



USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 18s Nationals Winner Thea Frodin Awarded Main-Draw Singles Wild Card Into Central Coast Tennis Classic

Prize Money Increased to \$100,000, Attracting Some of the World's Top Women's Tennis Players Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026, at Templeton Tennis Ranch

TEMPLETON, Calif. – September 28, 2026 – Four of America's brightest up-and-coming prospects – each of them just 17 years old – have gained entry into the singles main draw at the **Central Coast Tennis Classic**, a \$100,000 ITF World Tour and USTA Pro Circuit women's tournament that kicked off Monday at the Templeton Tennis Ranch.

Thea Frodin from Woodland Hills, Calif., and **Annika Penickova** from Campbell, Calif., have been awarded USTA wild cards, and will be joined by Penickova's twin sister **Kristina Penickova** and former world junior No. 1 **Julieta Pareja** from Carlsbad, Calif.

Just last month, Frodin played in the main draw of the women's singles event at the US Open, falling to eventual champion Elena Rybakina. Frodin was awarded a wild card by way of her USTA Billie Jean King Nationals 18s singles title. At the US Open, the Penickova sisters teamed to win the Junior Girls' doubles title and will play doubles together in Templeton this week.

Frodin is ranked No. 540 in the WTA rankings. She drew a familiar foe and will face the unseeded Pareja (ranked No. 261 in the WTA rankings) in the first round on Tuesday in the second match on, not before 11:30 a.m., in Templeton. Frodin beat Pareja in the semifinals of the Girls' Nationals last month. In 2025, Frodin and Pareja played in the Wimbledon Girls' doubles final.

For Annika Penickova, ranked No. 548 in the WTA, the US Open win was her second Grand Slam Junior doubles title, as she and Kristina also won the Australian Open in 2025.

Defending CCTC singles champion **Kayla Day**, who last weekend won her 11th career ITF singles title at the W50 at Berkeley, will face off against a qualifier. Top-seeded German **Tatjana Maria** will find out her opponent on Tuesday morning following final-

round qualifying as she also drew a qualifier. No. 2 seed **Mary Stoiana** from Connecticut will play fellow American **Hanna Chang** from Fontana, Calif., in the first round. The other former CCTC singles champion, the No. 8 seeded **Madison Brengle**, will face Mimi Xu.

The ITF World Tour and USTA Pro Circuit Central Coast Tennis Classic is brought to you once again by Central Coast Home Health. The event has increased the prize money to \$100,000 and boasts a strong entry list of WTA women's players ranked from No. 85 to around No. 275 in the world. Central Coast Home Health and Hospice returns as a major sponsor. Serving San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties, Central Coast Home Health and Hospice provides physician-directed nursing, rehabilitation, and hospice, delivering skilled home care in the comfort of your own home.

The tournament is part of the ITF World Tennis Tour / USTA Pro Circuit. The event is open to the public; tickets start at \$15 and are available at: www.centralcoasttennisclassic.com, where you can also find news and updates on the tournament. Also check out TTR's Facebook and Instagram pages <http://www.facebook.com/ttrtennis> / @TTRTennis in the coming weeks for player announcements and the latest tournament news.

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