

BLUEWATER BAY PRO CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIPS NICEVILLE, FL • NOVEMBER 4-13



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Bluewater Bay Tennis Center – Niceville, Fla.

Websites: www.bluewaterbayprocircuit.com
www.procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: Bluewater Bay Tennis Center managed by Cliff Drysdale Tennis

Qualifying Draw Begins: Friday, Nov. 4

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Nov. 8

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$10,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$1,440	18
Runner-up	\$848	10
Semifinalist	\$502	6
Quarterfinalist	\$292	2
Round of 16	\$172	1
Round of 32	\$104	-

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$620
Runner-up	\$360
Semifinalist	\$216
Quarterfinalist	\$128
Round of 16	\$72

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday, Nov. 7 – Pro-Am, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 12 – Kids' Day

USTA PRO CIRCUIT MEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO NICEVILLE

The **Bluewater Bay Pro Circuit Championships** return to Niceville for the eighth consecutive year. Niceville is the second of three consecutive clay-court events to conclude the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit season. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training for younger players on clay.

To follow the tournament, download the USTA Pro Circuit's phone app for smartphones and tablets by searching "procircuit" in the Apple and Google Play stores.

Notable American players competing in Niceville include:

2014 Niceville singles champion **Wil Spencer**, who graduated from the University of Georgia in 2012, playing two years for the Bulldogs after competing for Texas A&M as a freshman and sophomore. Spencer went 104-49 in four years between the two schools and reached the round of 16 at the 2012 NCAA tournament. His final collegiate singles ranking was No. 11. Spencer won his third career USTA Pro Circuit singles title earlier this year at the \$25,000 Futures in Houston. He also holds one doubles title, won at the \$10,000 Futures in Birmingham, Ala., last year.

2015 Niceville singles runner-up **Alex Rybakov**, who climbed to No. 14 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in January 2015 and reached the singles quarterfinals at the 2015



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junior US Open. Rybakov also competed in the 2015 junior French Open, winning his first-round match. In August 2014, he represented the U.S. in the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, along with 2015 US Open girls' singles finalist Sofia Kenin. In the spring of 2016, Rybakov completed his freshman year at TCU by being named the 2016 ITA National Men's Rookie of the Year and the Big 12 Freshman of the Year. He scored 20 singles wins in his debut season and helped his team win the Big 12 tournament title for the first time in program history. He holds one ITF Circuit doubles title, won in Italy in September.

Gonzales Austin, who graduated from Vanderbilt in 2015 as the SEC Player of the Year. He also



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earned All-America honors in both singles and doubles during his junior and senior years. In his collegiate career, Austin earned 107 singles wins—the most of any player in Vanderbilt history. He holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 Futures in Claremont, Calif., in September 2015.

Nick Chappell, who graduated from TCU in 2015, where he earned All-Big 12 honors throughout his collegiate career. He graduated with more than 150 singles and doubles wins. Chappell has played most of this year overseas in ITF Circuit events in Israel, winning his first doubles title in March and reaching two singles finals. He also competed in Egypt and Italy.

Seventeen-year-old **Vasil Kirkov**, who competed in US Open qualifying this year as a wild card after reaching the final of the USTA Boys' 18s Championships in Kalamazoo, Mich., this summer. He also competed in the US Open, French Open and Wimbledon juniors this year, advancing

to the doubles quarterfinals at Wimbledon. Kirkov has trained with Ivan Lendl as part of a USTA Player Development initiative.

Winston Lin, who played for the University of Columbia, where he graduated in 2015 and played at the No. 1 singles and doubles positions his senior year. He also earned All-America honors his junior year and was the 2014 Ivy League Player of the Year. Lin has spent most of the year competing overseas in ITF Circuit events in Greece, Croatia, Bulgaria, Finland and Canada.

Andrew Carter, who played for the University of Louisville. He graduated in 2012.

Patrick Daciek, a former standout for Virginia Tech who holds one USTA Pro Circuit doubles title, at the \$10,000 Futures in Pensacola, Fla., in 2013.

