 2009 and has captured five ATP World Tour singles titles in his career. He also competes for the Croatian Davis Cup team.

Up-and-coming American **Jack Sock**, the 2010 doubles champion, reached the third round of the US Open in both 2012 and 2013 and rose to No. 78 in the world this October. Sock also won the 2010 US Open junior singles title and qualified for the men's singles main draw of the US Open in 2010 and 2011 by winning the USTA Boys' 18 National Championships. In addition, Sock won the 2011 US Open mixed doubles title with fellow young American Melanie Oudin.

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PENSACOLA PAST WINNERS

Singles

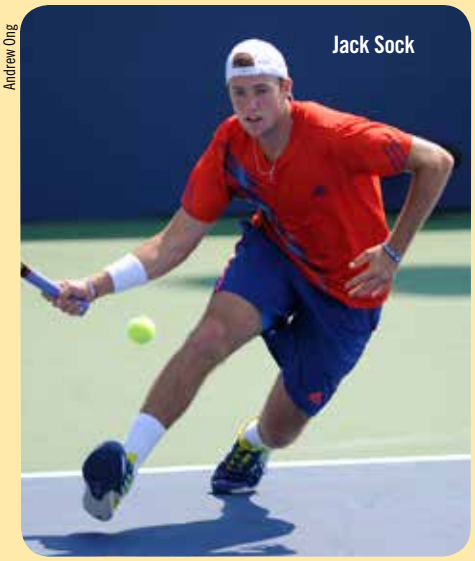
Year	Winner	Runner-Up
2012	Florian Reynet (FRA)	Sekou Bangoura (USA)
2011	Benjamin Balleret (MON)	Maverick Banes (AUS)
2010	Dennis Bloemke (GER)	Phillip Simmonds (USA)
2005-2009	Tournament Not Held	Kevin Anderson (RSA)
2004	Andres Pedroso (USA)	Francisco Rodriguez (PAR)
2003	Nicolas Todero (ARG)	Paul Goldstein (USA)
2002	Ivo Karlovic (CRO)	Marc Silva (USA)

Doubles

Year	Winner
2012	Chase Buchanan (USA) – Daniel Nguyen (USA)
2011	Kamil Pajkowski (CAN) – Maciek Sykut (USA)
2010	Jack Sock (USA) – Dimitar Kutrovsky (BUL)
2005-2009	Tournament Not Held
2004	Cody Conley (USA) – Ryan Newport (USA)
2003	Huntley Montgomery (USA) – Tripp Phillips (USA)
2002	Thomas Blake (USA) – Doug Bohaboy (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 34 years ago 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. **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.


Andrew Ong

Jack Sock

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit helped launch the careers of two young Americans—**Jack Sock** and **Grace Min**. Sock began 2012 by winning the singles title and reaching the doubles final at the $10,000 Futures in Plantation, Fla. He then reached the quarterfinals of the $50,000 Challenger in Honolulu. With his strong USTA Pro Circuit results, Sock received wild cards into numerous Emirates Airline US Open Series events in the summer, reaching the quarterfinals in Atlanta. Sock then achieved the best result of his pro career by reaching the third round of the 2012 US Open as a wild card. Sock followed up his US Open results by winning his first career USTA Pro Circuit Challenger title at the $100,000 event in Tiburon, Calif., in the fall and finished 2012 ranked a career-high No. 150 in the world. After winning the 2011 US Open girls' singles title, Min moved to the USTA Pro Circuit to develop her game. She opened the year by winning the first women's tournament of 2012 at the $25,000 event in Innisbrook, Fla. Later in the spring, she won back-to-back tournaments at the $50,000 event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and the $25,000 tournament in Raleigh, N.C. She competed in qualifying in Emirates Airline US Open Series events throughout the summer and qualified in Stanford, Calif. Min, who trains at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., entered the Top 200 for the first time in her career in 2012, climbing nearly 250 spots in the rankings by year's end.

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.

10 AND UNDER TENNIS

Tennis is now scaled to a child's age and size, using lower-bouncing and slower-moving balls, lighter and shorter racquets, and smaller courts. The modified equipment and smaller courts will allow kids to rally and play the game early on, increasing the likelihood that kids will return to the court and continue to improve all while having fun! For more information, visit www.10andundertennis.com

NJTL

Founded in 1969 by Arthur Ashe, the USTA/National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network is a nation-wide group of more than 660 non-profit youth development organizations that provide free or low cost tennis, education and life skills programming to more than 300,000 children each year, ages 6-18, making NJTL 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 1,000 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 US Open National Playoffs women's title and USTA Pro Circuit regular Jeff Dadamo, 24, of Tampa, Fla., won the men's wild card. Yasmin Schnack and Eric Roberson won the mixed doubles tournament. The 2013 US Open National Playoffs – Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles Championships were held August 16-19 in New Haven, Conn.