



LTA Daily Player Media Notes

Lexus Eastbourne Open – Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Men's matches on Centre Court and Court One covered by ATP Tour notes.
These notes cover **women's** matches on Centre Court, and any British **women** on outside courts.

Centre Court – Match 1

[1] Jasmine Paolini (WR14 – ITA) v Tatjana Maria (WR112 – GER)

Head to Head: Paolini leads 3-2

2017	Marseille (ITF)	Clay	Final	Paolini 64 26 61
2017	Ilkley (ITF)	Grass	R16	Maria 62 64
2023	Indian Wells	Hard	R128	Maria 75 61
2024	Australian Open	Hard	R64	Paolini 62 63
2024	Indian Wells	Hard	R64	Paolini 63 63

JASIME PAOLINI

- 3rd appearance at Eastbourne – R1 as a qualifier in 2023 and SF in 2024, falling to eventual champion Daria Kasatkina.
- Women's top seed at Eastbourne won 19 of 50 previous editions, but not since 2019 (Karolina Pliskova, who was No. 2 seed after No. 1 seed Ash Barty withdrew). Last No. 1 seed to win here was Caroline Wozniacki in 2018.
- Women's top seed lost opening match in last 2 years at Eastbourne – Jessica Pegula in 2024 (No. 2 seed) and Daria Kasatkina (No. 1 seed) last year.
- Best result by Italian woman at Eastbourne is Raffaella Reggi, who lost in 1989 final to Martina Navratilova.
- 1st match on grass since falling to Kamilla Rakhimova in R2 at Wimbledon last year.
- Won 3 WTA Tour titles, most recently on home soil at WTA 1000 Rome last year – 1st Italian woman to win title there since Reggi in 1985.
- Had a tremendous year in 2024, reaching final at both Roland Garros and at Wimbledon, winning the gold medal in the doubles with Sara Errani at the 2024 Olympic Games, and also helping Italy win the Billie Jean King Cup, which they successfully defended last year. Also won Roland-Garros doubles title with Errani last year.
- Has a 12-11 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026, with best result reaching SF at WTA 500 Merida.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 4 in October 2024 (joint highest ranked woman in Italian history – level with Francesca Schiavone).
- Won 29 of last 31 matches against players ranked outside top 100.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

TATJANA MARIA

- 1st main draw appearance at Eastbourne – fell in qualifying in 2015.
- No German woman won Eastbourne title – best result was Angelique Kerber, who reached 3 finals (2012, 2014, 2019) but lost them all.
- Oldest women's Eastbourne champion is Martina Navratilova, who won here in 1993 at the age of 36.
- R2 at Queen's in defence of title two weeks ago, falling to No. 1 seed Elena Rybakina, and QF at Nottingham last week, falling to eventual champion Marie Bouzkova. Became oldest player to reach QF at a WTA Tour event since Serena Williams at the 2021 Australian Open (Williams was 39).
- Won 4 WTA Tour titles, most recently of course at Queen's last year, where as a qualifier she defeated five top 30 players (and four top 20 players) to claim the crown.
- SF at Wimbledon in 2022, falling to Ons Jabeur.
- 3rd in list of most matches played in WTA Tour history (1,287) – only Navratilova (1,661) and Evert (1,455) played more. Played 1st match on Tour in 2005.
- Has a 10-18 win-loss record in main draw matches on WTA Tour in 2026, with best result SF at Rouen.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 36 in July 2025.
- Has a 12-47 overall win-loss record against top 20 players, but a better 8-6 win-loss record on grass. Last victories over top 20 players came at Queen's last year, where she defeated 4!
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

Centre Court – Match 2

Talia Gibson (WR57 – AUS) v [2] Madison Keys (WR27 – USA)

