



LTA Daily Player Media Notes

Lexus Eastbourne Open – Monday, June 22, 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 3

[3] Jelena Ostapenko (WR35 – LAT) v [WC] Francesca Jones (WR103 – GBR) Head to Head: First meeting

JELENA OSTAPENKO

- 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 Kvitová in final. One of 22 women to reach multiple finals here.
- Has a 19-8 win-loss record at Eastbourne.
- Never lost opening match in previous 9 appearances at Eastbourne.
- 1st grass court match since falling to British player Sonay Kartal in R1 at Wimbledon last year.
- 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.
- Has a 16-13 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026, with best result being a SF at WTA 1000 Doha in February.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 5 in March 2018.
- Defeated British player Kartal in R1 at Eastbourne last year.
- Lost 4 of last 6 matches against players ranked outside top 100, but won 11 of last 12 matches against players ranked outside top 100 on grass.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

FRANCESCA JONES

- 2nd main draw appearance at Eastbourne – fell to Dayana Yastremska in R2 as a wild card last year (defeated Greet Minnen in R1).
- Virginia Wade (1975) only British woman to win Eastbourne title.
- Fell to Laura Siegemund in R1 at Queen's two weeks ago, and to Talia Gibson in R1 at Nottingham last week.
- Best result on WTA Tour is two SF's, at Bogotá in 2023 and at Sao Paulo last year.
- Defeated Beatriz Haddad Maia in R1 at Roland Garros this year to record 1st ever Grand Slam main draw victory. Has a 1-7 win-loss record in Grand Slam main draw matches, and a 0-3 win-loss record at Wimbledon.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 65 in February. Currently Great Britain's No. 4.
- Has a 4-10 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026, with best result reaching QF at Auckland at start of year.
- Has a 2-9 win-loss record against top 50 players, defeating No. 44 Saisai Zheng at Phillip Island Trophy in 2021 and No. 15 Emma Navarro at Auckland this year.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

Centre Court – Match 4

[7] McCartney Kessler (WR62 – USA) v Daria Kasatkina (WR68 – AUS)

Head to Head: Kasatkina leads 1-0

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McCARTNEY KESSLER

- Debut at Eastbourne.
- American women to win Eastbourne title include Martina Navratilova (she was representing America for 10 of her 11 victories here), Chris Evert, Tracy Austin and Madison Keys.
- Won 3 WTA Tour titles, at Cleveland in 2024, and at Hobart and at Nottingham last year.
- Fell to Karolina Pliskova in R1 at Queen's two weeks ago, and to Katie Volynets in R1 at Nottingham last week in defence of title.
- Lost last 3 matches – worst losing streak in 2 years. Worst ever losing streak in WTA Tour main draw matches is 4, set in 2024.
- Lost in R1 in both previous Wimbledon main draw appearances (2024, 2025).
- Has a 12-13 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026, with best results reaching QF's at Abu Dhabi (WTA 500) and at Charleston (WTA 500).
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 30 in June 2025. Currently USA's No. 10.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

DARIA KASATKINA

- 8th appearance at Eastbourne. Champion in 2024, defeating Leylah Fernandez in final, and runner-up in 2023, falling to Madison Keys in final. One of 22 women to reach multiple finals here.
- Has a 13-6 win-loss record at Eastbourne.
- Fell to Lulu Sun in R1 at Eastbourne last year, becoming 7th defending champion to lose opening match here.
- Only player representing Australia to win Eastbourne title was Maya Joint last year.
- Won 8 WTA Tour titles, most recently at Ningbo in 2024. Not reached a WTA Tour final (or SF) since then.
- In fact reached WTA Tour QF or better just twice since 2024.
- Has a 10-12 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026, with best result reaching QF at WTA 500 Strasbourg last month.
- On grass in 2026, fell in R1 at s'Hertogenbosch and in R1 of qualifying to Anna Blinkova at Nottingham last week.
- Lost last 3 WTA Tour matches on grass. Her worst ever losing streak is 4 on this surface.
- Lost 7 of last 9 matches on grass.
- QF at Wimbledon in 2018, falling to eventual champion Angelique Kerber.
- Switched allegiance to Australia last year.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 8 in October 2022. Currently Australia's No. 3, behind Joint and Talia Gibson.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

Court One – Match 1

[WC] Hannah Klugman (WR509 – GBR) v Tereza Valentova (WR61 – CZE)

Head to Head: First meeting

17-year-old meets a 19-year-old. A 17-year-old Tracy Austin won Eastbourne title in 1980, and a 19-year-old Maya Joint won title here last year.

HANNAH KLUGMAN

- Main draw debut at Eastbourne – fell in R1 of qualifying last year.
- Defeated Harriet Dart in R1 at Nottingham last week to become youngest British player to win a WTA Tour main draw match since a 16-year-old Laura Robson won at Birmingham in 2010. Was a lucky loser after Katie Boulter withdrew with knee injury. Fell to eventual champion Marie Bouzkova in R2.
- 4th appearance in a WTA Tour main draw – also handed a wild card at Nottingham and Wimbledon last year, falling in R1 in both.
- Won the LTA Junior National Championship Under-16 title in 2023, defeating Mika Stojsavljevic in the final.
- Reached final of girls' singles at Roland Garros last year, falling to Lilli Tagger – 1st British junior Grand Slam finalist at the French Open since Michelle Tyler in 1976.
- Also reached girls' doubles final at Wimbledon in 2023 alongside partner Isabelle Lacy, and final of girls' doubles at last year's Australian Open alongside partner Emerson Jones.
- Won the prestigious Orange Bowl in 2023. Reached No. 1 in ITF Junior rankings earlier this year.
- Currently at a career-high ranking of No. 509.
- Has a 1-6 win-loss record against top 100 players. Victory came against No. 90 Anastasia Zakharova in Nottingham qualifying last week. Has a 0-4 win-loss record against players ranked as high as No. 61 Valentova.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

TEREZA VALENTOVA

- Debut at Eastbourne.
- Czech woman to win Eastbourne title are Martina Navratilova (she was representing Czechoslovakia when won 1st title in 1978), Helena Sukova (1987), Jana Novotna (1998), Karolina Pliskova (2017, 2019) and Petra Kvitova (2022).
- Yet to win WTA Tour title, but reached a maiden final at Osaka last year, falling to Leylah Fernandez.
- Won two WTA 125 titles and 7 ITF titles.
- Just 2nd year on WTA Tour. Has a 14-14 win-loss record in main draw matches overall (6-10 win-loss record in 2026).
- Just 2nd WTA Tour main draw match on grass – fell to eventual champion Marie Bouzkova at Nottingham last week.
- Fell in R3 of qualifying for Wimbledon last year.
- Won girls' singles title at Roland Garros in 2024, defeating compatriot Laura Samson in final. Also reached Girls' final at 2023 US Open, falling to Katherine Hui.
- Mother competed at 1992 and 1996 Olympics in canoeing.
- Reached R3 at this year's Australian Open – best result at the Grand Slams.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 42 last month. Currently Czechia's No. 8.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)