

U.S. Pro Women's Clay Court Championships

Palm Harbor, Fla.
April 11-17



TOURNAMENT NOTES

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site:

Innisbrook Resort

Website:

www.usta.com/procircuit,
www.springtennisfestival.com

Qualifying Draw Begins: Mon., April 11

Main Draw Begins: Tues., April 12

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$100,000

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PRIZE MONEY/POINTS • \$100,000 WOMEN

Singles:	Prize Money	Points
Winner	\$15,239	140
Runner-up	\$8,147	85
Semifinalist	\$4,473	50
Quarterfinalist	\$2,573	25
Round of 16	\$1,559	13
Round of 32	\$926	1

Doubles: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$5,573
Runner-up	\$2,787
Semifinalist	\$1,393
Quarterfinalist	\$760
Round of 16	\$507

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO PALM HARBOR

The USTA Pro Circuit continues its 2022 season with U.S. Pro Women's Clay Court Championships, a USTA Pro Circuit W100 event taking place from April 11-17 at the Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, Fla.

This event kicks off a busy spring slate for the USTA Pro Circuit and is the first of four consecutive major women's events. This is the first time the U.S. Pro Women's Clay Court Championships has been held since 2019 due to the pandemic and returns as an upgraded W100 event after previously being played as a W80. The 2019 event was won by Barbora Krejčíková of the Czech Republic, who has since catapulted up the WTA rankings and is currently ranked a career-best world No. 2.

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

NOTABLE PLAYERS COMPETING IN PALM HARBOR INCLUDE:

Claire Liu, 21, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

- Fell in R1 at Australian Open; reached 2R at Indian Wells
- Best 2021 results: won back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit events in April/May (W60 in Charlottesville; W100 in Charleston); qualified for the main draw and reach 2R at Wimbledon; reached the SFs at the WTA 125 event in Chicago; qualified and reached second round of WTA event in Charleston
- Best 2020 results: fell in R1 of US Open; qualified for the main draw and reached the quarterfinals at the W100 event in Charleston in November
- 2020 Pre-Pandemic: Finals at a W25 in Malibu and W100 in Nicholasville, Ky.
- Fell 7-6(5) to Di Lorenzo in Q1 at WTA comeback in Lexington.
- Best 2019 results: 3R at WTA 125Ks at Indian Wells and Newport Beach. Won W25 title in Florence, S.C. in the fall.
- Qualified for Wimbledon 2018 and pushed eventual champion Angelique Kerber to three sets in a second-round defeat.
- Reached the second round of singles in the US Open main draw in 2018, and competed in several WTA tournaments in Asia.
- Became the No. 1-ranked junior in July 2017 after winning the junior Wimbledon title—the first American girls' singles champion at Wimbledon since Chanda Rubin in 1992. Wimbledon girls' doubles champion in 2016, with Arconada.
- Also reached the junior French Open final in 2017 in the second-ever all-American Roland Garros girls' final.

Lauren Davis, 28, Gates Mills, Ohio

- Qualified and reached QF at WTA event in Adelaide; qualified and reached 3R at Miami Open; fell in 1R at Australian Open
- Best 2021 results: Q'd and QF in Guadalajara; 3R in Charleston (d. Kenin, I. Gauff); 1R at French Open; SF in Nottingham; 2R at US Open; QF at WTA 125 event in Columbus
- Best 2020 results: QFs at Hobart. Fell in 1R of both 2020 US Open and French Open
- Best 2019 results: Q and 3R at Wimbledon (l. Suarez Navarro); QFs at Washington, D.C. (l. to champ Pegula); Q and 2R at WTA Premier in Charleston, 2R at Indian Wells (l. to Muguruza); Singles Champion at W100 in Bonita Springs, Fla. (d. Ann Li); Singles F at the W80 in Dothan, Ala.
- Took a months-long break from tennis in April 2018, saying she was burned out by the grind. Skipped red-clay season and didn't play from Charleston until Wimbledon in 2018. Comments she made to the New Zealand Herald in December 2018: "I'm grateful to be here. It's a blessing in disguise. I've seen what it's like to play the Challengers again and now I've come out of it knowing what I want."

