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# American Taylor Townsend Lands Top-Seeded Position At Central Coast Pro Tennis Open Which Starts Sunday

## ***Players From Around the World Descend On Templeton Tennis Ranch Competing for \$60,000 In Prize Money In USTA Pro Circuit Event***

TEMPLETON, CA – Sept. 21, 2018 — Central Coast tennis fans will be happy to hear that young American's Taylor Townsend and Jamie Loeb will return to play in the Central Coast Pro Tennis Open, a USTA \$60,000 Women's Pro Circuit event that will take place at the Templeton Tennis Ranch beginning with qualifying play Sunday and concluding with the finals on Sept. 30.

Those same fans could only hope for another matchup between Townsend and Loeb like last year's classic semifinals where the former NCAA singles champion Loeb pulled out a 6-4, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (8) win over the former world No. 1 junior player Townsend in a dramatic three-hour match. A 22-year-old from Atlanta, Townsend is currently the highest seeded player in the draw and is ranked No. 64 in the WTA World Tour rankings. Like last year, she has been named a tournament wild card as a late entry and will be the No. 1 seed.

Townsend won both the singles and doubles Australian Open titles as a junior, and three of the four Grand Slam doubles events in 2012.

Recent US Open qualifier American Madison Brengle will be the No. 2-seeded player at the second-annual event that will award \$9,119 to the singles winner, who will also receive 80 valuable WTA Tour rankings points. Currently ranked No. 105 in the world, Brengle qualified for the US Open a few weeks ago, losing to fellow American Sofia Kenin in the first round in a third-set tiebreak. She reached the quarterfinals at the WTA event in Auckland, defeating Serena Williams in the second round.

Another seeded American besides Loeb includes former Stanford University four-time All-American Kristie Ahn, who reached the final at the \$60,000 event in Landisville, Pa., this year, losing to Brengle.

Others Americans in the main draw include: Lauren Davis, Ashley Kratzer, Grace Min, Asia Muhammad, Victoria Duval and Jessica Pegula, Maria Sanchez, Emina Bektas and Louisa Chirico.

Main-draw wild cards include former USC player Danielle Lao, 18-year-old rising American Ann Li and former Arroyo Grande High School star Sophie Whittle. Currently a Gonzaga University senior, Whittle received a wild card last year and won her first WTA point with an upset over the No. 3 seeded player.

The Central Coast Pro Tennis Open will attract more than 80 WTA players who are ranked from No. 100 to No. 350 in the world, along with their support teams and families.

Local tennis enthusiasts and the general public are invited to enjoy eight days of professional tennis. The tournament will include a free Kid's Day; social events; public clinics and a pro-am event.

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The **Templeton High School FFA Club** will be hosting a BBQ on Friday, Sept. 28 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Recently the SLO County Supervisors designated the week of September 23 through September 30 as “**Tennis Awareness Week**” in SLO County, lending their support to this world-class event and the sport of tennis.

To follow all the action, go to the tournament website: [www.ttrprotennis.com](http://www.ttrprotennis.com) and on Facebook and search Central Coast Pro Tennis Open. And follow the USTA on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @USTA (#USTAProCircuit).

**Prize Money/Points - \$60,000 Women**

<b>SINGLES:</b>	Prize Money	Points
Winner	\$9,119	80
Runner-up	\$4,863	48
Semifinalist	\$2,659	29
Quarterfinalist	\$1,520	15
Round of 16	\$911	8
Round of 32	\$533	1

<b>DOUBLES:</b>	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$3,344
Runner-up	\$1,672
Semifinalist	\$836
Quarterfinalist	\$456
Round of 16	\$304

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*Set amid a tranquil wooded property, Templeton Tennis Ranch's stunning clubhouse, versatile fitness center, infrared sauna and state-of-the-art tennis and pickleball courts are renowned in San Luis Obispo County. Come see why visitors and locals alike enjoy the Central Coast's beautiful wooded family fitness hub and event center. Templeton Tennis Ranch is located at 345 Championship Lane in Templeton off the Main Street Exit on the west side of Highway 101. It is open Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and can be contacted at (805) 434-9605, [www.ttrtennis.com](http://www.ttrtennis.com). Information about the tournament: [www.ttrprotennis.com](http://www.ttrprotennis.com)*

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