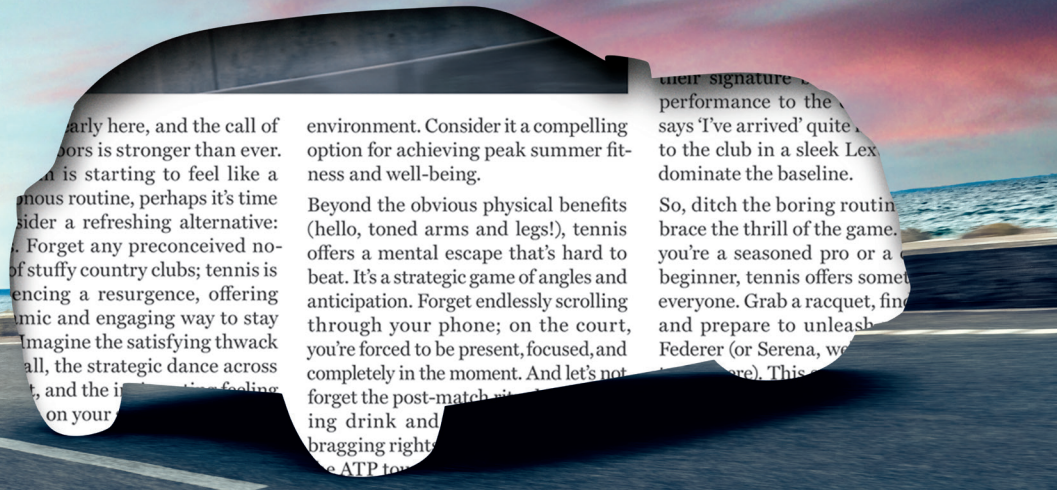


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On behalf of the LTA, I'm delighted to welcome you to Devonshire Park for the Lexus Eastbourne Open.

This promises to be another year of high quality women's and men's tennis in this much loved venue. The LTA remains fully committed to Devonshire Park and the town of Eastbourne as a venue for our events, not just this year, but in the long term. Eastbourne's charm is appreciated by everyone who plays and visits here and we are again looking forward to a memorable tournament.

I would like to thank Lexus and all our commercial partners for their support of the event, along with all the players, officials, tournament staff, volunteers, and fans who make these events so welcoming.

Enjoy your visit,
SCOTT LLOYD
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It is with huge excitement that I welcome you to the Lexus Eastbourne Open, an event which forms part of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) Grass Court Season, and a significant milestone in our partnership with the LTA.

As we gather at these iconic venues, we look forward to witnessing the passion and talent that define British tennis, and as lead partner to the LTA we continue to celebrate all aspects of the game; from emerging to established players, from those picking up a racket for the first time, to those lifting a trophy.

We wish all players and fans a spectacular summer filled with thrilling matches and unforgettable moments.

CHRIS HAYES
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WELCOME

Dear tennis fans,

Welcome to the 2025 Lexus Eastbourne Open!

This week, you can look forward to seeing some of the Tour's biggest stars battling for the title. With the grass court season in full swing, the 250 PIF ATP Rankings points up for grabs will play a crucial role in building momentum.

A special thanks to you, our fans, for everything you bring to the game. Your passion and energy transform every match into an entertainment spectacle. We know how much the players love competing in front of you on these historic grass courts.

The Lexus Eastbourne Open has welcomed some of the world's greatest players onto its courts for over 50 years. We extend our gratitude to Rebecca James and the entire tournament team for their dedication, without which this wouldn't be possible.

We wish you an unforgettable week and encourage you to stay connected to the ATP Tour at www.ATPTour.com and via social media.

Best wishes,

ANDREA GAUDENZI
CHAIRMAN | ATP



Dear tennis fans,

On behalf of the Hologic WTA Tour, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Lexus Eastbourne Open.

As the global leader in women's sport, the WTA is proud to once again showcase the very best of women's tennis here in Eastbourne. The WTA boasts an incredibly diverse array of players and personalities, many of whom you will see here competing at the Lexus Eastbourne Open established global superstars to emerging new talent eager to make their mark on the sport.

With the season approaching the halfway mark, the Lexus Eastbourne Open provides players with the chance to add vital points on the PIF Race to the WTA Finals Leaderboard in their quest to qualify for our thrilling end-of-season WTA Finals Riyadh in November.

The dedicated tournament team at the Lexus Eastbourne Open takes great pride in delivering an unforgettable experience for players and fans alike. I would like to thank all the partners, sponsors, staff and volunteers, who continually raise the bar in our collective mission of championing women's sport.

Finally, I would like to thank you, our loyal fans, for your tremendous support and passion for the WTA. Whether you've been a life-long supporter of women's tennis, are joining us for the first time this season, or somewhere in between, welcome to the 2025 Hologic WTA Tour.

All the best,

PORTIA ARCHER
CEO | WTA



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This is the second successive year that men's, women's and quad draws have all featured at the Lexus Eastbourne Open as part of the enhanced opportunities for wheelchair tennis and wheelchair tennis players during the grass court season.

Since the launch of the first formalised ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour in 1992 the ITF has been at the forefront of promoting and developing wheelchair tennis opportunities across the world. The UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour boasts 160 tournaments in more than 40 countries, showcasing a diverse array of talented athletes to inspire an ever-expanding fan base.

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I hope you enjoy your time watching our wheelchair tennis stars this summer and we look forward to continued collaborations and innovations that allow more and more fans the opportunity to enjoy the sport and its amazing athletes.

DAVID HAGGERTY
PRESIDENT | ITF



On behalf of our town, I extend a very warm welcome to sunny Eastbourne and to Devonshire Park.

We are proud to be hosting the Lexus Eastbourne Open and our thanks go to the LTA and all those involved in coordinating the planning and delivery of this incredible tournament.

Devonshire Park opened to the public over 150 years ago and this historic venue, built by the 7th Duke of Devonshire, has welcomed more than 140 years of tennis and a multitude of tennis greats since its first tournament in 1881.

Since then, the Devonshire Quarter has evolved into an important cultural, sporting and conference venue, particularly over the past 10 years with the major investment and transformation of the site with more to come.

During your visit, please do take time to enjoy all that the town has to offer, from the latest exhibitions at Towner to a show at the Devonshire Park and Congress Theatres or perhaps one of the many top UK acts at our stunning Victorian Winter Garden or Art Deco Bandstand. Our Visitor Services team in the Welcome Building will be very happy to help you make the most of your trip.

I hope you have a wonderful time here and enjoy soaking up the atmosphere with some superb world-class tennis.

ROBERT COTTRILL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE | EASTBOURNE
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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 Day' at our events and telling stories from these communities, showing that tennis is a sport where everyone is welcome.

PLAYER PROFILES

WOMEN



BARBORA KREJČIKOVA

AGE: 29 NATIONALITY: CZECHIA

The reigning Wimbledon champion produced a string of impressive performances to win a second Grand Slam of her career at the All England Club last July. The victory added to Krejčíková's triumph at the 2021 French Open and she will be hoping a return to grass can kick-start her season after some injury problems.

DARIA KASATKINA

AGE: 28 NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIA

After winning the title in last year's WTA Tour event here at Eastbourne, Kasatkina confirmed she has a game that can be highly effective on grass. She was also finalist at Eastbourne in 2023 and was a runner-up in the LTA's tournament at Birmingham in 2021, with her highest career ranking so far achieved as she reached No.8 in October 2022.

JELENA OSTAPENKO

AGE: 28 NATIONALITY: LATVIA

This former French Open champion highlighted her qualities earlier this year as she won the WTA 1000 title in Qatar and then beat Iga Swiatek and Aryna Sabalenka as she lifted the trophy in a clay court tournament in Stuttgart in April. Ostapenko was a winner on grass courts here Devonshire Park in 2021 and was also a champion at the LTA's tournament in Birmingham two years ago, as she confirmed her skills can be effective on this surface.

SOFIA KENIN

AGE: 26 NATIONALITY: USA

The 2020 Australian Open champion achieved a career-high ranking of No.4 shortly after that maiden Grand Slam victory. Kenin has a grass court title on her record from a victory in Mallorca in 2019 and she has showed flashes of brilliance this season, with her run to the WTA 1000 quarter-finals in Dubai including a win against top 10 player Jasmine Paolini.



MAGDA LINETTE

AGE: 33 NATIONALITY: POLAND

A semi-finalist at the 2023 Australian Open, the run in Melbourne helped Linette to secure career-high ranking of world No.19 in March of that year. She has won three WTA Tour titles, with the first coming at the Bronx Open before she claimed victory in the Hua Hin Championships in 2020. She went on to win the Prague Open last June.

ONS JABEUR

AGE: 30 NATIONALITY: TUNISIA

This ground-breaking athlete became the first Arab woman to win a WTA Tour title when she lifted the trophy at the LTA's tournament in Birmingham in 2021. Jabeur also won a grass court title in Germany in 2022 and is a two-time Wimbledon finalist, coming up agonisingly short in two finals at the All England Club in 2022 and 2023. Now she will be hoping to find her best form on a surface that suits her game.

EMMA RADUCANU

AGE: 22 NATIONALITY: GREAT BRITAIN

The 2021 US Open champion shot to global prominence after that win in New York and she has been showing flashes of the form that took her to that title in recent months. Raducanu produced some impressive performances on grass courts last year, reaching the semi-finals in Nottingham, the quarter-finals here in Eastbourne and the last-16 at Wimbledon.

SONAY KARTAL

AGE: 23 NATIONALITY: GREAT BRITAIN

Brighton-born Kartal has been one of the stand-out performers in British tennis over the last year, breaking into the top 100 of the WTA rankings and winning her first WTA Tour title in Tunisia last September. She reached the third round at Wimbledon last year and went on to make her Billie Jean King Cup debut for Great Britain in April.



PLAYER PROFILES

MEN



TAYLOR FRITZ

AGE: 27 NATIONALITY: USA

Big-serving Fritz has a game ready-made for grass courts and the American No.1 has confirmed as much by winning the title here at Eastbourne on three occasions. A runner-up at last year's US Open, Fritz won his first ATP Masters 1000 title when he beat Rafael Nadal at Indian Wells in March 2022.



TOMMY PAUL

AGE: 28 NATIONALITY: USA

The 2024 Queen's Club champion enjoyed the best moment of his career so far when he beat Lorenzo Musetti in last year's final of the prestigious grass court event in London. Paul has continued his fine form since then, reaching the quarter-finals of the first two Grand Slam tournaments of 2025 and also getting through to the semi-finals of the Italian Open last month.



FRANCISCO CERUNDOLO

AGE: 26 NATIONALITY: ARGENTINA

The 2023 champion here in Eastbourne, Cerundolo has given some of the biggest names in tennis real trouble over the last couple of years and he has recorded plenty of wins over top 10 players. He has broken into the top 20 of the ATP rankings in recent months and has been one of the form players of this year after reaching the quarter-finals in Indian Wells, Miami and the semi-finals at the Madrid Open.