- Advanced to the third round of the Australian Open in 2018, ending with an epic third-round loss to Simona Halep, 4-6, 6-4, 15-13, in a match that lasted for three hours and 45 minutes, tying the match between Chanda Rubin and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in 1996 for the most games at the Australian Open.
- In 2017, peaked at No. 26 in the world in May after reaching her third quarterfinal of the year at the WTA event in Rabat, Morocco. Also reached the quarterfinals in Qatar and Dubai in February and reached the fourth round in Indian Wells.
- Won first and only career WTA singles title in 2017 in Auckland, New Zealand, upsetting four seeds en route. In 2016, advanced to two other WTA finals (Washington D.C. and Quebec City), which are her only other WTA final appearances to date.
- Says she's always looked up to Simona Halep "because she's probably two inches taller than me." Davis is 5-foot-2.
- In 2014, made Fed Cup debut against Italy in the World Group Quarterfinals in Cleveland, where Davis grew up. Also competed for the U.S. Fed Cup team in the 2015 World Group Playoff tie in Italy and in 2017 in the semifinal in Tampa Bay, Fla. Was considered a part of the 2017 championship-winning team and received a Fed Cup trophy.
- Mother's friend was former pro Oksana Beilensen; thought Lauren would be good at tennis; Started playing at age 9.

Katie Volynets, 20, Walnut Creek, Calif.

- Qualified for main draw of Australian Open; reached QFs at W60 events in Rome, Ga., and Traralgon, Australia; reached 2R at Indian Wells
- 2021 best results: Singles title at USTA Pro Circuit W100 in Bonita Springs, Fla.; lost in R1 of US Open (received main draw wild card); qualified for the main draw at Wimbledon to reach her second career Grand Slam main draw.
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2019 US Open, as a WC after winning the USTA Girls' 18s national title that year (1R, I. Andreescu). Said Andreescu: "She was getting to a lot of balls and she's an incredible fighter. That's what I told her after the match. I'm sure it's going to get her places."
- 2019 USTA Girls' 18s national champion (d. 2021 NCAA singles champion Emma Navarro in final).
- Last name is pronounced Volley-Nets. "I like to volley, so it suits me."
- Won the USTA Girls' 12s National Championship in 2014, and won the USTA Girls' 14s national title the next year.
- In 2016, won the Girls' 16s singles titles at both Eddie Herr and the Orange Bowl in consecutive weeks, the first girl to ever do so, dating back to 1993.
- Father is Ukrainian; Katie can speak fluent Russian, sing opera and play piano.

Alycia Parks, 21, Atlanta

- Reached the singles final at the W60 event in Rome, Ga.; fell in qualifying at the Australian Open
- Best 2021 Results: Qualified for the main draw at the BNP Paribas Open and the WTA 250 in Charleston; reached the singles final at the W25 event in Daytona Beach
- Won first career singles title at W25 event in Orlando, Fla., at USTA National Campus.
- Started playing tennis at the age of 7 and she and her older sister moved to Florida at the age of 10 for better training to develop their tennis game.
- She graduated high school in 2019 and declined several scholarship offers to pursue playing tennis professionally.
- Her hobbies include, cooking, rollerblading, and playing with her Jack Russell Terrier and Giant Schnauzer puppies.
- In 2017, as teenagers, she and her sister Mikayla started their own clothing line, Alyciamikay, which designed most of her tennis outfits.
- Favorite player is Serena Williams.
- She continues to be coached by her father Michael Parks, who she has been coached by since childhood.

CoCo Vandeweghe, 30, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

- Reached SF at ITF World Tennis Tour W60 event in Bendigo, Australia in January
- 2021 best results: R2 at Wimbledon earning her first Grand Slam victory in more than two years; Q'd and SF at Birmingham; Q2 at Roland Garros; SF at WTA 125k event in Columbus
- Did not compete from March 2020-March 2021. Had to have surgery on her left hand in December after a microwave container exploded in her hand.
- Foot injury sidelined her for all of 2019 until San Jose, reached 2R in first tournament since Beijing 2018 (September). Reached ITF finals in the fall at Templeton, Calif., (l. to Rogers) and Houston.
- Reached the semifinals of both the US Open and the Australian Open in 2017—her career-best Grand Slam results.
- At the 2017 US Open, upset world No. 1 Karolina Pliskova in the quarterfinals to become one of four American women in the semifinals, marking the first time all four women's singles semifinalists had been American at the US Open since 1981 – and at a Grand Slam tournament since Wimbledon in 1985.
- At the 2017 Australian Open, upset three seeded players, including then-world No. 1 Angelique Kerber.
- Also reached the quarterfinals of Wimbledon in 2015 and 2017.
- Holds two WTA singles titles, both won in's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, in 2014 and 2016. Four additional Final appearances, the last coming in Stuttgart 2018.
- Won 2018 US Open and Miami doubles titles with Ashleigh Barty.
- Represented the U.S. in the 2016 Rio Olympics in women's doubles.
- 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.

Robin Anderson, 28, Long Branch, N.J.

