TOURNAMENT NOTES
as of February 24, 2014

GAINESVILLE WOMEN’S TENNIS CLASSIC
GAINESVILLE, FL • MARCH 2-9

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Jonesville Tennis Center – Gainesville, Fla.
Websites: www.jonesvilletennis.com
procircuit.usta.com
Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, March 2
Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, March 4
Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles
Surface: Clay / Outdoors
Prize Money: $10,000
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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:
Winner $1,568 12
Runner-up $980 7
Semifinalist $490 4
Quarterfinalist $245 2
Round of 16 $196 1
Round of 32 $98 0

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)
Winner $637
Runner-up $343
Semifinalist $196
Quarterfinalist $98
Round of 16 $49

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday, March 3
Pro-Am, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7
Round Robin, 6:30 p.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN’S TENNIS RETURNS TO GAINESVILLE

The Gainesville Women’s Tennis Classic returns to Gainesville for the third consecutive year and the fifth year overall. Gainesville also held a women’s event in 1980 and 2002. It is one of 10 USTA Pro Circuit women’s events held in Florida—the most of any state. Gainesville is the first of three consecutive clay-court women’s events held this March on the USTA Pro Circuit and prior to the French Open. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training for younger players on clay.

Players competing in the main draw include:

Alexandra Mueller, who won a career-high five doubles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2013 and holds 10 USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles overall. She also holds four career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles. In July 2013, she qualified for the WTA event in Washington, D.C., where she also reached the doubles quarterfinals. Mueller is a two-time winner of the US Open National Playoffs, earning wild cards into the US Open Qualifying Tournament in 2010 and 2012.

Natalie Pluskota, who completed her stellar college career in 2012 at the University of Tennessee after ranking No. 1 in doubles in 2010 with Caitlin Whoriskey and receiving All-American honors four times (three times in doubles, once in singles). Pluskota advanced to the NCAA doubles tournament three times, reaching the final with Whoriskey in 2010. She also has enjoyed tremendous success in doubles, peaking at No. 157 in the world in doubles last September after advancing to the doubles quarterfinals at the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Stanford, Calif., with fellow American Jacqueline Cako. In total, Pluskota has reached eight doubles semifinals on the USTA Pro Circuit, with three tournament titles. In singles, she reached the final of the $10,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Landisville, Pa., in 2013.

Caitlin Whoriskey, a former University of Tennessee standout who was named the 2010 College Senior Player of the Year after leading the University of Tennessee to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament for the first time in eight seasons. Whoriskey spent the first half of 2013 competing in Europe, where she

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reached back-to-back ITF singles finals in Turkey in May. She won her last USTA Pro Circuit title in 2010, in doubles at the $10,000 event in Cleveland with Sanaz Marand. She has also captured four ITF doubles titles all over the world.

Nicole Melichar, who won the 2012 US Open National Playoffs – Mixed Doubles Championship with Brian Battistone to earn a wild card into the main draw of the US Open mixed doubles event that year. Melichar won the doubles title at the $25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Daytona Beach, Fla., in early 2014. She also won the doubles title at the $50,000 event in Portland, Ore., last year with Irina Falconi. Melichar is currently ranked a career-high No. 174 in the world in doubles, and she broke into the Top 400 in singles in September 2012.

Chiara Scholl, who goes by the nickname “Chi Chi” and won her first two career singles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2011, at the $50,000 event in Lexington, Ky., and at the $25,000 event in El Paso, Texas. That jump-started her career, and she peaked at No. 164 in the world in singles in October 2011. In 2012, she played in qualifying at the Australian Open, French Open and US Open, and she also reached the semifinals of two USTA Pro Circuit events at the levels of $50,000 and above. Scholl’s younger sister, Chalena, is a world Top 15 junior who trains at the USTA Player Development Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.

Bulgaria’s Dia Evtimova, who is the top-ranked player in Gainesville at No. 267 in the world. Evtimova peaked at No. 145 in late 2011. She has competed in qualifying at the US Open, Australian Open and French Open, reaching the final round of qualifying at the US Open in 2012. Evtimova has won seven ITF singles titles and five ITF doubles titles all over the world, and she has represented Bulgaria in Fed Cup on 21 occasions.

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**GAINESVILLE PAST WINNERS**

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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.

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.

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.

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 1,000 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 2013 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 schedule for this year’s US Open National Playoffs will be released in early 2014.

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.

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