

Lexus Eastbourne Open – Friday, June 27, 2025

These notes cover women's matches on Centre Court.

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

Occasions where 4 first-time Eastbourne semi-finalists (women) – 1974 (1st time held), 2016, 2021, **2025**.

All 4 women competing in 1st WTA Tour SF on grass, and 3 of them are making Eastbourne debut.

If Eala and Joint both win will be youngest Eastbourne final since an 18-year-old Tracy Austin defeated a 16-year-old Andrea Jaeger in 1981.

Centre Court - Match 1

[Q] Alexandra Eala (WR74 – PHI) v [Q] Varvara Gracheva (WR111 – FRA)

Head to Head: Eala leads 1-0

2025 Nottingham Grass Q1 Eala 63 36 63

2nd time two qualifiers met in Eastbourne SF – Vera Dushevina defeated Roberta Vinci in 2005. This was last occasion before now that 2 qualifiers met in WTA Tour SF on grass.

Winner will be 4th qualifier in Eastbourne final, after Vera Dushevina (2005), Ekaterina Makarova (2010) and Jamie Hampton (2013).

ALEXANDRA EALA

- Eastbourne debut – just 2nd WTA Tour main draw tournament on grass (Nottingham last week).
- Came into this week with 0-1 WTA main draw win-loss on grass.
- 2nd WTA Tour SF (Miami this year – 1st ever Filipino in WTA Tour SF).
- 1st ever Filipino in WTA Tour SF on grass.
- Bids to reach 1st ever WTA Tour final.
- Bids to become 1st ever Filipino in WTA Tour final.
- Bids to become youngest woman in Eastbourne final since Bencic (18 in 2015, won title). NOTE: Joint, 19, could become youngest.
- Came to prominence at Miami earlier this year when as wild card ranked at No. 140 defeated WR-2 Swiatek and WR-5 Keys to make SF – defeated 3 Grand Slam champions in all (also Ostapenko).
- Career-high ranking of No. 69 in May – highest ranked Filipino woman in history.
- Girls' singles champion at 2022 US Open.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

VARVARA GRACHEVA

- Eastbourne debut.
- 3rd WTA Tour SF, 1st since Austin in March 2023, and 1st ever on grass.
- 7th different French woman in Eastbourne SF, and 1st since Bartoli in 2012.
- 7th qualifier in Eastbourne SF, and 1st since Giorgi in 2021.
- Lowest ranked woman in Eastbourne SF since Heather Watson (WR-126 in 2017).
- Just 2nd French player in WTA Tour SF in 2025 (Boisson, Roland Garros).
- Bids to reach 2nd WTA Tour SF (2023 Austin).
- Bids to become 6th different French woman in Eastbourne final (Bartoli, Halard, Mauresmo, Razzano, Tauziat), and 1st since Bartoli in 2011.
- Bids to become 1st French player to reach WTA Tour final since Clara Burel, 2023 Lausanne.
- Bids to become 1st French player to reach WTA Tour final on grass since Caroline Garcia, 2022 Bad Homburg.
- Career-high ranking of No. 39 in January 2024.
- Best result on WTA Tour is finalist at 2023 Austin (fell to Kostyuk).
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

Centre Court - Match 2

Maya Joint (WR51 – AUS) v Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (WR53)

Head to Head: First meeting.

Joint wasn't even born when Pavlyuchenkova played her 1st pro match (December 2005).

MAYA JOINT

- Eastbourne debut, and WTA Tour main draw debut on grass.
- 3rd WTA Tour SF, 3rd of 2025 (Hobart, Rabat) and 1st ever on grass.
- 3rd Australian woman in Eastbourne SF, after Wendy Turnbull (1978, 1980, 1983, 1985) and Sam Stosur (2008, 2010, 2011).
- Bids to reach 2nd WTA final (Rabat this year).
- Bids to become 2nd Australian woman in Eastbourne final, after Turnbull (1980, 1983).
- Bids to become youngest woman in Eastbourne final since Bencic (18 in 2015, won title).
- Bids to become youngest Australian woman in WTA Tour final on grass since Louise Field, 1985 Auckland.
- 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 – will break top 50 for 1st time when new rankings out on Monday – Australian No. 2 behind Kasatkina.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA

- 10th appearance at Eastbourne – 1st time in SF – made debut here in 2010.
- Oldest woman in Eastbourne SF since Martina Navratilova (won title in 1993 aged 36).
- 33rd WTA Tour SF, 1st since Doha in February 2024, and 1st ever on grass.
- Bids to reach 22nd WTA Tour final, 1st since 2021 Roland Garros, and 1st ever on grass.
- Career-high ranking of No. 11 in November 2021.
- Fell to Krejčíková in 2021 Roland Garros final.
- Won 12 WTA Tour titles, most recently at 2018 Strasbourg.
- Previous best results on grass were QF's at 2012 Eastbourne and 2016 Wimbledon.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)