JAKUB MENSIK

AGE: 19 NATIONALITY: CZECHIA

Mensik enjoyed a dream week at this year's Miami Open, as he went all the way to his first ATP Masters 1000 final and beat 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic to lift the title. That victory allowed the teenager to break into the top 20 of the ATP rankings and he has an all court game that should allow him to thrive on grass courts.



REILLY OPELKA

AGE: 27 NATIONALITY: USA

The big servers always look forward to this phase of the tennis year and Opelka will be the player to watch if he can find his A-game over the next few weeks. Opelka beat Novak Djokovic in the stand-out win of his career so far at the Brisbane International in January and he achieved a career-high ATP rankings of No.17 in February 2022.



JIRI LEHECKA

AGE: 23 NATIONALITY: CZECHIA

He started 2025 in impressive fashion by winning the Brisbane International tournament, cementing his status as one of the rising stars of the men's game. Lehecka was a junior Wimbledon champion in 2019, when he won the doubles competition at the All England Club with partner Jonas Forejtek.



ALEJANDRO DAVIDOVICH FOKINA

AGE: 26 NATIONALITY: SPAIN

A clay court specialist who ranks highly for the number of match wins in 2025, with his run to the semi-finals of the ATP Masters 1000 tournament at Monte-Carlo a highlight of his season so far. One of the toughest players to break down, he is rock solid from the back of the court and will be keen to show his game can be effective on grass courts.



UGO HUMBERT

AGE: 26 NATIONALITY: FRANCE

A player who has a grass court title on his record from the 2021 Halle Open, where he beat Andrey Rublev in the final. With a powerful serve and big ground shot game, Humbert is making his second appearance at Eastbourne after playing one match here in 2022 and his best run on grass at Wimbledon came last year as he reached the last-16.

PLAYER PROFILES

WHEELCHAIR



GORDON REID

AGE: 33
NATIONALITY:
GREAT BRITAIN

Former Paralympic, Australian Open and Wimbledon men's singles champion (all in 2016). A 23-time Grand Slam doubles champion with fellow Briton Alfie Hewett. Reid claimed his 50th career doubles title alongside Hewett when winning the Eastbourne title 12 months ago and Reid won his 100th career doubles title at the Wimbledon Championships.

GUSTAVO FERNANDEZ

AGE: 31
NATIONALITY:
ARGENTINA

A five-time Grand Slam champion in men's singles, he has secured two titles at the Australian Open, two titles at the French Open, and was the men's singles champion at Wimbledon in 2019. Additionally, he is a three-time Grand Slam champion in men's doubles, having won one title at the French Open and two titles at Wimbledon.

BEN BARTRAM

AGE: 19
NATIONALITY:
GREAT BRITAIN

The 2022 US Open junior boys' singles and doubles champion and the winner of the 2022 Junior Masters boys' singles title. The current British No.3 has won eight senior men's singles titles and 11 senior international doubles titles. He has a career-best ranking of No.16.

JISKE GRIFFIOEN

AGE: 40
NATIONALITY:
NETHERLANDS

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.

DIEDE DE GROOT

AGE: 28
NATIONALITY:
NETHERLANDS

Winner of 23 Grand Slam singles titles and 29 Grand Slam doubles titles, and winner of the Golden Slam in 2021, after claiming all four Grand Slam singles titles and the Paralympic women's singles gold medal. Named winner of Laureus World Sports Person with a Disability in 2024. Six-time ITF World Champion, winner of two Paralympic gold and three Paralympic silver medals.

LUCY SHUKER

AGE: 45
NATIONALITY:
GREAT BRITAIN

British No.1 women's singles player with a career-best singles ranking of No.5 and a career-best doubles world ranking of No.3. Two-time Paralympic women's doubles bronze medallist at London 2012 and Rio 2016 and women's doubles silver medallist at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. Awarded the British Empire Medal for Services to Sport in 2023.

SAM SCHRODER

AGE: 25
NATIONALITY:
NETHERLANDS

A seven-time Grand Slam singles champion, having won the last four Australian Open titles, the 2022 Wimbledon title and two US Open titles. An 11-time Grand Slam doubles champion, having won nine of those titles with fellow Dutchman Niels Vink. Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 quad doubles champion and reigning quad singles silver medallist.

ANDY LAPTHORNE

AGE: 34
NATIONALITY:
GREAT BRITAIN

An 18-time Grand Slam champion, including two-time US Open quad singles champion. He's won his 16 Grand Slam doubles titles with five different partners, including eight Australian Open, two French Open, two Wimbledon and four US Open titles. 2023 Eastbourne quad singles champion and reigning quad doubles champion; four-time Paralympic medallist. Awarded an MBE for services to tennis earlier this month.

GREG SLADE

AGE: 23
NATIONALITY:
GREAT BRITAIN

British No.2 quad singles player behind Andy Lapthorne with a career-best world singles ranking of No.13 achieved in April this year. Winner of eight career singles titles and 17 career doubles titles, he made his Grand Slam debut at Wimbledon in 2023 and won his first Paralympic medal alongside Lapthorne at Paris 2024. Runner-up in singles at Eastbourne in 2023, he is the reigning doubles champion at this venue with Lapthorne.

HOW BRITISH TENNIS HAS CHANGED

IN NOVEMBER 2024 THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION RELEASED THEIR GLOBAL TENNIS REPORT WHICH GIVES AN INSIGHT INTO TENNIS PARTICIPATION AROUND THE WORLD.

In that report, Britain ranks number one in the world for adult tennis participation per capita. Meaning more people are playing tennis here, per head of population, than nations such as the USA, Australia, France, Spain and Germany.

It's a powerful statement about the popularity of the sport and the turnaround in its fortunes in recent years.

Go back to 2019 and tennis participation had been falling for a number of years. The competition for people's leisure time was more intense than ever. Whilst Andy Murray had been an exceptional champion at the top of the game, Britain deserved more strength in depth in the professional game.

That year, following a review of the game, the LTA put in place a new vision for the organisation and a new strategy to grow tennis in Britain. The vision was 'Tennis Opened Up' and

the LTA's mission became growing tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable. This approach gave everyone involved in tennis, whether they be players, coaches, officials, volunteers or administrators a clear direction to get behind.

There has been lots of hard work since then, and challenges to overcome, not least the pandemic. But the game is now in a stronger place.

At grass-roots level there has been huge growth in participation with 5.6million British adults playing tennis every year, a growth of 43 per cent over the last six years. Notably there has been growth across all demographics. 3.8million children now pick up a racket and play every year with a record high of 1.6million playing at least once a month.

Tennis is getting into more schools, through the LTA



Tennis in the Community

Youth Schools programme, which delivers teacher training and vouchers for equipment. Over 50 per cent of schools in Great Britain have now signed up and the programme has trained over 28,000 teachers.

In 2023 the LTA launched a parks tennis programme with the UK Government designed to address the state of the nation's park courts, many of which had

• Dan Evans serves at the Davis Cup in the AO Arena, Manchester
Emma Raducanu

fallen into disrepair and were in danger of being lost altogether. Using a combination of funding from Government, the LTA Tennis Foundation and local authorities, over 3,000 park tennis courts have been bought back to life and are now available for local communities for the long term.

At the elite level, performances on court continue to inspire the next generation. There have been outstanding performances in recent

years from the likes of Jack Draper, Emma Raducanu, Katie Boulter, Alfie Hewett and many more. In 2024, Great Britain had 11 players in the top 100 – the highest number since 1978. British players are now

regularly enjoying strong runs at events around the world.

During the past six years the LTA also launched the LTA Tennis Foundation to help improve lives through

tennis, and became the national governing body for Padel, now one of the fastest growing sports in Britain. There are over 850 courts in Great Britain compared to 50 back in 2019 and annual participation has grown from 15,000 to 400,000.

The LTA is committed to continuing to grow padel and tennis at all levels and build on the on-court successes of recent years, whilst the sport is reaching more people and communities across the length and breadth of Britain. There is further to go but the future for British tennis looks bright.



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INCLUSION IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING THAT THE LTA DOES.

Wide ranging actions have been delivered as part of the LTA's Inclusion Strategy to drive participation and engagement with women and girls, underserved communities and people with an impairment.

The LTA's She Rallies ambition continues to lead the way towards tennis becoming a truly gender balanced sport with a focus on the areas where the LTA can make the most difference – participation, workforce and the visibility of tennis.

The LTA has also launched further initiatives to open tennis up to underserved groups through its Breaking Down Barriers plan and to open up tennis to more people with an impairment through targeted actions in its Open for All plan. Alongside

this, it has continued to build on collaborations with organisations such as Pride in Tennis.

The successful LTA SERVES programme, which helps young people who might not previously have had the opportunity to experience tennis, continues to see high numbers of players on court each month. There were 701 venues delivering the programme in 2024 in community centres, youth clubs, faith venues and other places for a record total of 33,676 children and young people.

More than 100 children across London came together at a tennis festival last summer as part of the LTA SERVES Level Up London project – funded by the LTA Tennis Foundation – which provides more opportunities

for women and girls from underserved communities to get involved in tennis.

Alongside this, the number of players playing monthly in the LTA's Open Court Programme, a national scheme that actively promotes and delivers opportunities for disabled people to get involved in tennis, reached a peak of more than 16,000 in 2024. Both of these programmes are supported by Sport England.

Elsewhere, the LTA hosted the second Tennis Black List event at the National Tennis Centre last June to celebrate tennis role models from the black and mixed black heritage communities. It also hosted the inaugural meeting of the Black Tennis Collective where five pioneering organisations from the black tennis community came together in the start of a powerful collaboration with LTA.

Over the next year and beyond the LTA will continue to engage with these and other diverse and underserved communities across the board to ensure tennis is opened up to as many people as possible.



Scan here to read more on the LTA's Inclusion Strategy!

ACE-ING GENDER EQUALITY

ON AND OFF THE COURT, TENNIS HAS SET THE AGENDA FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT FOR WELL OVER 100 YEARS. PLENTY OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BUT THE LTA WANT TO DO EVEN MORE TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES TO BE INVOLVED IN THE SPORT.

The LTA believes that sport can be one of the most powerful platforms for promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls. However, in an era when we're now seeing women's sport in general getting a greater, but not yet fair, share of the headlines and coverage, there's still work to be done, including in tennis.

That's why, in June 2022, the LTA launched *She Rallies*—the LTA's commitment to making British tennis fully gender-equal at every level. This initiative is a key part of the LTA's vision, *Tennis Opened Up*, and is at the heart of everything being done, looking deeper into the areas where positive change can be affected. To drive meaningful change, this summer, the LTA is refreshing the *She Rallies* plan with bold, targeted actions that will accelerate progress toward gender parity. The focus remains on delivering impactful initiatives that create lasting change, ensuring a more inclusive and equitable future for women and girls in tennis.