**Player field subject to change*

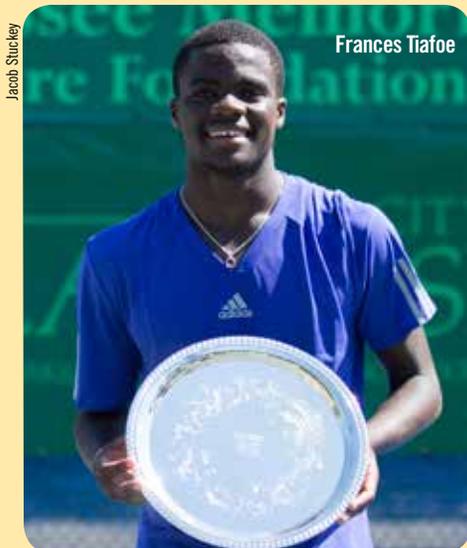
NICEVILLE PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2015	Bastian Trinker (AUT)	Alex Rybakov (USA)	2015	Brian Battistone (USA) – Boris Nicola Bakalov (BUL)
2014	Wil Spencer (USA)	Peter Nagy (HUN)	2014	Jean-Yves Aubone (USA) – Benjamin Lock (ZIM)
2013	Sekou Bangoura (USA)	Eric Prodon (FRA)	2013	Alexis Musialek (FRA) – Arthur Surreaux (FRA)
2012	Chase Buchanan (USA)	Kyle Edmund (GBR)	2012	Jason Jung (USA) – Ryan Thacher (USA)
2011	Jason Kubler (AUS)	Roman Vogeli (CZE)	2011	Bassam Beidas (LIB) – Roman Vogeli (CZE)
2010	Adam Kellner (HUN)	James Lemke (AUS)	2010	Robbye Poole (USA) – Erling Tveit (NOR)
2009	Conor Niland (IRL)	James Lemke (AUS)	2009	Tigran Martirosyan (ARM) – Artem Sitak (RUS)

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 in 1979 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. **John Isner, Maria Sharapova, Andy Murray, Caroline Woznaicki, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka** and **Sam Querrey** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit was a pathway to success for two young Americans in 2015—**Frances Tiafoe** and **Samantha Crawford**. Tiafoe, a former world No. 2 junior who turned pro early in 2015, started last season ranked No. 1,143. His successes on the USTA Pro Circuit not only allowed Tiafoe to finish the year ranked No. 176, but also gave him experience on the Grand Slam stage. Tiafoe won the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge (based on results in three USTA Pro Circuit Challengers) to earn a spot in the 2015 French Open, which marked his Grand Slam debut. He also won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2015 at the \$15,000 Futures in Bakersfield, Calif., and reached three additional finals. Tiafoe also competed in the 2015 US Open as a wild card and continues to climb in the rankings. Crawford, the 2012 US Open girls' singles champion, started the 2015 season ranked No. 293 and competed in 23 USTA Pro Circuit events throughout the year. She went on to win the first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of her career at the \$50,000 event in Scottsdale, Ariz., and also won two of the USTA Pro Circuit's wild card challenges to earn wild cards into the 2015 US Open and 2016 Australian Open. Crawford's hard work paid off, and in January 2016, she rose to No. 107 in the world after a strong start to the year in Australia, where she reached her first WTA semifinal in Brisbane as a qualifier.



Jacob Stuckey

Frances Tiafoe

USTA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The USTA Player Development program, working with the American Tennis Family of players, coaches and families, helps to identify and develop the next generation of American champions by surrounding 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 utilizes National Training Centers in Carson, Calif., and Flushing, N.Y., as well as a network of Certified Regional Training Centers located throughout the United States.

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.

USTA FOUNDATION

USTA Foundation, the national charitable organization of the USTA, helps serve up dreams for under-resourced youth; individuals with disabilities; and wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and their families. The foundation supports programs nationwide that leverage tennis and education to help those in need, primarily through the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network, and other efforts to assist military personnel, veterans and individuals with disabilities. To date, it has awarded more than \$19 million in grants and scholarships to hundreds of programs, benefitting thousands of children and adults through a tennis, education and health curricula. For more information, visit the website www.ustafoundation.com.

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 1,450 players competed in 13 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2015 US Open Qualifying Tournament wild card. A men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles element also was held, with the winning team earning a US Open main draw doubles wild card. Registration for all 2016 sectional events opens on March 15, with tournaments taking place in May and June. The US Open National Playoffs will take place in New Haven in August. For more information and the schedule, and to vie for a chance to compete in the US Open, visit www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs.

