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WELCOME



On behalf of the LTA, I'm delighted to welcome you to Devonshire Park for the Lexus Eastbourne Open. Once again, we are looking forward to world class women's and men's tennis in front of the excellent crowd here at Eastbourne.

At the LTA our vision is 'tennis opened up', and this year for the first time we have introduced a new Community Day on Sunday 28th June, following the conclusion of the tournament. This will give anyone a chance to play on the famous Devonshire Park grass courts. There will be a variety of sessions led by LTA qualified coaches for children and adults, along with friendly competitions, fun challenges and match play across the day. Open to everyone from complete beginners to those who have played before, the day is designed for the whole family. There will be a whole range of activities on the day including wheelchair tennis and deaf awareness sessions demonstrating the inclusivity of our sport. Tickets are free and you can find more information on the LTA website.

Finally, I would like to thank Lexus and all our commercial partners for their support for this week's event, and of course a big thank you to the players, officials, tournament staff, and volunteers all of whom make the event possible.

I hope you enjoy your visit.

SCOTT LLOYD | CHIEF EXECUTIVE | LTA



It is with huge excitement that I welcome you to the Lexus Eastbourne Open, an event which forms part of the LTA Grass Court Season and our second summer as title partner of the Lexus Open events at Birmingham, Ilkley, Nottingham, Eastbourne, and Roehampton.

Following a fantastic debut season, which saw over 96,000 fans attend the Lexus title events last summer, we are proud to return to these iconic venues and build on the incredible support shown for British tennis.

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.

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WELCOME

DEAR TENNIS FANS,

On behalf of the WTA Tour Driven by Mercedes-Benz, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Lexus Eastbourne Open.

As the global leader in women's sport, the WTA is home to an incredible array of players, athletes and icons, many of whom you will see stepping onto the stage here in Eastbourne as the WTA continues to Rally The World.

Each match represents countless hours of training and preparation, and your support from the stands brings the energy that inspires every player to showcase their very best.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the partners, sponsors, staff and volunteers who continually raise the bar in our

collective mission of championing women's sport. The dedicated WTA and tournament team at the Lexus Eastbourne Open take great pride in delivering an unforgettable experience for players and fans alike.

2025 proved to be a record-breaking year for the Tour, with over 4 million fans attending WTA events across the season in addition to WTA players earning an unprecedented \$249 million in prize money. 2026 is proving to be even bigger and better with world-class performances on and off the court, especially with our new Premier Partner Mercedes-Benz by our side.

As we near the halfway point in the year, the Lexus Eastbourne Open provides the perfect opportunity for players to secure

vital points to secure their spot at the worldclass culmination of the season - the WTA Finals. Our spectacular year-end finale takes place in November which in 2025 awarded the largest prize money pay out in the history of women's sport.

Thank you, our loyal fans, for being with us and supporting our Tour, your presence makes every tournament truly special and we wish you a memorable experience filled with inspiring performances, incredible energy and unforgettable memories.

Welcome to the 2026 WTA Tour.

All the best,

THE WTA FAMILY

WTA

DEAR TENNIS FANS,

Welcome to the 2026 Lexus Eastbourne Open.

Held for over 50 years, Eastbourne is a historic stop on the ATP Tour calendar, part of an action-packed season spanning over 60 tournaments across the globe. With the grass court season in full swing, this event brings together some of the Tour's biggest stars for a week of world-class competition, with 250 PIF ATP Rankings points on the line for the champion.

Our gratitude to Rebecca James and the entire tournament team for their commitment and dedication to hosting this event. We know how much the players love competing here on these iconic grass courts.

Finally, thank you to you, our fans, for making this tournament so special. Your passion for the game creates an incredible atmosphere and inspires us to keep driving the game forward.

We wish you an unforgettable week.



Best wishes,

ANDREA GAUDENZI
ATP CHAIRMAN



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WELCOME

DEAR TENNIS FANS,

On behalf of the ITF, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to what is part of an extra special summer for international wheelchair tennis, as the sport celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

This is the third successive year that men's, women's and quad draws have all featured at the Lexus Eastbourne Open as part of the recent enhanced opportunities for wheelchair tennis and wheelchair tennis players during the grass court season. New for this year is the tournament's inclusion among the roster of Premier Tier events launched by the ITF for 2026.

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.

None of these tournaments would be possible without the hard work and support of their dedicated organisational teams, sponsors and volunteers and I would like to thank them all for their commitment to the continued development of wheelchair tennis and its place within the wider tennis family.

Aside from the on-court action involving many of the world's



current leading players, I am delighted that this year's Lexus Eastbourne Open will also host the latest induction ceremony for the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Hall of Champions and I congratulate all of the Players and Contributors who are being inducted.

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

DAVID HAGGERTY
ITF PRESIDENT

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

We are immensely proud to host this spectacular week of tennis. Our thanks go to the LTA and all those involved in the staging of this prestigious event.

Whether you are here for thrilling rallies or an uplifting seaside break – Eastbourne is ready to create a memorable stay.

From modern British art at Towner, acclaimed performances in our outstanding theatres, top acts at the UK's busiest Bandstand, to panoramic views from the giant

observation wheel, there is so much to see and do around the town.

During your visit, please do sample the sensational cafés, bars and restaurants at Victoria Place. This newly pedestrianised quarter near the seafront has over the last year, undergone a multi-million pound transformation into a vibrant retail and dining destination for all to enjoy.

You'll also find a thriving retail hub in the town centre, bursting with independent shops and galleries together with a major shopping centre and a bustling street market three times a week – all packed with brilliant gift ideas from local creatives.



I hope that your time here is filled with unforgettable moments, both on and off the court, while you soak up the atmosphere and enjoy some world-class art, culture and tennis.

ROB COTTRILL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE |
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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



JASMINE PAOLINI

AGE: 30
COUNTRY: ITALY

A finalist at the French Open and Wimbledon in 2024, this engaging performer has won three WTA Tour titles, including a memorable win at the WTA 1000 tournament in front of her home fans in Italy last year.

Paolini reached the semi-finals here at Eastbourne two years ago and this will be her third appearance at Devonshire Park.

She has also been prolific on the doubles court, winning an Olympic gold medal in 2024 and last year's French Open title with partner Sara Errani.



MADISON KEYS

AGE: 31
COUNTRY: USA

Keys enjoyed the best moment of her career when she won her first Grand Slam title at the 2025 Australian Open.

Now she will be looking to add more trophies to her collection as she returns to a venue where she has happy memories, after winning the title at Devonshire Park in 2014 and 2023.

Keys also won the LTA's tournament in Birmingham ten years ago and she will be looking to find her best form on grass ahead of The Championships, Wimbledon.



JAQUELINE CRISTIAN

AGE: 28
COUNTRY: ROMANIA

Cristian is enjoying the best year of her career so far, as she has achieved her highest career ranking and recorded some impressive wins.

She was a quarter-finalist at the Adelaide International in January and reached the semi-finals at the tournament in Strasbourg last month before losing to Victoria Mboko.

A prolific winner on the ITF World Tennis Tour, this clay court specialist is striving to win her first WTA Tour title this week.



JELENA OSTAPENKO

AGE: 29
COUNTRY: LATVIA

The 2017 French Open champion shows no fear when she takes on the best in the women's game, with her winning record against reigning Wimbledon champion Iga Swiatek highlighting her threat.

Ostapenko's best run at Wimbledon came with an appearance in the semi-final in 2018. She has lifted titles on grass, winning at both Eastbourne in 2021, and Birmingham in 2023.

She has won nine WTA titles and plays a dynamic brand of tennis that can test the best in the game.



MCCARTNEY KESSLER

AGE: 26
COUNTRY: USA

The 2025 Lexus Nottingham Open champion will be making her debut here at Devonshire Park.

A win against Beatriz Haddad Maia started her run to success in Nottingham last June, she then went on to beat two-time champion Katie Boulter in the final.

This win gave Kessler her third WTA Tour title and helped her rise to a career high ranking of No.30 by the end of June last year.



KAROLINA PLISKOVA

AGE: 34
COUNTRY: CZECHIA

A former world No.1 who has reached the final at the US Open in 2016 and at Wimbledon in 2021.

Her classy performances on grass courts have rewarded her with two titles at the LTA tournament in Eastbourne (2017 and 2019) and she also has a win on her record from the Nottingham Open in 2016.

She also played a central role in three Billie Jean King Cup wins for Czechia and has played in the WTA Finals on three occasions.

PLAYER PROFILES

WOMEN



ELISABETTA COCCIARETTO

AGE: 25
COUNTRY: ITALY

Italian tennis is booming and Cocciaretto has emerged as one of the leading lights in their golden era.

She opened 2026 in impressive fashion with a second WTA Tour title in Hobart, beating America's Iva Jovic in the final.

Her run to the quarter-finals of the WTA 1000 tournament in Qatar was another highlight for this versatile player.



SARA BEJLEK

AGE: 20
COUNTRY: CZECHIA

This has been a breakthrough year for Bejlek, with her first WTA title arriving at the WTA 500 event in Abu Dhabi.

