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Throughout June, we'll be celebrating LGBTQ+ communities in tennis as part of Pride Month, including once again holding 'Friday Pride Days' at our events and telling stories from these communities, showing that tennis is a sport where everyone is welcome, whatever their sexuality or gender identity.



MOMENT IN TIME

Madison Keys poses with the trophy after winning the women's singles final against Daria Kasatkina at the 2023 Rothestay International Eastbourne at Devonshire Park on July 01, 2023.

(Photo by Tom Dulat/Getty Images for LTA)



WHAT'S GOING ON IN EASTBOURNE IN 2024?

This year is a special one for tennis in Eastbourne. With the Rothestay International Eastbourne tournament celebrating its 50th anniversary, and Devonshire Park itself celebrating 150 years.

Alongside the world-class tennis on show from some of the world's best players, there are a number of special events going on to mark this exceptional year of local sporting history:

- We asked the people of Eastbourne to nominate their unsung local heroes, people who have made a real difference to the Eastbourne community over the years. We have invited a number of these local heroes to the tournament to enjoy the tennis and recognise their invaluable contributions.
- Thanks to our title partner Rothestay, you have the chance to win tickets for next year's event. All you have to do is head down the giant 50 situated on the green outside Court 2, and submit your guess as to how many tennis balls are inside either by scanning the QR code or by heading to the information point.
- The celebrations aren't limited to the grounds of Devonshire Park. Keep an eye out for shops in the town centre taking part in our window dressing competition, inspired by 50 years of competition. Meanwhile in our fan zone, 50 photos from across 50 years of action will be on display

in a joint photo exhibition with Getty, and fans will have the chance to have a go on our mini courts, as well as to sit back, relax and enjoy the action on the big screen.

- The most successful player in the history of the tournament, Martina Navratilova, will be joining us on finals day to celebrate the tournament's illustrious history. She'll also be co-captaining a special USA side taking part in an exhibition to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first hosting of the Wightman Cup in Britain, taking on a GB side co-captained by Jo Durie and Judy Murray.

There are only three tournaments on the WTA Tour that have been running for as long as Eastbourne - those held in Charleston, Rome, and the joint hosting in Toronto and Montreal - with countless memories made along the way.

While you're in Eastbourne and making your way around Devonshire Park, keep an eye out for even more ways we're marking 50 years of WTA tennis here on the South Coast, with chances to win special prizes and make memories of your own.



CHANGES FOR THE 2025 GRASS COURT SEASON

During the past two years, the LTA in consultation with the All England Club have been reviewing the entire grass court season with the intention of improving the experience for fans and players.

The purpose of the review has been to raise the profile and visibility of tennis in Britain during the run up to The Championships at Wimbledon.

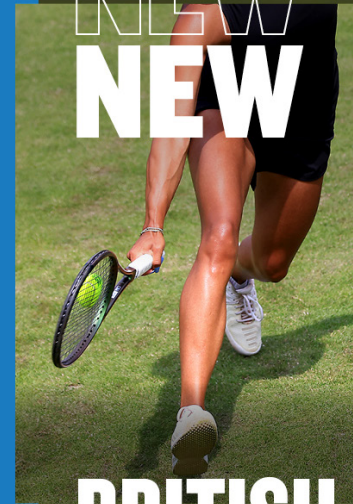
The plans the LTA have unveiled will offer more fans the opportunity to watch professional tennis, particularly women's tennis, both live and on television, whilst ensuring that there are the same number of playing opportunities for British and overseas players across the four-week period.

The new calendar of professional events for 2025 will:

- See high profile events at the start of the season to ensure maximum visibility for tennis.
- Promote women's tennis to a larger audience and raise its profile.
- Ensure every tournament venue will host both male and female events.

- While there are a number of changes to the calendar, in summary:
- A WTA event will return to London at The Queen's Club for the first time in over 50 years.
- New combined event at Birmingham will be staged in the first week of the grass court swing.
- Every tournament venue, Queen's, Eastbourne, Nottingham, Birmingham and Ilkley all now host men's and women's events.

NEW
NEW
NEW



BRITISH
SUMMER
EVENTS
2025

02/06 Women's and Men's challenger level events
BIRMINGHAM
EDGBASTON PRIORY CLUB

09/06 **WTA 500**
LONDON
THE QUEEN'S CLUB

09/06 Women's and Men's challenger level events
ILKLEY
ILKLEY LAWN TENNIS CLUB

16/06 **ATP 500**
LONDON
THE QUEEN'S CLUB

16/06 **WTA 250 & ATP 125**
NOTTINGHAM
LEXUS NOTTINGHAM TENNIS CENTRE

23/06 **WTA 250 & ATP 250**
EASTBOURNE
DEVONSHIRE PARK

30/06 **GRAND SLAM**
WIMBLEDON
ALL ENGLAND LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CALENDAR

02 JUNE - 13 JULY 2025

The changes are an important step in increasing the visibility of our sport, particularly the women's game. The staging of a high-profile women's tour event in London for the first time in half a century will kick start interest in the sport at the beginning of the grass court season, meaning more public exposure for tennis in Britain, and more opportunities to inspire the next generation. We're also committed to protecting the geographical spread of our grass court

venues and every venue will now host both men's and women's tennis, meaning more chances for fans to watch British players in action closer to them. While being a 250 level WTA event means, under new WTA Tour rules, the same number of top players won't be allowed to enter, Eastbourne has always punched above its weight in terms of player field. The quality of the courts and tennis will be exceptional as it always is. We enjoy a very

close working relationship with the council who are a tremendous partner. The proximity to London being 90 miles away is also very appealing and for all those reasons we were keen to maintain the combined ATP and WTA event there. The changes also only impact the women's event at Eastbourne – the ATP tournament which has been won by top players like Novak Djokovic, Taylor Fritz and Alex de Minaur in recent years – remains unchanged.



100 YEARS OF THE WIGHTMAN CUP IN BRITAIN

With the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup now at the forefront of the international tennis game, it's easy to forget that in the not-so-distant past, another annual tennis event saw some of the world's best players take to the court, and was among the most popular tickets in town – the Wightman Cup.

The Wightman Cup began in 1923, when US No.1 player Hazel Hotchkiss-Wightman, saw the popularity of the Davis Cup and wanted to stage the first international team event for women.

The initial concept featured the two strongest tennis nations, the USA and Great Britain, playing each other in five singles and two doubles matches, and after being held

at Forest Hills in the inaugural year, the competition landed in Britain in 1924 and alternated every year between the two countries until 1989 (missing only the war years).

Overall the US led the Brits 51-10, with all the top players from each nation taking part. The first eight encounters were shared, thereafter the Americans dominated, winning all but two until 1968.

From then until 1978, the competition reached its highpoint, with Britain winning four of 10 encounters including a memorable 4-3 victory at Wimbledon in 1968 for the Brits.

Who can forget the come from behind victory on a dramatic evening at the Royal Albert Hall 10 years after that, with the hosts winning again 4-3, Virginia Wade

and Sue Barker claiming a three-set win over Chris Evert and Pam Shriver?

Wade remembers the event and her time playing in the Wightman Cup fondly:

“There was nothing quite like competing in the Wightman Cup. First, there was the enormous pride in being selected to represent one’s country. And then the anticipation and excitement about the actual event. 1978 encompassed all those elements, and for once GB had a fair chance to beat the Americans, despite Chris Evert being their top player. Sue Barker and I were duly beaten by her, but we both won our other singles matches against Tracy Austin, and Michelle Tyler produced a sterling win against Pam Shriver.

