

THE MAUI CHALLENGER MAUI, HI • JANUARY 20 - 27

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: The Wailea Tennis Club – Maui, Hawaii.

Websites: www.hawaii.usta.com,
procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: USTA Hawaii Pacific

Twitter: @MAUI_Challenger

Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, January 20

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, January 22

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$50,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$7,200	80
Runner-up	\$4,240	48
Semifinalist	\$2,510	29
Quarterfinalist	\$1,460	15
Round of 16	\$860	7
Round of 32	\$520	-

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$3,100
Runner-up	\$1,800
Semifinalist	\$1,080
Quarterfinalist	\$640
Round of 16	\$360

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday, January 21

Junior Clinic featuring 10 and Under Tennis, 2:30-4 p.m.
Adult Clinic, 4-5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 25

Elementary school visit to tournament, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, January 26

10 and Under Tennis Exhibition
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Maui clinic

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S CHALLENGER COMES TO MAUI

The Maui Challenger brings the USTA Pro Circuit back to Maui for the first time since 2006. Honolulu hosted a USTA Pro Circuit men's Challenger from 2003 to 2012. In addition to 2006, Maui hosted an event from 1984 to 1987 and in 1993. It is the only USTA Pro Circuit event held in Hawaii and the first \$50,000 Challenger of the 2013 season.

This tournament will be streamed live on procircuit.usta.com.

On Monday, Jan. 21, the tournament will host a junior clinic featuring 10 and Under Tennis, a nationwide USTA initiative that scales the game to size for younger players. 10 and Under Tennis uses smaller courts, slower-moving and lower-bouncing balls, and smaller and lighter racquets designed specifically for kids. As such, kids learn, rally, play and compete right from the start, making the game more accessible and more fun, and increasing the chance that they will stick with tennis for a lifetime. A 10 and Under Tennis exhibition will also take place on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Players competing in the main draw in Maui are:



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Steve Johnson, who qualified for the 2013 Australian Open and lost in five sets in the first round to No. 10 seed Nicolas Pietrangeli. Johnson has had an impressive professional debut following a standout career at USC. He reached the third round of the 2012 US Open, becoming the first reigning NCAA champion to advance to the third round of the men's singles since Sargis Sargisian in 1995. He also captured the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Aptos, Calif., and reached the semifinals of two additional Challengers to break into the Top 200 for the first time in his young career. Johnson cemented his place as one of the best college players in 2012, going undefeated in singles to claim his second straight NCAA singles title and leading USC to its fourth team title in Johnson's four years at the school. He turned professional shortly thereafter.

Denis Kudla, a former top junior who qualified for the 2012 Australian Open to make his Grand Slam main draw debut. He also qualified for this year's Australian Open tune-up event in Brisbane and competed in Australian Open qualifying this year. Kudla competed in the 2012 US Open as a wild card and, last year, played a mix of ATP and USTA Pro Circuit events last year, reaching the second round of the ATP event in San Jose as a qualifier, defeating Jack Sock before losing to Andy Roddick in three sets, and the second round of Indian Wells, where he faced Roger Federer. On the USTA Pro Circuit, Kudla captured the first two Challenger titles of his career, in Lexington, Ky., and Charlottesville, Va., and finished

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2012 as the top ATP point earner among Americans and the leader in USTA Pro Circuit prize money. He also served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team for its quarterfinal tie against France and its semifinal against Spain. As a junior player, Kudla reached the boys' singles final of the 2010 US Open, where he lost to Jack Sock in three sets. Kudla was born in the Ukraine and came to the U.S. with his parents on his first birthday.

Tim Smyczek, who earned a lucky loser spot into the 2013 Australian Open and won his first-round match over former Top 20 player Ivo Karlovic, who is 6-foot-10 to Smyczek's 5-foot-9. Smyczek is approaching the Top 100 for the first time in his career after qualifying for and reaching the second round of the 2012 US Open. Smyczek made his first appearance in the main draw of the US Open in 2010 after winning an eight-man USTA wild card playoff, and backed that up by winning a similar six-man USTA playoff to earn a wild card into the 2011 French Open. Last year Smyczek won the final USTA Pro Circuit Challenger of the year in Champaign, Ill., and also won the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger title in Tallahassee, Fla. Smyczek regularly trains at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Fla., with fellow Americans James Blake, Mardy Fish and John Isner.

