

## KOSER JEWELERS TENNIS CHALLENGE LANDISVILLE, PA • AUGUST 4-11

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Hempfield Recreation Center – Landisville, Pa.

**Website:** [www.landisvilleprocircuit.com](http://www.landisvilleprocircuit.com)  
[procircuit.usta.com](http://procircuit.usta.com)

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, August 4

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, August 6

**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	\$2,901	34
Semifinalist	\$1,144	24
Quarterfinalist	\$654	14
Round 16	\$392	8
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 HOSTS SECOND WOMEN'S EVENT IN LANDISVILLE

The **Koser Jewelers Pro Circuit Tennis Challenge** is returning for a second time in 2013 this year, after hosting a \$10,000 event in May. This tournament will mark the first time that a USTA Pro Circuit event is hosted in Landisville at the \$25,000 prize level. This tournament has been held in Landisville in May for six consecutive years. 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:

**CoCo Vandeweghe**, who is the highest-ranked American in the main draw with a current WTA ranking of No. 199. Vandeweghe has produced strong results so far this summer during the Emirates Airline US Open Series; she qualified for the events in Stanford, Calif., and Carlsbad, Calif., reaching the second round at both events. In April, she defeated Wimbledon champion Marion Bartoli in the opening round of the WTA event in Monterrey, Mexico. Vandeweghe reached her first pro final in 2012 in Stanford as a qualifier, losing to Serena Williams. Vandeweghe broke into the Top 100 for the first time in her career in early 2011 after qualifying for the Australian Open and reaching the quarterfinals of the WTA event in Memphis, Tenn. She also reached the second round of the 2011 US Open and competed in the French Open and Wimbledon that year. Vandeweghe was named to the U.S. Fed



Ron Angle

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Cup team for the 2010 final versus Italy. As a junior, she won the 2008 US Open girls' singles title. Vandeweghe's mother, Tauna, was a member of the U.S. national team in both swimming and volleyball, and her uncle is former NBA star Kiki Vandeweghe. She is currently coached by Jan-Michael Gambill, a former Top 15 player on the ATP World Tour.

**Madison Brengle**, who has posted consistently solid results this year on the USTA Pro Circuit. She won the \$25,000 event this February in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., without losing a set and reached the final last month at the \$50,000 event in Sacramento, Calif. In April, she also reached the semifinals at the \$50,000 event in Charlottesville, Va. As a junior player, Brengle reached a career-high ranking of No. 4 in the world in 2007, when she advanced to the girls' singles final at Wimbledon. Brengle has won four singles



Brad Horrigan

*2010 Landisville champion and Pennsylvania native Alexandra Mueller is a two-time winner of the US Open National Playoffs, earning qualifying wild cards into the US Open in 2010 and 2012.*

titles and four doubles titles throughout her career, all of which have come on the USTA Pro Circuit.

**Chieh-Yu (Connie) Hsu**, an American born in Taiwan, who is a former University of Pennsylvania standout. She won the USTA Pro Circuit doubles title this year at the \$25,000 event in Innisbrook, Fla., and has won four ITF singles titles worldwide, including victories in Taiwan and Turkey in 2011. In addition to competing on the USTA Pro Circuit, Hsu has played at events in Australia, Japan, Mexico and Brazil this year.

**Virginie Razzano** of France, who is a 14-year veteran of the pro tour with a career-high ranking of No. 16, achieved in 2009. In 2012, she pulled off the biggest upset in women's tennis that year by defeating Serena Williams in the opening round of the French Open. So far in 2013, she has reached the third round at both the French Open and Wimbledon as well as the quarterfinals of the WTA event in Bastad, Sweden. At the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Carlsbad, Calif., this summer, Razzano defeated two-time Grand Slam champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in the opening round. Razzano has won two WTA titles in her career and defeated numerous other Top 10 players including Martina Hingis, Vera Zvonareva, Elena Dementieva and Dinara Safina. As a junior player, she was ranked No. 1 in the world and won the French Open junior title in 2000. Razzano has also represented France in 13 Fed Cup ties since 2001 and competed at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Frenchwoman **Stephanie Foretz Gacon**, who is a 15-year veteran of the pro tour. So far in 2013, she has won her opening-round match at the Australian Open and qualified for the WTA event in Indian Wells. At the 2012 Australian Open, she won her first Grand Slam main draw match since 2005 and followed that up with first-round wins at the French Open and Wimbledon. She also reached her first WTA quarterfinal in nearly five years last February in Memphis, Tenn. Foretz Gacon peaked at No. 63 in 2003, and her biggest career win came in 2002, when she defeated Monica Seles en route to reaching the quarterfinals at the Family Circle Cup in Charleston, S.C. Foretz Gacon has also competed in the main draw of the French Open every year since 1999.