Opposite: Britain’s 1971 Wightman Cup Team, (L-R) Christine Truman, Virginia Wade, Ann Jones, Joyce Williams, Winnie Shaw and Nell Truman, standing together beside the net on an outside court at The Championships 1971. (Credit AELTC/Michael Cole)

Below: The victorious 1978 GB Wightman Cup squad of Anne Hobbs, Sue Mappin, Michele Tyler, Sue Barker and Virginia Wade

“THERE WAS THE ENORMOUS PRIDE IN BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT ONE’S COUNTRY. AND THEN THE ANTICIPATION AND EXCITEMENT ABOUT THE ACTUAL EVENT”
VIRGINIA WADE

“It came down to 3 rubbers each and Sue and I had the final doubles match to play against Chris and Pam. Well, it came down to the 3rd set in a rocking Albert Hall, and I remember a wicked forehand winner by Sue to give us the whole tie, amidst deafening applause. Total euphoria! And the best moment in my tennis career after winning Wimbledon.”

To mark 100 years since the first hosting of

the Wightman Cup in Britain, we’re thrilled that Devonshire Park will play host to a special Wightman Cup Centenary Celebration on Finals Day. A number of Wightman Cup alumna will be in attendance for a special Great Britain vs USA doubles exhibition, with Rosie Casals and Martina Navratilova as joint captains for the US team, with Jo Durie and Judy Murray captaining the GB side. ●



ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL PEN PORTRAITS 2024

WOMEN



ELENA RYBAKINA 🇷🇺

BORN: 17 JUNE 1999

Won her first Grand Slam title when she beat Ons Jabeur in the 2022 Wimbledon final.

Reached her second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open and lost against Aryna Sabalenka.

She has been affected by injury and illness in 2024, but reached the final of two WTA 1000 events in Qatar and Miami.



DANIELLE COLLINS 🇺🇸

BORN: 13 DECEMBER 1993

Returned to the top 10 of the WTA rankings in May after winning 22 of 25 matches, including back-to-back titles in Miami and Charleston.

Her best Grand Slam run came at the 2022 Australian Open, where she lost out to Ash Barty in the final.

Achieved career-high of No.7 in July 2022, becoming American No.1 in the process.



MADISON KEYS 🇺🇸

BORN: 17 FEBRUARY 1995

Won her first WTA Tour title here at Eastbourne in 2014, beating Germany's Angelique Kerber in the final.

Reached her first Grand Slam final at the 2017 US Open, losing against fellow American Sloane Stephens.

She is the defending Rothesay International Eastbourne champion after beating Daria Kasatkina in last year's final.



JESSICA PEGULA 🇺🇸

BORN: 24 FEBRUARY 1994

Reached a career-high ranking of No.3 in October 2022, after a year that saw her reach the quarter-finals of three of the four Grand Slams and win the Canadian Open.

She has won four WTA Tour events, with the most recent coming at the Korea Open last year.

Pegula reached the quarter-finals of the Rothesay International Eastbourne last year, losing against fellow American Coco Gauff and this is her third visit to this tournament.



JELENA OSTAPENKO 🇱🇻

BORN: 8 JUNE 1997

Claimed two WTA titles in 2024 at the Upper Austria Ladies Linz and Adelaide International, taking her total to eight.

Won her maiden Grand Slam at the French Open in 2017 ranked No.47, the first unseeded player to win the event since 1933

Ostapenko is a two-time grass court champion, winning the Rothesay International Eastbourne in 2021 and she is the Rothesay Classic Birmingham last year.



DARIA KASATKINA 🇷🇺

BORN: 7 MAY 1997

Has reached three WTA finals in 2024, the most in a single season in her career, in Charleston, Abu Dhabi and Adelaide

Achieved career-high ranking of No.8 after claiming her sixth WTA tour title in 2022 in Granby.

She is a two-time grass court finalist, reaching the finals at the Rothesay International Eastbourne last year and Rothesay Classic Birmingham in 2021.



EMMA RADUCANU 🇬🇧

BORN: 13 NOVEMBER 2002

Became the youngest British woman in the Open Era to reach the last 16 of Wimbledon in 2021.

Backed up that breakthrough performance by becoming the first player, woman or man, to come through qualifying and win a Grand Slam at the 2021 US Open.

Raducanu became the youngest Briton to win a Grand Slam title and the youngest women's Slam champion since Maria Sharapova at Wimbledon in 2004.



JASMINE PAOLINI 🇮🇹

BORN: 4 JANUARY 1996

A finalist at the 2024 French Open, her run in Paris ensured a move into the top 10 of the WTA rankings for the first time.

Claimed her first WTA title at Portoroz Open in 2021 as world No.87.

Secured the biggest title of her career earlier this year when she lifted the WTA 1000 Dubai Championships in February.



LEYLAH FERNANDEZ 🇨🇦

BORN: 6 SEPTEMBER 2002

Best run at a Grand Slam came at the 2021 US Open, where she reached the final and lost against Britain's Emma Raducanu.

Has won three WTA Tour titles, with the most recent coming in Hong Kong last October.

Helped Canada to win the Billie Jean King Cup last November.



WANG XIYU 🇨🇳

BORN: 28 MARCH 2001

Clinched her first and only WTA Tour title at Guangzhou in September 2023.

Earned her career-high ranking in January 2023 reaching world No.49 having begun the previous year ranked No.128.

Career-best run at a Grand Slam came at the US Open in 2022, defeating Maria Sakkari on her way to the third round.



KATIE BOULTER 🇬🇧

BORN: 1 AUGUST 1996

Claimed her first WTA-tour title last year at Rothesay Open Nottingham, defeating four Brits on the way to the crown.

Won her second WTA title and biggest of her career in March 2024 winning the San Diego Open, beating Beatriz Haddad Maia and Donna Vekic on route to the title.

The current British No. 1, she achieved career-high ranking of No.27 in March 2024, 124 places higher than in March 2023.

Retained her Rothesay Open Nottingham crown earlier this month.



BARBORA KREJČIKOVA 🇨🇪

BORN: 18 DECEMBER 1995

A former world No.2 and has won 7 WTA singles titles, winning the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships last year as well as French Open in 2021 for her first and only singles Grand Slam title

Krejčíková is a ten-time Grand Slam doubles champion, three of which have come in mixed doubles

Achieved her best grass court run last year at the Rothesay Classic Birmingham reaching the final.



NAOMI OSAKA 🇯🇵

BORN: 16 OCTOBER 1997

A four-time Grand Slam champion having won the Australian Open in 2019 and 2021 and the US Open in 2018 and 2020.

She became world No.1 for the first time in January 2019.

Osaka has made a successful comeback to tennis after giving birth to her first child last year.



MEN



FRANCISCO CERUNDOLO

BORN: 13 AUGUST 1998

Broke into top 100 of the ATP rankings and achieved a new career-high ranking 11 times in 2022. He then reached career-high No. 23 on 29 May 2023 after finishing runner-up in Lyon.

As World No.103 at Miami in 2022, he became the lowest-ranked semi-finalist in the tournament's 37-year history and the first player to reach the last four in his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut since Jerzy Janowicz in Paris in 2012.

His father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis while his younger brother, Juan Manuel, won 2021 Cordoba title. His sister, Constanza, played for the Argentine hockey team that won gold at the 2018 Youth Olympics.

Returning to Eastbourne as the defending Rothesay International Champion.



TAYLOR FRITZ

BORN: 28 OCTOBER 1997

A former world No.1 junior won his fifth ATP Tour title at 2023 Delray Beach to achieve a career-high No.5 and become first American in top 5 since Roddick in September 2009.

Beat Rafael Nadal in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's first American men's champion since Andre Agassi in 2001.

He is a two-time champion at the LTA's Rothesay International Eastbourne (2019 and 2022).



TOMMY PAUL

BORN: 17 MAY 1997

Former World No.3 junior achieved career-high No.12 in October 2023 after becoming first American man to reach the Australian Open semi-final since Andy Roddick in 2009.

Reached the quarter-finals at the cinch Championships in 2022, losing to eventual champion Matteo Berrettini.

Made it through to the semi-finals of ATP Masters 1000 events at Indian Wells and Rome this year and won his second ATP Tour title at the Dallas Open in February.