She won the French Open doubles title with partner Lucie Havlickova in 2022 and standing at 5'3", she shows great court awareness to compete against opponents who often have a physical advantage.

Her childhood idol was Rafael Nadal and she is also a big admirer of compatriot Petra Kvitova.



BARBORA KREJČIKOVA

AGE: 30
COUNTRY: CZECHIA

Wimbledon champion two years ago, Krejčíková confirmed in that run at the All England Club that her brand of tennis can thrive on grass courts.

She also won the French Open title in 2021 and has won eight WTA Tour titles, including the WTA 1000 event in Dubai in 2023.

Krejčíková was also a finalist at the LTA's tournament in Birmingham in 2023, losing out to Jelena Ostapenko in the final.



JANICE TJEN

AGE: 24
COUNTRY: INDONESIA

Tjen is enjoying the best year of her career and has taken strides forward in the WTA rankings after some impressive performances on the WTA Tour.

She reached the last 16 in Dubai in February and beat 2021 US Open finalist Leylah Fernandez during that run.

The best moment of her career so far came as she won her first senior title in Chennai last October, becoming the first Indonesian woman in 23 years to win a WTA singles title. Tjen won the Lexus Birmingham Open doubles title earlier this month with partner Talia Gibson.



TATJANA MARIA

AGE: 38
COUNTRY: GERMANY

A grass court specialist who confirmed she can still compete with the very best in the women's game when she won the biggest title of her career at the LTA's HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club last June.

Maria's inventive game is made for grass courts, with her run to the semi-finals at Wimbledon in 2022 highlighting her qualities, while she won the first of her WTA Tour titles on this surface in Mallorca in 2018.



MARIA SAKKARI

AGE: 30
COUNTRY: GREECE

A semi-finalist at the French Open in 2021 and the US Open in the same year, when she was beaten by Britain's Emma Raducanu as she marched to the title in New York.

Sakkari reached a career high ranking of No.3 in March 2022 and has won two WTA Tour titles, with the most recent coming three years ago at the WTA 1000 Guadalajara Open.

She lists her tennis idols as Serena Williams, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer.

PLAYER PROFILES

MEN



TAYLOR FRITZ

AGE: 28
COUNTRY: USA

Fritz will relish the chance to return to a venue that has given him some of his best moments on a tennis court, with his four title wins at Devonshire Park making this the most successful tournament in his career.

A Wimbledon semi-finalist last year, he has also made it through to five additional Grand Slam quarter-finals and achieved a career-high ranking of No.4 in the world.

His powerful serve and dynamic attacking play are perfectly suited to grass courts and he will be keen to find his winning form once again in Eastbourne.



JOAO FONSECA

AGE: 19
COUNTRY: BRAZIL

One of the rising stars of the men's game has taken some big steps forward in 2026, with his appearance in the quarter-finals at Roland-Garros earlier this month his best performance in a Grand Slam tournament.

His win against Novak Djokovic during that run in Paris was a moment to savour and now this charismatic player will be keen to confirm he can convert his skills to grass courts.

Fonseca reached the third round at Wimbledon last year and will be a man to watch if he finds his best form.



TOMAS MACHAC

AGE: 25
COUNTRY: CZECHIA

Machac has won two titles on the ATP Tour, with the most recent coming at the start of this year as he won the tournament in Adelaide.

His best runs at a Grand Slam came at the US Open, as he reached the last-16 for the last two years, and he broke into the top 20 of the ATP rankings for the first time in March 2025.

He was also an Olympic gold medallist at the 2024 Paris Games, winning the Mixed Doubles with partner Katerina Siniakova on the clay at Roland-Garros.



GABRIEL DIALLO

AGE: 24
COUNTRY: CANADA

Diallo enjoyed the best moment of his career so far on a grass court, as he won his first ATP Tour title at the Rosmalen Championships last year with a win against Zizou Bergs in the final.

He was a quarter-finalist at the ATP 1000 Madrid Open last year and he also has a Davis Cup win on his record after playing a role in Canada's win in 2022.

His mother is from Ukraine and his father is from Guinea, with his path into tennis aided by a spell playing for the University of Kentucky in the American college system.



ALEXANDER BLOCKX

AGE: 21
COUNTRY: BELGIUM

Blockx has been one of the fastest-rising players in the ATP rankings this year after starting 2026 outside of the top 100.

An impressive run to the semi-finals of the Madrid Open fired him up the rankings, with wins against Felix Auger-Aliassime and Casper Ruud part of that run in the Spanish capital.

His father, Oleg, was a track athlete, while his mother, Natalia, was a professional swimmer.



JAUME MUNAR

AGE: 29
COUNTRY: SPAIN

Munar beat Carlos Alcaraz as he reached his first ATP Tour final in Mallorca in 2021 and he has also shown some good form on grass, reaching the third round at Wimbledon last year.

His best run at a Grand Slam came with an appearance in the last-16 of the US Open last year and he played in last year's Davis Cup final, as Spain lost to Italy.

A fan of Spanish soccer giants Barcelona, his hobbies include listening to music and watching movies, and his favourite surface is clay.

PLAYER PROFILES

MEN



VALENTIN VACHEROT

AGE: 27
COUNTRY: MONACO

A player who has served up one of the great success stories in tennis over the last year will now try to continue his progress on grass courts.

Vacherot became the first player from Monaco to win at ATP 1000 tournament when he produced a remarkable run that included a win against Novak Djokovic in the semi-finals and his cousin Arthur Rinderknech in the final.

He has maintained his momentum to break into the world top 20 in 2026.



FRANCISCO CERUNDOLO

AGE: 27
COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

While Cerundolo is at home on a clay court, he confirmed his skills are transferable to grass when he won the LTA's tournament at Eastbourne in 2023, beating Tommy Paul in the final.

His fourth ATP Tour title earlier this year was a special moment for Cerundolo, as it came in front of his home fans at the Argentina Open.

This former champion will be keen to find the form on grass that took him to the title three years ago.



ARTHUR RINDERKNECH

AGE: 30
COUNTRY: FRANCE

Rinderknech has enjoyed the best year of his career, with his run to the final of the Shanghai Masters last October.

He has continued to build momentum after that impressive run in China and is on course to be seeded for The Championships, Wimbledon at the end of this month.

This powerful Frenchman beat Ben Shelton on his way to the quarter-finals at The Queen's Club last year before losing against Carlos Alcaraz.



RAFAEL JODAR

AGE: 19
COUNTRY: SPAIN

One of the most talked about players in men's tennis ended 2025 at No.168 in the ATP rankings and he then won his first ATP Tour title in Marrakech in February.

Jodar then reached the semi-finals at the Barcelona Open and the quarter-finals at the Madrid Masters, where he was beaten by eventual champion Jannik Sinner.

Now he gets his chance to test his skills on a grass court, having grown up idolising Rafael Nadal.



UGO HUMBERT

AGE: 27
COUNTRY: FRANCE

Humbert has won seven ATP Tour titles and one of those came on grass in 2021, as he lifted the title in Halle with a win against Andrey Rublev in the final.

A semi-finalist at the Rotterdam Open earlier this year, Humbert is returning to Devonshire Park for a third appearance.

He reached the last-16 at Wimbledon in 2019 and 2024 and was also a semi-finalist here at the Lexus Eastbourne Open last year, his run came to end after he lost a three-set thriller against Jenson Brooksby.



BRANDON NAKASHIMA

AGE: 25
COUNTRY: USA

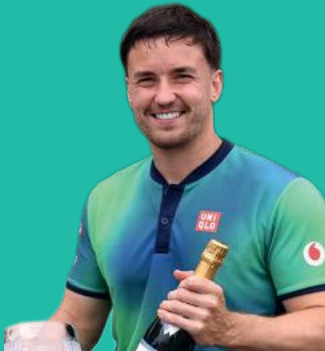
Nakashima was a finalist at the Brisbane ATP 250 event earlier this year, losing out to Daniil Medvedev.

He won the ATP Next Gen finals in 2022, highlighting his potential as one of the rising stars of the men's game and backed that up by lifting his first ATP Tour title in San Diego in 2022.

His tennis idol when he was growing up was Roger Federer, although he says he plays more like 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic.

PLAYER PROFILES

WHEELCHAIR MEN



GORDON REID

AGE: 34
COUNTRY:
GREAT BRITAIN

Former Paralympic, Australian Open and Wimbledon men's singles champion (all in 2016).

24-time Grand Slam doubles champion with fellow Brit Alfie Hewett. They have won three of the four Grand Slam men's doubles titles together at least six times each.

Former year-end world No.1 in both men's singles and doubles, Reid claimed his 50th career doubles title alongside Hewett when winning the Eastbourne title in 2024, 100th career doubles title at the 2024 Wimbledon Championships and his 30th Grand Slam title after their seventh doubles title at this year's Frech Open.



RUBEN SPAARGAREN

AGE: 27
COUNTRY:
NETHERLANDS

Reigning Lexus Eastbourne Open men's wheelchair singles champion after beating top seed Gustavo Fernandez in last year's final for his first grass court singles title.