The core of *She Rallies* revolves around three pillars that together will help ensure tennis becomes even more relevant, accessible, welcoming, inspiring and enjoyable for women and girls:

- **Participation:** Targeted activity to increase participation in tennis among women and girls, to close the gender gap
- **Workforce:** Provide the support and

opportunities needed for more women to join and progress within the tennis workforce, and supporting the whole workforce to better understand and cater for female needs.

- **Visibility:** Inspiring women and girls through increased female representation, driving greater visibility of women's tennis reflective of its status as a leading women's sport.



At the elite level, women's tennis in Great Britain has gained momentum with the launch of a new WTA 500 tournament, The HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club which is set to showcase top-class women's tennis at one of the most iconic venues in the country. The HSBC Championships is the highest level of tournament in Great Britain outside of Wimbledon. These moments are crucial in inspiring more girls to see a future for themselves in the sport. Since 2022, the *She Rallies* initiative has seen major milestones, especially in boosting visibility. Hosting the Billie Jean King Cup

Finals in Glasgow was a standout moment, with Team GB reaching the semi-finals for the first time since 1981 — a feat they repeated last year in Malaga. British talent has also made a mark globally, with five players — Emma Raducanu, Katie Boulter, Harriet Dart, Sonay Kartal, and Jodie Burrage — breaking into the WTA top 100.

There has been a strong focus on supporting female coaches at all levels of the game, from championing the WTA Inclusion Programme to prepare female coaches for life on the WTA tour to the recruitment of female activators who deliver sessions in local parks.

Exciting progress has been made in breaking down barriers for girls thanks to programmes like *Prime Video LTA Youth Girls*— supported by Amazon. Following Emma Raducanu's inspiring US Open victory, 10,000 new girls have been inspired and introduced to tennis, sparking a new wave of enthusiasm.

The LTA is working closely in partnership with Women in Sport to build understanding and expertise on female participation in sport. In 2024 the LTA launched a groundbreaking new course for coaches which examines the psychosocial factors influencing girls' participation and supports coaches with practical ways to positively address barriers and build confidence and competence with young girls.

More women on committees, as coaches, as officials and on the courts will set the foundation for tennis to become truly gender equal at every level. Increasing the number of women playing regularly remains a key priority. There's still more to achieve, but with each step forward, the LTA is committed to making tennis in Britain a sport where women and girls can thrive.

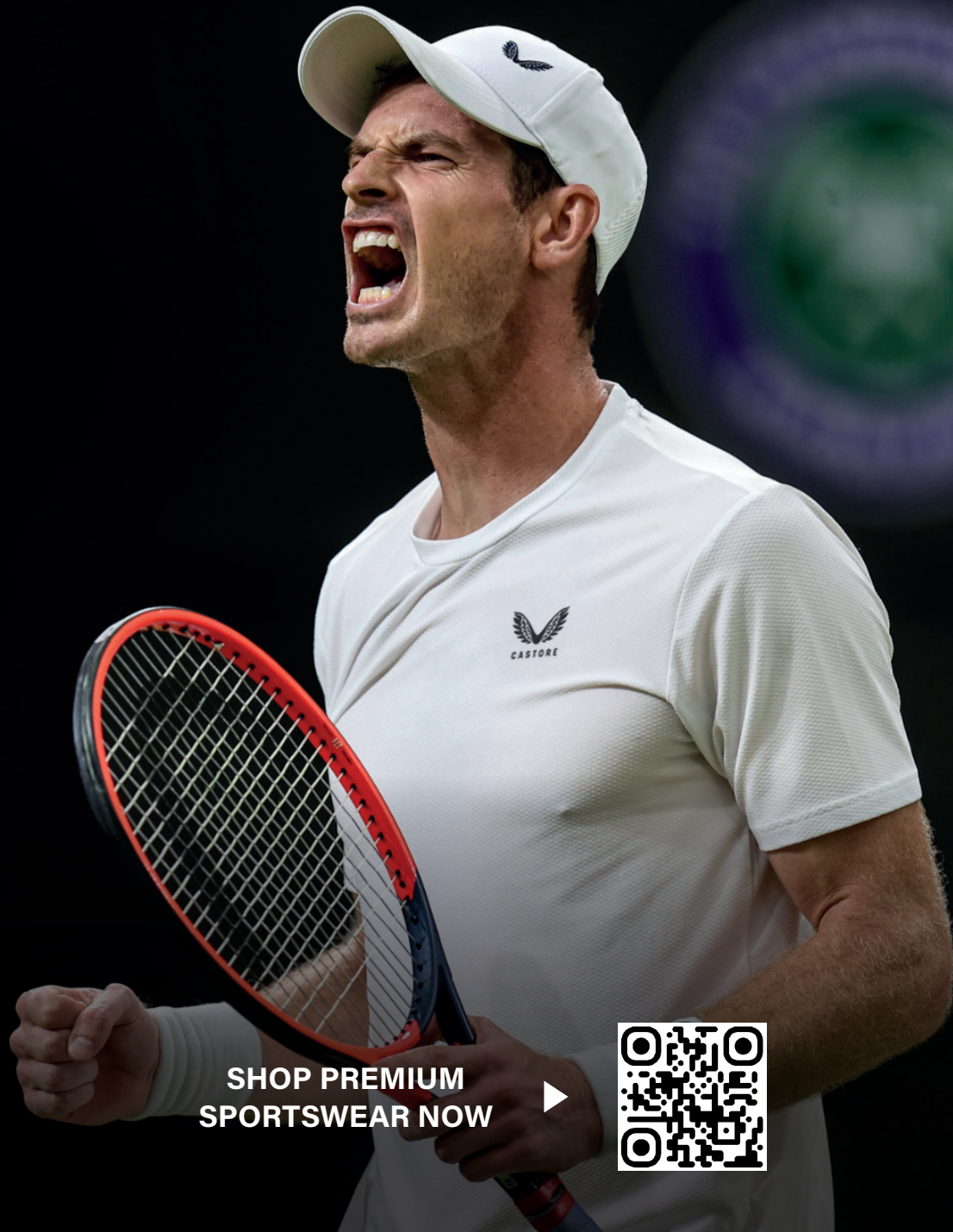


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2. Pop along to Victoria Place for some superb restaurants – including Gianni's, the UK's first certified Pizzeria. Ranging from Greek, Belgian and Tapas to Indian street food – a huge transformation is taking place here creating new public spaces and outdoor dining possibilities.
3. The Red Arrows, the Typhoon, historic warbirds and daring wingwalkers – are just a few of the incredible displays at this year's Airbourne: Eastbourne International Airshow 14 – 17 August. With first class dining and the best views – The Aviator Club hospitality is your go to for a day out to remember.
4. The world renowned Seven Sisters are just a few minutes away. Make Eastbourne your base and discover why people

from all over the world make it their mission to visit this incredible coastline, made famous in films, adverts and even K-pop videos.

5. Head to the Redoubt area of town for some new eateries and rejuvenating yoga by the beach. The Glass House is the seafront's newest dining experience with live music and DJ sundowner sessions, overlooking the newly revitalised gardens.
6. For some unique gifts, delicious delis and independent shopping, a wander through Little Chelsea is a must. From the MOD inspired Arcade to signed first editions at Camilla's Bookshop – you'll find more than you bargained for.



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LTA OPEN COURT: OPENING TENNIS UP TO THOUSANDS OF DISABLED PEOPLE

THE LTA HAS AN AMBITIOUS VISION OF TENNIS OPENED UP - FOCUSED ON MAKING THE SPORT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF AGE, GENDER, BACKGROUND OR ABILITY. ENSURING DISABLED PEOPLE CAN ACCESS AND ENJOY TENNIS WITHOUT ANY BARRIERS IS CENTRAL TO THE LTA'S PLAN.

- **ONE IN FOUR PEOPLE IN THE UK REPORT BEING DISABLED**
- **DISABLED PEOPLE ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE PHYSICALLY INACTIVE COMPARED TO NON-DISABLED PEOPLE**

LTA Open Court is the national programme that actively promotes and delivers opportunities for disabled people to get involved in tennis and padel. Partnered with and jointly funded by Sport England and the LTA Tennis Foundation, the programme provides disability-specific sessions for tennis and padel – including learning disability, wheelchair, para-standing, visually impaired, deaf, walking and sensory tennis.

The LTA is also expanding the programme into other long-term health conditions and mental health. Through the LTA's national partnerships they are working to open the sport up to a wider range of audiences including Parkinson's UK, AOC Sport, Sense, Access Sport, Sport in Mind and Youth Sports Trust.



LTA Open Court is one of the largest disability programmes of its kind in any sport. Last year alone:

- **OVER 600 VENUES ACROSS BRITAIN DELIVERED LTA OPEN COURT**
- **16,000+ DISABLED PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS TOOK PART IN THE PROGRAMME**



LTA SUPPORTING BRITISH WHEELCHAIR TENNIS PLAYERS TO REACH THE TOP

Wheelchair tennis is the most integrative and professional of all para-based sports. With a fully professional international tour, players compete on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour, at Grand Slams and have the opportunity to represent their countries at the World Team Cup and Paralympic Games.

The LTA's Wheelchair Performance Pathway is designed to get more players on court with potential to progress up to competing on the world stage. The pathway has supported players such as career golden slam winners Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid, as well as three-time paralympic medallist Lucy Shuker to achieve success on the world stage.

Whether players are just starting out on their journey or are competing at the top of the game, the LTA supports players to reach their full potential.

The **Wheelchair Tennis Initiative** is the LTA's Wheelchair Tennis programme to support new players with physical impairments into tennis and uncover the next generation of wheelchair tennis champions.

The **National Age Group Programme** supports the development of our highest potential junior wheelchair tennis players to be nationally and internationally competitive.

The **Pro Transition Programme** is for wheelchair tennis players aged 18 years old and above who can compete on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour and represent Great Britain at the World Team Cup.

The **Pro Scholarship Programme** is for players with the athletic potential to progress into the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour top seven singles world ranking.

Pro Access Support is for players competing on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour with the intention of establishing a strong cohort of eligible players across Men's, Women's, and Quad Divisions, with a good chance of representing Great Britain in the World Team Cup and Paralympic Games.

The **Elite Programme** is for our highest performing players who are achieving major tournament success and have the potential to consistently win Grand Slam titles and Paralympic Medals.

Alongside the Wheelchair Performance Pathway, the LTA supports performance pathways for Learning Disability, Para Standing, Deaf and Visually Impaired Tennis – giving more players the chance to represent Great Britain on the international stage. The LTA also stages a year-round calendar of domestic disability tennis competitions for wheelchair, learning disability, visually impaired, deaf and para standing tennis players, so that everyone has the opportunity to compete.



Have you been inspired to pick up a racket? Whether you want to play, deliver or support, find out more about disability tennis by scanning the QR code.



JOY IS BACK FOR EMMA

ROLL THE CLOCK BACK TO THE SPRING OF 2024 AND EMMA RADUCANU WAS SITTING JUST OUTSIDE THE TOP 300 IN THE WTA RANKINGS.

After a year that had been disrupted by a series of injuries that left her questioning if she could return to the top of the sport, the 2021 US Open champion took her first steps onto grass courts last summer with a hint of trepidation in her stride.

