TOURNAMENT NOTES

THE OAKS CLUB $50,000 USTA PRO CIRCUIT EVENT
OSPREY, FL • MARCH 23–30

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: The Oaks Club – Osprey, Fla.
Websites: www.theoakscclub.com
procircuit.usta.com
Facebook: The Oaks Club $50,000 USTA Women’s Pro Circuit Event
Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, March 23
Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, March 25
Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles
Surface: Clay / Outdoors
Prize Money: $50,000
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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES: Prize Money Ranking Points
Winner $7,600 70
Runner-up $4,053 50
Semifinalist $2,216 32
Quarterfinalist $1,267 18
Round of 16 $760 10
Round of 32 $444 1

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)
Winner $2,786
Runner-up $1,393
Semifinalist $696
Quarterfinalist $380
Round of 16 $254

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, March 29
Kids’ Day, 9-10 a.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN’S TENNIS RETURNS TO OSPREY

The Oaks Club $50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Event will take place in Osprey for the sixth consecutive year. The tournament is the first $50,000 USTA Pro Circuit women’s event of the season and one of nine women’s events taking place in Florida this year. The tournament kicks off a series of clay-court events held in the lead-up 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:

Julia Cohen, who is receiving a main draw wild card into Osprey, and who qualified for the main draw at the 2014 Australian Open. 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 a majority of 2013 competing on the USTA Pro Circuit and overseas in ITF Circuit 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. Along with her success in the professional ranks, Cohen has excelled at all levels of competitive tennis, winning as a junior and collegiate player, as well as in USTA family events. Cohen peaked at No. 4 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2007, when she reached the Australian Open girls’ doubles final. 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 parent-child doubles national championships and added another in 2009.

Czech Republic’s Andrea Hlavackova, who won both the US Open women’s doubles title (with Lucie Hradecka) and the US Open mixed doubles title (with Max Mirnyi) in 2013. She also won the 2011 French Open women’s doubles title and has captured 14 WTA doubles titles overall. With her doubles success, she peaked at No. 3 in the world in October 2012. In singles, Hlavackova reached one WTA final, in Bad Gastein in 2013, and peaked at a career-high singles ranking of No. 58 in September 2012. Her best singles result came when she reached the fourth round of the 2012 US Open, losing...
to Serena Williams. Hlavackova grew up and lives in Plzen, Czech Republic, a famous beer town, where her father is a master brewer.

Irina Falconi, who is receiving a main draw wild card into Osprey, and who has played in every Grand Slam event at least twice, reaching the third round of the 2011 US Open and the second round of the 2012 French Open. Her highlight came at the 2011 US Open, when 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, and qualified for the Australian Open and Wimbledon to rise to No. 73 in the world rankings. In addition, she was selected to represent the United States 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 the title 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; she ranks first in school history in all-time winning percentage (.824; 70-15). She was born in Ecuador and moved to New York at age 3, learning to play on public courts in Manhattan.

China’s Zhang Shuai, who is the top seed in Osprey and is ranked a career-high No. 42 in the world. Zhang has won two WTA singles titles in her career and 15 ITF Circuit singles titles all over the world. She has competed in all four Grand Slam tournaments and has represented China in Fed Cup and the Olympics. In doubles, Zhang has ranked as high as No. 29 in the world and holds five WTA doubles titles, including one title this year in Pattaya City, Thailand. She also reached the women’s doubles quarterfinals at the 2012 US Open. Zhang’s best tennis memory was playing in a mixed doubles exhibition match with Pete Sampras in Beijing in 2011. Her father was a professional soccer player, and her mother was a basketball player.

Australia’s Casey Dellacqua, who arrives in Osprey after reaching the quarterfinals of the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif., earlier this month, with a win over Top 20 player Robert Vinci in the third round. Dellacqua also reached the fourth round of the 2014 Australian Open, her best result at a Grand Slam tournament since 2008, when she also reached the Australian Open fourth round. Dellacqua reached No. 39 in the world in singles in 2008 and No. 9 in doubles in 2009. She has been a women’s doubles finalist at each of the four Grand Slam tournaments, most recently last year at the US Open, Wimbledon and Australian Open, and she won the mixed doubles title at the 2011 French Open with American Scott Lipsky. Overall, Dellacqua holds two WTA doubles titles, winning both in 2013 in Pattaya City, Thailand, and Birmingham, England. She competed for Australia’s Fed Cup team for seven years and represented Australia in the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games.

New Zealand’s Marina Erakovic, who peaked at No. 39 in the world in singles in May 2012 and at No. 25 in the world in doubles in June 2013. She won her first WTA singles titles last year, in Memphis, Tenn., and she also was a finalist at three additional WTA events. In her career, Erakovic reached the third round in singles at the French Open and Wimbledon and has represented New Zealand in Fed Cup and the Olympics. In doubles, she reached the women’s doubles semifinals of Wimbledon in 2011 as well as the quarterfinals of the 2008 US Open and 2013 French Open. As a junior player, she was ranked as high as No. 5 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2005, reaching the singles quarterfinals of the junior US Open and Australian Open that year (losing to former world No. 1 Victoria Azarenka both times). Erakovic also won the junior US Open doubles title in 2004.

