

LTA Daily Player Media Notes

Lexus Eastbourne Open – Friday, June 26, 2026

If Ostapenko and Keys both win, it will be just 3rd Eastbourne final between two previous Eastbourne champions, after Chris Evert defeated Virginia Wade (1976) and Evert defeated Martina Navratilova (1979).

Centre Court – Match 1

Tatjana Maria (WR112 – GER) v [3] Jelena Ostapenko (WR35 – LAT)

Head to Head: Maria leads 1-0

2022 Wimbledon R16 Grass Maria 57 75 75 (saved 2 match points)

TATJANA MARIA

- Defeated No. 1 seed Jasmine Paolini [64 63](#) in R1, Anastasia Zakharova [62 61](#) in R2 and Tereza Valentova [63 75](#) in QF.
- 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.
- 12th WTA Tour SF, 2nd of 2026 (Rouen) and 5th on grass. All of her 12 SF's have come in her 30's.
- Has a 4-7 win-loss record in WTA Tour SF's, and a 2-2 record in WTA Tour SF's on grass.
- Oldest woman to reach Eastbourne SF, and oldest player to reach WTA Tour SF since a 39-year-old Serena Williams at the 2021 Australian Open. Oldest women's Eastbourne champion is Martina Navratilova, who won in 1993 at 36.
- Bids for 5th WTA Tour final, 1st since Queen's last year, and 3rd on grass (2018 Mallorca, 2025 Queen's).
- Bids to become the oldest player to reach WTA Tour final since Kimiko Date won at Seoul in 2009 aged 38y 364d. Oldest player to win WTA Tour title is Billie Jean King at Birmingham in 1983, aged 39y 202d.
- Won 4 WTA Tour titles, most recently of course at Queen's last year, where as a qualifier defeated five top 30 players (and four top 20 players) to claim crown.
- SF at Wimbledon in 2022, falling to Ons Jabeur.
- 3rd in list of most matches played in WTA Tour history (1,290) – only Navratilova (1,661) and Evert (1,455) played more. Played 1st match on Tour in 2005.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 36 in July 2025. Currently Germany's No. 5.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

JELENA OSTAPENKO

- Defeated Francesca Jones [62 62](#) in R1, Panna Udvardy [36 61 62](#) in R2, Zeynep Sonmez [63 60](#) in QF.
- 10th appearance at Eastbourne (played in every edition since 2016). Champion in 2021, defeating Anett Kontaveit in final, and runner-up in 2022, falling to Petra Kvitova in final.
- 30th WTA Tour SF, 2nd of 2026 (Doha), 5th on grass, and 1st on grass since Birmingham in 2023.
- Has an 18-11 win-loss record in WTA Tour SF's, winning 5 of last 6, but losing last one, in only one this year, to Victoria Mboko at Doha.
- Has a 3-1 win-loss record in WTA Tour SF's on grass, winning last 3. Only defeat was to eventual champion Angelique Kerber at Wimbledon in 2018.
- 3rd SF at Eastbourne – only Madison Keys (4) reached more amongst active players (level on 3 with Karolina Pliskova).
- Has a 2-0 win-loss record in SF's at Eastbourne, defeating Elena Rybakina in 2021 and Camila Giorgi in 2022.
- Bids to reach 19th WTA Tour final, 1st since Stuttgart last year, and 4th on grass.
- Bids to reach 3rd Eastbourne final – only Martina Navratilova (13), Chris Evert (4) would have reached more. Note: Keys also bids to reach 3rd final.
- Won 9 WTA Tour titles, including 2 on grass (at Eastbourne in 2021 and at Birmingham in 2023).
- 2017 Roland Garros champion. Best result at Wimbledon is SF in 2018, falling to eventual champion Angelique Kerber.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 5 in March 2018.
- Lost 4 of last 7 matches against players ranked outside top 100, but won 12 of last 13 matches against players ranked outside top 100 on grass.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

Centre Court – Match 2

[LL] Petra Marcinko (WR51 – CRO) v [2] Madison Keys (WR27 – USA)