That uncertainty has been replaced by positivity heading into this year's grass court season, as

Raducanu's ranking is on the rise and she is looking forward with optimism after a fine surge in form over the last few months.

After a thrilling run to the quarter-finals of the WTA 1000 tournament in Miami in March fired the burners on her season, Raducanu performed well in clay court tournaments in Madrid and Rome before she played the French Open in Paris.

Now it's time to get back onto grass and Raducanu is heading into a phase of the season she has always enjoyed with a positive mindset that has injected joy back into her tennis.

"I'm a player who is very much a feeling person," said the 22-year-old during her run in Miami.

"I find it very difficult to separate the person that I am on the court and off the court. It means that I try to make sure off the court everything is in a good way and I'm feeling I have like good self-esteem, I feel confident in myself, my abilities and my depth of knowledge and everything.

"I'm growing, I'm learning in this aspect of my life. Just cultivating a better version of myself, which I'm enjoying.

"I'm walking onto the court knowing that I'm going to be there for every point, every ball. So far that's really worked.

"Also, I think on the match court now I'm just thinking less, which is probably a good thing, and trying to just let my creativity come out because I think that's when I'm playing my best tennis. I'm just fighting for every ball and then letting my instincts take over."

Raducanu opted to skip large parts of the clay court season in 2024 as she focused on performing well in front of her British fans on grass courts.

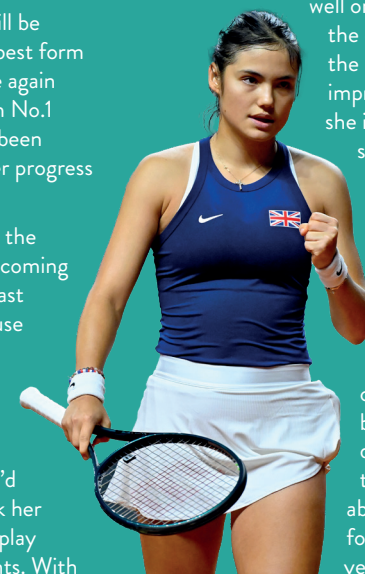
That approach reaped rewards as she reached the semi-finals of the Nottingham Open and then recorded her first top 10 win with a victory against Jessica Pegula during a run to the quarter-finals at Eastbourne.

She then made it through to the last 16 at Wimbledon after serving up some impressive performances at the All England Club that highlighted her ability to test the best on grass courts.

Now Raducanu will be eager to find her best form on home soil once again and former British No.1 Tim Henman has been impressed with her progress in recent months.

"I'm not surprised the results have been coming for Emma in the last few months because she is a very, very good player," states Henman.

"If she wasn't good enough, you'd say she has to pick her tournaments and play some weaker events. With



Emma I have never thought that. If she stays healthy, I was always convinced the results would come.

"The physical and technical attributes she has always possessed mean she can play well on any surface and the element I've noticed the most in terms of improvement is that she is getting much stronger with the physical training she has been doing.

"I also love the fact that she has been out on the match court week in, week out and playing a busy schedule. She's doing all the right things and now it's about continuing that for two years, three years and five years.

"What is good is that she has invested that commitment and she has been getting the rewards. Sometimes it can take time for success to come. The fact that Emma is such a good player means we are seeing the results and progress come quickly for her."

Raducanu's US Open win nearly four years ago sparked a surge in interest in tennis among young girls inspired by her story as she became the first player to come through qualifying and win a Grand Slam title.

After an encouraging run to the quarter-finals of the new women's tournament at The Queen's Club earlier this month, Raducanu will be eager to get more grass court matches under her belt here at Eastbourne this week.

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BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AND SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ACROSS GREAT BRITAIN GET ACTIVE AND EXPERIENCE THE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND MENTAL BENEFITS OF TENNIS IS WHAT THE LTA SERVES PROGRAMME IS ALL ABOUT.

LTA SERVES is the industry's leading sport for development programme, it takes tennis into the heart of local communities, to those who may never have had the opportunity to play before, or thought the sport wasn't for them. It's all about having fun with friends, keeping mentally and physically fit while learning new skills beyond the tennis court.

Through the power of tennis, the LTA helps more children, young people and adults build their self-confidence, expand knowledge around health and wellbeing and also support community cohesion.

The LTA empowers and equips over 2,000 trained community leaders in 880 venues throughout Britain. The LTA's support includes equipment and resources to deliver tennis in non-traditional venues. The LTA offer volunteers, leaders and youth workers the training and skills they need to run fun and engaging tennis sessions for children and young people in their communities.



"It doesn't matter if you've never picked up a racket before – if you want to help more children, young people and adults from communities get active playing our sport then you could become an Activator."

"You don't need any equipment or a tennis court – just bring enthusiasm and the LTA will help you with the rest."

KIRAN MATHARU
EDI Programme Manager –
Underserved Communities

No court, no problem – LTA SERVES can be delivered anywhere including community centres, youth clubs, faith venues and other places.

Who can get involved?

LTA SERVES encourages any community venue, local, regional or national organisations to get involved in the programme and bring tennis and its benefits to their community.

If you look after a venue, a community group, or even if you're a parent or guardian of someone attending a local venue and want to find out how you can run LTA SERVES or become an Activator – contact the LTA via the QR code.



IN CONVERSATION WITH

CHRIS EVERT

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF THE BRAND NEW WTA 500 EVENT AT THE QUEEN'S CLUB IN LONDON, TENNIS LEGEND AND THREE-TIME EASTBOURNE CHAMPION CHRIS EVERT SPEAKS TO THIS PROGRAMME AS SHE REFLECTS ON HER CAREER AND THE PROGRESS THE WOMEN'S GAME HAS MADE.

Evrt won 18 Grand Slam singles titles and her rivalry with Martina Navratilova serves up some of the most iconic battles in tennis history.

In an exclusive interview for this programme conducted while she was working for TNT Sports at Roland-Garros, Evert looks back on her story, how tennis has changed and her enduring friendship with her greatest rival.

How much has women's tennis changed since your time on court? I get asked this a lot and often reflect on it like this. I always remember watching Mark Spitz win seven gold medals at the 1972 Olympic Games and now we see women swimming the same distance quicker than he ever did. So, of course, things change and that is the case in every sport. The standards always go up. With new technology, new information, improvements in sports science and better training methods, standards have gone up. Tennis players are training like Olympic athletes. We

never trained like that when I started in the sport. We went into the gym and did our 10lbs weights and we ran two miles and tried to stay fit the best we could, but the training, physically and everything around the game looks very different.

Did tennis lead the way in the drive for equality in sport? Absolutely. In the early 1970s, we got equal prize money with the men at the US Open for the first time. That was a big moment. Now we have it for all the Grand Slam tournaments. It is to the credit of Billie Jean King and the women who led the way with her that they created a professional circuit that gave women a chance to earn a good living. There wasn't any other professional women's sports then, so what they did created a legacy that has had an impact not just in tennis, but in so many sports to this day. Our sport paved the way, no doubt about that.

What are your memories of the early days of that professional era? We were trying to create a tour that could possibly allow 200-

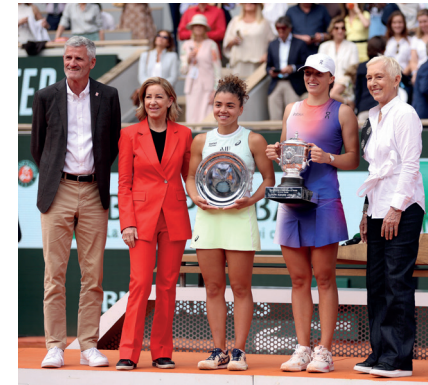


300 women to earn a living. Winning Grand Slams was not a priority for us at that time. I missed 12 Australian Opens and three French Opens because our priority was playing the Virginia Slims Tour and trying to build that into a platform that could sustain women's professional tennis. The men had people doing this for them, building their tour. We had to do that ourselves.

How much influence did the players have in those early days over the direction of the game? A lot more than they do now. We were a much smaller group

of people and if Martina (Navratilova) or I said we didn't want something to happen, it didn't happen. Now, the sport is such a big business and we are talking about billions of dollars involved in tennis all over the globe with endorsements, sponsorships and TV. So it's better that we have professionals running that side of the game and those who are on the players' council with the WTA Tour can also have an input.

Who are your favourite players in the women's game today? It's tough to pick a winner heading into a Grand Slam event right now. Women's tennis was great when we had big rivalries like me and Martina, it was



great when Serena Williams was dominating and now it's great because one of six to eight players could win a major. I could give you a case of Iga Swiatek winning any tournament she enters and the same goes for Aryna Sabalenka. Coco Gauff has ironed out her forehand a

little and now needs to work on her serve. Jasmine Paolini has been just great for the women's game and the way she has come through. It's an interesting time for women's tennis and I'm excited to see what comes next.

Do you still see a lot of Martina Navratilova? All the time. We are making a documentary together. When we were playing, we were as friendly as rivals could be. It wasn't until the end of our careers that we got close. Then when we both had cancer at the same time, we got even closer. We were in the trenches together for many years. When the rivalry ended, there was no pressure between us.



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RALLY FOR TOMORROW

TO DELIVER THE LTA'S VISION OF TENNIS OPENED UP AND ENSURE THAT TENNIS IS ACCESSIBLE AND THRIVING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, IT'S VITAL THAT EVERYONE RALLIES TOGETHER TO PROTECT THE SPORT AND THE PLACES WE PLAY.

This is important for tennis at all levels, from Grand Slams to local park sessions. A greater number of tennis venues than ever are at risk of regular and more severe flooding, while more extreme temperatures are increasingly impacting delivery of events, and the wellbeing of players who participate at them.

The LTA's Environmental Sustainability Plan is focused on securing a lasting future for tennis in Britain, using the power of tennis to change attitudes

towards sustainability and bring about positive change.

The LTA has produced a range of resources for tennis venues to help them to be more sustainable, no matter their membership size or number of courts, such as by reducing energy usage, supporting biodiversity, or eliminating waste.

Through the LTA Buying Group, venues are able to secure preferential rates across areas like green energy tariffs, solar panel installation and electric vehicle

charging points, whilst the LTA Tennis Foundation's Quick-Access Loan Scheme offers funding to venues for transition to more energy-efficient floodlighting.

Most tennis balls will only be played with for 4-6 hours on court, but each ball can take up to 300 years to degrade in landfill. The LTA has been working with providers to roll out tennis ball recycling at venues across Great Britain to ensure that balls are recycled for use in other products.



