

## LTA Daily Player Media Notes

### Lexus Birmingham Open – Sunday, 7 June, 2026

For the 2nd year in succession, the final features 2 unseeded players. Both bid to become 45th unseeded champion on the ATP Challenger Tour in 2026. 45 of the 107 ATP Challenger Tour finals in 2026 have gone to a deciding set, 25 have been won from a set down, 9 have gone to a deciding set tie-break, and there have been 4 retirements.

#### Men's singles final

#### Bu Yunchaokete (WR166 – CHN) v Otto Virtanen (WR134 – FIN)

Head to Head: First meeting

##### BU YUNCHAOKETE

- Defeated Lloyd Harris [76\(5\) 16 61](#) in R1, Brit Billy Harris [62 64](#) in R2, Mark Lajal [75 64](#) in QF and Brit Arthur Fery [62 36 63](#) in SF.
- 1st ever final on grass.
- 9th ATP Challenger Tour final, and 3rd of 2026. Only Zsombor Piros and Daniel Vallejo have appeared in more ATP Challenger finals than him in 2026 (4).
- Lost his last 4 ATP Challenger finals, including both this year.
- Won 3 ATP Challenger Tour titles, most recently at Granby, Canada in 2024.
- Bids to become the 4th Chinese to win an ATP Challenger Tour title in 2026, after Zhang Zhizhen (Brisbane-2), Wu Yibing (Sarasota) and Sun Fajing (Wuning-2).
- Best performances on the ATP Tour are reaching 2 SF's, on home soil at Hangzhou (fell to compatriot Zhizhen Zhang) and the ATP 500 on home soil at Beijing in 2024 (just the second Chinese to reach a SF at that level, after Zhang). He was a wild card in both.
- Last year played in the main draw at Wimbledon for the first time, falling to Brandon Nakashima in R1.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 64 in April 2025. Currently China's No. 2, after Wu Yibing.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

##### OTTO VIRTANEN

- Defeated qualifier Zhizhen Zhang [76\(8\) 61](#) in R1, awarded a walkover against Aleksandar Vukic in R2, beat qualifier Filippo Romano [64 64](#) in QF and No. 2 seed Kamil Majchrzak [76\(6\) 67\(5\) 76\(7\)](#) in SF, saving a match point in the deciding set tie-breaker.
- 10th ATP Challenger Tour final, 1st of 2026, and 2nd on grass (Birmingham last year, won title).
- Won 8 of his previous 9 ATP Challenger Tour finals. Won his first 8, but lost his last one, to Patrick Kypson in his home country at Helsinki in November last year.
- Won 8 ATP Challenger Tour titles.
- Won the title here 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 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.
- 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. Was a good junior – won the 2018 Orange Bowl.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 91 in November 2024. Currently Finland's No. 1.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)