ALEXANDER BUBLIK

BORN: 17 JUNE 1997

Achieved career-high No. 17 in May 2024 after becoming the 1st ATP Tour champion (since ATP Tour was established in 1990) to come back from a set down in every match en route to his 4th title in Montpellier.

Beat five top-25 players in as many matches at Halle in 2023, including then No. 7 Andrey Rublev in the final, to earn the biggest of his four ATP Tour titles.

Reached the quarter-finals at Eastbourne in 2021 and 2022, losing against eventual champion Taylor Fritz in the second of those two tournaments.



SEBASTIAN BAEZ

BORN: 28 DECEMBER 2000

Broke into the top 20 of the rankings to a career-high No.19 in March 2024 after winning back-to-back ATP Tour titles in Rio de Janeiro and Santiago.

Sealed a career-best 31 wins in 2023, highlighted by 12-match winning streak, winning titles in Kitzbuhel and Winston-Salem.

This is his second appearance at Eastbourne, after he was beaten by Tommy Paul in the last 16 last year.



JIRI LEHECKA

BORN: 8 NOVEMBER 2001

Achieved career-high No.30 on 28 August 2023 after reaching his first ATP Tour final in Winston-Salem.

Best performance in a Grand Slam came at Wimbledon last summer, as he beat Francisco Cerundolo and Tommy Paul en-route to the last-16.

A former world No.10 junior, he won the 2019 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with countryman Jonas Forejtek.



ARTHUR FILS

BORN: 12 JUNE 2004

Achieved new career-high ranking 13 times in 2023, breaking into top 200 in January, top 100 in May and top 50 in July before peaking at No.30 in May 2024.

Became youngest Frenchman to win an ATP Tour title since Gael Monfils in 2005, as he lifted the 2023 Lyon title aged 18 years and 11 months.

An outstanding junior player, he reached the 2021 Junior French Open final.



JACK DRAPER

BORN: 22 DECEMBER 2001

Played in his first ATP Tour final in Sofia last year and reached his second final at Adelaide in January.

Draper secured his first ATP Tour wins here at The Queen's Club in 2021, as he beat Jannik Sinner and Alexander Bublik to reach the cinch Championships quarter-finals.

Became British No.1 for the first time earlier this month as he moved past Cameron Norrie with some fine wins on grass in Stuttgart.



KEI NISHIKORI

BORN: 29 DECEMBER 1989

Highest ranked Asian men's player in history, achieving career-high No. 4 in 2015.

Earned biggest of 433 career wins over No.1 Novak Djokovic at the 2014 US Open to become first Asian Grand Slam men's singles finalist.

Six-time ATP 500 champion, four-time ATP Masters 1000 finalist, four-time Nitto ATP Finals qualifier and 2016 Rio Olympics bronze medallist.



ALEJANDRO DAVIDOVICH FOKINA

BORN: 5 JUNE 1999

Best run at a Grand Slam came as he reached the quarter-finals of the 2022 French Open.

Beat Novak Djokovic at the Monte Carlo Masters in 2022, where he lost in the final against Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Making his third appearance at Eastbourne having played here in 2021 and 2022.



TOMAS ETCHEVERRY

BORN: 18 JULY 1999

Beat Britain's Andy Murray at the Australian Open in January and achieved his best run in a Grand Slam as he reached the quarter-finals at the 2023 French Open.

This is his second appearance in the main draw at Eastbourne after he made his debut last year.

Has a dog named Roland Garros and he says his biggest off-court achievement was winning a 6km race as a child in his hometown of La Plata.





WHEELCHAIR



ALFIE HEWETT

BORN: 6 DECEMBER 1997

An eight-time Grand Slam men's singles champion, with one Australian Open title, three French Open titles and four US Open titles.

A 20-time Grand Slam doubles champion with fellow Britain Gordon Reid. They have won each of the four Grand Slam men's doubles titles together on five occasions.

Finished 2023 as world No.1 in both men's singles and men's doubles for the first time to become ITF World Champion for the first time and the first wheelchair tennis player named on the BBC Sports Personality of the Year shortlist.



GUSTAVO FERNANDEZ

BORN: 20 JANUARY 1994

A five-time Grand Slam men's singles champion, who has won two Australian Open titles, two French Open titles and he was Wimbledon men's singles champion in 2019.

A three-time Grand Slam men's doubles champion, with one French Open title and two Wimbledon titles.

A two-time ITF World Champion after finishing both 2017 and 2019 as world No.1 in the men's singles rankings and the winner of 65 career singles titles and 29 career doubles.



BEN BARTRAM

BORN: 13 JULY 2005

The 2022 US Open junior boys' singles and doubles champion and the winner of the 2022 Junior Masters boys' singles title.

Current British No.3 with a career-best world No.16 in men's singles, who has won six senior men's singles titles and eight senior international doubles titles.

Named ITF and LTA Junior Wheelchair Tennis Player of the Year in 2022 and a member of the victorious Lexus GB World Team Cup Men's Team in 2023 and 2024.

WOMEN



JISKE GRIFFIOEN

BORN: 17 APRIL 1985

The winner of four Grand Slam singles titles, with two Australian Open titles, one French Open title and she won the inaugural Wimbledon women's wheelchair singles titles in 2016.

The winner of 16 Grand Slam doubles titles.

Five-time Paralympic medallist who won the Rio 2016 women's singles and doubles gold medals and also has two silver and one bronze medal. Two-time ITF World Champion.



DANA MATHEWSON

BORN: 19 DECEMBER 1990

Winner of 16 career singles titles and 32 career doubles titles, the highlight of which was the Wimbledon women's doubles title in 2016 alongside Japan's Yui Kamiji.

Reigning Parapan American Games women's singles and doubles gold medallist and two-time Paralympian.

Reached a career-best women's singles ranking of No.7 in 2022 and a career-best doubles ranking of No.4 in September 2019.



LUCY SHUKER

BORN: 28 MAY 1980

British No.1 women's singles player with a career-best singles world ranking of No.5 and a career-best doubles world ranking of No.3.

Two-time Paralympic women's double bronze medallist at London 2012 and Rio 2016 and women's doubles silver medallist at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

Nine-time Grand Slam doubles finalist seven-time medallist while representing Great Britain at the World Team Cup. Awarded the British Empire Medal for Services to Sport in 2023.

MEN

QUADS



SAM SCHRÖDER

BORN: 25 DECEMBER 1999

A six-time Grand Slam singles champion, having won the last three Australian Open titles, the 2022 Wimbledon title and two US Open titles.

A nine-time Grand Slam doubles champion, having won eight of those titles with fellow Dutchman Niels Vink. Currently a three-time US Open and French Open doubles champion, two time-time Wimbledon and one-time Australian Open doubles champion.

Tokyo 2020 quad doubles champion and quad singles silver medallist.



ANDY LAPTHORNE

BORN: 11 OCTOBER 1990

A 15-time Grand Slam champion, including two-time US Open quad singles champion.

He's won his 13 Grand Slam doubles titles with four different partners, including seven US Open, two French Open, two Wimbledon and four US Open titles.

Reigning Rothesay International quad singles champion and three-time Paralympic medallist (two silver, one bronze).