Rhyn Williams, who earned a wild card into the 2013 Australian Open main draw by winning the USTA Australian Open Wild Card Playoffs in Norcross, Ga., in December 2012. He lost his first-round match in in Australia in five sets. Williams also won three matches to qualify for the main draw of the 2012 US Open for his first Grand Slam appearance—in the process joining Bradley Klahn as one of just 13 qualifying wild cards to reach the main draw in recorded US Open history. There, Williams faced Andy Roddick in the first round just days before Roddick announced his retirement. Williams turned pro in 2011 following his sophomore year at the University of Tennessee, where he was one of the nation's top collegiate players, reaching the singles final at the 2011 NCAA Championships.

Donald Young, who broke into the world's Top 40 in February of last year and qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympic team. He competed in all four Grand Slam events a year ago, reaching the second round of the Australian Open. In 2011, he reached the round of 16 at the US Open, upsetting two Top 30 players en route, for his best Grand Slam result, and he also reached the final of the ATP event in Bangkok and the semifinals of the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Washington, D.C. A standout junior player, Young was a two-time Grand Slam tournament champion (2005 Australian Open, 2007 Wimbledon) and, at age 16 years and 5 months, became the youngest-ever year-end world junior No. 1 in 2005.

2006 Maui singles champion **Michael Russell**, who is the men's all-time leader in USTA Pro Circuit singles titles with 22. Russell upset then-Top 10 player Mardy Fish en route to the semifinals of the ATP World Tour event in Houston in April 2012, the best result of his career at a tour-level event. In 2001, he reached the fourth round of the French Open for Russell's best Grand Slam result. Russell, a veteran on the USTA Pro Circuit and ATP World Tour, has consistently ranked in and around the Top 100 for the past three years.

Bradley Klahn, 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 Jurgen Melzer in the first round in five sets. In doing so, the left-hander became the first-ever men's qualifying wild card to win a round at the US Open. Following the US 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.

Tennys Sandgren, whose name is pronounced like the sport, 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. A former University of Tennessee All-American, Sandgren reached the semifinals of the 2011 NCAA tournament, losing to teammate Rhyn Williams in three sets.

Daniel Kosakowski, who made a splash in his first full season as a professional in 2012, 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, Kosakowski 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.

Alex Kuznetsov, who had a strong end to 2012, reaching two USTA Pro Circuit Challenger finals. A native of Kiev, Ukraine, where his grandfather was a handball champion, Kuznetsov was a standout junior and the runner-up at the 2004 junior French Open. Following a severe leg injury suffered in a 2005 car accident, Kuznetsov came back to play in his first US Open main draw in 2006. In 2007, he won his first Grand Slam match at the Australian Open, reached the round of 16 in doubles at the US Open and posted career-best rankings of

University of Tennessee Athletics



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No. 158 in singles and No. 78 in doubles. Kuznetsov qualified for the 2012 Australian Open in his first appearance in a Grand Slam main draw since 2007 and faced Rafael Nadal in the first round.

Ryan Sweeting, who soared to a career-high ranking of No. 64 in the world in September 2011 after winning his first ATP World Tour singles title at the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston in April of that year. Last year Sweeting reached the second round of the Australian Open and Wimbledon. He played in six consecutive US Open main draws, from 2006 to 2011, and won a USTA playoff to earn a main draw wild card into the 2010 French Open. As a junior, he won the 2005 US Open boys' singles title while competing for the Bahamas. He played collegiately at the University of Florida and served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team in 2006 and 2007.

Michael Yani, who competed in the qualifying of all four Grand Slam events in 2012, and who captured his sixth USTA Pro Circuit title by winning the \$50,000 Challenger in Binghamton, N.Y. Yani broke into the Top 150 for the first time in his career in early 2010 after qualifying for the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston and advancing to the semifinals of the Dallas Challenger on the USTA Pro Circuit. Yani also qualified for the main draw at the 2010 French Open, falling to Lukas Lacko of Slovakia, 4-6, 7-6(5), 7-6(4), 6-7(5), 12-10, in a first-round marathon that lasted nearly five hours. (The 71 games equaled the most in a singles match at Roland Garros since the tie-break was instituted in 1973.) Yani, who was born in Singapore, played collegiately at Duke University.