2023 men's singles gold medallist in wheelchair tennis at the inaugural European Para Championships in Rotterdam.

One half of the reigning Wimbledon men's doubles champions after partnering Spain's Martin de la Puente to beat Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid in last year's final at The Championships.



TAKUYA MIKI

AGE: 37
COUNTRY: JAPAN

Men's doubles finalist in all four majors in 2024, partnering fellow Japanese player Tokito Oda, and Wimbledon men's doubles finalist in 2023.

Paralympic men's doubles silver medallist at Paris 2024 with Tokito Oda.

Winner of 40 career singles titles and 38 career doubles titles.

Miki reached the quarter-finals of Roland-Garros, losing to Spain's Martin De la Puente in a third set tie-break.



CASEY RATZLAFF

AGE: 27
COUNTRY: USA

USA men's No.1 wheelchair player with a career-best men's singles world ranking of No.7 achieved at the end of July 2025.

Two-time Paralympian who made his Grand Slam debut at the 2020 US Open.

Winner of 20 singles titles and 30 doubles titles across his junior and senior careers and a former winner of the Junior World Team Cup with Team USA.



TOM EGBERINK

AGE: 33
COUNTRY:
NETHERLANDS

Egberink's only Grand Slam title to date came on grass at The Championships, Wimbledon in 2012, when he partnered Frenchman Michael Jeremiasz to win the men's doubles title.

Reigning Lexus Eastbourne Open men's doubles champion after partnering Dani Caverzaschi to win last year's title.

Egberink was men's singles silver medallist and doubles bronze medallist at the Tokyo Paralympics.



ZHENXU JI

AGE: 26
COUNTRY: CHINA

China's highest ranked men's singles player ever in wheelchair tennis with a recent career-best ranking singles ranking of world No.9 after the French Open earlier this month.

Recently completed the full set of Grand Slam participations after making his debut at the French Open earlier this month.

Reached the men's singles quarter-finals on his debut at The Championships, Wimbledon in 2025 before bowing out to Alfie Hewett.

PLAYER PROFILES

WHEELCHAIR WOMEN



XIAOHUI LI

AGE: 26
COUNTRY: CHINA

The first Chinese player to win a wheelchair tennis WC1000 singles title when she beat world No.1 Yui Kamiji in the finals of the Melbourne Open and the Japan Open in 2025.

China's highest ranked women's wheelchair singles player to date after reaching world No.2 in November 2025 and the first Chinese wheelchair player to earn a world No.1 ranking after topping the women's doubles rankings in November 2025.

Joined her countrywoman Wang Ziying as a Grand Slam singles champion in January this year after winning the Australian Open title.

DIEDE DE GROOT

AGE: 29
COUNTRY: NETHERLANDS

Winner of 24 Grand Slam singles titles and 19 Grand Slam doubles titles, and winner of the Golden Slam in 2021, after claiming all four Grand Slam singles titles and the Tokyo 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, she won her first Grand Slam singles title for nearly two years recently at the French Open.

ZIYING WANG

AGE: 27
COUNTRY: CHINA

Made history at the 2025 Wimbledon Championships as the first Chinese player to win a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title.

Prior to her maiden Grand Slam singles title at Wimbledon in 2025, Wang and her countrywoman Li Xiaohui had already made history at the 2025 Australian Open, where they became the first Chinese players to win a Grand Slam wheelchair title.

Wang and Guo Luoyao became China's first Paralympic medallists in wheelchair tennis when they won the women's doubles bronze medal at Paris 2024.

LIZZY DE GREEF

AGE: 22
COUNTRY: CHINA

Three-time Georgia Open and reigning Internazionali d'Italia women's singles champion.

Recent WC1000 Barcelona Open women's singles finalist and reached her first Grand Slam final in women's doubles at this year's French Open.

Former world Junior No.1, two-time Junior Masters girls' singles champions and two-time ITF Wheelchair Tennis Junior Girl of the Year Award Winner.

ZHENZHEN ZHU

AGE: 37
COUNTRY: CHINA

The second Chinese wheelchair tennis player to earn a world No.1 ranking after she went to the top of the women's doubles rankings in January this year, prior to the 2026 Australian Open.

The first Chinese wheelchair tennis player to earn a Doubles Masters title after partnering Japan's Yui Kamiji to victory at the 2025 year-end championships in China.

The only one of China's current top 10-ranked women's wheelchair players to have won two World Team Cup women's titles while representing their country, having been part of the victorious teams selected in 2017 and 2024.

KSENIA CHASTEAU

AGE: 20
COUNTRY: FRANCE

Recently became the first French female wheelchair tennis player to reach a French Open women's singles final when she finished runner-up to Diede de Groot at Roland-Garros.

2025 Wimbledon women's doubles finalist alongside last year's Lexus Eastbourne Open women's singles champion Angelica Bernal of Colombia.

Winner of the French Open girls' singles Junior Grand Slam title in 2024 before going on to reach the women's singles final this year.

PLAYER PROFILES

QUADS



SAM SCHRODER

AGE: 26
COUNTRY:
NETHERLANDS

A seven-time Grand Slam singles champion, including four of the last five 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. Currently a three-time French Open, US Open and Wimbledon doubles champion and two-time Australian Open doubles champion.

Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 quad doubles champion, Tokyo and Paris singles silver medallist.



ANDY LAPTHORNE

AGE: 35
COUNTRY:
GREAT BRITAIN

An 18-time Grand Slam champion, including two-time US Open quad singles champion.

Winner of 16 Grand Slam doubles titles with four different partners, including eight Australian Open, two French Open, two Wimbledon and four US Open titles.

2023 and 2025 Eastbourne quad singles champion and reigning quad doubles champion; four-time Paralympic medallist (three silver, one bronze).



JIN WOODMAN

AGE: 17
COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

At the age of 16, Woodman is currently the world No.1 junior player in the boys' rankings and has had a career-best world No.4 quad singles senior ranking since March.

Named ITF Wheelchair Junior Boys' Player of the Year for 2025 and the reigning Seoul Korea Open WC500 quad singles champion.

Reigning Seoul Korea Open, Daegu Open and Georgia Open quad doubles champion and reached his first Grand Slam quad doubles final earlier this month at the French Open.



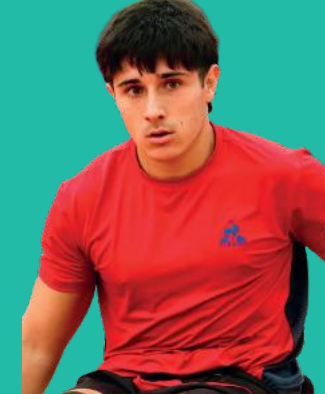
AHMET KAPLAN

AGE: 24
COUNTRY: TÜRKIYE

2025 Lexus Eastbourne Open quad singles finalist and runner-up to Andy Lapthorne.

Reached his first Grand Slam quad singles final earlier this month at the French Open, finishing runner-up to Niels Vink, having also reached his first Grand Slam quad doubles final at the 2025 French Open.

Reigning Daegu Open quad singles champion at, at Paris 2024, became the first Turkish player to reach a Paralympic wheelchair tennis semi-final.



GONZALO LAZARTE

AGE: 20
COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

Argentina's highest ever ranked wheelchair player in the sport's quad classification, with a career high quad singles ranking of world No.6.

Reigning Belgian Open and Swiss Open quad singles champion, and reigning Youth Parapan American Games champion.

Making his tournament debut on grass this week, having won four singles titles and five doubles titles in 2025, in his first full season out of junior competition.



GREG SLADE

AGE: 23
COUNTRY:
GREAT BRITAIN

British No.2 quad singles player behind Andy Lapthorne with a career-best world singles ranking of No.7 achieved in July 2025 after reaching the Wimbledon semis.

Winner of eight career singles titles and 19 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 to Andy Lapthorne in Eastbourne in 2023 and reigning doubles champion with Lapthorne.

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TAYLOR'S TURF

TAYLOR FRITZ HAS A VERY SPECIAL AFFINITY WITH THE LEXUS EASTBOURNE OPEN, WITH HIS FOURTH TITLE AT DEVONSHIRE PARK LAST YEAR HIGHLIGHTING HIS QUALITIES ONCE AGAIN.

Fritz defeated fellow American Jenson Brooksby 7-5, 6-1 in an hour and 28 minutes to extend his record for the most men's singles titles won at Eastbourne, with his success providing him with a springboard to achieve his best run at Wimbledon as he reached the semi-finals.

"There's something about Eastbourne – I just love it," said Fritz. "Every year I come here and it's just such a good week. Everything feels good."

"All the other years, I felt like I was very fortunate not to have to play in the wind, which is pretty crazy for how often it is windy here."