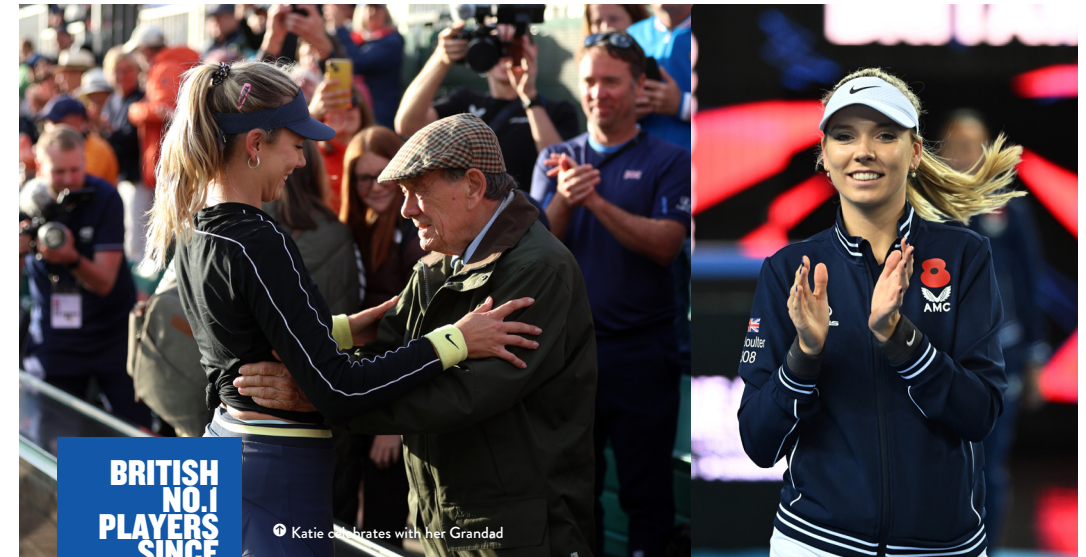
GREG SLADE

BORN: 19 MAY 2002

British No.2 quad singles player behind Andy Lapthorne with a career-best world singles ranking of No.14 achieved in July 2023.

Winner of five career singles titles and 11 career doubles titles, he made his Grand Slam debut at Wimbledon in 2023.

Runner-up to Andy Lapthorne at the 2023 Rothesay International Eastbourne.



**BRITISH
NO.1
PLAYERS
SINCE
1975**

Katie celebrates with her Grandad

- Virginia Wade
- Sue Barker
- Jo Durie
- Annabel Croft
- Anne Hobbs
- Sara Gomer
- Monique Javer
- Sarah Loosemore
- Clare Wood
- Lizzie Jelfs
- Rachel Viollet
- Sam Smith
- Louise Latimer
- Julie Pullin
- Lucie Ahl
- Elena Baltacha
- Anne Keothavong
- Katie O'Brien
- Heather Watson
- Laura Robson
- Johanna Konta
- Emma Raducanu
- Katie Boulter**
(since 12.06.23)

KATIE'S DREAM YEAR

As Katie Boulter stepped onto court for her first match at the Rothesay Open Nottingham last June, she could not have dreamed about what lay in wait for her over the following year.

Boulter's grass court season had already served up a notable milestone in her career, with her run to the semi-finals of the Lexus Surbiton Trophy a week before her trip to Nottingham securing her enough ranking points to become the British No.1 for the first time.

In doing so, she became the 23rd woman to top the domestic rankings since 1975 and the confidence that status brought inspired a series of impressive displays on the Nottingham grass courts as she lifted her first WTA Tour title.

A run to the third round at Wimbledon cemented her rankings rise and gave Boulter opportunities to play in tournaments that were previously out of reach.

That gave a player who has been striving for this level of success for a decade to press the accelerator pedal in her career and she has done just that over the last year.

A third round appearance at the US Open last September was her best showing in New York and she carried her momentum

forward in impressive fashion in 2024, winning her first WTA 500 title at the San Diego Open - defeating five top 50 players including a 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Marta Kostyuk in the final.

Boulter then backed that up by retaining her Rothesay Open Nottingham title earlier this month, with impressive wins against Britain's Emma Raducanu in the semi-finals and a victory against former Wimbledon finalist Karolina Pliskova in the final highlighting her prowess on grass.

"I'm not entirely sure if I am dreaming or this has happened," said Boulter after she retained her Nottingham title.

"This really means everything. I've been working so hard with my team. I went through a tough patch during the clay court swing, but I'm back on the green stuff and absolutely loving it.

"All the British players love playing in front of our fans and we are so lucky to have this



The winning moment

grass court swing on home soil. It's been great to see so many of our players doing so well and hopefully we can continue it into Eastbourne and onto Wimbledon."

Boulter's break into the top 30 of the WTA Rankings has allowed her to be seeded in top level tour events for the first time in her career and she has adapted well to a level of success that is all the more rewarding given the number of years that she has put in to make this breakthrough.

"Last year's grass court season was massive for me as I got a lot of wins and it gave me a chance to push on," said Boulter.

"I feel like I have grown a lot and I just want to consolidate my ranking and prove that I can get wins against these girls week in, week out.

"I didn't really do that when I got inside the top 100 the first time, but now is my moment to really push on.

"I've built a solid base now. It's taken me a long time, probably longer than a lot of people, but I'm in a position to springboard off this base.

"In every sport, it's going to take time to build something. I've played the long game and had to dig myself out of a few holes to get to where I am now."

Confidence and self-belief are commodities tennis players cannot acquire from hours practising and after a year that took Boulter's career to previously uncharted territory, she is back on grass and dreaming of more glory. ■

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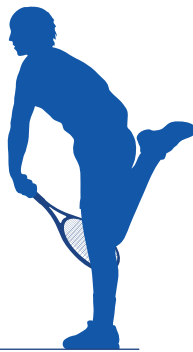


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RISING STARS



Tennis has lived through a glorious two decades dominated by a handful of legendary champions and now we are stepping into an exciting new era that will serve up fresh set of champions.

Roger Federer, Serena Williams, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic became sporting giants who transcended tennis, with the longevity of their success adding to their auras.

Their enduring presence in the final stages of Grand Slam events allowed them to build a global presence that will be hard to match, but tennis is fortunate to fresh batch of players ready to take centre stage.

Carlos Alcaraz, Iga Swiatek, Coco Gauff and Jannik Sinner have painted enchanting stories on tennis courts around the world in the last year, with the inspiration that has inspired more to follow in their footsteps.

A golden era in tennis may have reached a natural conclusion, but what comes next could be even more thrilling.

CLASS OF THE 2000s

“I feel like the new generation is definitely dominating. It’s a strong generation. We knew the group in 2002 was strong, and I think part of it helped us push each other growing up in juniors. We all had to compete with each other and strive on.”

The words of Britain’s Emma Raducanu highlighted the impressive collection of young stars making their mark in the women’s game, with her iconic victory at the 2021 US Open one of many moments that symbolised a changing of the guard in the women’s game.

Raducanu’s 2021 US Open final against fellow teenager Leylah Fernandez captured huge global television audiences, with the emergence of two young superstars of tennis a story that enchanted and fascinated sports fans in equal measure.

Injuries have hampered Raducanu’s progress over the last year, when world No.1 Iga Swiatek from Poland has grown into her role as the leading player in the women’s game.

Still only 22, the player who has topped the WTA Rankings with impressive consistency since Ashleigh Barty’s retirement in March 2022, Swiatek took on the mantle of becoming world No.1 and her success at the top level of the game confirms she has embraced the challenge.

It has also been a breakthrough 12 months for America’s Coco Gauff, who has got used to dealing with the glare of the spotlight since she beat her idol Venus Williams on Wimbledon’s Centre Court at the age of 15.

Gauff’s US Open win last September had an impact that revived memories of Raducanu’s success in the same tournament two years earlier, with the 20-year-old American one to watch during this summer’s British grass court season.

Emma Raducanu, 2021 US Open winner



ALCARAZ AND SINNER MAKE THEIR MARK

“I was never worried about what would happen when the ‘Big 3’ went. People said the same things before Roger Federer came along and then we had Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic soon after. There is always a new champion. Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner are so exciting to watch. They seem to enjoy playing as much as we enjoy watching them.”

The views of former British No.1 Laura Robson’s are echoed by tennis fans around the world who have witnessed some sensational sporting moments from the two most talked about young players in the men’s game over the last 12 months.

Alcaraz arrived at The Queen’s Club in London last June admitting his expectations on grass courts were limited, yet he finished the summer as a winner of the LTA’s cinch Championships and, famously, as Wimbledon champion after a thrilling win against Novak Djokovic in the final.

Alcaraz has backed up that success with some thrilling performances in 2024, including a hugely impressive win at the ATP 1000 tournament at Indian Wells in March.