**Maryna Zanevska** of Ukraine, who is the top seed at this year's event, with a current ranking of No. 116. Her best results this year have come on clay and allowed her to jump more than 80 spots in the rankings. Last month, Zanevska reached the semifinals of the \$100,000 ITF event in the Czech Republic, and she reached two ITF finals at a \$50,000 event and \$100,000 event in Germany and France, respectively. In total, Zanevska has won seven ITF singles titles and 10 ITF doubles titles throughout her career.

**Ajla Tomljanovic**, who is one of the fastest-rising young players on tour, having jumped more than 300 places in the rankings already in 2013, largely due to her results on the USTA Pro Circuit. She advanced to the final of the \$25,000 Pro Circuit event in Innisbrook, Fla., and the \$100,000 event in Midland, Mich., in early 2013. She backed her performance in Midland by reaching the fourth round of the WTA event in Miami and winning her first USTA Pro Circuit title of the year at the \$50,000 tournament in Dothan, Ala. At Wimbledon this year, Tomljanovic qualified for her first Grand Slam main draw. Her 2012 year was derailed by injury and she was limited to just six events, resulting in her using an injury-protected ranking to enter Midland this year.

Former world No. 35 **Sesil Karantcheva** of Kazakhstan, who in 2005

advanced to the French Open quarterfinals as a 15-year-old, defeating Venus Williams along the way, and achieved her career-high ranking that year. In 2013, she won her opening-round match at the WTA event in Acapulco and qualified for the WTA event in Indian Wells. As a junior player, she was ranked No. 1 in the world in 2004 and won the girls' singles title at the French Open that year.

Those receiving main draw wild cards include:

Pennsylvania native **Alexandra Mueller**, who has been enjoying a resurgence in her tennis over the last few months. This summer, she qualified for the WTA event in Washington, D.C., and also reached the doubles quarterfinal. In June, she won the \$10,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Buffalo, N.Y. Mueller is also a two-time winner of the US Open National Playoffs, earning qualifying wild cards into the US Open in 2010 and 2012. Mueller won the Landisville singles and doubles titles in 2010. She holds four career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles.

Former world No. 158 **Lauren Albanese**, who reached at least one USTA Pro Circuit final each year from 2006 to 2009 and advanced to two semifinals in an injury-shortened 2011. She won the USTA Girls' 18s title in 2006 to earn a wild card into the US Open, where she advanced to the second round of the women's singles main draw. Last month, she won the singles title at the \$10,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Austin, Texas—her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title since 2006.

**Lauren Embree**, who completed her decorated college career this year at the University of Florida by being named the ITA National College Player of the Year. Embree went 26-3 this year for the Gators at the No. 1 singles spot, compiling a staggering 117-16 singles record during her college career. This summer, following her collegiate career, she reached the second round at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Lexington, Ky., and the doubles final at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Sacramento, Calif. In 2009, she won a USTA wild card playoff to earn a berth into the main draw of the French Open, where she lost in the opening round to former world No. 3 Nadia Petrova. She holds one USTA Pro Circuit title in her career, collecting the singles title at the \$10,000 women's event in Wichita, Kan., in 2008.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

**Julia Elbaba**, who recently completed her freshman season at the University of Virginia and was named the women's ITA National Rookie of the Year. Elbaba was the first Virginia women's player to be seeded at the NCAA Individual Championships, which were held in late May. She is ranked No. 12 in the country in the ITA collegiate rankings and led the Cavaliers with a 33-9 overall record; her 33 victories established a new UVA record for first-year players. This season, Elbaba also earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference and ACC Freshman of the Year honors. This past May, Elbaba won her opening-round match at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in El Paso, Texas.

**Natalie Pluskota**, who completed her stellar college career last year at the University of Tennessee. Pluskota reached the final of Landisville's tournament held in May. She has also enjoyed tremendous success in doubles as of late, currently ranking a career-high No. 158 in the world in doubles after reaching seven doubles semifinals on the USTA Pro Circuit this year. On the WTA this summer, Pluskota and fellow American Jacqueline Cako reached the doubles quarterfinals at the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Stanford, Calif. Last year, the pair won two USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles at the \$25,000 event in Rock Hill, S.C., and the \$75,000 tournament in Phoenix as well as advancing to the final of the \$100,000 event in Vancouver, B.C.

## 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.



Tim Hartis

Grace Min

## 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](http://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.



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

\*\*Please note: These events were held in May.