Denis Zivkovic, who spent most of 2012 competing overseas in ITF tournaments, winning a Challenger in Mexico, where he defeated American Rajeev Ram in the final. Zivkovic competed in qualifying for the 2013 Australian Open. He holds two USTA Pro Circuit Futures singles titles on clay and has won eight doubles titles since 2005.

Players competing in qualifying are:

Austin Krajicek, a five-time All-American for Texas A&M who won the 2011 NCAA men's doubles title with fellow Maui qualifying entrant

Jeff Dadamo. Krajicek won his first professional title at a \$15,000 Futures in China in January 2012 and also qualified for the ATP event in Delray Beach, Fla., in February. A standout junior player, he won the 2008 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships, earning a wild card into the 2008 US Open main draw. He has also been a practice partner on three occasions for the U.S. Davis Cup team, most recently for the team's semifinal tie in Gijon, Spain. He is a distant relative of former Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek.

Devin Britton, who captured the 2009 NCAA singles title in his freshman year at the University of Mississippi before turning pro. Britton's NCAA title earned him a main draw wild card into the 2009 US Open, where he pushed five-time defending champion Roger Federer in a 6-1, 6-3, 7-5 defeat. After touring for more than two years, Britton broke through with his first career singles title at the \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Sacramento, Calif., in June 2012. He has also excelled in doubles, winning six USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles in 2012 (and 11 doubles titles overall including ITF Circuit events). As a junior player, Britton reached the 2008 US Open boys' singles final as a wild card.

Teenager **Dennis Novikov**, who won the singles and doubles titles at the 2012 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships to earn wild cards into the US Open in both events. In Flushing Meadows, he became just the second USTA Boys' 18s national champion to win his opening-round match at the US Open in 17 years—he stretched No. 31 seed Julien Benneteau to four sets in the second round before losing—and also advanced to the second round in doubles with partner Michael Redlicki. Novikov was a midseason freshman addition to the UCLA team in spring 2012, and he returns to the Bruins this year.

USTA Pro Circuit veteran **Michael McClune**, who spent the first half of 2012 playing in South Korea and then reached the quarterfinals at the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Aptos, Calif., and the \$50,000 Challenger in Lexington, Ky., that summer. McClune won the USTA Boys' 18s singles crown to earn a wild card into the main draw of the 2007 US Open, his only Grand Slam main draw appearance to date.

**Player field subject to change*

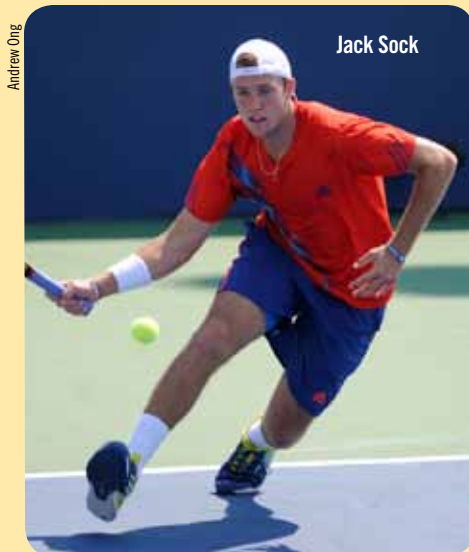
MAUI PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2006	Michael Russell (USA)	Sam Warburg (USA)	2006	Rajeev Ram (USA) / Brian Wilson (USA)
1993	John Carlsson (SWE)	Michael Joyce (USA)	1993	Donny Isak (USA) / Kent Seton (USA)
1993	Michael Joyce (USA)	Wade McGuire (USA)	1993	Chet Crile (USA) / Will Forsyth (USA)
1987	Wayne Hearn (USA)	Doug Burke (JAM)	1987	Glenn Michibata (TPE) / Larry Scott (USA)
1986	Jim Pugh (USA)	Howard Herr (RSA)	1986	Rick Leach (USA) / Jim Pugh (USA)
1985	Thomas Hogstedt (SWE)	Craig Campbell (RSA)	1985	Craig Campbell (RSA) / Jim Pugh (USA)
1984	Chris Dunk (USA)	Terry Ward (USA)	1984	Luviu Mancas (ROU) / Eric Riley (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.



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. Information for the 2013 US Open National Playoffs will be released in the coming months.

