

KOSER JEWELERS TENNIS CHALLENGE LANDISVILLE, PA • AUGUST 3-10

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Hempfield Recreation Center
Landisville, Pa.

Websites: www.landisvilleprocircuit.com
procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Hempfield Rec Tennis

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Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, Aug. 3

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Aug. 5

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoors

Prize Money: \$25,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$3,919	50
Runner-Up	\$2,091	30
Semifinalist	\$1,114	18
Quarterfinalist	\$654	9
Round 16	\$392	5
Round 32	\$228	1

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$1,437
Runner-Up	\$719
Semifinalist	\$359
Quarterfinalist	\$196
Round 16	\$131

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO LANDISVILLE

The **Koser Jewelers Tennis Challenge** will be held in August for the second consecutive year. The city hosted a USTA Pro Circuit women's event in May from 2008 to 2013 as well. It is the only USTA Pro Circuit women's event taking place in Pennsylvania; a \$10,000 men's Futures was held last month in Pittsburgh.

Notable players competing in the main draw include:

Irina Falconi, who has played in each of the four Grand Slam tournaments at least twice. At the 2011 US Open, she upset No. 14 Dominika Cibulkova in the second round in Arthur Ashe Stadium and carried an American flag around the court following the win. Also in 2011, Falconi won a USTA playoff to earn a wild card into the French Open, where she advanced to the second round. She also qualified for the Australian Open and Wimbledon that year to rise to No. 73 in the world rankings. In addition, she was selected to represent the U.S. in the 2011 Pan Am Games, where she won the gold medal in singles and the silver medal in doubles (with Christina McHale). In 2013, Falconi reached back-to-back doubles finals at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit events in Portland, Ore., and Yakima, Wash., winning in Portland for her second USTA Pro Circuit doubles title. She also holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, the last coming in 2010. In two seasons at Georgia Tech, Falconi was a two-time All-American and ranks first in school history in all-time winning percentage (.824; 70-15). She was born in Ecuador and moved to New York at



Anthony Behar

Irina Falconi has played in every Grand Slam event at least twice, reaching the third round of the US Open in 2011.

age 3, learning to play on public courts in Manhattan.

Tournament wild card and 2010 Landisville singles and doubles champion **Alexandra Mueller**, of Abington, Pa., who won a career-high five doubles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2013 and holds 13 USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles overall, including three this year. She also has won four career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles. In July 2013, Mueller qualified in singles for the WTA event in Washington, D.C.; she also reached the doubles quarterfinals in Washington. 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.

Tournament wild card **Julia Elbaba**, who recently completed her sophomore season at the University of Virginia, where she posted a 31-6 singles record and received All-American singles honors for the second consecutive year. She also received All-America honors in doubles. Last year, Elbaba was named the women's ITA National Rookie of the Year and was the first Virginia



Brad Horrigan

2010 Landisville singles and doubles champion Alexandra Mueller has won 17 USTA Pro Circuit titles (13 in doubles) in her career. She is also a two-time winner of the US Open National Playoffs, earning wild cards into the US Open Qualifying Tournament in 2010 and 2012.

women's player to be seeded at the NCAA Individual Championships. Elbaba holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 event in New Orleans in 2012.

Julia Cohen, who qualified for the main draw at the 2014 Australian Open and spent a majority of the spring and summer competing overseas. Cohen broke into the Top 100 of the WTA rankings in July 2012 after advancing to her first WTA final, in Baku, Azerbaijan, prior to playing in her first US Open main draw that August. She spent the majority of 2013 competing on the USTA Pro Circuit and overseas in ITF events, reaching the singles quarterfinals or better at three USTA Pro Circuit events and winning the doubles title at the \$50,000 event in Dothan, Ala. Cohen is a veteran of all levels of competitive tennis, excelling as a junior and collegiate player and competing in USTA adult events in addition to her successes in the professional ranks. As a collegian, Cohen earned All-America honors in 2009 as a sophomore for the University of Miami (Fla.) after taking home the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rookie of the Year award as a freshman for the University of Florida. In 2008, she won three USTA adult national championships and added another in 2009, all in doubles events with her parents. Cohen peaked at No. 4 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2007, when she reached the Australian Open girls' doubles final.

Spain's **Lara Arruabarrena**, the top seed in Landisville, who peaked at No. 70 in the world in May 2013. Arruabarrena has competed in all four Grand Slams, winning her first-round match at the 2012 US Open. She also holds two WTA singles titles and two doubles titles, winning in doubles earlier this year in Bogota, Colombia, with Caroline Garcia.

Defending doubles champion and 2013 singles runner-up **Olivia Rogowska**, of Australia, who is ranked a career-high No. 104 after winning the singles title at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Sacramento, Calif., in mid-July. Rogowska also won the doubles title the following week at the \$50,000 event in Carson, Calif. She has won 11 ITF singles titles all over the world in her career, as well as 16 ITF and USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles. She has competed in the Australian Open every year since 2009, winning her first-round match in 2012 and 2014. She has also made appearances in the main draws of the US Open and French Open and has represented Australia in Fed Cup.

Teenager **Mayo Hibi**, who represents Japan but lives in Irvine, Calif. Hibi won the 2013 US Open National Playoffs, earning a wild card into the 2013 US Open qualifying event. She won her second and third career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles last year and started strong on the USTA Pro Circuit this year, reaching four singles quarterfinals. Hibi was also a standout junior, peaking at No. 22 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. She reached the singles semifinals of the junior US Open and the Easter Bowl in 2013.

