

AMELIA ISLAND MEN'S FUTURES CHAMPIONSHIPS

AMELIA ISLAND, FL • JUNE 14-23

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Omni Amelia Island Plantation Racquet Park
Amelia Island, Fla.

Website: procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Cliff Drysdale Tennis School
at Amelia Island Plantation

Qualifying Draw Begins: Friday, June 14

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, June 18

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	\$72

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, June 15

Kids' Day, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 23

ROGY Junior Tournament, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S FUTURES RETURNS TO AMELIA ISLAND

The **Amelia Island Men's Futures Championships** returns to Amelia Island for the first time since 2011. From 2009 to 2011, Amelia Island was host to a \$10,000 USTA Pro Circuit men's Futures in November. Amelia Island also has hosted a women's event every September since 2010. This is the third of five consecutive USTA Pro Circuit clay-court men's events taking place this summer. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training for younger players on clay, this year adding four additional clay-court tournaments to the calendar.

Players competing in the main draw are:

Chase Buchanan, the top seed in Amelia Island and the 2012 NCAA men's doubles champion for Ohio State. On the USTA Pro Circuit last year, Buchanan won two Futures singles titles and three Futures doubles titles—all on clay. Behind those results, he climbed more than 500 spots in the ATP rankings. Buchanan won the doubles title at the \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Little Rock, Ark., in April, and competed in qualifying for the ATP World Tour events in Delray Beach, Fla., and San Jose, Calif., this year. As a junior player, he reached the final of the 2009 junior US Open.

Mitchell Frank, who recently completed his

David Kenas



Former Ohio State standout and 2012 NCAA men's doubles champion Chase Buchanan is the top seed in Amelia Island this week.

sophomore year at the University of Virginia and clinched the deciding match in the 2013 NCAA team championship in late May. The win gave Virginia its first NCAA men's team championship in program history. Frank defeated UCLA's Adrien Puget, 0-6, 6-4, 7-5, after Puget was called for touching the net on a match point that would have clinched victory for UCLA. As a freshman, Frank was the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's No. 1-ranked singles player for eight rankings periods and captured singles titles at the USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships and the ITA All-American Championships. He was named the National Freshman of the Year before missing the fall 2012 season with an injury. Prior to college, Frank was a Top 5 world-ranked junior.

Dennis Novikov, who was the 2012 USTA Boys' 18s national champion in singles

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Mitchell Frank recently completed his sophomore year at the University of Virginia and won the deciding match in the 2013 NCAA championship for the Cavaliers' first NCAA team title in program history.

and doubles. Those victories earned him wild card entries into the men's singles and doubles main draws at the 2012 US Open, where he became just the second USTA Boys' 18s champ to advance to the second round in singles in the last 15 years. Born in Moscow, Russia, Novikov moved with his family to the United States as a 1-year-old and eventually chose tennis over hockey, swimming and gymnastics. He recently completed his sophomore year at UCLA, where he is one of the Bruins' top singles players.

Jeff Dadamo, who recently defeated Jesse Witten in the 2013 US Open National Playoffs Florida Sectional Qualifying Tournament to advance to the US Open National Playoffs – Men's Championship in New Haven, Conn., later this summer. The winner of the National Playoffs earns a US Open qualifying wild card. Dadamo played for Texas A&M and won the 2011 NCAA men's doubles title with Austin Krajicek. Dadamo holds two USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, claiming one in 2011 with Krajicek and one in 2012 with Devin Britton.

Eric Quigley, the 2012 NCAA singles runner-up at the University of Kentucky. Quigley is one of the most decorated tennis players in UK history, earning five All-America honors between singles and doubles. In 2008, he became the first Kentucky player in 34 years to win four straight high school state singles titles.

Other former collegians competing in Amelia Island are:

Dennis Nevolo, who was a standout at the University of Illinois, where he finished his collegiate career in May 2012. Nevolo competed as part of the 2012 USTA Collegiate Team, and on the USTA Pro Circuit, he reached the quarterfinals or better at five events. He has won two USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles this year, at the \$15,000 Futures events in Brownsville, Texas, and Oklahoma City.

Former University of Michigan standout **Jason Jung**, who won his first professional singles title at the USTA Pro Circuit Futures event in Godfrey, Ill., last summer and completed 2012 by playing in ITF Men's Circuit tournaments in Hong Kong, where he won a doubles title. Jung is playing in his first USTA Pro Circuit tournament since April after competing in ITF Circuit events in Korea and China, where he won one doubles title, reached one singles final and advanced to two singles semifinals.

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.

**Player field subject to change*

AMELIA ISLAND PAST WINNERS

Singles

Year	Winner	Runner-Up
2011	Rudolph Siwy (CZE)	Tim Puetz (GER)
2010	Philip Bester (CAN)	Adam Kellner (HUN)
2009	Jack Sock (USA)	Artem Sitak (RUS)

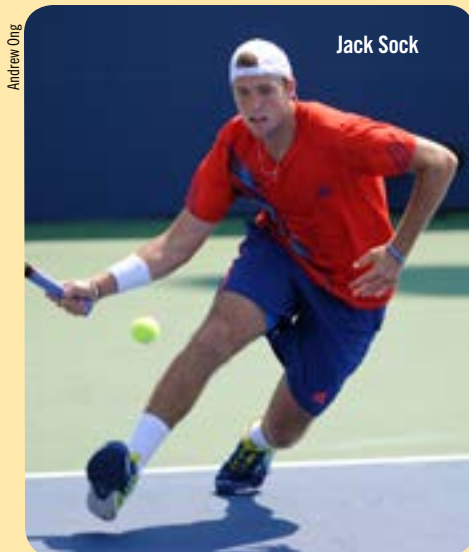
Doubles

Year	Winner
2011	Rudolph Siwy (CZE) – Matteo Viola (ITA)
2010	Mislav Hizak (CRO) – Robbye Poole (USA)
2009	Adam El Mihdawy (USA) – Dennis Zivkovic (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.

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.



Jack Sock

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. Last year, more than 1,200 players competed in 13 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2012 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. Clement Reix, a 28-year-old Frenchman living in Reno, Nev., won the US Open National Playoffs men's title and USTA Pro Circuit regular Alexandra Mueller, 24, of Abington, PA, won the women's wild card for the second time in three years. Nicole Melichar and Brian Battistone won the mixed doubles tournament. Registration for the 2013 US Open National Playoffs opened on March 15.

