

IMG ACADEMY \$10K FUTURES BRADENTON, FL • NOVEMBER 9-18

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: IMG Academy – Bradenton, Fla.

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Friday, November 9

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, November 13

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	\$1,300	17
Runner-up	\$900	9
Semifinalist	\$480	5
Quarterfinalist	\$290	2
Round of 16	\$200	1
Round of 32	\$117.50	–

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$630
Runner-up	\$330
Semifinalist	\$260
Quarterfinalist	\$180
Round of 16	\$0

USTA PRO CIRCUIT FUTURES MAKES DEBUT IN BRADENTON

The **IMG Academy \$10K Futures** makes its debut on the USTA Pro Circuit. It is the last of four \$10,000 Futures held on clay to finish the 2012 USTA Pro Circuit season and the final of three consecutive stops in Florida. Bradenton hosted two USTA Pro Circuit men's events in 1995 and 1996, and it hosted a \$75,000 women's event in 2001.

Competing in the main draw is **Bjorn Fratangelo**, who in 2011 became the first American since John McEnroe in 1977 to win the boys' singles title at the French Open. Fratangelo reached his first USTA Pro Circuit Challenger quarterfinal this summer at the \$50,000 event in Lexington, Ky., and he was a finalist at the \$10,000 Futures in Tampa, Fla., in May.

Also competing in the main draw is 18-year-old **Mitchell Krueger**, the top-ranked American boys' junior, who reached a career-high No. 5 in the junior world rankings in January. Krueger advanced to the semifinals of boys' singles at the French Open and Wimbledon earlier this year. He turned pro in late July. Last month, he reached the semifinals of the \$10,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Birmingham, Ala., as a qualifier for his best USTA Pro Circuit result.

Current and former college standouts in the



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main draw are: **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; **Ryan Thacher**, an All-American at Stanford who finished his collegiate career in May; and **Patrick Daciek**, who played for Virginia Tech and, in the juniors, reached the doubles quarterfinals of the 2008 Easter Bowl with Bangoura.

Eighteen-year-old **Liam Broady** of Great Britain is also competing in the main draw. Broady is ranked No. 6 in the ITF World Junior Rankings and reached the boys' singles final at the 2012 US Open. He also won the doubles title at the 2012 Australian Open Junior Championships.

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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. The USTA launched its Pro Circuit 33 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, Andy Roddick, Caroline Wozniacki, James Blake, Li Na** 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—**Christina McHale** and **Ryan Harrison**. McHale reached the quarterfinals or better at five USTA Pro Circuit events in 2010 and climbed more than 100 spots in the WTA rankings that year. Buoyed by those results, she began to compete regularly on the WTA tour in 2011 and became the youngest player in the world's Top 50 after defeating No. 8 seed Marion Bartoli en route to the third round of the US Open. Three weeks prior, she upset world No. 1 Wozniacki at the US Open Series event in Cincinnati. McHale also was named to the U.S. Fed Cup team for the World Group Playoff in April 2011. Harrison began 2011 by winning the singles and doubles titles at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Honolulu and subsequently reached the round of 16 in Indian Wells, where he upset three players ranked in the Top 50. Harrison cracked the Top 100 for the first time in summer 2011—becoming one of just two teenage males in the Top 100—after reaching back-to-back semifinals at the US Open Series events in Atlanta and Los Angeles. He also played in the main draw of all four Grand Slam events last year, pushing world No. 5 David Ferrer to five sets in the second round at Wimbledon.



Ryan Harrison

Anthony Behar

10 AND UNDER TENNIS

On January 1, the USTA announced that the rules of tennis have officially changed and require that 10 and Under Tennis tournaments be played utilizing smaller, lighter racquets and lower-bouncing balls on smaller courts. This rule change signifies the emergence of 10 and Under Tennis as an integral part of the development of young players. The scaled-down equipment and smaller courts better allow kids to rally and play the game earlier in their development, and increase the likelihood they will return to the court and continue to improve while having fun doing so. For more information, visit www.10andundertennis.com.

NJTL

Cities across the country participate in the USTA/National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) network, a nationwide network of community tennis organizations seeking to develop the character of young people through both tennis and education. Founded by Arthur Ashe in 1969, more than 650 registered chapters/programs exist throughout the nation with more than 250,000 participants ages 6–18, making NJTL one of the USTA's largest community-based initiatives.

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, 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 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.

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.

BRADENTON PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
1996	Marcus Hilpert (GER)	Doug Flach (USA)	1996	Doug Flach (USA) – David Witt (USA)
1995	Wojtek Kowalski (POL)	Magnus Norman (SWE)	1995	Andrei Pavel (ROU) – Andrew Richardson (GBR)