

LTA Daily Player Media Notes

Lexus Eastbourne Open - Thursday, June 26, 2025

These notes cover women's matches on Centre Court.

Men's matches on Centre Court and Court One covered by ATP Tour notes (to be found on LTA News Service).

- For 1st time since 2001 there are multiple British men in QF of two grass court events in same year. In 2001 it was Henman & Rusedski at Queen's, Lee & Rusedski at Nottingham.
- For 1st time in tournament history there are three women's qualifiers in QF's.
- For 1st time since very 1st Eastbourne Open in 1974, there are 7+ first-time women's Eastbourne quarter-finalists in QF only player to previously make QF here is Pavlychenkova, who last did it in 2012.
- Just once before has there been an all-unseeded women's SF at Eastbourne (2021).
- If Krejcikova loses will be just 5th WTA Tour SF on grass to be all-unseeded since WTA Tour formed in 1973 (1977 Sydney, 1999 Rosmalen, 2021 Eastbourne, 2023 Nottingham).

Multiple British men in Eastbourne QF

2018 (2)	Edmund, Norrie
2019 (2)	Edmund, Evans

2022 (3) Draper, Norrie, Peniston

2025 (2) Evans, Harris

Multiple British men in Eastbourne SF

Never

Multiple British men in ATP Tour SF (since ATP formed in 1990)

1997 Nottingham
1997 Vienna
Henman, Rusedski
1998 Stockholm
1999 Rotterdam
2011 Queen's
Murray, Ward
2022 Sydney
Henman, Rusedski
Henman, Rusedski
Murray, Ward
Evans, Murray

Centre Court - Match 1

[Q] Varvara Gracheva (WR111 – FRA) v [2] Barbora Krejcikova (WR17 – CZE) Head to Head: First meeting.

VARVARA GRACHEVA

- Eastbourne debut.
- 8th WTA Tour QF, 1st since Auckland in January 2024, and 2nd on grass (2023 Bad Homburg).
- 13th different French woman in Eastbourne QF.
- 20th qualifier in Eastbourne QF, and 1st since Tsurenko in 2022.
- Bids to reach 3rd WTA Tour SF, 1st since Austin in March 2023, and 1st ever on grass.
- Bids to become 7th different French woman in Eastbourne SF, and 1st since Bartoli in 2012.
- Bids to become 7th qualifier in Eastbourne SF, and 1st since Giorgi in 2021.
- Bids to become lowest ranked woman in Eastbourne SF since Heather Watson (WR-126 in 2017).
- Career-high ranking of No. 39 in January 2024.
- Best result on WTA Tour is finalist at 2023 Austin (fell to Kostyuk).
- 4-21 win-loss record against top 20 players lost 11 of last 12. Last victory was against WR-7 Sakkari, 2024 Roland Garros.
- WTA biography <u>HERE</u>

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA

- Saved match points in both matches so far 2 against Dart and 3 against Burrage.
- Won back-to-back matches for 1st time in 2025 bids to win 3 matches in a row for 1st time since last year's Olympics.
- 3rd appearance at Eastbourne 2-2 win-loss record 0-2 record before this week (lost to Kostyuk in 2022 and to Fernandez last year).
- 27th WTA Tour QF, 4th on grass, and 1st of 2025.
- Lost 5 of last 6 WTA Tour QF's. 2-1 win-loss record in WTA Tour QF's on grass.
- 13th different Czech woman in Eastbourne QF others include former Wimbledon champions Navratilova, Novotna, Kvitova.
- Bids to reach 16th WTA Tour SF, 1st since WTA Finals in November last year and 3rd on grass (2023 Birmingham, 2024 Wimbledon).
- Bids to become 9th different Czech woman in Eastbourne SF (others include former Wimbledon champions Navratilova, Novotna, Kvitova), and 1st since Kvitova in 2022.
- Reigning Wimbledon champion also won at 2021 Roland Garros.
- 8 WTA Tour singles titles.
- 7 major doubles titles, including career Grand Slam.
- Career-high ranking of No. 2 in February 2022.
- 6 matches on WTA Tour this year (3-3 win-loss record) due to back problems.
- Not lost WTA Tour main draw match on grass against player ranked as low as Gracheva.
- WTA biography HERE

Centre Court - Match 2

Anna Blinkova (WR69) v Maya Joint (WR51 – AUS)

Head to Head: First meeting.

ANNA BLINKOVA

- Eastbourne debut.
- 13th WTA Tour QF, and 3rd of 2025 lost last 4 WTA Tour QF's.
- 3rd WTA QF on grass (2023 & 2024 Bad Homburg). 0-2 win-loss record in WTA Tour QF's on grass.
- Bids to reach 7th WTA Tour SF, 1st since Hong Kong in October 2023, and 1st on grass.
- Won one WTA Tour title, at 2022 Cluj-Napoca on clay, where as qualifier defeated Paolini in final.
- Career-high ranking of No. 35 in July 2023.
- Finalist in girls' singles at 2015 Wimbledon, falling to Sofya Zhuk in final.
- Took part in longest-ever tie-break in women's major in Open Era, defeating Rybakina 22-20 in final set at 2024 Australian Open, saving six match points.
- WTA biography <u>HERE</u>

MAYA JOINT

- Eastbourne debut, and WTA Tour main draw debut on grass.
- 4th WTA Tour QF, 4th of 2025, and 1st on grass.
- 10th different Australian woman in Eastbourne QF, and 1st since Barty in 2018.
- Bids to reach 3rd WTA Tour SF, 3rd of 2025 (Hobart, Rabat) and 1st on grass.
- Bids to become 3rd Australian woman in Eastbourne SF, after Wendy Turnbull (1978, 1980, 1983, 1985) and Sam Stosur (2008, 2010, 2011).
- Maiden WTA Tour title this year, defeating Cristian at Rabat on clay in May 1st Australian to win WTA Tour title since Barty, 2022 Australian Open. Also won doubles title at Rabat.
- Currently at career-high ranking of No. 51.
- WTA biography <u>HERE</u>