Players competing in qualifying include:

Sanaz Marand, who played for the University of North Carolina, where she received All-America honors and, in 2010, helped lead the Tar Heels to their first NCAA team semifinals. In 2013, she won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$25,000 event in El Paso, Texas. Marand has also won five career USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles, with three coming in 2012, and she reached two USTA Pro Circuit doubles finals in 2014. She spent much of the late spring and early summer competing in Europe, where she won one ITF-level doubles title in Italy and advanced to one additional final in Switzerland. As a junior player, Marand reached the doubles final at the 2006 Easter Bowl with Ashley Weinhold.

Jamie Loeb, who recently completed her freshman season for the University of North Carolina and was the top-ranked college tennis player for most of the year. For her accomplishments, Loeb was named the 2014 ACC Women's Tennis Player of the Year—the third North Carolina player to ever earn that achievement—and the 2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Player of the Year. She was also a standout junior player, reaching the quarterfinals of the Wimbledon girls' event in 2013 and the junior singles final at the 2013 USTA International Spring Championships in Carson, Calif. (She also won the doubles title in Carson.) Loeb holds three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and two doubles titles, the last coming this June at the \$10,000 event in Charlotte. She trains at the John McEnroe Tennis Academy in Randalls Island, N.Y.

Asia Muhammad, who learned to play tennis at the Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club in Las Vegas. In 2013, Muhammad won two USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles and captured her first singles title since 2007, at the \$25,000 event in Raleigh, N.C. She holds 11 USTA Pro Circuit titles overall (nine in doubles). In 2014, she has won back-to-back doubles titles at the USTA Pro Circuit events in Charlottesville, Va., and Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. She also won the US Open National Playoffs USTA Missouri Valley Sectional Qualifying Tournament this summer to advance to the US Open National Playoffs Women's Championship in August, where she will vie for a singles spot in the US Open Qualifying Tournament.

Denise Muresan, who played for the University of Michigan, where she ranks third in all-time winning percentage while at the school (.707) and was a three-time All-American. She also was a two-time Big Ten Player of the Year, in 2010 and 2011. Muresan won her first pro title last year at an ITF-level event in Mexico, and she also holds two ITF doubles titles. She won the US Open National Playoffs USTA Midwest Sectional Qualifying Tournament in June to advance to the US Open National Playoffs Women's Championship in August, where she will vie for a singles spot in US Open qualifying.

Alexandra Stevenson, 33, who drew international attention in 1999 by becoming the first female qualifier in Wimbledon history to reach the semifinals. She was ranked in the year-end Top 100 each year from 1999 to 2003, peaking at No. 18 in 2002. Injuries drove her ranking into the 600s in 2005, but Stevenson rebounded to climb back into the Top 200 in 2009, advancing to the final at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Carson, Calif., for her best result on the USTA Pro Circuit since 1998. She is the daughter of basketball Hall-of-Famer Julius Erving.

Caitlin Whoriskey, a former University of Tennessee standout, who was named the 2010 College Senior Player of the Year after leading the Volunteers to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in eight seasons. Whoriskey captured her first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in May at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C., where she also won the doubles crown. She has also captured seven USTA Pro Circuit and ITF-level doubles titles throughout the world.

Allie Will, who has jumped more than 150 spots in the singles rankings since turning pro in 2012. Will went pro after completing her junior year at the University of Florida, where she rose to No. 1 in the collegiate singles rankings. In June, she won back-to-back doubles titles at ITF-level events in Mexico, while also reaching a singles final and a semifinal. Also this year, she won her seventh USTA Pro Circuit doubles title at the \$25,000 event in Vero Beach, Fla., to break into the Top 100 in the WTA doubles rankings for the first time.

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. 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.



Shelby Rogers

Ray East

YOUTH TENNIS

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.

NJTL

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.

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 1,000 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 of Tampa, Fla., won the men's wild card. Yasmin Schnack and Eric Roberson won mixed doubles. The 13 sectional qualifying tournaments for this year's US Open National Playoffs are in May and June, with championships in August. For more information, visit www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs.



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.

LANDISVILLE PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
Aug. 2013	Madison Brengle (USA)	Olivia Rogowska (AUS)	Aug. 2013	Olivia Rogowska (AUS) – Monique Adamczak (AUS)
May 2013	Alisa Kleybanova (RUS)	Natalie Pluskota (USA)	May 2013	Keri Wong (USA) – Maria Fernanda Alvarez-Teran (BOL)
May 2012	Piia Suomalainen (FIN)	Elizabeth Lumpkin (USA)	May 2012	Macall Harkins (USA) – Chieh-Yu Hsu (USA)
May 2011	Robin Anderson (USA)	Bojana Bobusic (AUS)	May 2011	Chieh-Yu Hsu (USA) – Nicola Slater (GBR)
May 2010	Alexandra Mueller (USA)	Kyle McPhillips (USA)	May 2010	Alexandra Mueller (USA) – Gail Brodsky (USA)
May 2009	Laura Granville (USA)	Petra Rampre (SLO)	May 2009	Olga Boulytcheva (RUS) – Magda Okruashvili (GEO)
May 2008	Kristie Ahn (USA)	Rebecca Marino (CAN)	May 2008	Audra Cohen (USA) – Heidi El Tabakh (CAN)