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as of July 10, 2013

2013 USTA FREEMAN $10,000 MEN'S FUTURES

JOPLIN, MO • JULY 12-21

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Millennium Tennis & Fitness Club
Joplin, Mo.

Websites: www.millenniumtennis.com
procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Millennium Tennis & Fitness Club

Qualifying Draw Begins: Friday, July 12

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, July 16

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / 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

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S FUTURES RETURNS TO JOPLIN

The **2013 USTA Freeman $10,000 Men's Futures** returns to Joplin, Mo., for the second consecutive year and 12th year overall. (The tournament was not held in 2011 because of the damaging effects of a tornado, and Tulsa, Okla., held the tournament in its place for the year.) It is the first of four consecutive $10,000 hard-court Futures events held prior to the US Open.

Players competing in the main draw are:

Eric Quigley, the 2012 NCAA singles runner-up at the University of Kentucky and the top-ranked American in Joplin. 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 consecutive high school state singles titles.

Former University of Virginia standout **Michael Shabaz**, who reached the singles semifinals at the 2011 NCAA Championships, losing to Steve Johnson, and won the 2010 NCAA doubles title with Drew Courtney. Shabaz won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the $10,000 Futures earlier this month. As a junior player, he won the Wimbledon doubles title in 2005.

Alexios Halebian, a former junior standout, who peaked at No. 24 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in April 2012. Halebian reached the final of the 2012 Easter Bowl and won the Easter Bowl doubles title with Mitchell Krueger that year. Halebian also won the 2011 USTA Boys' 18 National Clay Court Championships and reached the quarterfinals of the 2011 junior US Open. He formerly trained full-time at the USTA Training Center-Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and spent most of this year competing overseas in Israel and Greece.

University of Virginia

Former University of Virginia standout Michael Shabaz reached the singles semifinals at the 2011 NCAA Championships and won the 2010 NCAA doubles title.

Other current and former college stars competing in Joplin include:

Andrew Carter, who played for Louisville, 2008-12, and was named to the All-Big East Conference team as a senior; **Chris Racz**, who played for the University of Tennessee and won the 2007 ITA Summer National Championships in Bloomington, Ind.; **Alexander Sarkissian**, who received singles All-America honors at Pepperdine this past season and reached the round of 16 at the 2013 NCAA Singles Championships; **Kyle McMorrow**, who recently completed his collegiate career at the University of Washington and received Pac-12 honors; and **Nick Chappell**, who currently plays for Texas Christian University and was the 2012 Mountain West Freshman of the Year.

Dave Kenas

Eric Quigley, the 2012 NCAA singles runner-up at the University of Kentucky, is the top-ranked American in Joplin.

**Player field subject to change*

JOPLIN PAST WINNERS

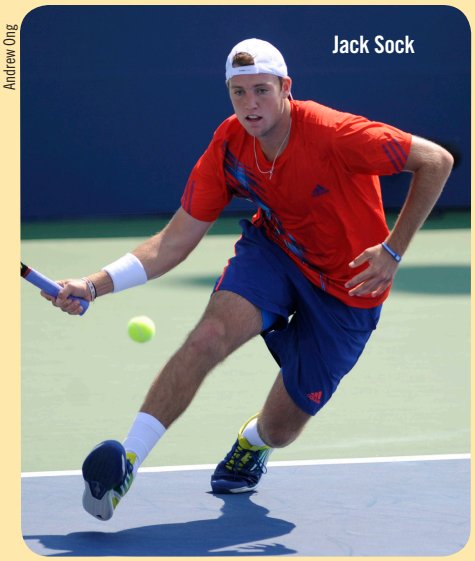
Singles			Doubles	
Year	**Winner**	**Runner-Up**	**Year**	**Winner**
2012	Sebastien Boltz (FRA)	Darian King (BAR)	2012	Harrison Adams (USA) – Shane Vinsant (USA)
2011	Tournament not held	Tournament not held	2011	Tournament not held
2010	Robbye Poole (USA)	Joel Kielbowicz (USA)	2010	Jean Andersen (RSA) – Joshua Zavala (USA)
2009	Blake Strode (USA)	Arnau Brugues-Davi (ESP)	2009	Cory Parr (USA) – Todd Paul (USA)
2008	Tigran Martirosyan (ARM)	Jean-Yves Aubone (USA)	2008	Steven Forman (USA) – Todd Paul (USA)
2007	Izak Van Der Merwe (RSA)	Andrey Kumantsov (RUS)	2007	Andrey Kumantsov (RUS) – Conor Pollock (USA)
2006	Shannon Nettle (AUS)	Nick Lindahl (AUS	2006	Joel Kielbowicz (USA) – Ryan Stotland (USA)
2005	Alexander Simoni (BRA)	Michael Yani (USA)	2005	John Isner (USA) – Jeremy Wurtzman (USA)
2004	Jesse Witten (USA)	Raphael Durek (AUS)	2004	K.C. Corkery (USA) – Jeremy Wurtzman (USA)
2003	Todd Widom (USA)	Jay Gooding (AUS)	2003	Sam Warburg (USA) – Jeremy Wurtzman (USA)
2002	Takahiro Terachi (JPN)	Daniel Willman (NZL)	2002	Huntley Montgomery (USA) – Ryan Sachire (USA)
2001	Peter Luczak (AUS)	Matthew Breen (AUS)	2001	Ryan Sachire (USA) – Jeff Williams (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.

Andrew Ong



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. The 2013 US Open National Playoffs – Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles Championships are August 16-19 in New Haven, Conn.