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## LTA confirms enhanced broadcast agreement for British summer grass court events

- Andy Murray's return to the Surbiton Trophy will be live on BBC digital platforms next week
- Prime Video and the BBC have co-exclusive rights to broadcast Rothesay Classic Birmingham and Rothesay Open Nottingham
- cinch Championships at the Queen's Club and Rothesay International Eastbourne to be broadcast on all BBC platforms and Prime Video
- This is the most comprehensive broadcast agreement ever for the LTA's grass court events
- Highlights of grass court events available on LTA's own social channels

The LTA is excited to announce a comprehensive new broadcast agreement that will see the UK summer grass court events given the widest coverage to date on network television, streaming and digital platforms. All the action will be available across multiple platforms after the BBC and Prime Video confirmed broadcast arrangements for this summer.

Tennis fans are set to enjoy a bumper summer on the British grass courts, with Emma Raducanu, Andy Murray, Cameron Norrie and Alfie Hewett among the homegrown heroes taking on some of the biggest names on the ATP and WTA Tours.

Andy Murray's first appearance at the Surbiton Trophy since 2004 will be screened live on the BBC's digital platforms next week, with the former two-time Wimbledon champion starting his grass court campaign with an appearance in the ATP Challenger tournament.

The British tennis summer will then roll onto the Rothesay Open Nottingham, where 2022 Madrid Open winner and world No.7 Ons Jabeur is on the entry list, with both Prime Video and the BBC (for the first time) broadcasting the WTA 250 event while the concurrent ATP Challenger tournament at the Nottingham Tennis Centre will also be on BBC digital platforms.

Birmingham and the Queen's Club in London are then next stops on the calendar, with Prime Video and the BBC sharing co-exclusive rights to screen both tournaments.

US Open champion Emma Raducanu will lead an impressive cast list for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Rothesay Classic Birmingham (a WTA 250 event), while British heroes Andy Murray, Cameron Norrie, Dan Evans and Jack Draper will be joined by Carlos Alcaraz (ATP No.6) and defending champion Matteo Berrettini (ATP No.10) for the ATP 500 cinch Championships at the Queen's Club in an action-packed week.



The LTA's grass court tournaments will then conclude with the Rothesay International Eastbourne from June 18, where eight of the world's top ten women will compete in a high-quality field for the WTA 500 event.

The Devonshire Park courts in Eastbourne will also stage an ATP 250 tournament featuring British No.1 Cameron Norrie, defending champion Alex de Minaur and 2022 Indian Wells Masters champion, Taylor Fritz which will be exclusively on Prime Video, while the women's action will be broadcast live on Prime Video and the BBC's platforms, giving tennis fans the most comprehensive summer of coverage ever served up in Britain.

Richard Daish, LTA Marketing & Commercial Director said, "The LTA continues to open tennis up to new audiences and we have created more opportunities for UK based sports fans to engage in tennis this year. With even more British stars competing across our events this year, we want as many fans as possible to enjoy a fantastic summer of tennis and be inspired by what they see."

Director of BBC Sport, Barbara Slater said: "We are delighted to bring comprehensive coverage of an exciting summer of tennis to our audiences. We will once again cover the prestigious Queen's and Eastbourne tournaments on BBC TV and online, as well as Emma Raducanu leading an impressive line-up in Birmingham and Andy Murray's highly anticipated return to the Surbiton Trophy. Fans can follow all the action 24/7 across BBC TV and online."

Alex Green, MD Live Sport, Prime Video Europe said, "We are delighted to be bringing Prime members an exciting summer of British tennis on Prime Video this year. These events are an important part of the tennis calendar featuring the best British players and they will only add to our existing coverage."

## Tickets for all these events can be found here: https://tickets.lta.org.uk

Date	Event	Venue	BROADCASTERS	
			Men's	Women's
29 May – 5 June	Surbiton Trophy	Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club	BBC Digital	BBC Digital
4 – 12 June	Rothesay Open Nottingham	Nottingham Tennis Centre	BBC Digital	Prime Video BBC Digital
11 – 19 June	Rothesay Classic Birmingham	Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham		Prime Video BBC
13 – 19 June	cinch Championships	The Queen's Club, London	Prime Video BBC	
18 – 25 June	Rothesay International Eastbourne	Devonshire Park Eastbourne	Prime Video	Prime Video BBC

Links to updated LTA calendars at all adult and junior levels can be found <u>here</u> and the full broadcast schedule of LTA grass court events is below:

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