

LTA Daily Brit Player Media Notes

Lexus Birmingham Open – Sunday, 8 June, 2025

Ann Jones Centre Court - Match 3

Otto Virtanen (WR114 – FIN) v Colton Smith (WR162 – USA)

Head to Head: First meeting The 23rd all unseeded final on the ATP Challenger Tour in 2025.

OTTO VIRTANEN highlights:

- Defeated Aleksandar Vukic <u>76(4) 63</u>, Marc-Andrea Huesler <u>63 67(6) 61</u>, Cameron Wong <u>62</u> <u>75</u> and Brandon Holt <u>64 46 76(3)</u>.
- Reached 7th ATP Challenger Tour final, 1st on grass and 1st of 2025.
- Carries perfect 6-0 record in ATP Challenger finals. Bids to become just 4th player in Challenger history to own perfect 7-0 mark in first 7 finals.
- Bids to become just 2nd Finnish man to win grass-court title, and 1st in 25 years. Would join Tuomas Ketola, who won a pair of titles on Indian soil at 1999 Lucknow and 2000 Calcutta.
- Won 6 ATP Challenger Tour titles, most recently at Brest in October last year.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 91 in November 2024.
- Won 2018 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with partner Yanki Erel.
- Before this week had played in 5 ATP Challenger Tour events in 2025 with win-loss record of 0-5.
- ATP Tour biography HERE

COLTON SMITH highlights:

- Defeated Yasutaka Uchiyama <u>62 67(3) 64</u>, Nicolas Moreno De Alboran <u>63 10 ret.</u>, Lloyd Harris <u>63 67(3) 64</u> and Rinky Hijikata <u>63 64</u>.
- Competing on grass for 1st time in professional career. Bids to become 4th American to win ATP Challenger title on grass in last 15 years, joining Frances Tiafoe (Nottingham 2021), Denis Kudla (Ilkley 2015) and Steve Johnson (Nottingham 2013).
- Reach 3rd final at this level.
- Won one ATP Challenger title, on home soil at Cleveland in January.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 161 in April.
- As qualifier reached maiden ATP Tour quarter-final at Houston on clay this year, falling to compatriot Tommy Paul.
- Played in 4 ATP Challenger events in 2025 with win-loss record of 11-2.
- ATP Tour biography <u>HERE</u>