

# **LTA Daily Brit Player Media Notes**

### **HSBC Championships – Sunday, June 15, 2025**

Second WTA 500 event this year to feature two first-time WTA 500 finalists, after Merida (Emma Navarro and Emiliana Arango).

First WTA 500 event **on grass** to feature two first-time WTA 500 finalists since 2010 Eastbourne (Ekaterina Makarova and Victoria Azarenka).

Winner will be 3rd first-time WTA 500 champion in 2025, after Alexandrova (Linz) and Navarro (Merida). 5 of last 7 WTA Tour finals on grass gone to deciding set.

5 of 7 WTA 500 finals in 2025 gone to deciding set.

11 of 26 matches this week gone to deciding set (42%). WTA Tour average is around 30%.

17th time American reached final on WTA Tour in 2025 – reached 19 in 2025, 16 in 2023, 13 in 2022 and just 8 in 2021. 1st time German reached final on WTA Tour in 2025.

Americans won 8 titles on WTA Tour in 2025 - Germans none.

## Andy Murray Arena - Match 1

### [8] Amanda Anisimova (WR15 – USA) v [Q] Tatjana Maria (WR86 – GER)

Head to Head: Maria leads 1-0

2018 Beijing Hard Q1 Maria 26 62 60

1st WTA Tour final between American and German since **Maria** defeated Peyton Stearns, 2023 Bogota. 1st WTA Tour final between American and German **on grass** since Angelique Kerber defeated Serena Williams, 2018 Wimbledon.

Anisimova was 4 days from being born when Maria played 1st match, an ITF event in Saulgau, Germany on August 27, 2001 as a 14-year-old.

### **AMANDA ANISIMOVA**

- 6th WTA Tour final, and 2nd of 2025 (Doha). 1st time reached multiple WTA Tour finals in same year.
- 1st ever WTA Tour final on grass.
- 1st WTA 500 final 15th American to reach WTA 500 final.
- Bids to win 4th WTA Tour title, and 2nd of 2025 (Doha).
- Bids to become 9th American to win WTA 500 title, after Collins, Gauff, Keys, Navarro, Pegula, Stephens, Serena Williams, Venus Williams, and 3rd to do so on grass (Keys, Pegula).
- Won 3 WTA Tour titles, most recently at WTA 1000 Doha in February, defeating Jelena Ostapenko in final.
- Won girls' singles title at 2017 US Open, defeating Coco Gauff in final.
- Currently at career-high ranking of No. 15. Will move to No. 12 tomorrow if wins and to No. 13 if loses. Ranked at No. 190 this time last year.

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#### **TATJANA MARIA**

- Came into event on 9-match losing streak.
- 4th WTA Tour final, and 1st in over 2 years (Bogota on clay in April 2023).
- Owns 3-0 win-loss record in WTA finals. In last final defeated American, Stearns, 2023 Bogota.
- 2nd WTA Tour final on grass, and 1st in 7 years (2018 Mallorca, when defeated Sofia Kenin).
- 17th qualifier to reach WTA 500 final, and 4th on grass, after Ekaterina Makarova (2010 Eastbourne), Jamie Hampton (2013 Eastbourne) and Liudmila Samsonova (2021 Berlin).
- 1st German to reach WTA Tour final since Laura Siegemund, Hua Hin 2 in September 2024.
- 1st German to reach WTA Tour final on grass since Kerber, 2021 Bad Homburg.
- 7th different German to reach WTA 500 final, and 1st since Kerber, 2019 Eastbourne.
- 4th lowest ranked player to reach WTA 500 final on grass, and lowest since WR-106 Samsonova, 2021 Berlin.
- Oldest ever WTA 500 finalist, and oldest WTA Tour finalist since Serena, 2020 Auckland (38 years old, won title).
- Bids to become 3rd lowest ranked player to win WTA 500 title on grass, after Samsonova, 2021 Berlin and WR-100 Makarova, 2010 Eastbourne.
- Bids to win 4th WTA Tour title (2018 Mallorca on grass, 2022 & 2023 Bogota).
- Bids to become 5th qualifier to win WTA 500 title, after Alexandra Dulgheru (2009 Warsaw, clay), Makarova (2010 Eastbourne, grass), Tsvetana Pironkova (2014 Sydney, hard) and Samsonova (2021 Berlin, grass).
- Bids to become 1st German to win WTA Tour title since Tamara Korpatsch, 2023 Cluj.
- Bids to become 1st German to win WTA Tour title on grass since Kerber, 2021 Bad Homburg.
- Bids to become 1st German to win WTA Tour title on grass outside Germany since Kerber, 2018 Wimbledon.
- Bids to become 1st German to win WTA 500 title since Kerber, 2018 Sydney.
- Bids to become 7th different German to win WTA 500 title, and just 2nd on grass (Kerber, 2015 Birmingham).
- 3rd in list of most matches played in WTA Tour history (1,242) only Navratilova (1,661) and Evert (1,455) played more. Played 1st match on Tour in 2005.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 42 in January 2024. Will move to No. 43 tomorrow if wins and to No. 52 if loses.
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