



Friday, July 29



Nordic Naturals Challenger Presented by Santa Cruz County Bank

A USTA Pro Circuit Event
Seascape Sports Club
Aptos, CA
Purse: \$100,000
Surface: Hard- Outdoor

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NCAA Reigning Champion, Northern California Native to Compete in Nordic Naturals Challenger

Including wildcards, more than 10 solid American contenders headline the entry list for the 29th consecutive Nordic Naturals Challenger presented by Santa Cruz County Bank.

This year Seascape welcomes back an extremely talented young American who has been busy breaking records. The No. 1 college player in the nation, 21-year-old **Mackenzie "Mackie" McDonald**, from Piedmont, Calif. announced last month that he would surrender his last year of eligibility as a UCLA Bruin to turn professional.

This came as no surprise after McDonald beat the odds to capture both the singles and doubles titles at the NCAA Division I Championships all in one day. He is the first player to win both events in the same season in 15 years.

The All-American singles and doubles player finished the year with a 22-1 overall singles record with 20 of those victories against ranked opponents. McDonald was named the 2016

ITA National Men's College Player of the Year and the Pac-12 Player of the Year for the second straight season.

With his stunning performance at the NCAA championships, McDonald has already been granted a spot in the main draw of the U.S. Open following the Aptos Challenger. Making his Aptos debut in 2014 as a wildcard, McDonald returns two years later with tunnel vision as he leaves college tennis in the past and fully commits to the ATP Tour.

ABOUT THE 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 37 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. **John Isner, Maria Sharapova, Sam Querrey, Sloane Stephens, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka** and **Andy Murray** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.