Sinner’s rise has been even more meteoric, as his pivotal contribution to Italy’s Davis Cup win last November was backed up by his first Grand Slam triumph at the Australian Open in January.

“A new generation is here already,” believes Djokovic. “We’ve been saying this for years that we can expect that moment to come when you have a kind of shift of generations and it is happening now.”



YOUNG GUNS FIRING

Teenage stars have created some of the most captivating stories in tennis over the last year, with Mirra Andreeva leading the way as she made it through to the last-16 of last year’s Wimbledon Championship with some dynamic performances.

Czech teenager Linda Noskova has also caught the eye in 2024, with her memorable win against world No.1 Swiatek at the Australian Open in January highlighting her potential.

In the men’s game, Ben Shelton’s emergence was amplified when he became America’s No.1 player earlier this year, while Brazil’s Joao Fonseca and France’s Arthur Fils are being tipped to be champions of the future.

Britain also has high hopes of new stars emerging, with Jack Draper eager to make up for his absence from last year’s grass court season due to injury and 2023 Wimbledon Boys’ Singles champion Henry Searle striving to make his mark after impressive performances at junior level.



LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION



The LTA Tennis Foundation's mission is to improve lives through tennis. We want to ensure that every child, young person, and adult can access the unique and life-changing benefits that tennis offers.

Working throughout Great Britain, we focus on underserved communities and under-represented groups, ensuring we reach those who face the biggest barriers to sport and who can benefit the most.

We partner and work with experts who are embedded within communities, ensuring the biggest impact is achieved for beneficiaries.

How we make an impact

Supporting organisations

- Financially supporting and collaborating with charities and organisations embedded within their communities, who use tennis as a force for good.
- Enabling communities and schools
- Funding expertise and equipment to make tennis accessible to all.

Developing facilities

- Improving access to tennis by developing, often neglected, facilities and courts.

"The grant from the LTA Tennis Foundation will prove transformational for so many lives in our local area. We want to make sure everybody has access to quality tennis provision, and healthy meals during school holidays"

Founder, Playpoint Sports, funded by the LTA Tennis Foundation

You can support the LTA Tennis Foundation today!

To help us to reach more people and improve more lives through tennis, the Foundation needs to raise the funds that enable us to support the great charities, organisations and programmes that we partner with.

You can support the Foundation today by:

Entering the raffle: Visit the LTA Tennis Foundation booth or keep an eye out for our roaming raffle sellers, to buy a ticket to our event raffle with all money raised going to the LTA Tennis Foundation. Tickets cost £5 and prizes include tickets to the 2025 championships, signed shirts by GB tennis stars and a Dunlop FX Team racket.

Donating: Text **LTATF** to **70450** to donate £5 to the LTA Tennis Foundation, or you can make a donation of any size at the LTA Tennis Foundation booth. Just £5 could purchase vital equipment for an inclusive tennis session, helping to enable disabled children and young people to play tennis.

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text **LTATFNOINFO** to **70450** instead.

PROGRAMME SPOTLIGHT:

BRIGHT IDEAS

Bright Ideas for Tennis is a UK charity who has been awarded a grant from the LTA Tennis Foundation for I Play 30.

I Play 30 is a programme which delivers inclusive tennis sessions for children, young people and adults with learning, sensory and physical disabilities.

In England, there are currently 12.2 million disabled people, and 77% of them would like to be more active, but there is a lack of inclusive opportunities, making the need for programmes such as I Play 30 even higher.

Bright ideas for Tennis connect tennis venues with Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools, and community support groups in their local area forming a partnership to deliver free weekly 1 hour tennis sessions. One of these venues is in St Leonard's on Sea where pupils from St Mary's School and College, Bexhill will take part in tennis who would not normally have the opportunity to do so.

One participant said: "The tennis sessions are lots of fun and it's nice to learn new skills with my friends. We look forward to going every week and the coach makes it challenging and enjoyable."

The Bright Ideas for Tennis team delivers disability awareness training to the tennis venue coach(es) and volunteers to equip them with the essential knowledge and skills necessary to empower them to deliver the inclusive tennis sessions with full confidence.

Danny Sapsford, Charity Manager at Bright Ideas for Tennis said: "The LTA Tennis Foundation grant has had a huge impact on our ability to expand I Play 30 and 'enrich' the lives of over 70,000 children, young people and adults across the country. It is fantastic to see so many people benefiting from, and having access to, tennis. It's the highlight of the week for some many of them."

Scan the QR code today to donate £5 to help improve more lives through tennis.





PERFORMANCE MATTERS

WITH MICHAEL BOURNE

Over the last year, performances from British players at the highest levels of the sport – professional and junior, tennis and wheelchair tennis - have been among the strongest we have seen for a long time.

As a national governing body, there are two ongoing aims for our performance programme:

Firstly, we're always trying to support more players to go on the performance journey towards playing elite level tennis. We want as many young people as we can, from all corners of the country, enjoying the game and aspiring to reach the elite end of tour tennis and representing their country.

Second, for players already at the elite end of the professional game, we want to continually improve the support we offer to enable them to occupy that elite level for as long as possible.

For our first goal, we've taken the time to examine our junior pathway from the national academies right down to looking at the 10 and under level. How we support those players to progress from county and 10U programme engagement through to our Regional Player Development Centres and onto the International Junior stage is something we're continually focused on making annual improvements, as we look bring through the next generation of pro players.

What's promising is we're starting to see more and more British junior success. In 2023, Henry Searle won the boys' singles at Wimbledon, the first winner in more than 50 years; Mark Ceban won the prestigious Les Petits As event in Tarbes; and Hannah Klugman won the 18U girls' singles at the Orange Bowl in Florida. We've also had real success in junior team competitions, including winning two Tennis Europe Winter Cups at Boys U14 and Girls U12 level and finishing third at the Junior Billie Jean King Cup. Great Britain also won the junior title at the Wheelchair Tennis World Team Cup, and Dahnon Ward won

the US Open wheelchair junior boys title, the second British player to do so in succession.

For our second goal, we continue to identify how we can add value to the programmes of our existing elite players.

We have further developed our female athlete support offer to include pre-season female athlete health-specific screening opportunities such as breast and bone health, sports gynaecology and we are introducing sports bra fitting. In 2024 we will also be communicating our first performance player pregnancy policy.

We are investing further in the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton. Working with Hawkeye for the past year, we are developing a game insights support service for coaches and players and are in the process of installing a full Hawkeye system, optimising our technical development service offer to players and coaches including the ability to compare between training and match performances. This will be one of only three permanent Hawkeye installations in the world.

Not to forget the basics, we are going to be adding a new Red Plus clay court to the centre this summer to complement the four clay surfaces already in place and provide more capacity to our players in a year when the Olympics and Paralympics are on clay. This will also give us the opportunity to further stress test the new court technology and its suitability for optimal clay court practice in Great Britain.

Whatever we do behind the scenes, our primary focus is to support British players to maximise their potential and be as well prepared as they can be on the match courts. ■



British Junior Hannah Klugman

PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS CALENDAR: A CHANCE TO SHINE

Across Britain, rising stars of British tennis have once again had the opportunity to progress on both the domestic and international stage thanks to the LTA Performance Competitions Calendar.

Designed to give players of all ages more opportunities to progress, the calendar features a total of 40 weeks of ranking competition, from 10U junior tournaments to an expanded Lexus LTA British Tour all the way up to ITF World Tour events, staged across the country.

Among these events, the biggest women's tennis tournament in Britain outside of the grass court season will be staged in October, with the Lexus GB Pro Series returning to Shrewsbury.

The tournament, an ITF W100 event, has featured a host of established and burgeoning British players and some of the biggest names in the game over the last two years.

