

USTA MEN'S PRO TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CALABASAS CALABASAS, CA • MARCH 9-17

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Calabasas Tennis & Swim Center
Calabasas, Calif

Websites: www.calabasasprotennis.com
procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Top Seed – Calabasas

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, March 9

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, March 12

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$15,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$2,160	27
Runner-up	\$1,272	15
Semifinalist	\$753	8
Quarterfinalist	\$438	3
Round of 16	\$258	1
Round of 32	\$156	–

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$930
Runner-up	\$540
Semifinalist	\$324
Quarterfinalist	\$192
Round of 16	\$108

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, March 10

Pro-Am, 4-6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 15

Pro-Am and Drills, 9-11 a.m.

Junior Exhibition Matches, 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

USTA Jr. Team Tennis Kids' Carnival, 10-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 17

Sunday Brunch on the Patio, 10 a.m.-noon

USTA PRO CIRCUIT RETURNS TO CALABASAS

The **USTA Men's Pro Tennis Championships of Calabasas** returns to Calabasas, Calif., for the second consecutive year as a \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit event after a one-year hiatus in 2011. It served as a \$50,000 Challenger for 10 years (from 2001 to 2010). It is the third hard-court USTA Pro Circuit Futures of the year and the third event offering \$15,000 in prize money (following two \$15,000 Futures held in Texas in February). It is also the first of two consecutive \$15,000 Futures in the state of California, with an event to be held in Costa Mesa next week.

Players competing in the main draw are:

Defending singles champion and this week's top seed **Tennys Sandgren**, whose name is pronounced like the sport and who won three Futures titles (in four finals) in 2012 before transitioning to Challenger-level events for the remainder of the year. He also competed in qualifying at the 2012 US Open and, overall, climbed nearly 300 spots in the ATP World Tour rankings. This year, he has reached the doubles finals of the \$100,000 Challenger in Dallas and the \$50,000 Challenger in Maui, Hawaii, with former University of Tennessee teammate Rhyne Williams. As a collegian, Sandgren reached the semifinals of the 2011 NCAA tournament, losing to Williams in three sets. Sandgren's brother, Davey, was a two-time All-American for Tennessee, lettering from 2007 to 2010.



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Bradley Klahn of Poway, Calif., who at the 2012 US Open received a wild card into qualifying and subsequently won three matches to advance to the main draw, where he upset Top 50 player and fellow lefty Jurgen Melzer in the first round in five sets. In doing so, Klahn became the first-ever men's qualifying wild card to win a round at the US Open. Following the Open, he advanced to three USTA Pro Circuit Challenger quarterfinals. Klahn, the 2010 NCAA men's singles champion for Stanford, started his professional career last summer with the help of the USTA Collegiate Team, a program that provides college players with experience and opportunities on the USTA Pro Circuit.

2012 Calabasas singles runner-up **Daniel Kosakowski** of Downey, Calif., who made a

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splash in his first full season as a professional last year, reaching the final round of qualifying at the US Open and winning back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit Futures events in California following the US Open. Behind those victories, he cracked the Top 250 for the first time, after starting 2012 ranked outside the Top 400. Kosakowski played one season at UCLA before going pro, playing in the No. 1 singles position for the Bruins and earning 2011 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year honors. Kosakowski comes from a tennis-playing family; his brother and two sisters all played or are currently playing college tennis.

Five-time University of Florida All-American **Greg Ouellette**, who won the bronze medal in doubles at the 2011 Pan Am Games with Nicholas Monroe. Ouellette competed overseas in ITF Pro Circuit events for most of 2012. He won the second USTA Pro Circuit singles title of his career last year at the \$15,000 Futures in Oklahoma City. Overall, he holds four USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles and two singles titles.

Players competing in qualifying are:

Mitchell Krueger, who was the top-ranked American boys' junior in 2012, peaking at a career-high No. 5 in the world junior rankings. Krueger advanced to the semifinals of the boys' singles at the French Open and Wimbledon in 2012. He turned pro last July. In October 2012, 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.

Nicolas Meister, a former All-American at UCLA who has won seven career doubles titles on the ITF Pro Circuit, including three in 2012. Also last year, Meister reached the singles and mixed doubles finals at the US Open National Playoffs, coming one win shy of earning a wild card entry into the US Open singles qualifying draw and mixed doubles main draw, respectively. Meister holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and his great uncle played for Estonia in Davis Cup.

