# <u>Quad</u>



Name: Andy LAPTHORNE

**Age:** 32

Date of birth: 11.10.1990

Place of birth: Hammersmith, London

Lives: Eastcote, Middlesex

Plays: Left-Handed, One-Handed Backhand

Turned Pro: 2008

LTA Support: Wheelchair Tennis Performance Pathway

Elite Programme

Trains: Delgado & Lee Tennis Academy, Bisham Abbey &

National Tennis Centre **Coach:** Mike Price

Career singles highlights: Rio 2016 Paralympic singles silver medaillst; two-time US Open singles champion; multiple Australian and US Open singles finalist, 2020 French Open singles finalist, 2019 Wimbledon singles finalist

It was sixth time lucky for Lapthorne, who finally got his hands on the British Open quad singles trophy in July 2022 after defeating Australia's Heath Davidson 6-4, 6-3 in the final.

**Career titles:** 24 ITF singles titles, 43 ITF doubles titles; 2 time Grand Slam quad singles champion. 16 time Grand Slam quad doubles champion. Three time Paralympic medallist. 3 World Team Cup titles.

Current Quad singles ranking: 8 (26 June 2023)
Highest Quad singles ranking: 1 (27 January 2020)
Current Quad doubles ranking: 9 (26 June 2023)
Highest Quad doubles ranking: 1 (31 January 2021)

**GB** Ranking: 1

Twitter: @AndyLapthorne Instagram: @andylapthorne\_

**Did you know:** As well as being a two-time US Open quad singles champion, Lapthorne is a 13-time Grand Slam doubles champion, having won six Australian Open doubles titles, four US Open doubles titles, two Wimbledon doubles titles (2019 & 2021) and one French Open doubles title (2021). He also won the quad doubles silver medal at the London 2012 Paralympics and the quad doubles bronze medal at the Rio 2016 Paralympics. He is a passionate West Ham United supporter and a keen boxing, martial arts and American sports fan.

**Family:** Lives at home in Eastcote, Middlesex. Lapthorne has one brother.

Weblinks:

LTA Player Profile - Andy Lapthorne Tennis Player

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Name: Greg SLADE

**Age:** 21

Date of birth: 19.05.2002 Place of birth: Dorking Lives: Dorking, Surrey

Plays: Right-Handed, One-Handed Backhand

Turned Pro: 2021

LTA Support: Wheelchair Tennis Performance Pathway

Pro Potential Programme

Trains: National Tennis Centre, London

Coach: Luke Mulvhill

Career singles highlights: 2021 Paratennis Toulouse Balma champion (FRA), 2022 3 Trofeo Citta' Di Cantu chapions (ITA), 2022 Sirius Open champion (CRO)

Career titles: 3 ITF quad singles titles, 7 ITF quad doubles

titles

Current singles ranking: 15 (26 June 2023) Highest singles ranking: 15 (10 April 2022) Current doubles ranking: 13 (26 June 202) Highest doubles ranking: 13 (23 May 2022)

**GB Ranking:** 2 **Twitter:** @gregjslade **Instagram:** gregjslade

**Did you know:** Slade took up wheelchair tennis aged 14 after his family discovered wheelchair tennis sessions at Sutton Tennis Academy. In 2017, aged 15, he played his first junior tournament during the British Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships in Nottingham before going on to win his first National Championships later that year. He won the biggest title of his creer when partnering Andy Lapthorne to win the quad doubles at the 2022 ITF Bolton Indoor. Slade has two grandparents who were keen tennis players in their younger days. Slade has been awarded the quad singles wild card for The Championships, Wimbledon this year.

Weblinks:

**LTA Player Profile –** <u>Greg Slade Tennis Player Profile &</u> Rankings | LTA

# **Quad**



Name: Gary COX

**Age:** 36

Date of birth: 22.10.1986

Place of birth:

Lives: Chelveston, Nothamptonshire

Plays: Right-Handed, One-Handed Backhand

Turned Pro: 2020 LTA Support: None

Trains: Riverside Tennis Club, Bedford

Coach:

Career singles highlights: Multiple quad singles National champion, 2022 Abingdon Futures quad singles finalist Career titles: 1 ITF Futures Doubles title, multiple quad

singles and doubles National champion
Current singles ranking: 63 (26 June 2023)
Highest singles ranking: 44 ( 04 October 2021)
Current doubles ranking: 70 (26 June 2023)
Highest doubles ranking: 45 (18 February 2019)

**GB Ranking:** 5 **Twitter:** None

Instagram: @garycoxwheelchairtennis

**Did you know:** Cox combines his wheelchair tennis career with a part-time career ss model and has appeared in several LTA brand campaigns. He made his Great Britain debut in March this year when playing for the GB quad team at the World Team Cup Qualllifcation in Antalya,

Turkey.