Cam Norrie supporting the LTA's sustainability efforts across the Grass Court Season

All tournament fleet vehicles used across LTA events are hybrid and nearly 50% are fully electric models, thanks to the partnership with Lexus



Over 220,000 single-use bottles were saved last year, thanks to the BRITA partnership

The Grass Court Season

The LTA Grass Court Season attracts thousands of fans every year, and it is vital that the events put as many measures as possible in place to reduce any potential harmful environmental impact. The LTA has introduced a number of steps to make their events more environmentally friendly, including:

- Using Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel to power temporary generators on-site, which results in 90% less emissions than standard fuels
- All tournament fleet vehicles used across LTA events are hybrid and nearly 50% are

fully electric models, thanks to a partnership with Lexus

- Donating more than two tonnes of food to local food charities to reduce food waste
- Water refill stations for spectators, players and officials to fill their water bottles for free and remove over 220,000 single use plastic bottles, thanks to a partnership with BRITA

Play Your Part

Whilst everyone in British tennis must pull together to play their part, as a fan and spectator there are some things you can do which can make a big difference:

- Use your own reusable bottle to fill up at one of BRITA's refill stations
- Choose a low carbon option from one of the menus onsite
- Use the right bin for your waste
- Use public transport to travel to and from events
- Return your reusable cup if you've had a drink



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LEAVING A LEGACY

GORDON REID'S LEGACY TO BRITISH TENNIS WAS GLITTERING LONG BEFORE HE WON HIS SECOND PARALYMPIC GOLD MEDAL LAST SUMMER, BUT HIS DESIRE TO PUSH FOR MORE REMAINS UNDIMINISHED TWO DECADES INTO HIS REMARKABLE CAREER.



Reid is back at Eastbourne this week after winning his 50th career doubles title with his long-time doubles partner Alfie Hewett here last year. A few weeks later, the prolific Scot toasted his 100th doubles success as the duo combined to lift another Wimbledon title.

The winning shows no sign of slowing down for 33-year-old Reid after he and Hewett claimed their 23rd Grand Slam title together as they won the French Open title at Roland Garros last month.

A trailblazer in wheelchair tennis, Reid has contributed greatly to elevating the sport to heights he never thought achievable.

"We are lucky in Britain that we have always had great support from the LTA and that has allowed us to travel and that isn't the case for a lot of other countries," said Reid.

"You look at where the sport is now compared to where it was when I started and it's been amazing progress.

"The prize money on offer at the Slams has increased so much and the draw sizes are bigger now. The strength in depth is there now and

the more we can get the money trickling down to more people, the level further down will increase and the whole sport will push forward.

"There will be a lot of young players looking at this as a viable career rather than just something they can do for a bit of fun. The whole tour is much more professional than when I started playing. That is only a good thing."

Reid has continued his winning form despite a major injury in 2022 that left him pondering whether he would have a future in the sport. The injury allowed him to spend some time thinking what life will look like when his tennis career comes to an end.

"Hopefully I still have a good few years left in me and hopefully I will continue to have a role to play when I'm finished playing professionally," added Reid.

"Any chance Alfie and I have to increase participation and awareness of the sport, we will try and do that."

Inspirational on and off the court, Reid is a giant of British tennis who deserves all the plaudits that come his way.



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The South of England Championships were staged here for many years and the first Women's International Tennis Tournament was hosted here in 1974, sponsored by the LTA. Chris Evert was the first champion of that event.

DID YOU KNOW?



Tennis courts were added to the facilities at this venue, with records showing the first major championship was held in 1881.

Virginia Wade is the only British winner of the singles in Eastbourne, lifting the title in 1975.



The most prolific champion at this venue is 11-time Eastbourne champion Martina Navratilova.

The event was originally just part of the WTA tour, but became a combined event with the ATP Tour in 2009.



America's Taylor Fritz is only one of two men to win multiple titles in the ATP Tour event at Eastbourne, with Spain's Feliciano Lopez winning back-to-back titles in 2013 and 2014.

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The LTA Tennis Foundation is committed to working in all parts of Great Britain with a particular focus on diverse and underserved communities where the game is less well established.

How the LTA Tennis Foundation makes 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.

Since its launch in 2022, almost two million people have been positively impacted by the LTA Tennis Foundation.



"The LTA Tennis Foundation-funded programme, Raise My Game, has improved pupil health, wellbeing, confidence, social skills and helped them build new friendships; furthermore, by providing regular access to coaching, it has given them new lifelong skills and a passion for the sport of tennis."

AMMO TALWAR MBE
CORE & Co Foundation Trustee

Scan the QR code and enter the LTA Tennis Foundation raffle for your chance to win tennis prizes!

Proceeds from the raffle and the tennis ball resale go directly to the charity. You can find out more about the LTA Tennis Foundation online or by heading to their gazebo in the Fan Village.



LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION CHARITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

BRIGHT IDEAS FOR TENNIS

Bright Ideas for Tennis believe that tennis is a sport that anyone can play as it can be adapted for all levels of ability. They use tennis as a vehicle to teach players transferable life skills such as communication, self-confidence, and determination. Fun is paramount, and the social element of the sessions is very much encouraged, which allows new friendships to blossom, with all players feeling more included and accepted by society.

What the LTA Tennis Foundation funded:

1 Play 30 (IP30)

The IP30 programme delivers inclusive tennis provision for disabled children, young people and adults. The charity connects tennis venues with Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools, and community support groups in their local area forming a partnership to deliver free weekly one hour tennis sessions for, on average, 12 players per venue per week.

"We are thrilled to have the support of the LTA and LTA Tennis Foundation as we continue to increase participation in disability tennis to ultimately get more people experiencing the benefits of this wonderful sport. The grant allows us to develop in new locations and together we can get more people, playing more tennis."

DANNY SAPSFORD
Founder of Bright Ideas for Tennis



To date, the LTA Tennis Foundation grant has enabled:

1,450

individuals to have taken part in an IP30 session

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new venues to start delivering IP30 sessions

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coaches to have had disability awareness training

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tennis volunteers to have had disability awareness

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Now in their tenth year, the awards highlight the incredible hard work of some 14,700 schools, approximately 10,000 LTA-approved tournaments and more than 3,500 LTA registered venues.

While the professional players may grab the headlines and the glory, it is the volunteers at the LTA's network of parks, clubs and venues across the country who are the lifeblood of the game and drive participation. The awards celebrate innovation, community engagement and growth across venues and programmes.

This year's grassroot winners, selected from more than 2,000 nominations across 12 different categories, were honoured at a glittering ceremony at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton. Guest presenters such as Sue Barker, Laura Robson, Andrew Castle and Sir Trevor McDonald handed out the coveted trophies.

Nine British tennis and padel stars were also honoured in the elite player categories. Katie Boulter was named Female Player of the Year after a standout season including her first WTA 500 title in San Diego.



Jack Draper was named Male Player of the Year after winning his first ATP title, reaching the US Open semi-final, and becoming British No.1. Doubles Player of the Year went to Henry Patten. The sportsman swept up three ATP titles and a maiden Grand Slam title at Wimbledon.

Alfie Hewett won Wheelchair Player of the Year after completing a career Grand Slam with his first Wimbledon singles title.

Sandi Procter, as President of the LTA, oversees the awards. She believes that recognising champions at all levels of the game is very important.

She said: "I'm passionate about grassroots tennis and I'm always keen to recognise the dedication, hard work and achievements of our volunteers.

"The awards are an opportunity to celebrate the people that make our sport what it is. They are vital in helping us to encourage people to pick up a racket regardless of their age or ability, or who they are, or where they come from."



Scan the QR code to find out more about the 2025 LTA Awards.

MEET THE LTA WORKFORCE

MADE UP OF COACHES, OFFICIALS, ACTIVATORS, AND VOLUNTEERS, THE LTA WORKFORCE IS INSPIRING COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS TO PICK UP A RACKET AND EMBRACE BOTH TENNIS AND PADEL.

COACHES

Coaches are at the very heart of tennis and padel in Britain. They are often responsible for the very first experience people have when they step on court and play a vital role in growing the sport. Coaches offer expert tactical and technical tuition and drills and help to set short, medium, and longer term goals to drive player improvement.

With a comprehensive qualification pathway and an industry-leading professional accreditation scheme, the LTA supports coaches throughout their career, giving them the guidance and resources to become the best coach they can be.

OFFICIALS

Almost all LTA events and competitions in Great Britain wouldn't be possible without the support of officials. There are multiple officiating roles, from Competition Organisers at local tournaments all the way up to Chair Umpires at Grand Slam events, the LTA supports each and every official to reach their aspirations in the game.

Similar to the LTA Coach Accreditation Scheme,

the LTA Officials Licence Scheme provides world-class continuous professional development opportunities as well as insurance, legal and tax advice and access to many more fantastic benefits.

ACTIVATORS

Activators play a vital role in helping take tennis to people and places it has never been before. These individuals are currently helping deliver a multitude of programmes, including LTA SERVES and Barclays Free Park Tennis sessions across communities in Great Britain. Activators are facilitators of play (as opposed to coaching), focus on creating a sense of belonging and community, and help to make the sport enjoyable and accessible to anyone starting out.

The LTA helps Activators in community groups and venues to facilitate tennis with easy to access training, extensive resources and lesson plans, as well as providing essential equipment.

VOLUNTEERS

Over 25,000 people choose to volunteer in tennis

across Britain, whether it be supporting at local courts and venues, or helping at the LTA Major Events in the summer.

There are a wide variety of ways to volunteer in tennis and the LTA offers guidance, training and support for people looking to get involved, as well as venues looking to recruit different roles.

“Getting involved in the delivery of tennis can be fantastically rewarding. Be that organising competitions, providing coaching, or getting people to play for the first time, tennis is an exciting industry where you get to keep fit, work with great people and learn lots of great skills for life - be that on or off the court.”

MERLIN VAN DE BRAAM
Head of Coach & Official Development & Support at the LTA

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the LTA Workforce, engagement and participation in Britain continues to grow.



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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED TENNIS WITH DEFIANT SPORTS

MEET LORETTA, THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION ACTIVELY BREAKING DOWN ALL BARRIERS TO ENTRY IN SPORT.

Loretta's son, Callum, has autism, cerebral palsy, and is visually impaired. Growing up Callum loved tennis but was experiencing barriers accessing competitive tennis, Loretta created Defiant Sports as a solution, starting as a volunteer organisation and utilising her athletics qualification, she ran home-ed sports sessions, including Visually Impaired (VI) tennis, every week in the local park for Callum and his friends.

“We started running the VI tennis sessions 10 years ago and we've run it every week ever since.” says Loretta. Callum started playing VI Tennis competitively, going on to win the National Championships men's singles and doubles titles a total of four times.

Loretta continued, “Defiant Sports has always been community led. When we were running that VI session, we'd get people coming up to us asking if we could help them access other sports.”

Defiant Sports have certainly widened their remit since, their programme now including a multitude of sports ranging from curling to tchoukball, but it all began with tennis and increasing its inclusivity.

“We've changed a lot from initially working in a very small area of disability in tennis. We now work across any kind of barrier to participation across pretty much every sport that you can play in a sports hall.”

Defiant Sports also have a single decker bus which is used as a sensory room. This still gives participants a safe space to engage in activities but in a calmer environment.

Loretta embodies the LTA's vision of opening tennis up. Working with several different groups including but not limited to: the mental health community, those struggling with addiction, and they have recently procured funding to run a multisport programme with the local



mosque, Loretta has ensured that sport is accessible for everyone in the community.

