

## Bath University event launches the new 2022 LTA Performance Competitions Calendar

Monday 10 January will see the opening events in LTA's 2022 Competitions Calendar for professional players starting with ITF W25 and an M25 Pro-Series taking place at Bath University.

This calendar provides a new and more ambitious approach to competition for all age groups, from under 10s to pro-players.

The primary aim is to provide significantly enhanced playing opportunities for British players at each age and stage of the performance player pathway in Britain. Both competitions include a playing list of some of the most promising players in British tennis, alongside a contingent of players from around the world.

The new calendar will also see more opportunities at home, with double the number of International ITF World Tennis Tour events staged compared to 2019.

Bath will see 11 Brits in the main draw of the Men's Singles and eight Brits in the main draw for the Ladies Singles, with more to come through qualifying. Billy Harris, Sarah Beth Grey, Eden Silva and Anton Matusevich are just a handful of the British hopefuls that will be in action from Monday, in the first of many events on British soil in a year which will see well over 40 weeks of either international ranking point or prize money earning opportunities in Great Britain.

The new competitions calendar covers each area of the performance pathway from U10s through to adult. It has been designed to support the LTA's existing performance strategy and to help player development through more meaningful playing opportunities and a focus on rewarding success. Crucially there will be more playing opportunities on home soil and more chances to win ranking points without having to travel abroad.

Bath M25 - <u>Men's Singles entry list</u> Bath W25 - <u>Ladies Singles entry list</u>

23 Brits are in second round qualifying action today to secure their place in the main draw, including Amelia Bisset, Holly Hutchinson and Danielle Daley in the Ladies draw and Toby Martin, Josh Paris and Alexis Canter in the Men's draw. First round matches in the main draw will commence on Tuesday.

Matches from both the W25 and M25 Bath competitions can be live streamed on the ITF website, by clicking <u>here</u>

Bath Tournament Director Ben Murray said: "We are excited for our new LTA Performance Competition Calendar which begins with its first event at Bath University. This is the first of a series of events being

played across Great Britain this year, that will give more competitive opportunities to British players on home soil. The entry lists are competitive, with lots of British players taking part, and we are looking forward to some exciting matches."

Click <u>here</u> to read the full announcement on the LTA Competitions Calendar and visit this <u>page</u> to see the list of competitions covering each area of the pathway.

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