

## USTA TENNIS CLASSIC OF TROY TROY, AL • OCTOBER 7-14

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Lunsford Tennis Center – Troy, Ala.

**Websites:** [www.troyusta.com](http://www.troyusta.com)  
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**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, October 7

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, October 9

**Main Draw:** 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

**Surface:** Hard / Outdoor

**Prize Money:** \$25,000

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### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$2,940	50
Runner-Up	\$1,666	34
Semifinalist	\$1,078	24
Quarterfinalist	\$686	14
Round 16	\$490	8
Round 32	\$294	1

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$1,176
Runner-Up	\$686
Semifinalist	\$392
Quarterfinalist	\$196
Round 16	\$98

### USTA PRO CIRCUIT CELEBRATES 10 YEARS IN TROY

The **USTA Tennis Classic of Troy** will be celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. On Monday, Oct. 8, the tournament will receive a plaque from USTA Pro Circuit Director Brian Earley to honor its anniversary. The tournament is one of three USTA Pro Circuit women's events held in Alabama in 2012; Dothan hosted a \$50,000 event in April and Pelham hosted a \$25,000 event in late March. The USTA Tennis Classic of Troy was held as a \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event for the previous nine years.

Featured in the main draw is 18-year-old **Grace Min** of Atlanta. The 2011 US Open girls' singles champion, Min has won three USTA Pro Circuit titles this year, including back-to-back wins on clay at the \$50,000 event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and the \$25,000 tournament in Raleigh, N.C. She trains at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and cracked the Top 200 for the first time this year.

Other Americans in the main draw are: **Chichi Scholl**, who won her first two career singles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2011 and has been ranked as high as No. 164; **Julia Boserup**, who won her first professional title in 2011 at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Redding, Calif., and added her second title earlier this year at the \$25,000 event



Tim Hartis

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in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., before being sidelined with stress fractures in both feet; former University of Pennsylvania standout **Chieh-Yu (Connie) Hsu**, who has won three ITF Women's Circuit titles, including victories in Taiwan and Turkey in 2011; and **Lena Litvak**, who won her first professional title in 2011 at the \$10,000 event in Bethany Beach, Del., and who played collegiately at Harvard.

**Edina Gallovits-Hall**, the top seed in the tournament, has been a professional for more than a decade, competing in all four Grand Slam singles main draws and improving her ranking each year from 2000 to 2008, when she approached the Top 50. In her career, she has won 12 USTA Pro Circuit singles titles, which is second-all time to Kristina Brandi's 13 (Brandi won the singles title in Troy in 2003).

Those Americans competing in qualifying are: **Alexandra Mueller**, the 2010 and 2012 US Open National Playoffs champion, who received a wild card into US Open qualifying both years by winning the Playoffs; and former world No. 158 **Lauren Albanese**, who reached at least one USTA Pro Circuit final each year from 2006 to 2009 and advanced



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*Chichi Scholl rose nearly 600 spots in the rankings in 2011, winning two titles on the USTA Pro Circuit.*

to two semifinals in an injury-shortened 2011. Albanese 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.

Teenagers to compete in qualifying are: 17-year-old **Sachia Vickery**, who reached the doubles semifinals of the 2012 Wimbledon juniors, reached the third round of the 2012 US Open juniors, and has worked with Richard Williams, Venus and Serena's father; 16-year-old **Brooke Austin**, who won the 2012 USTA Girls' 18 Spring National Championships and helped lead the United States to back-to-back World Junior Tennis titles in 2009 and 2010; and 17-year-old **Alexandra Kiick**, who advanced to the final of this year's USTA Girls' 18 National Championships to earn a wild card into the US Open qualifying tournament, and who also won the 2012 USTA Girls' 18s doubles title to earn a wild card into the 2012 US Open women's doubles main draw. Kiick is the daughter of former Miami Dolphins running back Jim Kiick, a member of the undefeated 1972 championship team, and has trained at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.

Former college standouts competing in qualifying are: three-time University of Florida All-American **Alexis King**, a mother of two, who reached two USTA Pro Circuit semifinals this summer; **Denise Muresan**, a two-time All-American at the University of Michigan who graduated as the school's all-time wins leader; and **Veronica Corning**, who played

tennis for a year and a half at Boston College and then transferred to Northwestern University, following an outstanding high school tennis record in Hamilton, Mass., where she did not lose one set throughout her high school career. Corning also won the 2011 US Open National Playoffs USTA Middle States mixed doubles title.