Head to Head: First meeting

TALIA GIBSON

- Debut at Eastbourne.
- QF at Nottingham last week, defeating Francesca Jones in R1 (saved 2 match points) and Qinwen Zheng in R2 – her 1st WTA Tour main draw victories on grass. Fell to Karolina Pliskova in QF.
- Just 5th WTA Tour main draw match on grass – 3 last week, and fell to Naomi Osaka in R1 at Wimbledon last year.
- Last year Maya Joint become 1st ever Australian woman to win Eastbourne title at age of 19.
- Best results on WTA Tour are 2 QF's. First was at Indian Wells this year, where, as a qualifier and ranked No. 112 defeated four top 50 players (including two in the top 20 – Alexandrova and Tauson – and No. 7 Jasmine Paolini) before falling to Linda Noskova in the last eight. Became 7th women's qualifier to reach QF in Indian Wells history.
- Backed that up by reaching R16 at Miami, where, as a qualifier, she defeated three top 50 players (including two in the top 20 – Osaka and Jovic) before falling to Elena Rybakina.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 55 in May. Currently Australia's No. 2, behind Maya Joint, who is ranked just 4 places above her.
- Has an 11-11 win-loss record in WTA Tour main draw matches in 2026.
- Has a 5-7 win-loss record against players ranked as high as No. 27 Keys. All 5 of those victories came at Indian Wells and at Miami this year.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

MADISON KEYS

- 6th main draw appearance at Eastbourne. Two-time champion. In 2014, as a 19-year-old, defeated Angelique Kerber in final, and in 2023 defeated Daria Kasatkina in final. SF in last appearance here (2024), falling to Leylah Fernandez.
- One of 8 women to win multiple Eastbourne titles, after Martina Navratilova (11), Chris Evert (3), Tracy Austin (2), Justine Henin (2), Karolina Pliskova (2), Chanda Rubin (2) and Caroline Wozniacki (2).
- One of 4 former Eastbourne champions in draw (Joint, Kasatkina, Ostapenko).
- Has a 12-3 win-loss record in main draw matches at Eastbourne.
- Lost opening match at Eastbourne once before, to an 18-year-old Belinda Bencic in 2015. Bencic went on to win the title.
- Won Australian Open title last year – maiden Grand Slam title. It was her 46th major appearance – only Flavia Pennetta (49 major appearances to win 2015 US Open) and Marion Bartoli (47 major appearances to win 2013 Wimbledon) have taken longer to claim 1st Grand Slam title. Defeated World No. 1 (Sabalenka) and No. 2 (Swiatek).
- Won 10 WTA Tour titles, including 3 on grass (2014, 2023 Eastbourne and 2016 Birmingham).
- Last WTA Tour title (and final) was at 2025 Australian Open.
- Best performance at Wimbledon are two QF's (2015, 2023).
- Has a 17-9 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026, with best result reaching SF at WTA 500 at Charleston on clay.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 5 in February 2025, when cracked top 10 for 1st time since August 2019. Currently USA's No. 6.
- Has a 5-0 win-loss record in main draw matches at Eastbourne against players ranked outside top 50.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

Court One – Match 3

[Q] Zeynep Sonmez (WR54 – TUR) v [WC] Harriet Dart (WR151 – GBR)

Head to Head: First meeting

ZEYNEP SONMEZ

- Main draw debut at Eastbourne – fell in qualifying to eventual finalist Alexandra Eala last year.
- Maiden WTA Tour QF at s'Hertogenbosch two weeks ago – 1st ever Turkish player to reach WTA Tour QF on grass.
- R2 at Nottingham as a qualifier last week, defeating No. 2 seed Leylah Fernandez in R1.
- Won maiden WTA Tour title at Merida in 2024, becoming 1st player from Turkey to win WTA singles title since Cagla Buyukakcay at Istanbul in 2016, and only 2nd overall.
- Best result at the Grand Slams is reaching R3 at Wimbledon last year and at the Australian Open this year.
- At Wimbledon last year, become 1st player from Turkey to reach R3 at a Grand Slam in the Open Era, and at the Australian Open this year became 1st Turkish woman to record a main draw match win at the Australian Open in the Open Era.
- Has a 13-13 win-loss record in main draw matches on WTA Tour in 2026, with best results reaching 2 QF's, at Merida and s'Hertogenbosch.
- Currently at a career-high ranking of No. 54. Highest ranked Turkish woman in history.
- Has an 8-1 win-loss record against British players, with only defeat against Heather Watson in Queen's qualifying last year. Defeated Hannah Klugman in Nottingham qualifying last week.
- Has an 11-0 win-loss record against players ranked outside top 100 this year.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