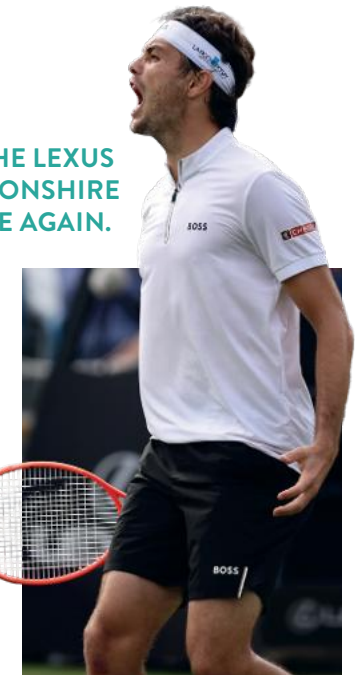
"I fought through a lot of matches, and I just got better and better with each match. Every year, the support I've had at this

tournament is incredible. The energy around the site and how excited everyone is to have the tournament here is great to see."

Fritz's first win in this tournament came in 2019 with a tight win against compatriot Sam Querrey in the final, with American Maxime Cressy his opponent in the 2022 final and Australia's Max Purcell beaten in the 2024 final.

Fritz's next big target will be winning a Grand Slam title, and he admits the challenge of taking on Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz in the biggest events in tennis has been tough over the last couple of years.

"Jannik and Carlos are two incredible players," he said of the new 'Big 2' in men's tennis. "They push me to keep improving and



become a better player to try and compete with them."

"When I played Carlos at the Laver Cup in 2024, he played well and just felt like there was nothing I could do. I had no chance."

"Last year at the Laver Cup and in the finals in Tokyo, I felt like my level was much higher and I feel like I have got a lot closer."

"I feel like the Grand Slam can come at any time. It's just about things aligning for those two weeks. The level is there for me when I play my best tennis. It just needs to fall into place over two weeks."

After a challenging season that has been hampered by some injury issues, Fritz will welcome the chance to return to a court that has given him so many memorable moments.



CELEBRATING 50-YEARS OF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

FROM A RADICAL IDEA TO A GLOBAL SPORT

Wheelchair tennis was created in 1976, by American Brad Parks, as he rehabilitated following a lifechanging skiing accident. Alongside Jeff Minnenbraker, he adapted the sport, showing that with the allowance of two bounces, tennis could be both accessible and fiercely competitive.

What began on public courts in California quickly gathered momentum. The first wheelchair tennis tournament was held in May 1977 in Los Angeles and by the mid-1980s, international tournaments were being staged, the World Team Cup had been launched, and the International Tennis Federation (ITF) had formally recognised wheelchair tennis. Today, wheelchair tennis is fully embedded across the four Grand Slams and the Paralympic Games, with men's, women's and quad events – the sports class designed for players with a



permanent impairment in at least one lower and one upper extremity (e.g. hands or arms) and may include level of trunk function – now contested on the world's biggest stages.

BRITISH SUCCESS ON THE WORLD STAGE

British wheelchair tennis players have played a central role in shaping the sport's competitive and cultural history. In the men's wheelchair game, Jayant Mistry was one of Britain's leading figures during the 1990s and early 2000s, competing at four Paralympic Games and achieving landmark success on the Grand Slam stage. Alongside him, Peter Norfolk as one of the sport's most dominant forces of the late 1990s and early 2000s, helped to raise the profile of quad wheelchair tennis through sustained success at Grand Slams and Paralympic Games, becoming flagbearer at the London 2012 Paralympics.

In recent years, wheelchair tennis has been carried forward by a new generation, most notably Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid, who together and individually, have delivered Grand Slam

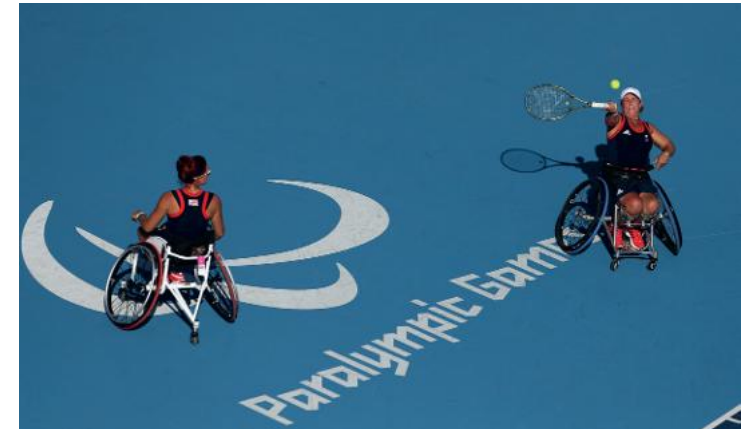
California, Brad Parks, at the sport's 1986 US Open, the forerunner to inclusion in the Grand Slam in 2005. (Photo by Todd Friedman/Popperfoto via Getty Images)

Jayant Mistry celebrates winning the first wheelchair doubles title at The Championships in 2005 - the first British man to triumph at Wimbledon since 1936. (Photo by Phil Cole/Getty Images)



titles, Paralympic medals and world number one rankings, cementing Britain's position as a leading force in wheelchair tennis. In quad wheelchair tennis, Andy Lapthorne has won 17 Grand Slam titles in singles and doubles alongside four paralympic medals.

British female players have remained a consistent presence on the international stage. Lucy Shuker's career stands out as one of the most enduring in the sport's history, spanning five Paralympic Games, becoming flagbearer at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. Jordanne Whiley played a key role alongside Lucy Shuker, securing two bronze



and a silver Paralympic medal in women's doubles. A history maker in her own right, Jordanne was the first British woman to win a singles Paralympic medal and the first Brit player of any tennis format to complete the calendar Grand Slam in doubles.

Great Britain's Peter Norfolk OBE celebrates winning the first of his two successive Paralympic quad singles gold medals in Athens in 2004. (Photo by Phil Cole/Getty Images)

Record-breaking partnership Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid celebrate becoming the first men's wheelchair doubles pairing to complete the career Golden Slam at Paris 2024. (Photo by Daniel Kopatsch/Getty Images)

Doubles bronze medallists Lucy Shuker and Jordanne Whiley made history at London 2012, becoming the first British female tennis players to win a Paralympic medal. (Photo by Julian Finney/Getty Images)

CELEBRATING FIVE DECADES OF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

To mark the 50 year milestone, the LTA is spotlighting wheelchair tennis across its grasscourt season:

Get In and Go wheelchair tennis taster sessions, powered by Lexus, will allow event spectators to try wheelchair tennis using specialist sports wheelchairs, provided by Alfie Hewett.

Induction of British individuals and organisations to the ITF's **Wheelchair Tennis Hall of Champions** will recognise those who have shaped the sport on and off court.

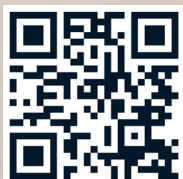
A new **digital exhibition**, curated by the LTA in partnership with Getty Images, will celebrate 50 years with 50 images of wheelchair tennis.



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CHANGING FACES OF GRASS COURT TENNIS

THE TRANSITION FROM CLAY TO GRASS COURTS WAS ONCE THE MOST CHALLENGING IN TENNIS, BUT THE GREAT CHAMPIONS OF THE MODERN ERA ARE GLIDING FROM ONE SURFACE TO THE NEXT WITH IMPRESSIVE EASE.

Carlos Alcaraz's success on the Roland-Garros clay and also at The Queen's Club and Wimbledon in recent years is an example of a player who has mastered both surfaces, while 'Queen of Clay' Iga Swiatek confirmed she can also make her mark on grass courts by winning her first title at the All England Club last summer.

Changing conditions on clay and grass have contributed to a levelling of the playing field, with players who specialise on one surface no longer having a big edge when they move from the red dirt of Paris and onto the lush green lawns of England.

For many years, there were just two weeks between the conclusion of the French Open and the start of Wimbledon, yet that has been extended to three weeks and it has allowed the acclimatisation between the two surfaces to be more manageable.

In addition, the grass surfaces that are providing a stage for the best players in tennis during this English summer respond in a very different manner than the courts that were the norm prior to 2001, when a decision was made to sew all courts with 100 per cent perennial ryegrass.

The move was made to improve durability and strengthen the courts to better withstand the increasing wear of the modern game and it had a big impact on how grass court tennis has been played in the quarter of a century since.

The matches we are seeing on grass courts now are very different to the explosive version of the sport that was a winning formula a couple of decades ago, with the days when big serves had a big advantage over their rivals fading along with the serve and

- Roger Federer
- Serena Williams
- John McEnroe
- Chris Evert

volley tactics that were once the norm on the surface.

Grass court greats Billie Jean King, John McEnroe, Martina Navratilova and Bjorn Borg dominated in the days when net play was more important than power. Then the sport went through a period in the late 1980s and 1990s that saw big servers reduce the number of extended rallies, with Boris Becker, Steffi Graf, Goran Ivanisevic and Pete Sampras thriving in this era.

That was before Roger Federer and Serena Williams set new high bars of excellence on grass courts in this century, with their blend of power and brilliance

creating a new blueprint of how to win on grass.

