



## LTA Daily Player Media Notes

### Lexus Birmingham Open – Tuesday, 2 June, 2026

#### Ann Jones Centre Court - Match 1

##### [1] Alexandra Eala (WR37 – PHI) v Priscilla Hon (WR143 – AUS)

###### Head to Head: Tied 1-1

2023	Roehampton, UK (ITF)	Hard	QF	Eala 6-2 6-4
2024	Ningbo, China	Hard	Q1	Hon 6-4 6-3

##### ALEXANDRA EALA

- The top seed has won 13 of the previous 43 Birmingham Open women's singles titles, but hasn't won any of the last 10 editions, since Ana Ivanovic in 2014. The top seed has also lost in the opening round in the last two years (Jelena Ostapenko in 2024 and Alycia Parks last year).
- Made her debut at Birmingham last year, where as the No. 3 seed she fell to Linda Fruhvirtova in R1.
- At Eastbourne last year, she reached the final, where she fell to Maya Joint despite having four match points. It was just her second WTA Tour main draw appearance on grass.
- Won one WTA 125 title, at Guadalajara last year.
- Her second appearance in a WTA 125 this year – she reached the QF in her home country at Manila in January.
- Came to prominence at Miami last year, when as a wild card ranked at No. 140 she defeated World No. 2 Iga Swiatek and World No. 5 Madison Keys to make the SF. She defeated three Grand Slam champions in all (also Jelena Ostapenko).
- Best performance on WTA Tour this year is a SF at Auckland.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 29 in March – the highest ranked Filipina woman in history.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

##### PRISCILLA HON

- Hoping to follow in the footsteps of compatriot Ash Barty, who won this title in 2019.
- Best performance at WTA 125 level is a QF on clay in Florence in 2023.
- Best performance on the WTA Tour are two QF's – both at Seoul – in 2017 and 2019.
- Last year she recorded her best Grand Slam result, where as a qualifier she reached R3 at the US Open, defeating World No. 20 Liudmila Samsonova in R2.
- Best performance on grass is reaching the SF of the Surbiton Trophy in 2018.
- Last year she made her main draw debut at Wimbledon after coming through qualifying, but fell to Ekaterina Alexandrova in R1.
- Last year, as a qualifier, she reached R3 at the WTA 1000 event at Beijing, defeating World No. 24 Jelena Ostapenko in R2.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 94 in October 2025.
- Has a 4-20 win-loss record against Top 50 players. Her last victory was against No. 24 Ostapenko at Beijing mentioned above. The highest ranked player she has defeated is No. 17 Petra Kvitova at Adelaide in 2022.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

## Ann Jones Centre Court - Match 2

[WC] Mika Stojsavlejvic (WR288 – GBR) v Emerson Jones (WR136 – AUS)

Head to Head: First meeting

### MIKA STOJSAVLEJVIC:

- Won the girls' singles at the 2024 US Open, becoming the first British woman to win the event since Heather Watson in 2009.
- Won two ITF singles titles, both in Great Britain, at Nottingham in 2024 and at Birmingham last year (both on hard).
- Defeated World No. 56 Talia Gibson on her Billie Jean King Cup debut in April. She was 219 places below the Australian in the rankings. Great Britain won the tie 3-1 in Melbourne to qualify for the finals in Shenzhen in September. Emerson Jones was in the Australia team.
- Awarded a wild card at Wimbledon last year, falling to Ashlyn Krueger in R1.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 274 in February.
- Won three matches against players ranked as high as No. 136 Jones, with her best result by ranking coming against No. 56 Gibson in the Billie Jean King Cup match mentioned above.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

### EMERSON JONES:

- Hoping to follow in the footsteps of compatriot Ash Barty, who won this title in 2019.
- Won four ITF singles titles, including one this year in her home country (Brisbane).
- No. 1 in the ITF junior rankings at the age of 16 in 2024.
- Best result at WTA 125 level is a QF at Austin this year.
- Made her professional debut in 2023 at the age of 14 and made her Grand Slam debut at the Australian Open last year at the age of 16.
- Finalist in the girls' singles at the 2024 Australian Open and at 2024 Wimbledon (lost to Renata Jamrichova in both finals).
- Best result on the WTA Tour is R16 at Adelaide last year, falling to Daria Kasatkina.
- Defeated Katie Swan in Australia's Billie Jean King Cup tie against Great Britain in April – Australia lost the tie 3-1 in Melbourne and the match was a dead rubber. She was drafted into the team after Maya Joint withdrew through injury.
- Won her first WTA 1000 main draw match at Miami this year, defeating Linda Fruhvirtova.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 129 in May.
- Mother Loretta Harrop won the silver medal in the triathlon at the 2004 Olympic Games, and her father Brad Jones is a former Australian Rules footballer.
- Fell to Iga Swiatek in R1 at Roland Garros.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