HARRIET DART

- 10th appearance at Eastbourne (played in every edition since 2016). Best result is QF in 2022 and 2024. Fell to Barbora Krejcoikova in R1 here last year, despite having 2 match points.
- One of 5 British women to reach multiple QF's at Eastbourne, alongside Virginia Wade (5), Jo Konta (3), Jo Durie (2) and Heather Watson (2).
- Virginia Wade (1975) only British woman to win Eastbourne title.
- R1 at Birmingham three weeks ago (fell to eventual finalist Nikola Bartunkova), R2 at Queen's two weeks ago and R1 at Nottingham last week, falling to Klugman.
- Always plays well at home on grass with 5 of 6 WTA Tour QF's coming here – at 2022 & 2023 Nottingham, 2022 & 2024 Eastbourne and 2023 Birmingham.
- Best result on WTA Tour is SF at Cluj-Napoca in 2024.
- Best result at the Grand Slams is R3 – both at Wimbledon (2019 and 2024).
- Member of Great Britain team that has qualified for the Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Shenzhen in September, where they will play Czechia in QF. Defeated Kimberly Birrell in 3-1 win against Australia in Melbourne in April.
- Has a 2-2 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026 (one win in Billie Jean King Cup, one win at Queen's).
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 70 in September 2024. Currently Great Britain's No. 5.
- Won last match against a player ranked as high as No. 54 Sonmez, defeating No. 35 Liudmila Samsonova at Queen's two weeks ago.
- Last time defeated players ranked as high as No. 54 Sonmez in back-to-back matches was at Eastbourne 2 years ago on way to QF, against No. 37 Marie Bouzkova and No. 48 Sofia Kenin.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

Court Two – Match 1

[WC] Alicia Dudeney (WR246 – GBR) v Jessica Bouzas Maneiro (WR48 – ESP)

Head to Head: First meeting

ALICIA DUDENEY

- Main draw debut at Eastbourne – fell to recent Queen’s champion Donna Vekic in qualifying in 2022.
- Virginia Wade (1975) only British woman to win Eastbourne title.
- Made WTA Tour main draw debut at Nottingham last week (as a lucky loser), falling to Dayana Yastremska in R1.
- So, bids to record 1st WTA Tour main draw victory today.
- Fell in R1 at Birmingham three weeks ago (debut at WTA 125 level), but reached R2 at Ilkley two weeks ago, defeating Himeno Sakatsume in R1 to claim her 1st main draw victory above ITF level. It was also her 1st ever win on grass at ITF level or above. Fell to Ashlyn Krueger in R2.
- Won 4 ITF titles this year, at Monastir (Tunisia) twice, Nottingham (hard) and Estepona (Spain). Has a 4-0 win-loss record in ITF finals in 2026. Also won 3 ITF titles last year.
- Currently at a career-high ranking of No. 246.
- 2nd match against a top 50 player – fell to No. 50 Yastremska at Nottingham last week. Has one top 100 victory, defeating No. 85 Yulia Putintseva in Nottingham qualifying last week.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

JESSICA BOUZAS MANEIRO

- Main draw debut at Eastbourne – fell to British player Heather Watson in qualifying last year (only previous match against a British player on grass).
- No Spanish woman won Eastbourne title. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (1991, 1997, 1998), Conchita Martinez (2003) and Magui Serna (2001) have been finalists.
- Last Spanish woman to win WTA Tour title on grass was Garbine Muguruza at Wimbledon in 2017, and before that it was Martinez at Wimbledon in 1994.
- QF at Nottingham last week, falling to eventual finalist Emma Navarro – best result on grass.
- Reached R4 at Wimbledon last year – best result at a Grand Slam. Defeated defending champion and then World No. 6 Marketa Vondrousova at Wimbledon in 2024.
- Has a 9-15 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026. Best results are QF at Rabat (clay) and Nottingham.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 40 in August 2025. Currently Spain’s No. 2, behind Cristina Bucsa.
- Knocked out British players Katie Boulter and Sonay Kartal at 2024 US Open and 2025 Australian Open respectively.
- Last defeat to player ranked as low as No. 248 Dudeney was to No. 367 Storm Hunter in R1 at this year’s Australian Open.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)