Statistical analysis of the shift in tactics on grass court tennis highlights the magnitude of the change in approach,



with 60 per cent of all male and female players using serve and volley tactics in the 1997 Championships at Wimbledon. By 2000, that figure had dropped dramatically to just 28 per cent and by 2008, that figure had slipped below 10 per cent.

A glance at Federer's early matches at Wimbledon will confirm that the player who would go on to win a record eight singles titles at the All England Club used serve-volley tactics, with his first final against Australia's Mark Philippoussis in 2003 seeing both players coming to the net behind many of their serves.

Federer came to the net 50 per cent of the time behind his first serve in his first successful run to the Wimbledon title and by 2006, the Swiss maestro was using the tactic on just five per cent of his service points in a year when he beat a youthful Rafael Nadal in the final.

By then, the sport had evolved to a point that a player of Nadal's calibre could move from the clay courts of Paris and onto the grass at Wimbledon and modify his game to ensure he was competitive on both surfaces.

Nadal's first Wimbledon title in 2008 saw him join Australian great Rod Laver and Borg as the only two players to win the 'Channel Slam' by clinching the French Open title and Wimbledon titles in the

HIGHEST WIN PERCENTAGES ON GRASS:

- Margaret Court 92.63%
- Pete Sampras 90%
- Novak Djokovic 88.7%
- Martina Navratilova 88.54%
- Roger Federer 88.24%
- Bjorn Borg 87.5%
- Chris Evert 87.39%
- Serena Williams 86.99%

same year, with that list now also including Federer (2009), Novak Djokovic (2021) and Alcaraz (2024).

In the women's game, Margaret Court (1970), Evonne Goolagong (1971), Billie Jean King (1972), Chris Evert (1974), Navratilova (1982 and 1984), Graf (1988, 1993, 1995 and 1996) and Serena Williams (2002 and 2015) have won the Roland-Garros and Wimbledon title in the same year, with recent history suggesting the adaptation from clay to grass has been more challenging for female players.

Swiatek's Wimbledon win last July was somewhat unexpected, as a player who has excelled on clay courts she struggled to find her feet on grass until she pieced together a run that concluded with a crushing 6-0, 6-0 win against America's Amanda Anisimova in last year's final on the Centre Court at the All England Club.

Improvements in racket technology and the advancements in footwear played a big part in the evolution of the brand of tennis we are used to seeing now, with longer rallies replacing the quick-fire tennis of yesterday on grass courts.

It makes for a more entertaining spectacle for the fans attending this summer's tournaments, with the champions of this era needing to add so many facets to their game to win the biggest prizes.

THE GREAT HEALTH ADVANTAGE: WHY TENNIS IS IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN

As you take your seat today, it is easy to view tennis as a spectator sport. However, beyond the powerful serves and impressive drop shots you see before you, lies a profound truth: tennis is perhaps the most significant investment you can make in your own health.

In fact, tennis is often cited as the healthiest sport in the world, with scientific evidence supporting this claim. It offers a unique combination of physical conditioning and mental health benefits that few other activities can match. Some of the most startling evidence comes from the Copenhagen City Heart Study, which suggests that whilst various sports increase life expectancy tennis players live an average of 9.7 years longer than sedentary individuals— topping other sports by quite a margin, including cycling (3.7 years) and swimming (3.4 years)*.

The physical benefits of the game are rooted in its interval-based nature. Tennis requires short bursts of energy followed by brief periods of recovery which is widely regarded as the most effective way to improve cardiovascular health. But beyond your heart health it is also a full body workout that improves balance, coordination, and bone density.

The mental health benefits are equally compelling. It requires tactical thinking,

split-second decision-making, and constant problem-solving that keeps the brain sharp. Beyond the game, tennis builds meaningful connections, particularly for people who feel lonely or isolated. Whether playing doubles with friends or family, or joining a local club to meet new people, the smiles on the court say it all.

Perhaps tennis' main advantage is its adaptability, a lifelong sport that evolves with you, from the LTA's colour coded youth system, to walking tennis for those seeking a slower pace. It is also widely regarded as one of the most inclusive sports. The LTA is committed to ensuring the game remains accessible to all, staging a year round disability tennis competitions calendar to give disabled



Government guidelines recommend that adults aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity, or 75 minutes of vigorous activity each week and muscle strengthening activities at least twice a week.



people, and those with long term health conditions, a chance to compete.

The LTA's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Guy Evans agrees: "Tennis is an "all in one" sport that uniquely combines all three core areas of the government's physical activity guidelines in a single engaging activity. It provides a rigorous cardiovascular workout while doubling as a full-body strength session that also improves balance and coordination. Beyond the physical, it is a powerful tool for stress management and mood improvement." So, as you watch the pros play today, let their game inspire you to pick up a racket. Your future body and mind will thank you for it.

*Copenhagen study published in 2018 tracked over 8,500 people for 25 years



5.8M
adults played tennis annually

4M+
children playing tennis, a record high

1.4M
children playing in schools via FAGE LTA Youth and FAGE LTA Youth Schools programmes

3
Billie Jean King Cup Finals in the past four years for GB

30,000
teachers trained and over half of all schools in Britain signed up to FAGE LTA Youth Schools



2.2M
people playing tennis in parks following the Parks investment project

1,000
venues delivering LTA SERVES - a record high

35,000+
young people taking part regularly

2025
TENNIS IN BRITAIN
IN NUMBERS

24,000+
participants playing disability tennis at a record number of venues delivering LTA Open Court

13
British men in ATP top 200 over the course of the year

5
British men in the ATP doubles Top 10 rankings at year end – first time in 32 years for any nation

23
British players in the main singles draw at The Championships, Wimbledon, for first time since 1984

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BELONGING IN TENNIS

THE LTA IS HERE TO TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES THROUGH TENNIS AND PADEL – MAKING BOTH SPORTS WELCOMING, ENJOYABLE AND INSPIRING TO EVERYONE.

In 2025 the LTA launched their updated **Belonging in Tennis** plan to continue the drive for the sport to be as inclusive as possible, sitting alongside existing plans and initiatives to drive participation and engagement with women, underserved communities and disabled people.

Through the She Rallies ambition the LTA continue to champion women and girls - driving change for equal prize money, breaking down barriers for young girls to try the sport for

the first time, training more women to take up roles in the workforce and elevating the visibility of women's tennis.

During last years HSBC Championships, the LTA held an event, celebrating the historic return of professional women's tennis to The Queen's Club in over 50 years. The event brought together some of the most influential leaders from across sport, Jo Downing, LTA Programme Strategy Manager, said: "It was inspiring to see so many people working

together to achieve genuine gender equality in sports. I'm confident that together, we can go even further in turning that vision into reality and driving meaningful, lasting change."

The LTA's sector-leading LTA SERVES programme which helps people who might not previously have had the opportunity to experience tennis, continues to help significant numbers of young people to pick up a racquet, with over 35,000 young people taking part regularly last year.

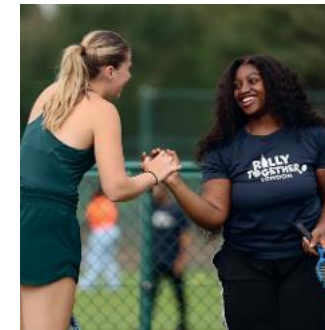


Nearly 100 children from communities across London came together for a high-energy tennis festival last August to mark the official launch of Rally Together London, a groundbreaking three-year collaboration between the LTA and Mayor Sadiq Khan aiming to open tennis up to more young Londoners and break down barriers in the sport.

At the event, rising tennis star Ella McDonald said: "I love that tennis is accessible and welcoming to everyone – regardless of age, gender, background or ability. Whether you're picking up a racquet for the first time or playing competitively, there's a place for you in this sport."

LTA Open Court is a national programme that actively promotes and delivers opportunities for disabled people and those with long term health conditions to get involved in tennis helped nearly 25,000 participants to play regularly last year.

Lewis Mitchell, Community Connector for Inclusive Sport, said: "Our Open Court programme has been a huge success and we have managed



to build a very inclusive community where we can provide activities for people that might miss out otherwise."

Thanks to the Park Tennis Project, dilapidated courts across Britain have been brought back to life and into long term sustainable use for local communities, with over half of these in areas of highest social deprivation.



At an event marking the end of the project, Sir Andy Murray said: "Tennis has given me so much and it all started on a local court, just hitting balls with family and friends. It's great that so many more people around the country are now getting to play tennis in local parks, thanks to the LTA's Park Tennis Project."

The LTA continue to work in partnership with Pride in Tennis and other organisations and this year will be developing a plan to help engage with LGBTQ+ communities further. Alongside this, the LTA will again be holding the popular Friday Pride Days across the Grass Court Season.

Speaking about last year's Pride Days, James Swanson, Chair of the Pride in Tennis Network, said, "Friday Pride Days have helped to foster safe, celebratory spaces for LGBTQ+ tennis communities at the LTA's major events, as well as promoting the vital work of LGBTQ+ allies at venues across the country, since they began in 2022."

RIVALRY & FRIENDSHIP

WHEN CHRIS EVERT LOOKS BACK ON HER INTENSE RIVALRY WITH MARTINA NAVRATILOVA, SHE DOES SO WITH A SMILE.

