



IT'S TIME FOR THE KNOXVILLE CHALLENGER!!!

Dear GKTA Tennis Fan,

The GKTA is supporting the 2022 Knoxville Challenger which is a \$53,000 ATP men's pro tennis tournament held at The University of Tennessee Goodfriend Indoor Tennis Center, Monday, November 7 – Sunday, November 13.

The **Official Player Acceptance (Entry) List** has just been released! Commentary on some of the top players on the Acceptance List is below. Further down in this email is all the information you might need with regards to tickets, public parking, and schedules.

Jack Sock (USA) is a three-time Grand Slam Doubles Champion (Wimbledon 2014, 2018, US Open 2018) and was ranked as high as #8 in the world in Singles. **Sock** and **Frances Tiafoe** won a pivotal doubles match against **Roger Federer & Rafa Nadal** to help the World Team win the 2022 Laver Cup.

Ben Shelton (USA), a former Florida Gator, is the 2022 NCAA Singles Champion and is just starting his pro career. He knocked out world #5 **Casper Ruud** at the Cincinnati Masters tournament earlier this year.

Yibing Wu (CHN) is the first Chinese male to reach the third round of a Major (2022 US Open).

Christopher Eubanks (USA) is the 2021 Knoxville Challenger Defending Champion. He recorded his first Major win at the 2022 US Open after advancing through the Qualifying Tournament.

Tennys Sandgren (USA) held a career high ranking of #41 in 2019 and he reached the Quarter finals of both the 2018 and the 2020 Australian Open, beating three top 10 players along the way. The Gallatin, TN native and former UT Vol will have to fight his way through the Qualifying Tournament which begins on Sunday.

The top 21 players on the Acceptance List get direct entry into the 32-man Main Draw. Three additional Wild Cards will be selected: one local player-

probably a current or former player from the University of Tennessee Tennis Team-and two rising young Americans selected by the USTA. The six winners from the 24-man Sunday/Monday Qualifying Tournament will also earn spots into the Main Draw.

Match Schedule

- **Monday, Nov. 7 – Wednesday, Nov. 9** **10 a.m. start time**
- **Thursday, Nov. 10 – Saturday, Nov. 12** **11 a.m. start time**
- **Saturday, Nov 12 (Doubles Final)** **TBA**
- **Sunday, Nov. 13 (Singles Final)** **1 p.m.**

Featured evening matches will start at 5:30 p.m. and finish late in the evening on weekdays. Some of these starting times may change as the tournament progresses.

Parking

A free designated public parking area is located to the left of the railroad trestle at 2309 Kingston Pike. A complimentary direct shuttle service provides quick transportation to the tennis center.

Tickets

General Admission tickets of \$20/day will be available at the gate. Select club tickets are available for \$10/day at local tennis clubs. Make checks payable to the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation.

More Tournament Info

Stay up to date on tournament details at www.knoxchallenger.com. We continually update the site with tournament information, sponsors, directions to public parking, player bios, schedules, etc. The website will be updated with live scoring, live video, daily draws, and match schedules when the tournament begins.

Mark your calendars and don't miss the opportunity to see our future U.S. Davis Cup stars at the Knoxville Challenger.

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