Loretta and Defiant Sports have received wide recognition for the work they have done, including the LTA Competition of the Year Award and the LTA Disability Award, both in 2022.

Callum, now an LTA qualified Level 1 Tennis Assistant Coach, assists in the running of the Open Court programme and the Barclays Free Park Tennis over in Fisherman's Green, where sessions are run on a Wednesday and Saturday morning. These sessions are open to anyone and everyone, alongside this free session, the courts at Fisherman's Green Park are also free to book at any time.



Scan the QR code to experience the great work Defiant Sports do and join the upcoming Barclays Free Park Tennis session over in Fisherman's Green.

If you have any queries or would like to get in touch with Loretta and the Defiant Sports team you can contact them on 07887 755856 or email them at info@defiantsports.org.uk

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The LTA's Quick Access Loan scheme, funded by the LTA Tennis Foundation (LTA TF), aims to increase participation in tennis and padel while ensuring long-term sustainability for venues and the people who play at them.

The scheme aligns with the LTA and LTA TF's vision of "Tennis Opened Up" by requiring every approved application to include a community element, thereby enabling more people to enjoy the sport.

Since 2019, £11 million from the LTA TF has been invested across Great Britain, unlocking almost £16m of partnership funding, and revitalising courts and venues from the Channel Islands to Scotland. These venues offer more than just a place to play; they serve as communities where people can connect with friends and enjoy the game.

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Open and club tournaments are run for both tennis and croquet, and teams are entered in a number of leagues, providing sporting opportunities for all ages and abilities.

There is a year-round program of coaching for adults and juniors, group and individual players.

The club celebrated its centenary in 2007.

THE PROJECT:

The club benefited from a Quick Access Loan to develop two new all-weather padel courts, which will be the first on the Isle of Wight.

To find out more scan the QR code.



"We have been working very closely with the LTA for a number of years, on this project and on our future plans to grow tennis on the Isle of Wight."

"We are thrilled to be bringing padel to the island. It is a really great way to introduce children and adults to all racket sports."

"We hope to have our official opening in July. We look forward to letting the community try out the new courts and have fun regardless of age or ability, all our courts will be bookable via the LTA's Clubspark Booking system."

"We are surrounded by a number of different schools and they all use our facilities. The club is right at the centre of the community in Ryde. We want to drive participation and hope players will be enjoying both our tennis and padel courts for many decades to come."

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TAYLOR'S SPECIAL PLACE

TAYLOR FRITZ ADMITS HE ALWAYS HAS A SPECIAL FEELING WHEN HE STEPS ONTO THE GRASS COURTS AT DEVONSHIRE PARK AND HE WILL BE KEEN TO REKINDLE HIS WINNING FORM THIS YEAR.

A three-time champion here in Eastbourne, Fritz claimed the title in 2019 and 2022 before winning once again last June as he beat Max Purcell in the final.

"There is something about this place – my first title, the third and now my eighth," he said after lifting the trophy at Eastbourne to complete his hat-trick of successes here.

"There's something about it here – I really love it. The crowd support every year, it's great to see all the love and I just love being in Eastbourne and having this week right before Wimbledon."

Fritz backed up his success in this tournament last year by reaching his first Grand Slam final at last year's US Open, where he was beaten by world No.1 Jannik Sinner.

That run in New York allowed him to finish last year inside the top four of the ATP rankings, with confidence flowing as he moved his career to the next level.

A two-time quarter-finalist at Wimbledon, Fritz will be looking to fine tune his game for the third Grand Slam of the year by enjoying more success at a tournament he admits inspires him to play his best tennis.

"I have so many incredible memories at Eastbourne – it's one of my favourite events to return to every year," he added.



"The Lexus Eastbourne Open is such a unique event, you're right by the coast, the courts are amazing and it's a great atmosphere for us as players.

"It's the tournament where I've had the most success in my career, I've won it three times now and I won't give it up easily this year. I'm gunning for that fourth trophy and I'm excited to get back on the grass this summer."

An Olympic bronze medalist in the doubles alongside Paris last summer, Fritz is now eyeing a fourth title at Eastbourne.

SMALLER COURT, BIG FUN

PADEL IS A FUN AND SOCIAL SPORT THAT'S EASY TO LEARN AND IS PLAYED ON A SMALLER, ENCLOSED COURT ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD THE SIZE OF A TENNIS COURT.

Its accessibility makes it suitable for players of all ages and skill levels. Beginners can get into the game quickly, even with no prior experience, players can serve, rally, and play points from their first session. This means you can start enjoying the physical benefits right away.

In 2019, the LTA became the national governing body for the sport in Great Britain. Significant investment has been directed towards developing and supporting padel in Britain from grassroots level. Becoming the national governing body for a sport that is still developing, presents several hugely exciting opportunities which could see padel become one of the country's most popular sports.

Between 2020 and 2024, the number of courts grew from 50 to more than 750, where in addition to private investment, the LTA and LTA Tennis Foundation have invested £6 million into the sport, including into 40 padel facility projects funding a total of 75 new courts. Alongside this, annual participation has grown from 6,000 to 235,000, and the LTA has launched new coaching courses, competition structures, and a performance pathway to support Britain's best players as they build their profile on the sport's global stage.

It has been an exciting year so far for the LTA Padel developments. In February, the LTA appointed Libby Fletcher as National Performance Pathway Manager



The LTA has been leading the growth of padel in Britain by focusing on three key areas:

GROWING THE GAME

Laying the foundation for padel by developing courts nationwide, attracting new players, and creating pathways for top talent through a national performance programme.

SPREADING THE WORD

Using its existing tennis network to promote padel, running marketing campaigns, and building partnerships to boost awareness and encourage more people to give it a try.

EXPANDING ACCESS

Working with operators, including private venues, to increase the number of courts and coaches, making padel more accessible for players of all ages and abilities.

These efforts are helping to make padel the fastest growing sport in Britain.



and Sandy Farquharson as National Performance Coach. These new appointments form a key part of the LTA's goal to create a pathway and support framework for British players at each age and stage of the performance pathway.

Back in December 2024, actor and comedian, Jason Manford, was named as the first LTA Padel Ambassador, aligning with the LTA's vision of opening the sport up to more children across Great Britain. Manford is on a mission to introduce a million children to padel over the next decade while identifying future Olympic padel players for Team GB.

More recently, the LTA has partnered with Team AD/vantage, the exclusive British team entry into the Hexagon Cup. In April the LTA announced a partnership with the Pro Am Padel Tour, the UK's leading pro-celebrity padel series. The LTA joined as official strategic partner to organise and host whole-day community-led sessions aimed at increasing padel's accessibility, visibility and diversity. These free sessions will be delivered to children from local schools in partnership

with the Jason Manford Padel Academy. Children will be provided with coaching, equipment and, importantly, follow-up opportunities to continue their participation in padel through vouchers, court time, products and programmes.

Performance wise, in total, there will be 30 weeks of international and domestic prize money and ranking point earning opportunities for British players in 2025, including four FIP tournaments, 11 British Tour Grade 1 tournaments and 15 British Tour Grade 2 tournaments, plus, for the first time, three FIP Promises for aspiring juniors. A record number of performance competitions in 2025.

The British national padel team, led by the country's number ones, Aimee Gibson and Christian Medina Murphy, will soon be heading out to Madrid, Spain to compete in the FIP Euro Cup, a team competition that sees the top four nations go through to the European finals that take place later in 2025. Subsequently the top eight nations qualify for the 2026 World Championships.

Tom Murray, LTA Head of Padel said: "Since becoming the national governing body for padel in 2019, our focus has been on laying strong foundations for sustainable growth. With participation rising, the LTA is building on this momentum and driving the sport forward. 2025 marks an exciting new chapter for padel in Britain—after years of groundwork, we are entering the next phase with a clear strategy and ambition.

"In the coming years, the LTA will remain committed to opening up padel, facilitating the growth of places for people to play and compete across Great Britain. Alongside this, the LTA is dedicated to supporting performance players by providing more domestic competitive opportunities. Our long-term vision is to host a major padel event in Britain, showcasing the nation's top talent on a bigger stage."

"The LTA is dedicated to making padel more accessible and exciting, inspiring the next generation of players to continue to grow participation. With over 400,000 people taking to the courts in 2024 and 8 million expressing interest in trying the sport, its momentum is undeniable, firmly establishing padel within Britain's sporting landscape."

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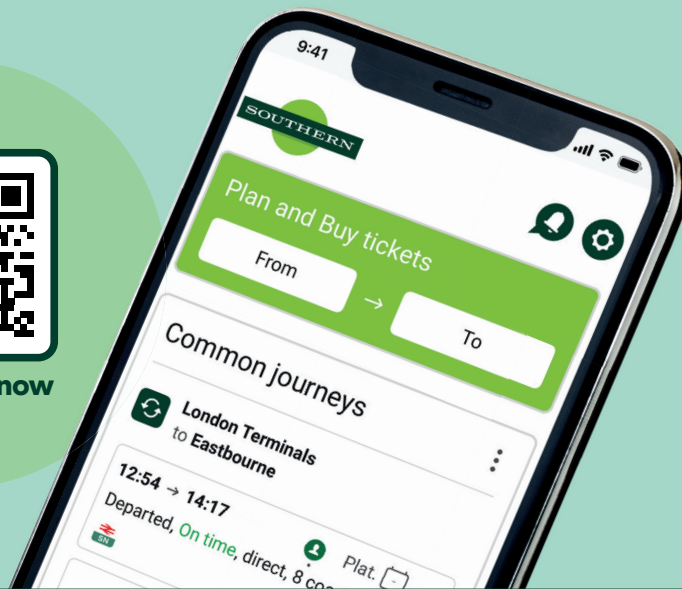
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LIVING THE TENNIS LOVER'S DREAM

LTA ADVANTAGE COMPETITION WINNERS TREATED TO ULTIMATE BILLIE JEAN KING CUP EXPERIENCE WITH LEXUS

Thanks to LTA partner Lexus, two lucky tennis fans were treated to the ultimate Billie Jean King Cup experience at the 2024 finals in Malaga.

Kyeron Yeung and Wai Yi Kwok won an exclusive Advantage competition for tickets, flights and hotel to go and cheer on the Lexus Billie Jean King Cup team in their first round match against Germany.

Kyreon and Wai Yi were flown out to Malaga, where they were put up in a luxury hotel ahead of GB's opening tie and had the chance to visit many of the city's amazing sights.

In the lead up to the match, they got an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour around the Palacio de Deportes Jose Maria Martin Carpena Arena in Malaga and got the chance to meet and chat with Captain Anne Keothavong's side during their training sessions.

On their tour, they even got the chance to meet with 22-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal ahead of his final ever match at the Davis Cup for Spain.

As the Brits walked out on court to face Germany,



Kyreon and Wai Yi were treated to hospitality tickets, where they got to watch GB's emphatic win from the best seats in the house.