Back in the days when the two best players in the women's game were battling it out for the biggest prizes in tennis, friendship could not be on their agenda.

These two greats faced each other across the net on 80 occasions, and 60 of those were in finals, but the end of their careers started a new chapter in their relationship.

"It's tough to be friendly when you are rivals, but that all changed with Martina when we finished," said Evert, who ended up trailing Navratilova 37-43 in their head-to-head record.

"In the beginning, it was fine for me to be friends with her because I was better than her. All that changed when she started to beat me and became my biggest opponent.

"Then, when your career ends, the dynamic changes, for sure. Also, when we got cancer at the same time, that brought us closer together.

"At the end of the day, we were in the trenches together. No one else experienced what we did on a tennis court, as those matches were shared by just us, and most of them were finals.

"Some people may not ever speak again when they finish playing, but Martina and I have developed a great friendship."



The duo contested two matches here at Devonshire Park, with their finals in 1978 and 1979 among the most iconic matches of their long careers.

It was Navratilova who prevailed in the first of those matches as she won 6-4, 4-6, 9-7, before Evert won another extraordinary contest a year later as she won 7-5, 5-7, 13-11.

They were contests that offered a compelling snapshot of a rivalry that helped to propel women's tennis to another level, capturing attention beyond the court as these two great athletes became icons of their generations.

"It was a very different time and when you look at tennis now, things have changed a lot," added Evert. "Martina and I had a lot of

influence when we were the two top players, but everything is so much bigger now and the sport is a huge business.

"Hopefully what Martina and I did has contributed to making that happen and now I love watching the women's game we have today.

"So many different players are in contention to win the big prizes and that's exciting. You just don't know what's going to happen from Roland-Garros to Wimbledon and the uncertainty adds to the interest."

There may never be another rivalry in women's tennis that matches the duels Evert and Navratilova served up, with the champions of today owing so much to the legends who paved the way for their success.

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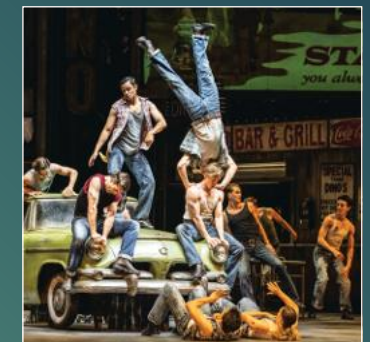
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During the summer of 2025, Sir Andy Murray led the celebrations to mark the completion of the project.

- Over **£45 million** invested by UK Government, LTA Tennis Foundation and local partners
- **More than 3,000** park courts transformed across Britain
- **500,000** more people playing in parks annually

FACILITY LOAN SCHEME

The Facility Loan Scheme helps venues grow tennis and padel participation while supporting long-term sustainability for communities.

Since 2019 the Facility Loan Scheme has supported:

- **126** projects
- **48** covered tennis and padel courts
- **228** new floodlit tennis and padel courts

COVERED COURTS

Many parts of Britain lack access to covered tennis and padel courts, so the LTA has developed a new approach to **Community Covered Tennis, Padel and Multi-Sport Hubs**, using permanent canopy structures that offer light, shelter and year-round play.

A first wave of pilot projects will begin in 2026/27, backed by £3 million from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, whilst the LTA continues discussions with the Government with a view to funding a nationwide rollout.

The LTA and LTA Tennis Foundation are committed to strengthening tennis and padel facilities across Britain. We are investing to improve venues, support long-term sustainability, and create more welcoming, enjoyable and inspiring places for people to play.



Learn more about this investment



GREG AND TIM — A RIVALRY REVISITED

FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, THE BRITISH TENNIS LANDSCAPE WAS DOMINATED BY TWO CHALLENGERS WHO TOOK US ALL ON A ROLLER-COASTER LACED WITH GLORY, DESPAIR, NEAR MISSES AND EPIC TRIUMPHS.

Now, when Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman look back on their careers carrying the British flag with pride around the tennis world and leading the hopes of the Davis Cup team, they do so with a sense of pride in the story they wrote together.

The similarities between the duo are stark, as they reached a career-high No.4 in the ATP Rankings, they share a September 6th birthday and both married British women named Lucy.

At the peak of their powers, there was also an intense rivalry that added spice to this story and when the duo appeared on the Off Court with Greg Rusedski podcast, they offered up a wonderful trip down memory lane that was a delight for British tennis fans.

Looking back on their Davis Cup adventures and their battle for the British No.1 ranking, Henman admitted he did not initially view Canadian-born Rusedski as a direct rival when

he declared his intentions to represent Great Britain in 1995.

“When Greg arrived, I didn’t really see him as a competitor. He wasn’t really on my radar,” reflected Henman. “My ranking was a lot lower at the time and I had a lot to do to get into the conversation, but then things began to change.

“Once I get to around 50 in the rankings and Greg is around there or maybe a bit higher, then things start to change, but I always felt that I had a perspective of where I wanted to be.

“Yes, of course I wanted to be British No.1, but you’d much rather be British No.2 and number 10 in the world than British No.1 and No.95 in the world.

“I think that’s where Greg and I changed the landscape. All of a sudden, there was a belief that British players could compete for big titles.”



The rivalry between Rusedski and Henman moved through the gears in 1997, as the duo were on course to meet in a Wimbledon semi-final after both made it through to the last eight at the All England Club.

That clash never materialised as Henman was beaten by Germany’s Michael Stich and Rusedski came up short in four sets against Frenchman Cedric Pioline, who would go on to lose against Pete Sampras in the final.

“It would have been a semi-final and a chance to play each other at Wimbledon, which we never managed to do,” pondered Rusedski. “I wish we could have had that match-up and that year of 1997 is where the Rusedski vs Henman rivalry really took off.



“I got to the US Open final later that year and when I look back at the media attention we got from that point forward, it became really big.

“I would never read the press, but I’d have family members who would tell me what was being written and I didn’t want to know about it. It’s hard enough trying to win tennis matches and then dealing with the press and our rivalry was a big deal.”

Greg and Tim failed to win the Grand Slam title that could

have added gloss to their impressive careers, but Henman insisted titles are not the only barometer for success.

“The conversation around success is not just about winning and losing titles,” he stated. “It’s about maximising your potential and for Greg and I to reach No.4 in the world was as good as we’re meant to be.

“The trouble is, when you come from a Grand Slam country and you are deep in the second week at Wimbledon, it comes



down to whether you win it or lose... and Greg and I didn’t win it. Despite that, when I look back at my career, I’m thrilled with what I was able to achieve.”

Rusedski expressed his regret over the duo’s failure to make progress in the Davis Cup, but he suggested his former rival and friend should look back on his career with pride.

“I feel like Tim maximised everything he had,” he said. “If you get to No.4 in the world, you have had an amazing career.

“For me, my one big regret is the US Open final against Pat Rafter in 1997 because I was sick going into that match and you always wonder what might have been.”

Rusedski and Henman put British tennis back on the map and those who followed in the footsteps they created will always be grateful for the inspiration they provided.



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THE POWER OF PAOLINI

JASMINE PAOLINI HAS BEEN PUNCHING ABOVE HER WEIGHT IN THE WTA RANKINGS FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND NOW SHE IS EAGER TO FIND HER FEET ON GRASS COURTS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

Standing at just 5'4", Paolini faces bigger and stronger opponents most times she steps onto the court, but her results confirm she can match the best.

A French Open and Wimbledon finalist in 2024, Paolini pieced together another impressive season last year that included her win in the WTA 1000 event in Rome last year, with her victory celebrated in front of an adoring Italian crowd.

The last few months have not been so productive for Paolini, but she remains convinced her best form is not far away.

"I think the key is always to trust the process, trust the work you are doing," said Paolini.

"You have to put the work in to improve every time you go on court because if you keep the same level, you are going down. You always have to improve.

"That's the key to staying at this level. So, when you have some difficult times, you have to work harder to get back."

Women's tennis has become a sport dominated by powerful baseliners in recent years, but Paolini has found a way to match the best with a brand of tennis that is so enjoyable to watch.

"When I am playing against these powerful players, I can see that they are bigger than me, but it is a challenge," she stated.

"When I stand at the net before the match, you can really see it! But I am not thinking about it.

"It is only when you see pictures of the handshake after the match, you realise how much bigger they are than you.

"The key in tennis is always to use your weapons the best way possible and that's what I try to do."

Paolini has been a key player in the impressive rise of Italian tennis in recent years, with her admiration for world No.1 Jannik Sinner evident.



"He is doing unbelievable things, and I think people like how he is behaving on and off the court because he is a really nice guy. He is a good role model," added Paolini.

"That is very good for our sport. Tennis is growing in Italy because of him. In the men's draws for these events, you can see many, many Italians in there.

"Our federation is always helping us with the physios at the big tournaments. They have done an amazing job. There are so many of us and that means we push each other on."

Paolini has already achieved so much in her career, but she will dare to believe there is more to come as she gets back onto grass courts.