Czech Republic’s Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, who has ranked in the WTA Top 100 in singles for six consecutive years and peaked at No. 14 in the world in doubles in 2011. She has won 17 WTA doubles titles and reached the doubles quarterfinals at both the US Open and Wimbledon. In singles, she has ranked as high as No. 39 and has competed in all four Grand Slam tournaments. She captured one WTA singles title, in 2011 in Quebec City. Zahlavova Strycova has been a consistent force on the Czech Republic Fed Cup team and competed in the 2004 Olympics. In 2002-03, she won back-to-back Australian Open girls’ singles titles, with a runner-up finish in the 2002 US Open girls’ singles event in between.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Melanie Oudin, who is competing in her first USTA Pro Circuit tournament of 2014 after being diagnosed with rhabdomyolysis, a breakdown of muscle tissue, in November 2013. Oudin burst onto the tennis scene in 2009, defeating former world No. 1 Jelena Jankovic to reach the fourth round at Wimbledon and beating three-time Grand Slam tournament champion Maria Sharapova en route to the US Open quarterfinals. She peaked at No. 31 in the world in singles in April 2010, but struggled with injuries and inconsistency in the year that followed. Oudin started a comeback in 2012, capturing her first WTA title at the Wimbledon tune-up event in Birmingham, England, where she won eight matches (including qualifying) and upset No. 5 seed Jankovic in the final. Oudin then competed at Wimbledon as a wild card. She also earned a 2012 French Open wild card based on her results on the USTA Pro Circuit, which included a title at the event in Charlottesville, Va. (She reached the second round at Roland Garros.) In 2013, Oudin won the Party Rock Open, a $50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Las Vegas sponsored by music sensation Redfoo; reached the second round at the French Open; and qualified for the WTA clay-court events in Rome and Brussels. In addition to her success in singles, Oudin notched one of the biggest victories of her career at the 2011 US Open, claiming the mixed doubles title with countryman Jack Sock. She also has been a consistent performer for the U.S. Fed Cup team. Oudin trains with the USTA Player Development Program.

Grace Min, who was one of the top juniors in the world in 2011, defeating the No. 2 seed in the first round and the No. 1 seed in the final to win the US Open girls’ singles title without dropping a set. That same year, she also won the girls’ doubles title at Wimbledon and reached the singles semifinals at the Easter Bowl and the USTA International Spring Championships. Those results propelled her to No. 4 in the world junior rankings. In 2013, Min qualified for the French Open—her first main-draw Grand Slam appearance outside the US Open—as well as the US Open. She also qualified for the WTA events in Indian Wells, Calif.; Charleston, S.C.; and Acapulco, Mexico, last year to crack the Top 150 for the first time in her career. Min has trained full-time at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., since 2009.

Madison Brengle, who had a strong 2013 season on the USTA Pro Circuit, capturing two singles titles and one doubles title in
addition to reaching the quarterfinals or better at all five USTA Pro Circuit events she competed in following the 2013 US Open. At the beginning of 2014, Brengle qualified for the WTA’s Australian Open tune-up event in Hobart, Australia. She has played in the main draw at three of the four Grand Slam events, winning USTA wild-card playoffs to earn entry into the Australian Open (2007, 2008) and the French Open (2008) as well as competing in the US Open main draw in 2007. As a junior player, Brengle reached a career-high ranking of No. 4 in the world in 2007 and advanced to the girls’ singles final at Wimbledon that year. She has won five singles titles and five doubles titles in her career, all of which have come on the USTA Pro Circuit.

Great Britain’s Heather Watson, who peaked at No. 39 in the world in February 2013 after reaching the third round of the Australian Open. She also reached the third round of Wimbledon in 2012. Also in 2012, Watson won her first WTA title at Osaka, becoming the first Brit in 24 years to win a WTA singles crown. She also won two WTA doubles titles in 2012. Watson won both the singles and doubles titles at the $100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich., earlier this year. She has played for the Great Britain Fed Cup team and competed in the 2012 Olympics in London. Watson, who captured the 2009 US Open girls’ singles title, trains with legendary coach Nick Bollettieri.

Czech Republic’s Lucie Hradecka, who throughout her career has won 17 WTA doubles titles, including the 2011 French Open and the 2013 US Open in partnership with Andrea Hlavackova. In addition, the duo won the silver medal at the 2012 Olympics in London. Hradecka won the mixed doubles title at the 2013 French Open with Frantisek Cermak. Hradecka has also proven her skills in singles, winning 18 ITF and USTA Pro Circuit singles titles. She is a six-time runner-up in singles at WTA events. Her career-best singles ranking came in June 2011 when she reached No. 43 in the world, and her career-high doubles ranking was No. 4 in October 2012.

*Player field subject to change

**OSPREY PAST WINNERS**

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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.

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.