"Overall, it was just an exceptional experience," the Advantage competition winners said. "All the arrangements were perfect. As tennis lovers, the tennis part was already special enough, what was also nice was that we had some time on the second day to explore the city of Malaga, which was very relaxing for us.

"The highlight has got to be the behind-the-scenes tour, where we had the chance to visit the team village and actually met the GB team in person, chatting with the

players and taking photos with them. It was a tennis lovers' dream, and we were fortunate enough to live it, thanks to the LTA and Lexus.

"We loved cheering the team on every single point with all the fans and witnessing victory over team Germany. The atmosphere in the stadium was absolutely rocking.

"We had a wonderful time in Malaga, the flights were nice, the hotel was great, and more importantly GB won the tie – everything was just perfect. It was just an unreal experience."

Scan here to see what other great benefits are available to LTA Advantage members.



SERVING UP SUCCESS

OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE LTA HAS BEEN DELIVERING AN INVESTMENT OF MORE THAN £30MILLION FROM THE UK GOVERNMENT AND LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION TO TRANSFORM THOUSANDS OF PARK TENNIS COURTS ACROSS BRITAIN.

This landmark investment is bringing over 3,000 park tennis courts across hundreds of local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales back to life for communities and into long-term sustainable use.



Parks are really important for tennis as they provide accessible and affordable opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to pick up a racket and play the sport locally. This is particularly vital for growing participation among underserved communities.

But back in 2021, 45 per cent of park tennis courts across Britain had fallen into disrepair, with poor playing surfaces, subsidence or vandalism causing damage to nets, courts or fencing.

To address this, the LTA's Park Tennis Project has been renovating the courts in the worst condition, to ensure that communities across the country have access to quality facilities in their local parks.

The project is also rolling out digital infrastructure in the form of gate access technology and online booking through the LTA website and Play Tennis app, to make it easier than ever to find, book and get on court, tackling one of the biggest barriers to participation.

But providing accessible, high-quality facilities is only part of the job, and so the LTA has been working with councils and tennis operators to ensure that the right programmes and community engagement are in place to grow participation on newly transformed park courts. This includes Barclays Free Park Tennis, a free weekly session led by local volunteers with equipment provided, opening up opportunities for people to play tennis for free no matter their age, background or ability.

The Park Tennis Project is aimed at getting over 500,000 more people playing tennis in parks every year, and has already made significant progress, delivering huge benefits to communities across the country.

Parks which have 12 months of data for pre- and post-refurbishment show an average uplift in bookings of 123 per cent, and many of those playing on refurbished courts

had not played tennis before, meaning the project is opening tennis up to new audiences.

The project will complete its final refurbishments this summer, leaving Britain's park courts in great shape to provide opportunities for people across the country to pick up a racket and play for many years to come.

Parks that have been transformed in collaboration with Eastbourne Borough Council are:

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“MOST PLAYERS AT THE TOP OF THE GAME IN 40 YEARS”

SITTING DOWN WITH MICHAEL BOURNE, LTA PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

I am very excited about this year's grass court season and the opportunities that lie ahead for all our players.

British tennis has seen strong results over recent years including Grand Slam singles, doubles, multiple grand slam wheelchair singles and doubles titles, semi-finals of the Billie Jean King Cup (twice in the last three years) and Davis Cup (2019), winners of the World Team Cup and last year more than 100 British players won international titles at different levels on the tours.

So far in 2025, Jack Draper has been in excellent form, improving his ranking from No.18, winning his first ATP Masters event at Indian Wells and cracking the top five after making the final in Madrid. Henry Patten followed on from his success at Wimbledon by winning the Australian Open Men's Doubles title, Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid repeated in Melbourne, with Hewett also winning the singles in an exciting final.

On the women's side, the GB BJK Cup team are through to the Finals for the



second year in a row after coming through a three-team qualifying tie on clay in the Netherlands and are now the second place team on the ITF rankings. For the first time since 1986, we have three women inside the Top 60 in Katie Boulter, Emma Raducanu and Sonay Kartal, which is a great example to the younger players we have progressing through the pathway.

Last year we had seven Brits combined inside the WTA & ATP Tour Top 100 in a single week for the first time since 1985 and we now have more players in the top 200 than at any time in the past 40 years.

On the wheelchair side, last September we had four men ranked inside the Top 50 for the first time, Hewett was crowned ITF World Champion and finally won the one major to elude him, at Wimbledon. Earlier in the year the junior Lexus GB World Team Cup team were crowned champions out in Turkey, while both the men's and quad team brought home bronze respectively.

In juniors, Mika Stojsavljevic won the 2024 US Open, having finished runner up in the girls doubles with Mimi Xu at Wimbledon a few months earlier. Hannah Klugman was also a finalist in the girls doubles at the Australian Open this year. An interesting note from last year's US Open is that Britain had three



Jack Draper
BJK Cup

Katie Boulter

out of the eight semi-finalists across the boys and girls singles events

The grass court season always seems to bring out the best in our players whether it was the British title sweep in Nottingham (for the second year in a row) with Katie and Jacob Fearnley, Jack winning his first title on grass, Emma scoring her first

ever Top 10 victory at Eastbourne and reaching the last 16 at Wimbledon, and finally Henry capping the season off winning the men's doubles at The Championships in one of the most dramatic finals ever, saving three match points on the way to lifting the trophy.

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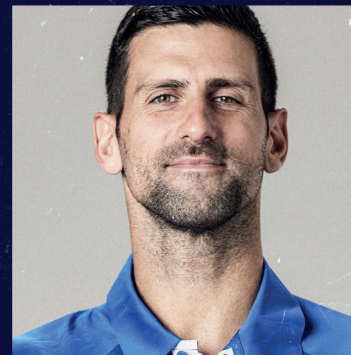
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The Lexus Eastbourne Open and the HSBC Championships will see ELC Live introduced for the first time. For consistency, the system will be used for both ATP and WTA events taking place at these venues.

What is Electronic Line Calling Live?

ELC Live covers all court lines for 'out' calls throughout matches and delivers comprehensive player and ball tracking, leading to an unprecedented level of data for player-performance analysis. Players can still 'challenge' calls if they wish, these challenges will be reviewed through a video referral and assessed by the Chair Umpire.

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Lets will be called by the Chair Umpire using an automated sensory system.

Who will be the voice behind the calls?

LTA Tennis Foundation stakeholders have been given the opportunity to lend their voice to the ELC Audio. Other voices you may hear calling the shots

include LTA Advantage competition winners, as well as representatives from title sponsor, HSBC.

How are Line Umpire roles changing?

2025 has seen the Match Assistant role introduced. Match Assistants are there to support the Chair Umpire by measuring the net, overseeing ball changes, and escorting players for toilet breaks or change of attire breaks.

The LTA Officials taking on the role of Match Assistant are trained Line Umpires and work as on-court officials at other events throughout the year. If the ELC Live system fails, Match Assistants step in as the Line Umpires to call the lines so play can resume.

"Line Umpires are still vital and valued members of the LTA Official workforce"

MATTHEW MORRISSEY
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Line Umpires can still be seen calling the lines at the LTA Pro-Series and Challenger events as well as the Lexus Birmingham Open, Lexus Nottingham Open and Lexus Ilkley Open taking place this summer.


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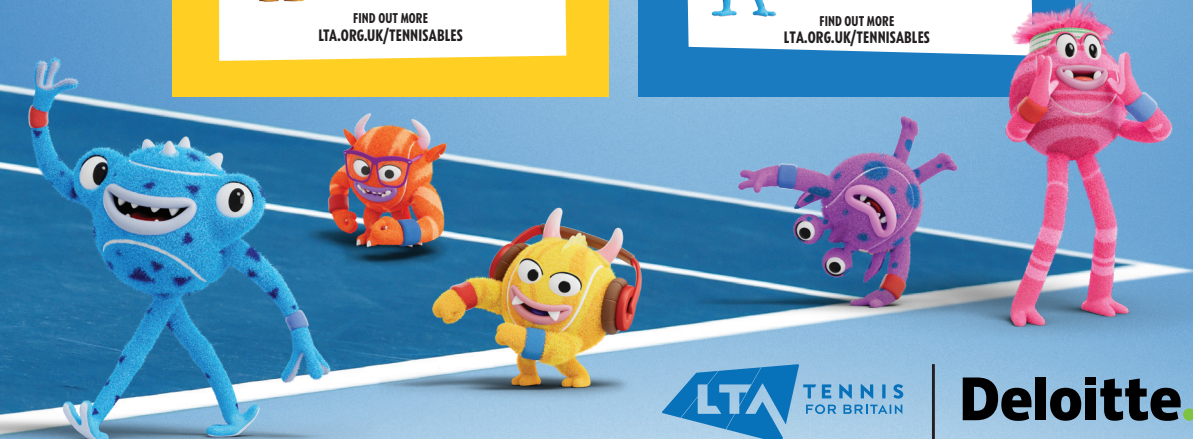
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LTA YOUTH SCHOOLS CELEBRATES 28,000 TEACHERS TRAINED

THE LTA'S FREE PROGRAMME FOR TENNIS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, LTA YOUTH SCHOOLS, HAS REACHED A MAJOR MILESTONE IN ITS GOAL TO BOOST TENNIS PARTICIPATION IN BRITISH SCHOOLS, WITH OVER 28,000 TEACHERS NOW HAVING COMPLETED THE PROGRAMME'S TRAINING COURSE.

LTA Youth Schools is part of LTA Youth, the LTA's overarching junior programme, created to help many more children enjoy the benefits of playing and staying in tennis. LTA Youth Schools has been designed by teachers specifically for schools to support the curriculum and wider school outcomes, bringing together inclusive physical education (PE) lesson plans, personal development resources, and competition opportunities for schools that take part, all to help more children get and stay active through tennis.

Key to the programme getting more children engaged in tennis is giving teachers the confidence to deliver PE in school. Recent research from the Youth Sport Trust found that only 56 per cent of primary school teachers felt confident teaching PE, and according to Teacher Tapp, almost half of teachers feel they lack sufficient training to teach subjects



outside of their areas of expertise, such as PE.

A comprehensive training programme

The impact of the LTA Youth Schools programme is already evident. With over half of all schools in Britain

signed up and more than 28,000 teachers having completed the free training course, the initiative is making a tangible difference.

For teachers, lesson plans for pupils throughout Key Stages 1 to 5 are detailed and written as progressive



schemes of work. For teachers of Key Stage 3 and above, LTA Youth Schools also provides a suite of drills and activities to help teachers and coaches assess tennis as part of the GCSE PE practical assessment, with supporting film clips showing students of different levels performing the drills. All teachers who register with the programme can take part in free in-person or online CPD, to help boost their confidence delivering high-quality PE lessons.

The LTA's impact survey revealed overwhelmingly positive feedback from teachers who have completed the course, with 99 per cent of teachers believing their teaching has improved or will improve as a result of the training. Additionally, 90 per cent of teachers believe that tennis boosts pupils' confidence, 79 per cent see it enhancing

pupil aspirations, and 63 per cent recognise its impact on academic achievement.