- Won Australian Open Wild Card Challenge to receive main draw wild card (lost R1); reached QF at W60 event in Rome, Ga.
- 2021 best results: reached the final of the WTA 125k event in Midland; fell in qualifying at all four Grand Slams; singles champion at W25 event in Madrid in June; reached final at W25 event in Orlando in February; QF at W80 event in Le Neubourg.
- Best 2020 results: reached 3R at WTA 125K Prague Open; fell in R1 of French Open qualifying
- Best 2019 results: Reached singles final at 60K in Saguenay, Canada; Back to back singles SFs at 60Ks in Lexington and Landisville, Pa., in hard court leadup to US Open; Singles Final at a W80 in France in March; SFs at W100 in Midland, Mich., and SFs in W60 in Kyoto in Feb.
- Two ITF-level singles titles, one in 2017 at a \$25K in Redding, Pa., the other at a \$10K in 2011.
- Five ITF-level doubles titles, two in 2019 at W25 in Osaka, Japan, with former Cal Bear Maegan Manasse, and in Lexington.
- Four-time ITA All-American in singles and doubles at UCLA under Stella Sampras Webster (seventh player in school history with such achievements)
- 2015 Intercollegiate Tennis Association National College Player of the Year
- Ranked No. 1 in the ITA's national singles rankings to end 2015
- Went 127-15 in singles and 100-39 in doubles in her four-year career
- MVP of UCLA's 2014 NCAA Championship team
- 2015 USTA Collegiate National Team member
- 2010 US Open junior quarterfinalist
- Father, Denom, taught Robin tennis at age 5 because he needed a practice partner. She was beating him by age 13.
- Looks up to Justine Henin. "She's 5-foot-5 and super aggressive ... For me, being short, it gives me hope that I could be at the top." (*Asbury Park Press* in 2015)
- Attended Matawan (N.J.) High School

Notable Americans Competing in Qualifying

Caroline Dolehide, 23, Hinsdale, Ill./Orlando, Fla.

- Qualified for the main draw at the Australian Open (l. Collins in R1); reached SF at W60 event in Rome, Ga.; reached 2R at Miami Open
- Fell in qualifying at the all four Grand Slams this year; qualified for main draw of WTA events in Guadalajara in March and Charleston in April; reached three WTA doubles finals this year, winning one (Monterrey)
- Best 2020 results: fell in qualifying at the Australian and French Opens; lost in the first round of the US Open main draw.
- Best 2019 results: Singles titles at W60s in Charleston in October and Concord, Mass. In August; Qualified and l. 1R to No. 18 Wang at US Open.
- Singles silver medalist and doubles gold medalist (with Usue Arconada) at 2019 Pan American Games in August in Lima, Peru. By nature of reaching singles final (l. to Podoroska, ARG) gave herself a (quite unlikely) shot at qualifying for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, as she'd earn a spot on the American team if four U.S. women don't earn direct acceptance via ranking on June 8, 2020.
- She nearly broke into the WTA Top 100 last summer after reaching the second round at the French Open and has won three ITF World Tennis Tour-level doubles titles in 2019.
- Grew up working with coach Tom Lockhart for more than 10 years before joining the USTA development program
- Was committed to attend UCLA before deciding to turn pro.
- Comes from an athletic family: older sister, Courtney, was the captain of the 2014 UCLA NCAA title team and has coached women's tennis at the college ranks at University of Texas and is now coaching at Georgetown for men's and women's tennis; her younger sister Stephanie, who is now playing tennis for Army at West Point, won a state doubles title in 2015 as a sophomore at Hinsdale Central; Brother also won three state titles in golf at the same high school and is now playing golf for FAU.

Grace Min, 27, Atlanta/Orlando, Fla.

- 2021 best results: QFs at WTA 250 in Prague in July; Reached final of W60 event in Rome in January; qualified for main draw of back-to-back WTA events in Charleston in April. Q1 at Wimbledon, US Open; Q2 at Roland Garros, Australian Open.
- 2020 best results: Singles title at ITF W25-level tournament in September, the 12th ITF singles title of her career (since 2012).
- Peaked at a career-high No. 97 in the world in March 2015 after reaching the second round of the WTA Rio Open and competing in Indian Wells.
- In 2014, reached the semifinals of the WTA event in Bad Gastein, Austria—her first-ever WTA semifinal.
- Was one of the top juniors in the world in 2011, when she won the US Open girls' singles title (d. Caroline Garcia in the final) and the Wimbledon girls' doubles title (with Bouchard), propelling her to No. 4 in the world junior rankings.
- Parents emigrated from Korea in the 1980s. Grace spoke only Korean until starting school.