Daniel Nguyen, a former All-American at USC, where he helped the Trojans to four consecutive NCAA team championships, 2009-12, clinching the titles for the team in 2010 and 2011. Nguyen won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title last fall at the \$10,000 Futures in Irvine, Calif., and spent the final months of 2012 in Hong Kong playing the ITF Pro Circuit.

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.

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 Pro Circuit tournaments in Hong Kong, where he won a doubles title.

Dennis Nevolo, a standout at the University of Illinois, who 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.

Many current and past ATP World Tour standouts have found success in Calabasas.

2007 doubles champion **John Isner** peaked at a career-high No. 9 in the world in 2012 and has captured five ATP singles titles in his career. He also reached the quarterfinals of the 2011 US Open. Last year, Isner recorded arguably the biggest win of his career, upsetting Roger Federer during the United States' 5-0 sweep of Switzerland in Davis Cup. It was Federer's first loss to an American on clay since 1999. Isner also won the longest match in tennis history, at Wimbledon in 2010, going 11 hours over three days to defeat Nicolas Mahut, 70-68, in the fifth set.

2002 Calabasas singles champion **Michael Chang** is a former world No. 2 and a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame. He became the youngest player to win a main draw match at the US Open in 1987 and also captured his first USTA Pro Circuit Challenger that year in Las Vegas. In 1989, Chang became the youngest Roland Garros and Grand Slam tournament champion (17 years, 3 months), and he went on to win 34 ATP World Tour singles titles and reach the final of the 1996 US Open.

2006 singles champion **Mark Philippoussis** peaked at No. 8 in the world in 1999 after reaching the final of the 1998 US Open and capturing two hard-court singles titles in 1999. After a series of injuries, Philippoussis made a comeback in 2006 by playing on the USTA Pro Circuit and also won his 11th career ATP title in Newport, R.I.

**Player field subject to change*

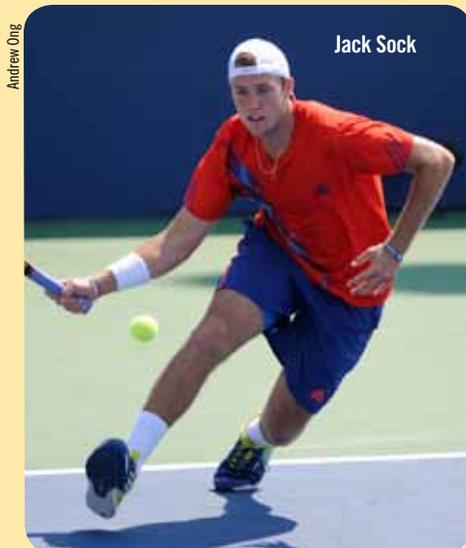
CALABASAS PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2012	Tennys Sandgren (USA)	Daniel Kosakowski (USA)	2012	Carsten Ball (AUS) – Andre Begemann (GER)
2011	Event did not take place		2011	Event did not take place
2010	Marinko Matosevic (AUS)	Ryan Sweeting (USA)	2010	Ryan Harrison (USA) – Travis Rettenmaier (USA)
2009	Donald Young (USA)	Michael Russell (USA)	2009	Santiago Gonzalez (MEX) – Simon Stadler (GER)
2008	Vince Spadea (USA)	Sam Warburg (USA)	2008	Ilija Bozoljac (SRB) – Dusan Vemic (SRB)
2007	Robert Kendrick (USA)	Donald Young (USA)	2007	John Isner (USA) – Brian Wilson (USA)
2006	Mark Philippoussis (AUS)	Amer Delic (BIH)	2006	Robert Kendrick (USA) – Cecil Mamiit (PHI)
2005	Brian Vahaly (USA)	Denis Gremelmayr (GER)	2005	Amer Delic (BIH) – Bobby Reynolds (USA)
2004	Ivo Karlovic (CRO)	Alex Bogomolov Jr. (USA)	2004	Graydon Oliver (USA) – Travis Parrott (USA)
2003	Jerome Golmard (FRA)	Lars Burgsmuller (GER)	2003	Justin Gimelstob (USA) – Scott Humphries (USA)
2002	Michael Chang (USA)	Cecil Mamiit (PHI)	2002	Paul Rosner (RSA) – Glenn Weiner (USA)
2001	Andre Sa (BRA)	Michael Russell (USA)	2001	Ota Fukarek (CZE) – Ivo Heuberger (SUI)

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.



Andrew Ong

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 opens on March 15.