DOUBLES DOMINATION

BECOMING THE BEST IN THE WORLD IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY SPORT AND FIVE BRITISH TENNIS PLAYERS HAVE REACHED THAT MILESTONE OVER THE LAST DECADE.

Leading the way was three-time Grand Slam singles champion Andy Murray, who is also a record five-time winner of the HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club, but it was another Murray who hit the top of the tennis rankings a few months before him.

While Andy finished 2016 as the best player in men's tennis after he won his second Wimbledon title and clinched the year-end No.1 ranking by beating Novak Djokovic at the ATP Finals in London, another Murray broke the glass ceiling at the top of the world rankings earlier in that same year.

His elder brother Jamie's ascent to the top of the doubles rankings was confirmed in late March of that year, after he contested three successive Grand Slam finals and became the first British man to clinch the No.1 ranking in doubles.

Since then, the Murray's club of No.1's has been growing, with Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski climbing to the top of the doubles rankings in 2022. Then Lloyd Glasspool joined the ranks as he claimed the top spot last August after an impressive run of results with his British partner Julian Cash.



A glance at the doubles rankings today highlights the impressive strength in depth of British men in the top 10, with Skupski suggesting the support British players receive is vital to this impressive success story.

"Doubles is the version of the game that a lot of the fans watching us play can associate with. They play it at their clubs and with their friends and the success the British players have had in recent years is down to a number of factors," said Skupski, who started 2026 in impressive fashion by winning the Australian Open title with his new partner, America's Christian Harrison.

"The LTA are one of the only governing bodies that offer so much support to the doubles players and there is no doubt that helps us.

"Louis Cayer is part of our team and he is the best doubles coach in the world and the LTA help us with strength and conditioning, physiotherapists, psychologists, and we get all the reports on the other

- 1 Jamie Murray of Great Britain and Martina Hingis of Switzerland
- 2 Murray brothers in doubles action
- 3 Louis Cayer with Neal Skupski and Henry Patten
- 4 Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool at The Queen's Club
- 5 Neal Skupski (R) and his partner USA's Christian Harrison won the 2026 Australian Open doubles title
- 6 Following a run to the Roland-Garros final earlier this month, Britain's Henry Patten is now No.1 in the world rankings alongside Finnish partner Harri Heliövaara

doubles guys so we can prepare for our matches.

"They put a lot of effort into us and it shows that it has paid off. You look Jamie Murray and Joe Salisbury getting to No.1 in the world, me getting there and the success of Henry Patten, Lloyd Glasspool and Julian Cash and we are all getting good results.

"The British system is working so well in doubles and when you look at the rankings, you can see how well we are all doing."

Skupski is not alone in saluting the influence of coach Cayer on the British doubles scene, as his tactical analysis of the doubles game has given a host of players an edge on their rivals.

Cayer has helped several British players clinch Grand Slam titles in recent years, with Jamie Murray among those inspired by the knowledge he gleaned from the experienced tactician.

"I worked with Louis for the first time when I was going



to team up with Colin Fleming for the first time at Wimbledon," said Murray.

"For me and Colin, it was a complete education. It was like a degree in doubles that no one else really had. It was super tiring because we were on court with him for three hours and his attention to detail is amazing.

"There's no doubt he has had a massive impact on the doubles guys in Britain and the results we have had in Grand Slams show what a great job he has done."

The crowds watching doubles tennis over the course of the grass court season in Britain are generally among the biggest of the tennis year, with Skupski relishing the chance to play in front of his home fans.

"It's always fun to play in front of the British crowds," he added. "We are on the road so much over the course of the year and it is nice to be at home and playing with crowds cheering us on. The Queen's Club tournament is always a fantastic week and then, of course, Wimbledon is a very special place to play tennis."

We've had numerous British winners of the doubles events at Nottingham, The Queen's Club and Eastbourne in recent years and our galaxy of champions will be looking to add to their trophy collections this summer.

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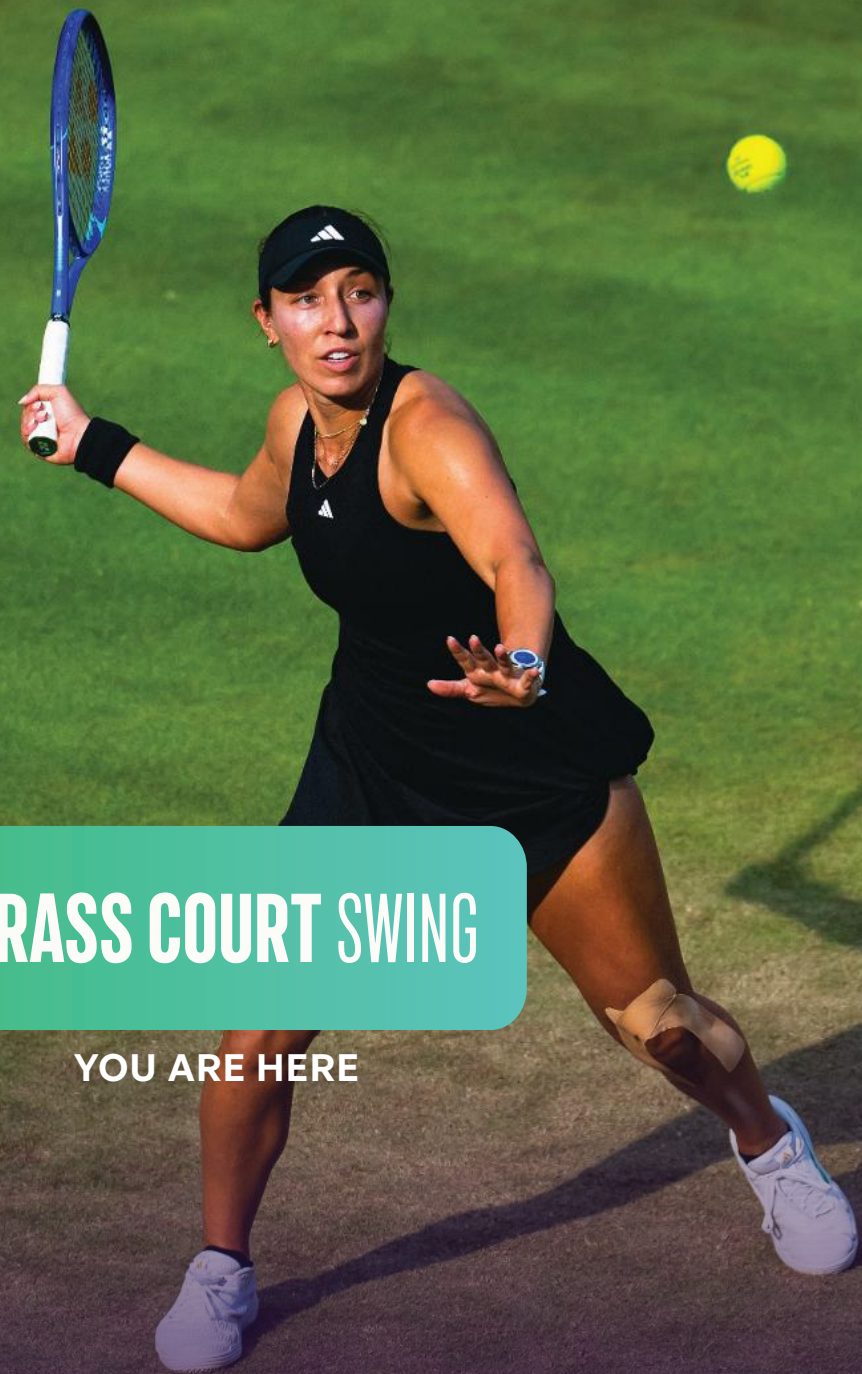
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BRITISH GIRL POWER

The Lexus Great Britain Billie Jean King Cup team are counting down to an appearance in the Finals of this year's tournament after securing their place with a fine away win against Australia in April.

Impressive victories for 17-year-old debutant Mika Stojsavljevic, Harriet Dart and Jodie Burrage on the John Cain Arena in Melbourne helped Anne Keothavong's side to book their place in the finals in Shenzhen in September.

"We're all just overjoyed," said Captain Anne Keothavong. "The tennis that was played was fantastic - I couldn't

ask for anything more of my team. I'm so proud of them.

"It's incredibly rewarding. I have to credit the players on my team for going out there and being able to execute the way they did, holding their nerve the way they did and performing the way they did.

"We've travelled to the other side of the world and it's a big ask of the players at this point in the year. On paper, the Aussies were favourites, but we went 2-0 up on the opening day and it was a great overall performance."

The Brits are through to the Finals for the fourth time in the last five

years and they will look to win the competition for the first time when they take on some strong teams in China.

Champions Italy secured their place with a 3-1 win over Japan in the Qualifiers, with Ukraine and Czechia progressing through with impressive away wins over Poland and Switzerland respectively.

Spain, five-time winners of the competition, maintained their record of appearing in every BJK Cup Finals since the new event format was introduced

in 2021 after seeing off Slovenia, while Kazakhstan beat 2023 champions Canada to join hosts China in the line-up.