## Ann Jones Centre Court - Match 3

### Jacob Fearnley (WR125 – GBR) v [5] Rinky Hijikata (WR98 – AUS)

#### Head to Head: Fearnley leads 1-0

2019 Forth Worth, USA (ITF)

Hard

R32

Fearnley 6-4 3-6

6-4

#### JACOB FEARNLEY:

- Won four ATP Challenger Tour singles titles, all in 2024, in Nottingham on grass (as a qualifier), Lincoln (USA), Rennes (France) and Orleans (France).
- At Nottingham in 2024 he became the fourth British man to win the trophy after Murray (2023), Evans (2019 & 2022) and Rusedski (1997 & 2003). His title victory there joined Katie Boulter meaning it was the second time in history (after Nottingham 2023: Murray and Boulter) that an all-British sweep was achieved on home soil.
- Won his first ATP Tour main draw match at Wimbledon as a wildcard in 2024, before falling to Novak Djokovic in R2.
- Best results at the Grand Slams are reaching R3 on two occasions, at the Australian Open and at Roland Garros last year, where he fell to compatriot Cameron Norrie.
- Won just two ATP Tour main draw matches in 2026, defeating Nicolai Budkov Kjaer in the Davis Cup and Damir Dzumhur at Indian Wells. Great Britain face Ecuador in R2 of Davis Cup qualifying in London in September.
- Reached his maiden QF on the ATP Tour at Queen's last year, where he defeated Alex Bolt and Corentin Moutet before falling to eventual runner-up Jiri Lehecka.
- Won the 2023 Nottingham doubles title alongside partner Johannus Monday, defeating fellow Brits Liam Broady and Jonny O'Mara in the final.
- Playing in his 6th ATP Challenger Tour event of 2026. His best result is a QF in Manama, Bahrain in January.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 49 in June 2025.
- Has a 9-17 win-loss record against Top 100 players. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 24 Flavio Cobolli at Eastbourne last year.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

#### RINKY HIJIKATA:

- Won four ATP Challenger Tour singles titles – all on home soil – at 2022, 2024 and 2025 Playford, and at 2023 Burnie.
- Reached the SF at Birmingham last year, where he defeated Brit Billy Harris, Yosuke Watanuki and Alex Bolt before falling to Colton Smith.
- Best ATP Tour singles results have come on grass – as a lucky loser he made the last four at s'Hertogenbosch in 2023. He also made the QF at Queen's in 2024 as a qualifier.
- Best result on the ATP Tour in 2026 is reaching the R16 at Indian Wells where, as a qualifier, he fell to Brit Cameron Norrie.
- Best Grand Slam result was reaching the R16 at the 2023 US Open where, as a wildcard, he fell to Frances Tiafoe.
- Playing in his 4th ATP Challenger Tour event of 2026, where his best results are two QF's, at San Diego and at Aix-en-Provence.
- Won the Australian Open doubles title in 2023 alongside compatriot Jason Kubler. Also reached final of the doubles at Wimbledon last year alongside partner David Pel, falling to Brits Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 62 in August 2024.
- Has a 3-0 win-loss record against British players on British soil, defeating Billy Harris at Surbiton in 2023, Henry Searle in Queen's qualifying in 2024 and Harris again at Birmingham last year.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

## Ann Jones Centre Court - Match 4

**Jack Pinnington Jones (WR132 – GBR) v [4] Aleksandar Vukic (WR96 – AUS)**

**Head to Head: First meeting**

### **JACK PINNINGTON JONES:**

- Won two ATP Challenger Tour events, both last year, at Nottingham II on grass in July and at Winston Salem on hard in September. He defeated fellow Brit Kyle Edmund in the Nottingham final.
- Reached the final at Ilkley last year, falling to Tristan Schoolkate.
- As a wild card at Wimbledon last year he defeated Tomas Martin Etcheverry in R1 to record his first ever main draw win on the ATP Tour, before falling to Flavio Cobolli. Both he and Oliver Tarvet made their Grand Slam main draw debuts at SW19 last year.
- Best result on the ATP Tour is reaching the QF at the ATP 500 event in Dallas in February, where as a qualifier he defeated World No. 20 Cobolli and World No. 68 Eliot Spizzirri before falling to Marin Cilic.
- Also qualified for the main draw at Houston in March this year, falling to Zhizhen Zhang in R1.
- Made his ATP Tour main draw debut at Eastbourne last year, falling to Nuno Borges in R1.
- Reached the QF of the boys' singles at Wimbledon in 2021.
- Defeated Cameron Norrie on the way to the last eight at Nottingham in 2024. He was ranked 734 places behind Norrie in the rankings at the time.
- 8-5 win-loss record at ATP Challenger Tour level in 2026, with his best result reaching the final at Soma Bay, Egypt, in January, falling to Lloyd Harris.
- Currently at a career-high ranking of No. 132.
- Won four matches against Top 100 players.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