Last year alone, teenager Hannah Klugman became the youngest player to come through qualifying at an event of this level - taking that record off Coco Gauff - before going on to reach the quarter-finals, and Amarni Banks went on a captivating run to the final. While Billie Jean King Cup winner and an Olympic silver medallist Viktorija Golubic pipped Amarni Banks to the title in front of a sell-out crowd, and Marketa Vondrousova won the title in 2022 before going on to lift the singles' title at Wimbledon last summer.

Dave Courteen, The Shrewsbury Club's managing director, said: "It's fantastic for the town and the county that the LTA and ITF want to continue to bring an event of this stature to a relatively small town compared to others that host this level of event on the worldwide tennis circuit.

"The DMOS People Arena was sold out for Finals Day and it was the biggest crowd we've ever had, so it was wonderful to see so many people here. The support proves there is a real demand in Shropshire from people wanting to watch high-quality tennis."

Tournaments such as that held in Shrewsbury, that not only take world class tennis to new locations but also give players more opportunities to play more often on home soil outside of the British summer, are vital for helping to bring through the next generation of British talent. 2023 saw 134 British players lift titles across pro and junior level events held as part of the Performance Competitions Calendar, and with Brits already lifting silverware so far in 2024, players are taking the opportunity when given the chance to shine. ■



To find out more and to secure your seats at this year's Lexus GB Pro Series Shrewsbury, scan the QR code or visit worldtennistourshrewsbury.com



The Brits have been drawn in Group D, which will once again return to Manchester's AO Arena later this year.

The team will compete across the week in a round-robin group with Canada, Finland and Argentina. The top two nations in the group will progress to the final 8 in Malaga between 19-24 November.

Lexus GB Davis Cup captain and Head of Men's Tennis at the LTA Leon Smith said: "We were expecting a tough challenge whatever group we were drawn in. With Canada as 2022 champs, Finland made semis last year and Argentina won the title in 2016 and have good depth in their team. But we also have very good players and have proven time and again we can deliver as a team. So it's a fairly even group on paper.

"Our team are really excited to be going back to Manchester where we had such amazing support and this makes a massive difference when it comes to getting GB over the line."

Last year, the Brits defeated Australia, Switzerland and France to finish top of Group B but eventually lost out in the quarter-finals to Serbia. The Lexus GB Davis Cup team are one of two wildcard teams to gain automatic qualification for the Finals Group Stage.

Canada were crowned Davis Cup champions for the first time back in 2022 and come into this year's event as the third seeded nation. They reached the Final 8 again last season but narrowly lost to Finland 2-1 in the quarter-finals. The Canadian side defeated Korea Republic 3-1 in their qualifying tie earlier this year to secure a spot in the Finals.

Finland head to Manchester off the back of its best Davis Cup performance in 2023 after reaching the semi-finals for the first time. They beat former champions Croatia, USA and Canada en route to the semis, where they lost to Australia. Off the back of a 3-1 win over Portugal in their Qualifier, the Finnish side will be ones to watch again.

Four-time champions Argentina complete Group D having missed out on a place in the Finals last year. In February, they clinched a 3-2 victory over Kazakhstan to reestablish themselves among the top sides in the world. Argentina and Great Britain last faced each other in the semi-finals back in 2016 where the South Americans won 3-2 in Glasgow. 



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The Lexus Great Britain Billie Jean King Cup team will take on two-time former champions Germany in the opening round of the 2024 Finals, with captain Anne Keothavong relishing the chance to lead her team at La Cartuja Stadium in Seville, Spain, from Tuesday 12 to Wednesday 20 November.

Great Britain secured their place in the Finals after a thrilling win against France in April, as Emma Raducanu won two singles matches and Katie Boulter added the other win to seal a memorable 3-1 victory at Le Chaudron in Le Portel.

"It's going to take a lot of work to try and wipe this smile off my face," said captain Anne Keothavong after the win in France. "The atmosphere was just rocking, but Katie and Emma came to play and put in some fantastic performances against tough opposition.

"I'm just so chuffed for the team. We came here and we knew it was going to be difficult. But we came, we performed, and we're all leaving with a big smile.

"It's incredible because two years ago we were the host nation of the Finals. We were the wildcard entry but we still made the semifinals and that was a fantastic week for the team, but on this occasion, we've qualified ourselves.

"The players have done it, the team have worked together really well, and we deserve our spot there.


"That's where I believe this team belongs. The girls are all hungry to go out there and perform. They've got a lot of things to do before then, but why not, it's all to play for."

A straight knock-out format will be in place for the finals, with a match against top seeds and defending champions Canada awaiting

in the quarter-finals for Great Britain if they can get past Germany.

"Germany are an experienced team with players we're all familiar with and who our British players have had matches and wins against," added Keothavong. "No matches will be straightforward but we're excited as a team to be involved in the Finals and we'll give it our all as always."

Great Britain and Germany have faced each other six times in the competition, with the Brits leading the head-to-head 4-2.

Their last meeting was in 1985 where Great Britain ran out 3-0 winners thanks to victories from Jo Durie, Annabelle Croft and Anne Hobbs. 

For information on how you can cheer on the Great Britain team in Seville in November, visit www.lta.org.uk/fan-zone/gb-teams/billie-jean-king-cup/match-centre/ or click on the QR code here:





KIDS ON COURT: THE IMPACT OF LTA YOUTH

Every player that graces the courts this summer, from the Lexus Surbiton Trophy all the way through to The Championships, Wimbledon, started their journey as a young boy or girl picking up a racket for the first time. Given the opportunity, those children have gone on to star on the biggest stage in the sport and inspire millions of others.

It is our job to ensure that every child across Britain, no matter their background, has the opportunity to get on court and experience everything our sport has to offer. That is where LTA Youth comes in.

LTA Youth is the flagship junior programme, bringing together all of our expertise and drive to help children get involved in tennis, whether they want to try it in school or want to push themselves in competition. It connects all tennis activity for juniors so that the offer looks and feels the same, whether a child is playing in a school, park or club, helping create a simple and clear route into tennis for players and their parents.

LTA Youth Schools is the programme to help more schools deliver more tennis to more children, designed to be as impactful as possible both for students and their

teachers. The programme offers free teacher training, PE activities and content specifically created to develop traits like perseverance, resilience and respect which complement the PSHE curriculum, whilst helping to deal with the challenge of how to boost physical activity among children and young people. Thanks to the LTA Tennis Foundation,



each school that completes training receives a £250 voucher, which can be used either for 10 hours of LTA accredited coaching or tennis equipment.

LTA Youth Schools is just one of several success stories from the wider LTA Youth programme.

March this year marked one year since the LTA teamed up with Prime Video to launch Prime Video LTA Youth Girls, a new coaching programme to inspire thousands of girls to pick up a racket and start playing tennis. To date, the programme has seen over 6000 girls start to play tennis, and 500 coaches have been trained to deliver Prime Video LTA Youth Girls sessions – addressing some of the barriers girls face when coming into sport and creating the best environments to help girls thrive on the tennis court.

Across the country there are now 20 clubs and venues that have achieved LTA Youth ‘Recognised Venue’ status. These venues have demonstrated that they are committed to delivering an excellent junior programme that offers high quality coaching and regular competitive opportunities for young players. The recognition is not only a reward for all their efforts, but can be used as a key tool to promote their venue, attract more players and grow even further.

For those young players looking for competition, 2023 was a bumper year for more than 71,000 children across 841 venues taking part in the LTA Youth Team Challenge, the fun competition designed

SO FAR, OUR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME HAS HAD A MAJOR IMPACT:

- 13,566** SCHOOLS REGISTERED
- 23,122** REGISTERED TEACHERS
- 21,048** TEACHERS HAVE COMPLETED TRAINING
- 8,103** SCHOOLS HAVE RECEIVED A £250 VOUCHER FROM THE LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION

for junior tennis players. More widely, there were more events than ever for juniors to get involved in, with more than 6,000 LTA Youth Local Tour events in 2023, and over 4000 teams entered in LTA Youth leagues for summer 2023.