British women's wheelchair number one and three-time Paralympic medallist Lucy Shuker praised the programme, highlighting its role in making tennis accessible to children of all ages and abilities:

"The work of the LTA Youth Schools programme to improve teachers' tennis delivery in schools is making a real impact. It's brilliant that kids of all ages, disabled and non-disabled, and from all over the country are getting the chance to try tennis where they might not have been able to before through their PE lessons. Hopefully, even more teachers can sign up and give even more kids the chance to give tennis a go."

Beyond the training itself, the LTA offers several

"Our school has taken part in the LTA Youth Schools Programme for a number of years. Some of our teachers have completed the teachers' tennis course and have found it very useful in increasing their confidence when delivering tennis. Our children thoroughly enjoy taking part in the LTA inter-school tennis competitions and tennis now features as part of our school PE curriculum, with every year group having a terms worth of lessons."

**BOURNE PRIMARY
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unique benefits to teachers who complete the course. These include a £250 voucher for their school to spend on tennis equipment or 10 hours of team teaching with an LTA Accredited Coach, thanks to the LTA Tennis Foundation. Primary schools also receive resource packs including activity books and pupil rewards.

The need for professional development in teaching is pressing. In 2024, only 56 per cent of teachers participated in training provided by external organisations, according to a Department for Education report. Initiatives like LTA Youth Schools are crucial in addressing this gap, aligning with the LTA's aim to inspire a new generation of players while enhancing teachers' skills and confidence in the classroom.



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RAIN DELAY? CHANGE OF ENDS? SIMON RUNNING LATE AGAIN? KEEP YOURSELF ENTERTAINED WITH SOME TENNIS THEMED BRAIN TEASERS!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find all seven differences between the two photos below?



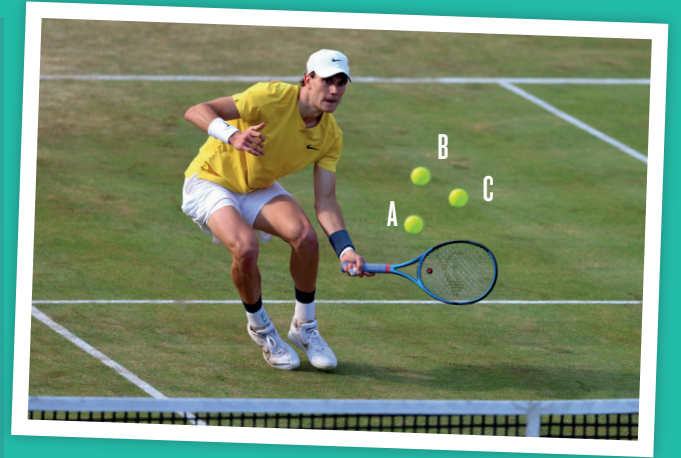
QUICK QUIZ

- How tall is Jack Draper in tennis balls?
a) 18 b) 28 c) 38
- THIRD EAR ART is an anagram of which British tennis player?
- Across the LTA Grass Court Season how many fully electric Lexus vehicles are being used? a) 5 b) 15 c) 35
- Which popular tennis brand is also the name of a hard cheese made in Scotland?
- BLUE KITE ROTA is an anagram of which British tennis player?
- Through working with BRITA, approximately how many single-use bottles were saved across last year's events?
a) 75,000 b) 100,000 c) 220,000
- What word links: chopper, continental and western?
- How many years can a tennis ball take to degrade in landfill?
a) 5 b) 175 c) 300
- PAY RENT THEN is an anagram of which British tennis player?
- Can you name all six Tennisables?

WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the words listed in the word search below?

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| Slice | Dash |
| Volley | Racket |
| Energy | Water |
| Recycle | Green |
| Bounce | Forehand |
| Backhand | Ball |
| Ace | Save |
| Court | Deuce |
| Smash | Reuse |
| Love | Solar |



HOT SHOT

Which ball is British No.1 Jack Draper volleying? A, B or C?

A O C A S O L A R E B S U N
Y R O E L E F O R E H A N D
B B U W A T E R O V S R E S
A A R E U S E E E E C R M
L C T E K C A R S C C O G A
L K Y C E V O L Y A O L R S
E H E S E R S C L C Y O E H
L A L L C E L H H E Y N E E
U N L I U E B S B G H D N E
S D O C S R A E R E L E H A
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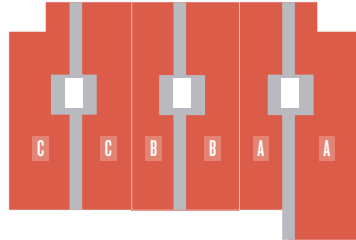
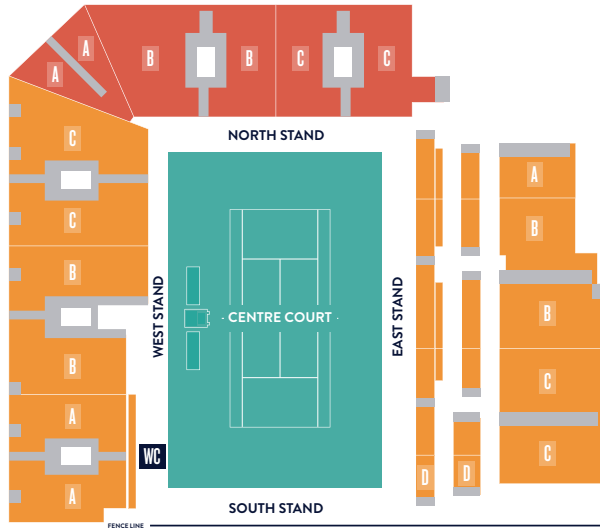
WORD SEARCH

- Smash and Spin.
Ace, Bounce, Dash, Slice,
300, 9. Henry Patten, 10.
6, 220,000, 7. Grip, 8.
Dunlop, 5. Katie Boulter,
(40 hybrid vehicles), 4.
Dart, 3. 35 fully electric
tennis balls, 2. Harriet
marking, 1. 28
swapped, blue triangle
small Tennisable balls
different Dunlop rackets,
on restring rackets,
units, no plastic wrapping
Dyuce ball recycling,
reusable BRITA bottle,
DIFFERENCE Banana,
SPOT THE

ANSWERS

CENTRE COURT

- Restricted movement, you can only move at a change of ends or set breaks
- Limited movement, you can only move after each game (including after the first game of a set and before a tie break)



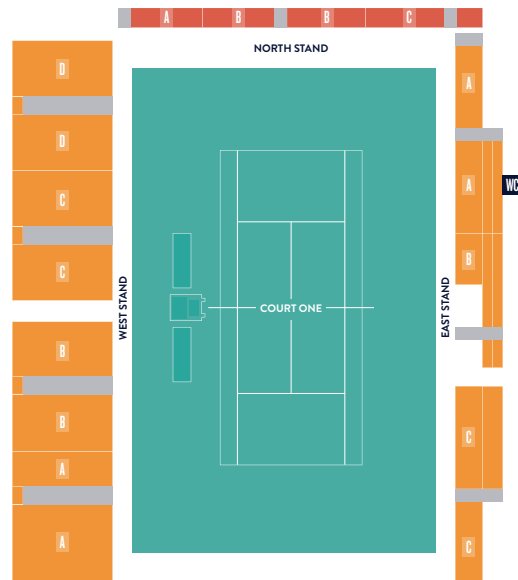
COURT ONE

LEXUS
EASTBOURNE
- OPEN -

ATP 250

WTA 250

LTA TENNIS
FOR BRITAIN



FAN MOVEMENT

New for 2025 – the ATP and WTA are introducing a new approach to Free Fan Movement across all their tour events around the world. Along with all other events the LTA’s Grass Court events need to follow these tour rules – so here is what you need to know:

Free Fan Movement gives you the freedom to enjoy the tennis with greater access in and out of certain areas of the stands while matches are being played.

Depending on where you’re sat, you will have either Restricted, Limited or Free movement during matches to enter and leave the stadium.

These regulations are subject to change depending on live feedback from players throughout the tournament, therefore please listen to the Stewards and follow their directions.

Every seat will have a coloured sticker on to help you identify which zone you’re in. There

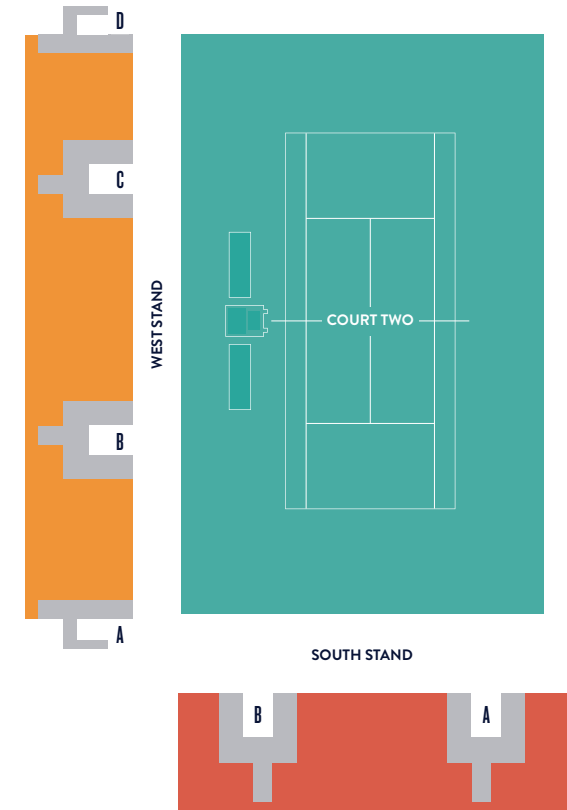
will also be signs and further information around the grounds on the day to explain what this means and when you can move in and out of the stadium.

In all cases please be respectful to the players and those seated around you.

If you’re unsure of what area you are in, or what the rules are, you can also ask any of our event Stewards and Volunteers, who will be on hand to help you.

COURT TWO

- Restricted movement, you can only move at a change of ends or set breaks
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LEXUS
EASTBOURNE
- OPEN -

ATP 250

WTA 250



- 1 SKY LOUNGE HOSPITALITY
- 2 LOVE FIFTEEN HOSPITALITY
- 3 ORDER OF PLAY & RESULTS BOARD
- 4 ACCREDITATION
- 5 TRADE STANDS
- 6 PROGRAMME SALES
- 7 QUIET ROOM
- 8 LEXUS TENNIS SERVE CHALLENGE

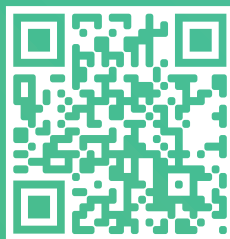
- FIRST AID
- PUBLIC TOILETS
- INFORMATION POINT
- LOST PROPERTY
- PUBLIC CATERING
- WATER REFILL STATION
- BIG SCREEN
- TICKET SUPPORT
- SPECTATOR ROUTE
- ROAD CLOSED





WTA

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