### **ALEKSANDAR VUKIC:**

- Won two ATP Challenger Tour events, at Bengaluru, India in 2022, and at Busan, South Korea in 2023.
- Fell to eventual champion Otto Virtanen in R1 at Birmingham last year.
- Best result on the ATP Tour is reaching the final at Atlanta in 2023, falling to Taylor Fritz.
- Reached the SF at Eastbourne in 2024 as a lucky loser, falling to eventual champion Fritz.
- Reached two QF's and one SF on grass on the ATP Tour.
- Fell to Jack Draper in R3 at the 2025 Australian Open, despite being 2-1 up in sets. This is his best result at the Grand Slams.
- Fell to eventual champion Jannik Sinner in R2 at Wimbledon last year.
- One Top 10 win, defeating No. 9 Casper Ruud at Shanghai in 2024.
- 1-3 win-loss record at ATP Challenger Tour level in 2026, with his only victory coming against Rinky Hijikata at Bordeaux in May.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 48 in August 2023.
- Has a 3-0 win-loss record against British players on British soil, defeating Ryan Peniston at Queen's in 2021, Arthur Fery at Eastbourne in 2023 and Jay Clarke at Eastbourne last year.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

## Ann Jones Centre Court - Match 5

### [Q] Zhizhen Zhang (WR224 – CHN) v Otto Virtanen (WR134 – FIN)

#### Head to Head: Virtanen leads 2-0

2022	Bergamo, Italy (Challenger)	Hard	R16	Virtanen 6-4 7-6(7)
2026	Manama, Bahrain (Challenger)	Hard	R32	Virtanen 4-6 7-6(12) 7-6(5)

In their last meeting in Manama, Virtanen saved four match points in the second set tie-breaker, and won the match on his 8th match point.

#### ZHIZHEN ZHANG:

- Won four ATP Challenger titles, most recently at Brisbane 2 in February – his first title at this level in four years.
- Best performance on the ATP Tour is reaching the final at Hangzhou in 2024, falling to Marin Cilic, who at No. 777 became the lowest ever ranked player to win an ATP Tour title.
- Also reached two ATP Tour SF's, at Hamburg on clay in 2023 and at Halle on grass in 2024, where he fell to Jannik Sinner (both ATP 500 events).
- Also reached the QF at Eastbourne in 2023, where he recorded his first ever ATP Tour main draw victory on grass.
- First came to prominence in 2021 when he became the first Chinese man in the Open Era to play in the main draw at Wimbledon.
- In Madrid in 2023 he became the first Chinese man to reach the QF of an ATP 1000 event, and he also reached the last eight at Rome the following year.
- Reached the men's doubles SF at the 2024 Australian Open alongside Tomas Machac, and also won the silver medal in mixed doubles at the 2024 Olympic Games.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 31 in July 2024, becoming the highest ever-ranked Chinese man. In March last year, he was still ranked at No. 51, but has since fallen down the rankings.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

#### OTTO VIRTANEN:

- Won the title in Birmingham last year, defeating Aleksandar Vukic, Marc-Andrea Husler, Brandon Holt and Colton Smith. It was his 7th ATP Tour Challenger title at the time. He became just the second Finnish man to win a grass-court title, and the first in 25 years, since Tuomas Ketola, who won a pair of titles on Indian soil at 1999 Lucknow and 2000 Calcutta.
- Won 8 ATP Challenger Tour titles in all (also won in Roanne, France, in October last year).
- Won just two matches on the ATP Tour this year – both in the Davis Cup against Hong Kong as Finland won the tie 3-1 in the World Group 1 play-offs.
- His best result on grass on the ATP Tour is reaching the R16 at s'Hertogenbosch last year.
- Won the 2018 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with partner Yanki Erel.
- Appeared in three ATP Challenger Tour events this year, with two SF's, at Manama and at Thionville, France.
- Was a good junior – won the 2018 Orange Bowl.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 91 in November 2024. He is Finland's No. 1.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)