Taken together, the impact of LTA Youth has been huge for junior participation in Britain. Weekly participation among four to 15-year-olds is at its highest level since records began, with just over 600,000 taking to Britain’s courts every week, while insight from teachers registered to our schools programme tells us that almost 90,000 pupils are playing more tennis than they would otherwise.

Jo-Anne Downing, Product and Programme Manager at the LTA, is excited not just about the success LTA Youth has already seen, but about what the programme could achieve in the near future. “Over the last 12 months,

we’ve seen fantastic growth in the number of children playing tennis. Whether they’re picking up a racket for the first time or becoming more competitive, there are more opportunities than ever for kids to get on court. We’re hopeful that this summer and beyond, even more kids can enjoy the benefits of playing and staying in tennis, whatever their age, gender, ability, disability or background.”

Not every child that picks up a racket will go on to become a tennis champion, but through LTA Youth we can make sure that any child can enjoy their journey in the sport, and we can ensure that children from across the country can develop life skills, get active and most importantly, have fun. ■

Find an LTA Youth course near you on the LTA website:



JACK'S BACK

The summer of 2023 was a story of frustration for Jack Draper.

After breaking into the top 50 of the ATP Rankings following a sparkling start to his senior career, Sutton-born Draper was struck down by a shoulder problem that halted his progress.

He missed the entire grass court season last summer and fell out of the top 100 as a result, but the 22-year-old is getting back to his best and enjoyed a breakthrough moment in his career when he lifted his first ATP Tour title at the Stuttgart Open earlier this month.

The last 12 months have been a journey of discovery for Draper, but the new British No.1 is relishing the prospect of what is to come.

"I had to learn a lot about myself last year after I dropped outside the top 100," said Draper.

"My arm was too sore to think about playing last summer, but missing the grass court season was tough.

"Watching Wimbledon on TV and seeing all the hype around it was tough. Not being able to play at Queen's and Eastbourne before that was also frustrating.

"I had to grind myself back. I feel like I'm just a lot stronger mentally and I have a lot more perspective of being in a good position. In terms of my tennis, I feel like I'm improving."

Draper is part of a new generation of tennis stars who are aiming to step into the spotlight after an era dominated by Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, with the rise of Sinner and Queen's Club champion Carlos Alcaraz inspiring Draper.

"I'm a competitor and watching guys like Sinner and Alcaraz playing in the latter stages of the big events fires me up," continued Draper.

"They are young players and they are achieving incredible things, but I want to be where they are and I want to be competing for the biggest titles.



"I think I can take a lot of inspiration and learn from a lot of things that these guys are doing, and really that fuels my fire to be in that position as well.

"If I wasn't feeling that way, I would be worried as I need that ambition to get to that point.

"It's going to be interesting in the next couple of years if I can stay injury-free and do all the right things to see if I can get up there with those guys.

"I appreciate the grind and effort you need to put in to get there, but that is where I want to be."

From his run to the final of the Junior Wimbledon in 2018, to his success on the ATP Challenger Tour and then his breakthrough into the senior ranks, Draper's career trajectory was always on an upward curve.

Now he is an ATP Tour winner and he will head into Wimbledon next week as a dark horse to make a deep run.

"I am really happy to win my first title, it means so much," he said after his win in the Stuttgart final against former Wimbledon finalist Matteo Berrettini.

"A lot of hard work, a lot of tough moments in the last year or so it has been up and down, I am glad about the way I played and it is a testament to the work I have been working."

Draper's setbacks over the last year have been a stumbling block in that progress, but they have also served to fire his ambitions for more as he looks to join the young guns setting their sights on the biggest prizes in tennis. ●

"I'M A COMPETITOR AND WATCHING GUYS LIKE SINNER AND ALCARAZ PLAYING IN THE LATTER STAGES OF THE BIG EVENTS FIRES ME UP"

DID YOU KNOW...

- He picked up a racket for the first time as just a toddler in his home county of Surrey and took his first steps in the game alongside his brother Ben at the Sutton Tennis & Squash Club.
- Jack writes with his right hand, but is a left-handed player on court.
- He reached the final of the 2018 Wimbledon Boys's Singles, losing against Tseng Chun-hsin.
- Won his first ITF World Tour title in November 2018 in Nottingham.
- Enjoyed his best run at a Grand Slam when he reached the fourth round at the US Open last year.
- Won his first ATP Tour title in Stuttgart earlier this month and as a result, he became the new British No.1.





Defiant Sports, Eastbourne Borough Council's coaching provider at Fisherman's Green, has been providing a range of organised activity and social sessions to break down barriers to participation through programmes such as the LTA Open Court programme, Barclays Free Park Tennis, private lessons and cardio tennis.

These sessions have provided participants with free or low-cost activity where equipment is provided, enabling many local residents from under-represented communities to experience tennis for the first time and meet new people. Locals have told us how they now never see the courts empty! What an amazing turnaround!

'Since the courts were reopened last June, feedback about the courts and the opportunities they're affording has been hugely positive. Andy, who had never played before, is loving his tennis at Fisherman's Green, saying "The tennis is really good fun, I hadn't played before the courts were refurbished. I like Callum (Coach) explaining things to me because I can understand it when he explains and it has given me the confidence to play more tennis."

Head Coach at the courts Joel Lock underlines the impact the courts have had on previously inactive members of the local community. "Having operated the programme at the Fisherman's Green courts for just under a year now, we've been overwhelmed by the uptake of tennis by people not previously active who are clearly enjoying the refurbished

Open court session, with Coaches Joel and Callum



Players at a girl, set, match event with Head Coach Joel.

Local primary school enjoying the court launch event with Coach Theo

courts. This has been a fantastic new opportunity to get people into tennis."

With future plans such as a Pan disability tennis league and lots of community events including festivals, skills days and more, these courts are a vibrant and valued community asset! Many players have picked up a racket for the first time, thanks to being attracted by the now beautiful courts, combined with being met by friendly coaches keen to make tennis accessible for all.

Scan the QR code to find and book your nearest park court.



CASTING THE NET FROM FISHERMAN'S GREEN TENNIS COURTS

Prior to last summer, courts at Fisherman's Green on Eastbourne seafront were in a close to unplayable state, as were nearly 45% of park courts across Britain in 2021. The renovated courts, which benefitted from investment through the Park Tennis Project, a landmark £30 million investment supported by the LTA Tennis Foundation, delivered by the LTA, re-opened back in June 2023, just before their 100th birthday, and since, have seen over 900 unique users from the local community book courts.



EMERGING TALENT

It has been a stellar year for British juniors around the world, with the 2024 Lexus Junior National Championships at the National Tennis Centre in April providing a stage to showcase an impressive array of talent emerging through the domestic tennis system.

Mimi Xu from South Wales was crowned as British champion in the 18U Girls event and Surrey's Oliver Bonding backed up his solid 12 months of success by becoming national champion in the 18U Boys tournament, with both players now set to play in Wimbledon Qualifying later this month.

The quality of the tennis on show highlighted the depth of talent among our young players, with ten British players making their mark in the top 100 of the ITF's Junior rankings and many of our hopefuls achieving notable achievements on the global stage.

The victory for Staffordshire's Henry Searle in last summer's Junior Wimbledon Boys' Singles Championship was a headline-grabbing moment that has been complemented by some notable results for British junior players over the last 12 months.

Searle, who won the 2022 16U Junior National Championships title and is a graduate of our National Tennis Academy at Loughborough University, is one of five British boys in the top 100 of the ITF

junior rankings, with his triumph on the All England Club's grass courts last July inspiring others to follow in his footsteps.

"What Henry did definitely created a positive mentality amongst our boys," said Martin Weston, LTA Men's National Coach.

"His success at Wimbledon would have been very relatable to our other junior players and they would be looking to match it or better it.

"Hopefully that has a knock-on effect on the younger players because they feel they are in touching distance with a player who has achieved something extraordinary.

"With the competition structure we now have in place in Britain, these players have opportunities to compete in high-level competitions regularly.

