

LTA Daily Player Media Notes

Lexus Eastbourne Open – Saturday, June 28, 2025

These notes cover women's final – men's final covered by ATP Tour notes (to be found on LTA News Service).

Youngest Eastbourne final since an 18-year-old Tracy Austin defeated a 16-year-old Andrea Jaeger in 1981. Since 1st held in 1974, just 2nd Eastbourne final involving BOTH players making their MAIN DRAW debut here, after Clijsters defeated Dushevina in 2005 (Dushevina did play in qualifiers in 2004).

EASTBOURNE CHAMPIONS ON MAIN DRAW DEBUT

1994	McGrath	Main draw debut only – played in qualifiers in 1990
1996	Seles	
2004	Zvonareva	
2005	Clijsters	
2006	Henin	
2014	Keys	Main draw debut only – played in qualifiers in 2013
2025	Eala/Joint?	

Centre Court - Match 1

Maya Joint (WR51 – AUS) v [Q] Alexandra Eala (WR74 – PHI)

Head to head: First meeting.

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.
- 1st ever WTA Tour final.
- 1st ever Filipino in WTA Tour final.
- 4th women's qualifier in Eastbourne final, after Dushevina (2005), Ekaterina Makarova (2010) and Jamie Hampton (2013).
- 4th qualifier in WTA Tour final on grass in 2025, after Maria (Queens), Ruse (s'Hertogenbosch) and Wang Xinyu (Berlin). **This is record for most occasions qualifier reached final on grass in one season on WTA Tour.**
- 5th player to reach maiden WTA Tour final in 2025, after Arango (Merida), **Joint** (Rabat), P Kudermetova (Brisbane) and Wang Xin (Berlin).
- Bids to become 2nd player to win maiden WTA Tour title in 2025, after **Joint** (Rabat).
- Bids to become 2nd women's qualifier to win Eastbourne title, after Makarova (2010).
- Bids to become 2nd qualifier to win WTA Tour title on grass in 2025, after Maria (Queens). **Qualifier never won multiple grass court finals on WTA Tour in same season.**
- Bids to become 5th lefthanded woman to win Eastbourne title, after Navratilova, Seles, Makarova and Kvitova.
- Philippines is 21st different nationality to reach women's final at Eastbourne. If wins, Philippines will be 14th different nation to win Eastbourne women's title.
- 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 – will move to No. 56 if loses, and to No. 52 if wins.
- Girls' singles champion at 2022 US Open.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

MAYA JOINT

- Eastbourne debut, and WTA Tour main draw debut on grass.
- 2nd WTA final (Rabat this year).
- 2nd Australian woman in Eastbourne final, after Turnbull (1980, 1983).
- Youngest woman in Eastbourne final since Bencic (18 in 2015, won title).
- Youngest Australian woman in final on grass since Louise Field, 1985 Auckland.
- Bids to win 2nd WTA Tour title (Rabat this year).
- Bids to become 1st Australian woman to win Eastbourne title.
- Bids to become 1st Australian woman to win multiple WTA Tour titles in same season since Barty in 2022 (Adelaide-1 & Australian Open).
- Bids to become 1st Australian to win WTA Tour title on grass since Barty, 2021 Wimbledon.
- If wins, Australia will be 14th different nation to win Eastbourne women's title.
- 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.
- 4-0 win-loss record against lefthanders at WTA Tour level.
- 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 – No. 46 of loses, No. 41 if wins.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)