Head to Head: First meeting

PETRA MARCINKO

- Fell to Daria Snigur in R2 of qualifying, but then beat Antonia Ruzic [76\(6\) 46 76\(4\)](#) in R1 (saved 4 match points), Kimberly Birrell [61 64](#) in R2 and Caty McNally [63 46 64](#) in QF.
- Debut at Eastbourne.
- 2nd WTA Tour SF – beat Jil Teichmann at Rabat on clay in May before going on to win maiden WTA Tour title, defeating Anhelina Kalinina in final.
- 1st women's lucky loser to reach Eastbourne SF. Lucky loser in men's SF this year of course (Toby Samuel).
- Of course, Croatian lucky loser Donna Vekic won title at Queen's two weeks ago.
- 2 lucky losers in SF on grass in 2026 (Vekic, Marcinko) – 1st women's lucky losers to reach WTA Tour SF on grass since Cammy MacGregor at Newport in 1986.
- 1st Croatian woman to reach Eastbourne SF. A Croatian man, Ivan Dodig, made SF since event held at Eastbourne (in 2013), while Ivo Karlovic won this event in 2007 and 2008 when it was held at Nottingham.
- Was a good junior – achieved No. 1 ranking in 2021 and won Orange Bowl in 2021.
- Also girls' singles champion at the 2022 Australian Open.
- Defeated Tatjana Maria at the Australian Open this year on her Grand Slam main draw debut – fell to Peyton Stearns in R2.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 50 earlier this month. Will go to new career-high on Monday.
- Has a 2-3 win-loss record against top 50 players. The highest-ranked player she has defeated is No. 42 Maria at this year's Australian Open.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

MADISON KEYS

- Defeated Talia Gibson [64 64](#) in R1, Jessica Bouzas Maneiro [60 61](#) in R2 and McCartney Kessler [63 61](#) in QF. Navratilova lost just 6 games to reach SF in 1991.
- 6th main draw appearance at Eastbourne. Two-time champion. In 2014, as a 19-year-old, defeated Angelique Kerber in final (1st WTA Tour title), 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 Navratilova (11), Evert (3), Austin (2), Henin (2), Pliskova (2), Rubin (2) and Wozniacki (2).
- One of 4 former Eastbourne champions in draw (Joint, Kasatkina, Ostapenko). One of 22 women to reach multiple finals in tournament history.
- Has a 15-3 win-loss record in main draw matches at Eastbourne.
- 34th WTA Tour SF, 2nd of 2026 (Charleston) and 6th on grass.
- Has a 16-17 win-loss record in WTA Tour SF's, but lost last 3. Never lost 4 in a row in career.
- Has a 3-2 win-loss record in WTA SF's on grass, but lost last 2, to Leylah Fernandez at Eastbourne in 2024 and to Tatjana Maria at Queen's last year.
- 4th Eastbourne SF – amongst American women only Navratilova (11 representing America), Evert (6) and Rubin (5) reached more. Has most Eastbourne SF's amongst active players.
- Oldest woman representing America to reach Eastbourne SF since Navratilova (36 in 1993), and oldest 'American' since Evert (32 in 1987).
- 3rd woman to reach Eastbourne SF in teens, 20's and 30's, after Navratilova and Evert.
- Bids to reach 17th WTA Tour final, 1st since title run to Australian Open last year, and 4th on grass (1st on grass since at Eastbourne in 2023).
- Bids to reach 3rd Eastbourne final – only Navratilova (13) and Evert (4) would have reached more. Note: Ostapenko also bids to reach 3rd final.
- Bids to become 8th woman to reach Eastbourne final aged 30+, after Kerber, King, Kvitova, Navratilova, Tauziat, Turnbull and Wade. Note: Maria can also reach final.
- Bids to become 2nd woman to reach Eastbourne final in teens, 20's and 30's, after Navratilova.
- Won Australian Open title last year – maiden 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).
- Best performance at Wimbledon is two QF's (2015, 2023).
- 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 7-0 win-loss record in main draw matches at Eastbourne against players ranked outside top 50.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)