Many current WTA Tour standouts have found success in Troy. 2009 singles runner-up **Christina McHale** peaked at a career-high No. 24 in the world this August and reached the third round of the Australian Open, French Open, and Wimbledon in 2012—her career-best Grand Slam results. McHale also was named to the U.S. Olympic team and has regularly competed for the U.S. Fed Cup team. 2011 Troy singles runner-up **Varvara Lepchenko** was named to the U.S. Olympic team this year after breaking into the Top 40. Lepchenko is currently ranked a career-high No. 19 in the world and reached the fourth round of the French Open, as well as the third round of Wimbledon and the US Open. Both McHale and Lepchenko currently train at the USTA Training Center-East in Flushing, N.Y., at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, home of the US Open. 2003 Troy doubles champion **Bethanie Mattek-Sands** peaked at No. 11 in the world in the WTA doubles rankings in April 2011 and has won 10 career doubles titles. She peaked at world No. 30 in singles in July 2011 after reaching the third round of the French Open. Mattek-Sands was a crucial part in Team USA's run to the Fed Cup final in 2009 and 2010 and continues to be a part of the team.

*\*Player field subject to change*

## TROY PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2011	Romina Oprandi (ITA)	Varvara Lepchenko (USA)	2011	Elena Bovina (RUS) – Valeria Savinykh (RUS)
2010	Rebecca Marino (CAN)	Ashley Weinhold (USA)	2010	Madison Brengle (USA) – Asia Muhammad (USA)
2009	Alison Riske (USA)	Christina McHale (USA)	2009	Petra Rampre (SLO) – Nicole Rottmann (AUT)
2008	Anna Tatishvili (GEO)	Georgie Stoop (GBR)	2008	Raquel Kops-Jones (USA) – Abigail Spears (USA)
2007	Maret Ani (EST)	Stephanie Dubois (CAN)	2007	Angela Haynes (USA) – Mashona Washington (USA)
2006	Milagros Sequera (VEN)	Ahsha Rolle (USA)	2006	Leanne Baker (NZL) – Nicole Kriz (AUS)
2005	Ahsha Rolle (USA)	Maria Kondratieva (RUS)	2005	Julie Ditty (USA) – Milagros Sequera (VEN)
2004	Shenay Perry (USA)	Maria Emilia Salerni (ARG)	2004	Teryn Ashley (USA) – Laura Granville (USA)
2003	Kristina Brandi (USA)	Maria Elena Camerin (ITA)	2003	Bethanie Mattek (USA) – Shenay Perry (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 33 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, Andy Roddick, Caroline Wozniacki, James Blake, Li Na** 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—**Christina McHale** and **Ryan Harrison**. McHale reached the quarterfinals or better at five USTA Pro Circuit events in 2010 and climbed more than 100 spots in the WTA rankings that year. Buoyed by those results, she began to compete regularly on the WTA tour in 2011 and became the youngest player in the world's Top 50 after defeating No. 8 seed Marion Bartoli en route to the third round of the US Open. Three weeks prior, she upset world No. 1 Wozniacki at the US Open Series event in Cincinnati. McHale also was named to the U.S. Fed Cup team for the World Group Playoff in April 2011. Harrison began 2011 by winning the singles and doubles titles at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Honolulu and subsequently reached the round of 16 in Indian Wells, where he upset three players ranked in the Top 50. Harrison cracked the Top 100 for the first time in summer 2011—becoming one of just two teenage males in the Top 100—after reaching back-to-back semifinals at the US Open Series events in Atlanta and Los Angeles. He also played in the main draw of all four Grand Slam events last year, pushing world No. 5 David Ferrer to five sets in the second round at Wimbledon.



Christina McHale

## 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

On January 1, the USTA announced that the rules of tennis have officially changed and require that 10 and Under Tennis tournaments be played utilizing smaller, lighter racquets and lower-bouncing balls on smaller courts. This rule change signifies the emergence of 10 and Under Tennis as an integral part of the development of young players. The scaled-down equipment and smaller courts better allow kids to rally and play the game earlier in their development, and increase the likelihood they will return to the court and continue to improve while having fun doing so. For more information, visit [www.10andundertennis.com](http://www.10andundertennis.com).

## NJTL

Cities across the country participate in the USTA/National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) network, a nationwide network of community tennis organizations seeking to develop the character of young people through both tennis and education. Founded by Arthur Ashe in 1969, more than 650 registered chapters/programs exist throughout the nation with more than 250,000 participants ages 6-18, making NJTL one of the USTA's largest community-based initiatives.

## 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. This 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 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.