# Women's



Name: Lucy SHUKER

**Age:** 42

Date of birth: 12.05.1980 Place of birth: Doha, Qatar

**Lives:** Three Legged Cross, Dorset

Plays: Right-handed, One-handed backhand

Turned Pro: 2002

LTA Support: Wheelchair Tennis Performance Pathway

Pro Scholarship Programme presented by Lexus **Trains:** National Tennis Centre and David Lloyd

Southampton Coach: Taro Keens

Career singles highlights: 2018 Belgian Open champion, 2012 Daegu Open champion, 2015 Korea

Open champion, 2018 Korea Open champion Career titles: 117 ITF titles. Five-time Wimbledon doubles finalist and four-time Australian Open doubles

finalist.

Current singles ranking: 10 (26 June 2023) Highest singles ranking: 5 (25 March 2013) Current doubles ranking: 9 (5 June 2023) Highest doubles ranking: 3 (10 June 2013)

**GB** Ranking: 1

Twitter: @Lucy\_Shuker Instagram: @Lucy\_Shuker

**Did you know:** Injured in a motorcycle accident shortly after her 21st birthday, she met Britain's former Paralympic champion Peter Norfolk while in rehab at Salisbury Spinal Unit and Norfolk introduced her to wheelchair tennis and loaned her a tennis chair. Shuker played in her first National championship in 2002. After completing her 20th year on Tour in 2022 Shuker was recently honoured with a British Empire Medal in the

King's Birthday Honours List.

Weblinks:

LTA Player Profile - Lucy Shuker Wheelchair Tennis

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# Women's



Name: Ruby BISHOP

**Age:** 19

Date of birth: 28.01.04 Place of birth: Norwich

Lives: Norwich

Plays: Left-Handed, One-Handed Backhand

Turned Pro: 2019

LTA Support: Wheelchair Tennis Performance Pathway

Pro Potential Programme

Trains: National Tennis Centre and Easton Tennis

Centre

Coach: Rob Ellis and Josh Weeds

**Career singles highlights:** 

2021 British Open girls' singles champion, 2022 Bolton Indoor girls' singles champion, 2022 British Open girls' singles champion, 2022 Cruyff Foundation European Camp champion, 2022 Plock Cup II champion (first senior

main draw title), 2023 Lithuanian Open champion. **Career titles:** 2 ITF women's singles titles, 4 ITF Junior Series singles titles, 6 ITF Futures doubles title, 2 ITF Junior Series doubles titles

Current singles ranking: 39 (26 June 2023) Highest singles ranking: 39 (18 June 2023) Current doubles ranking: 48 (26 June 2023) Highest doubles ranking: 43 (30 May 2022)

GB Ranking: 4

Twitter: @RubyBishop\_ Instagram: @R.ubyBishop

**Did you know:** Ruby sarted playing wheelchair tennis at the same Tennis Foundation Talent ID Day as fellow Norfolk player Ben Bartram first started playing in September 2016. Ruby was named Young Person of the Year in the 2022 LTA Tennis Awards in recognition of her performance results, volunteering and her passion for campaigning for better inclusion for young disabled pupills in school PE lessons.

Weblinks:

**LTA Player Profile -** Ruby Bishop Wheelchair Tennis Player Profile & Rankings | LTA

# Women's



Name: Abbie BREAKWELL

**Aae:** 19

Date of birth: 29.03.03 Place of birth: Nottingham Lives: Sawley, Long Eaton

Plays: Right-Handed, One-Handed Backhand

Turned Pro: 2019

LTA Support: Wheelchair Tennis Performance

Pathway Pro Potential Programme Trains: Loughborough University and Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club

Coach: Martyn Whait, Ella Taylor, Dawn Upton Career singles highlights: 2022 Nottingham Futures champion (first senior ITF singles title), 2022 XIV Memorial Oliver Puras champion, 2022 BUCS Wheelchair Tennis Champion for the second year in a row, 2021 made GB senior women's debut at World Team Cup in Sardinia, Italy, 2021 completed her junior career with a career-best No.2 junior singles ranking, 2021 National School Games girls' singles gold medallist, 2018 Great Britain junior team debut at the World Team Cup in the Netherlands

2016 National School Games inaugural girls' singles and doubles gold medallist

Career titles: 2 ITF women's singles titles, 12

ITF women's doubles titles

Current singles ranking: 36 (26 June 2023) Highest ranking singles: 32 (15 August 2022) Current singles ranking: 36 (26 June 2023) Highest ranking doubles: 26 (22 Aug 2022)

**GB Ranking:** 3

Twitter: @AbbieBreakwell Instagram: @abbiebreakwell

Did you know: Abbie began studying at the University of Loughborough, where she is the Athletec Union's parasport development officer,

a role that includes organising regular

wheelchair tennis sessions for students. Abbie first tried wheelchair tennis during the 2015

British Open Wheelchair Tennis

Championships in Nottingham, where she was volunteering as part of the ball crew. She was also a member of the ball crew at the 2017 Wheelchair Tennis Masters in Loughborough. Abbie is an LTA Level 2 Accredited Coach.

Weblinks:

Abbie Breakwell Tennis Player Profile | LTA