"We are constantly looking for depth of talent because when you have that depth, the top players grow. When they need to fight hard in their domestic matches, that helps when they play in the big wide world."



Bonding's success at the Junior National Championships added to his growing collection of titles after he achieved a notable victory when he won the J500 Blumenau title – also known as the Banana Bowl – in March.

Welshman Viktor Frydrych and Kent's Benjamin Gusic-Wan, who won last year's 16U Junior National Championships with a win against Bonding in the Final, are also prominent in the ITF Junior Rankings, with so many of our players are benefitting from the access to high-level competitive tournaments being staged in Britain as part of our Performance Competitions Calendar (PCC).

The PCC is designed to support the LTA Performance strategy, with several British juniors gaining valuable experience at the pro level following promising junior results.

Welsh No.1 and two-time 18U Junior National champion Xu reached the semi-finals at W60 Glasgow, while Surrey's Hannah Klugman reached the quarter-finals at W60 Glasgow and W100 Shrewsbury.

It's not just Xu and Klugman who are showing real promise among British junior girls, with Katie O'Brien, LTA Women's National Coach, optimistic about what lies ahead.

"We have really good depth of talent amongst our junior girls," said O'Brien. "Our girls all get along so well and it feels like they are driving each other on, while also inspiring the generation just behind them.

"These players are still very much at a developmental stage, but they are progressing quickly as they have played in some high profile and also have Junior Grand Slam experience.



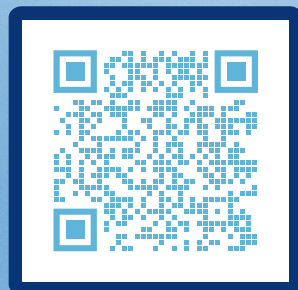
Pictured: Mimi Xu (top left), Hannah Klugman, Charlie Robertson (left), Oliver Bonding (right)

"Our domestic Competitions Calendar has been so important as we have been able to give our players a chance to test themselves against some of the best players in the world, which has helped to ensure our junior game is in a healthy state."

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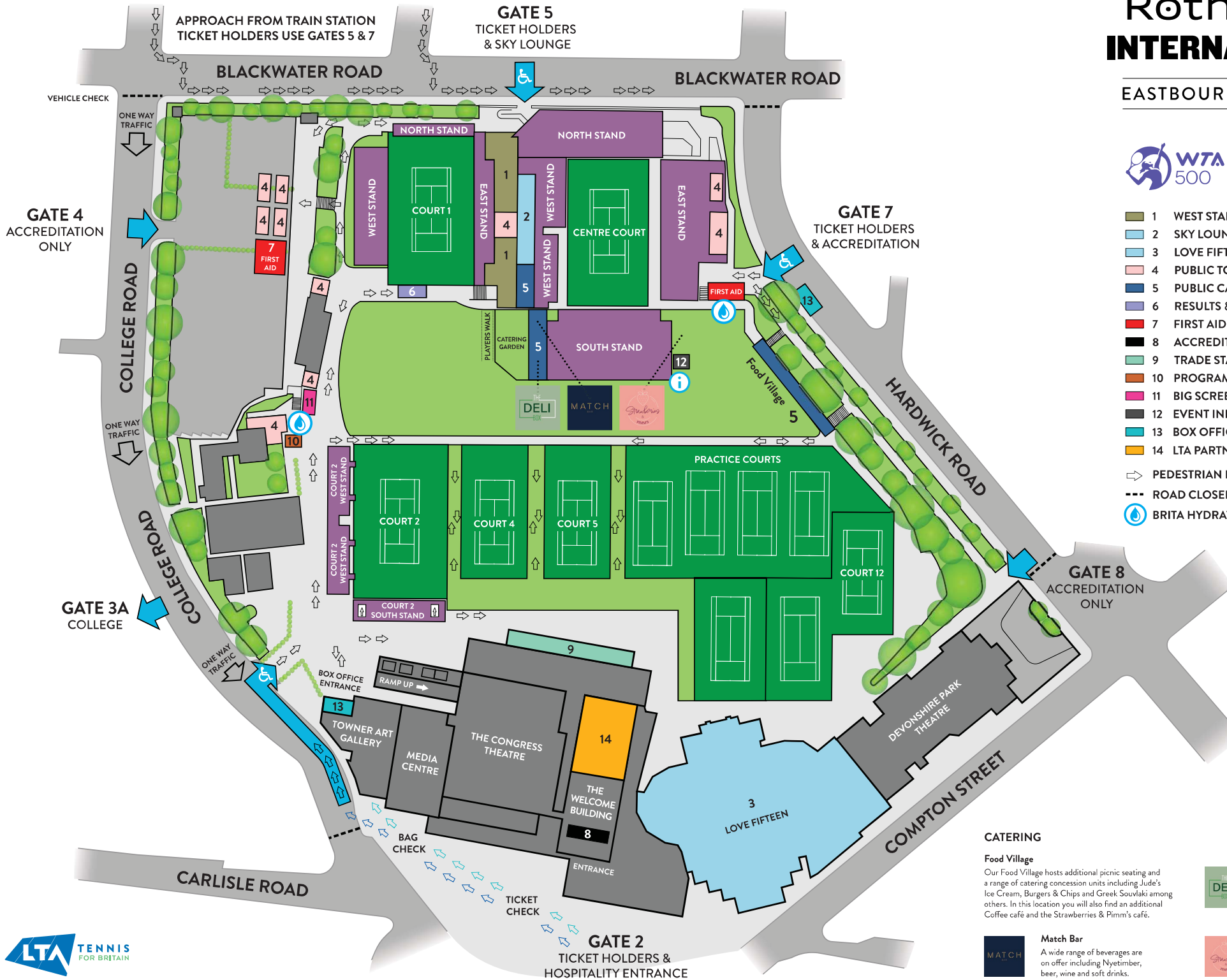


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Our Food Village hosts additional picnic seating and a range of catering concession units including Jude's Ice Cream, Burgers & Chips and Greek Souvlaki among others. In this location you will also find an additional Coffee café and the Strawberries & Pimm's café.

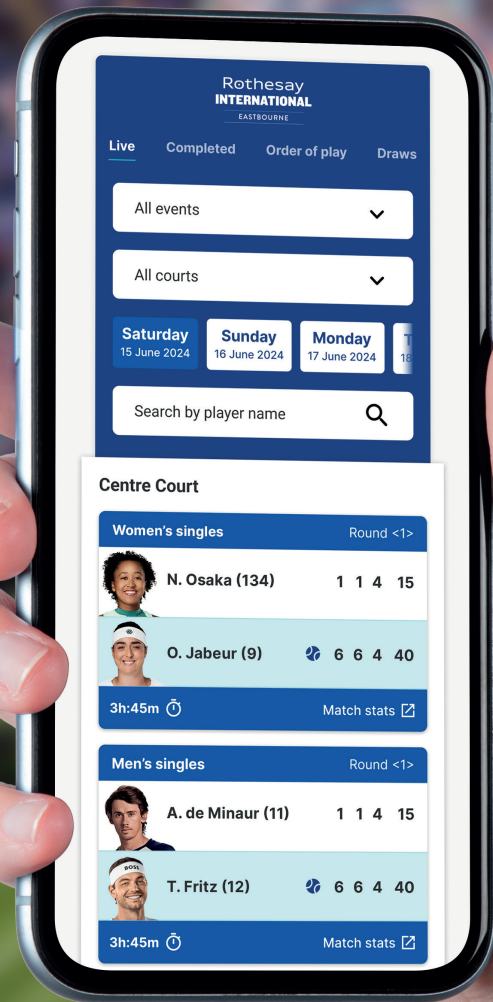
Match Bar
A wide range of beverages are on offer including Nyetimber, beer, wine and soft drinks.

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Indulge in our freshly made filled baguettes, savoury treats and pastries from the deli counter. For those craving something lighter, our vibrant salads are made fresh on site, featuring seasonal ingredients.

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