"The ultimate goal is to win it," added Keothavong. "I know we have the players and strength and depth in the UK to do something special in this competition.

"You need a bit of luck for everything to come together. When we head to the Finals, whoever is on my team, we aren't there to make up the numbers, that's for sure."



JUNIOR NATIONALS

DORSET'S DANIELLA BRITTON ENJOYED A FORTNIGHT TO REMEMBER IN APRIL'S LTA LEXUS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AS SHE WAS CROWNED CHAMPION IN BOTH THE 16U AND 18U COMPETITIONS.

Andy Murray, Heather Watson, Jack Draper and Dan Evans are among a long list of players who have won Junior National titles and gone on to become household names on the world tours, with Britton joining an impressive list of former champions on the tournament's Roll of Honour.

Britton's impressive 6-1, 6-3 win against Northamptonshire's Tegan Bush in the 18U final allowed her to complete a double after she beat Cheshire's Annabel Wong in the 16U final at the LTA's National Tennis Centre.

The triumph secured her the prestigious Junior Nationals title and also gave her a chance to take her place in the qualifying event for the women's singles at The Championships, Wimbledon later this month.

"The 16's title was unbelievable to win. That was a big goal for me coming into this year. To win the 18's as well, I'm very pleased," said Britton.

Looking ahead to her debut appearance in Wimbledon qualifying at the end of this month, Britton added: "I

honestly can't believe it. I'll be playing pros, the best of the best. I'm just really happy that I will get that experience and try and push my game on further."

The Girls' singles tournament at the Junior National Championships has been an impressive showcase for the quality of players emerging through the ranks in recent years, with former champions Mimi Xu and Mika Stojsavljevic currently striving to make the transition from the junior ranks and into the senior game.

That path will also be followed by Boys' 18U Junior National's champion Mark Ceban from Surrey, who added the 18U Junior Nationals title to the 16U title he won in 2024 after an impressive 6-4, 6-1 win over Somerset's Joshua Craze.

"I'm excited to play in qualifying for Wimbledon," said Ceban. "I did well a couple of years ago at Wimbledon in the Juniors and I've had a lot of practice on grass, so I think that will give me a good advantage playing in qualifying."

The girls' doubles title in the 18U tournament was won by top seeds Suffolk's Megan



1 Dorset's Daniella Britton was crowned 16U and 18U champion

2 Mark Ceban was crowned 18U Junior Nationals champion

Knight and Middlesex's Hollie Smart, as they beat singles finalist Bush and her partner Teodora Prisadnikova in the final.

In the boys' doubles, the unseeded duo of Surrey's Liam Channon and Warwickshire's William Moxon beat No.3 seeds Archie Gray and Oliver Page in the final.

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THE RISE OF FONSECA

JOAO FONSECA HAS GOT USED TO DEALING WITH HUGE EXPECTATIONS AS HE WAS BEING HAILED AS A STAR LONG BEFORE HE STARTED WINNING MATCHES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

An impressive junior, this charismatic Brazilian teenager has taken some huge strides forward in 2026, with his appearance in the quarter-final of the French Open earlier this month representing his best performance in a Grand Slam tournament.

The highlight of his run in Paris came as he beat former world No.1 Novak Djokovic in a thrilling five-set match, with the 24-time Grand Slam champion full of praise for his rival.

"I think we all saw why there is hype around him. He played lights-out tennis," said Djokovic

after his match against Fonseca. "You don't want to say what he can achieve, but we can all see he is a very good player."

Thriving on grass courts will be the next challenge for 19-year-old Fonseca, with the surface he will play on over the next few weeks a little different to what he was used to growing up in Brazil.

"Grass is very different from clay," said Fonseca. "The game is faster and you have to be ready for that."

"I'm looking forward to playing on grass. For sure, it is a new experience. I would say every year that I play, I'm getting more experience on the grass."



"On grass, you need to focus a lot more on your service games and the opportunities that you have."

His powerful forehand and dynamic personality have fired Fonseca up the tennis rankings in double quick time, with the chance to prove he can shine on grass courts offering him a new challenge.

"You don't have very many weeks to get the experience on grass, so you need to adapt to the time that you have," added Fonseca. "I have good expectations. My mentality is strong and so is my confidence."

The huge fan base Fonseca has built up around the tennis world has been highlighted at numerous events over the last year, with the vocal following he attracts at the Miami Open each year backed up by huge support that came his way at Roland-Garros.

His win against Djokovic was hailed as a moment when the biggest winner of them all handed the baton to the next generation, with Fonseca keen to build on his momentum during this grass court season.

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The club has invested heavily in reducing its carbon footprint. LED floodlights now illuminate its courts while consuming

far less electricity, and the clubhouse roof is lined with 90 solar panels that have already generated over 100 MWh of clean energy. This is supported by the club's decision to source all its electricity from 100 per cent renewable suppliers. Smart scheduling and sensor controlled lighting ensure energy is only used when needed, with automated timers linked directly to the court booking system to prevent unnecessary energy usage.

West Worthing's sustainability efforts run throughout the site. Recycling has been part of the club's culture for years,

from repurposing tennis and padel balls to sourcing recycled furniture and ensuring glass, plastics, paper and cardboard are recycled responsibly. Single-use plastics are being phased out, with players encouraged to refill bottles at water stations and the café removing plastic straws, cutlery, cups and containers.

A strong commitment to the local community shapes every decision. The club prioritises local suppliers, from UK manufactured padel courts to locally roasted coffee beans. Its grounds are alive with biodiversity: hedges and trees are carefully maintained, and beehives

in the wooded areas produce award winning honey sold on site!

The club also promotes cycling and car sharing, supports National Bike Week, and has provided new cycle racks. The grounds team use rechargeable equipment where possible, minimise chemical treatments, compost all green waste, and ensure that they maintain their grass courts in environmentally friendly ways.

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To celebrate the milestone, British women's number two Sonay Kartal visited her primary school in Saltdean, Sussex, to take part in a tennis session with year five pupils run by their teacher Becky. After taking part in a classroom Q&A session, Sonay showed off her skills and gave pupils some tips as they got to grips with new rackets and balls – gifted to each pupil taking part thanks to the FAGE LTA Youth Starter Offer. This offer provides a racket, balls, access to free taster sessions and an LTA Advantage membership for just £4.99 and

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"When I was a kid, tennis was still a niche sport and there wasn't much tennis going on," said Sonay after taking part in the lesson. "The fact that Becky is one of 30,000 teachers that are now trained to deliver tennis is incredible. Becky's role is super important for this school, and hopefully other people will get inspired and are going to want to do the same; the more Beckys there are in schools, the



more it's going to entice kids into wanting to play tennis."

As well as providing free teacher training, which more than 33,000 teachers nationwide have now received, since FAGE LTA Youth Schools was launched in 2020 more than half of schools in Britain have registered with the programme. When school teachers complete their training, the school also receives a £250 voucher from the LTA Tennis Foundation to spend either on new equipment or on team teaching sessions with an LTA-accredited coach, which creates links between schools and community clubs to encourage play outside

the school environment. To date, over 10,000 schools have fully completed their training, with more than £2.5 million in LTA Tennis Foundation vouchers awarded.

Class teacher Becky Latter said, "Taking part has really benefited us with thinking about how we break down our lessons into what are the key skills we want the children to get out of those lessons, and what activities we take part in to really get the children involved in playing tennis. It's made me feel more confident in my teaching, and it's impacted the children in how they're learning these skills as well."

"The fact that Becky is one of 30,000 teachers that are now trained to deliver tennis is incredible"

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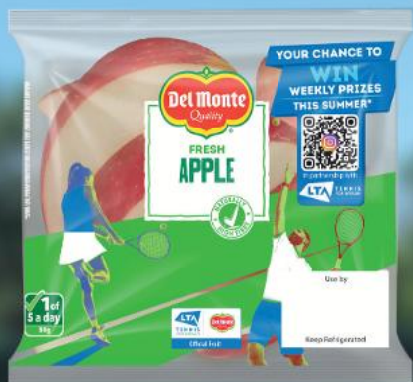


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Keys has three grass court titles to her name, picking up her first two WTA titles early in her career - 2014 in Eastbourne, then at the Edgbaston Priory Club in Birmingham in 2016.

The American’s most recent win came again at Devonshire Park where she won the Lexus Eastbourne Open in 2023.

During her trophy run, she defeated lucky losers Tereza Martincova and Petra Martic as well as qualifier Xiyu Wang in the opening rounds.

Keys then faced compatriot and fifth seed Coco Gauff in the semis before seeing off ninth seed Daria Kasatkina to take the crown.

Keys also reached the quarter-finals of Wimbledon for the first time in 2015 before doing so again in 2023 following her title win in Eastbourne.

The best moment of her career came at the 2025 Australian Open as she collected her first Grand Slam title, with her return to grass courts fuelling her ambitions for a deep run at Wimbledon.



“I’ve always kind of felt pretty natural on grass,” she said. “I feel like on clay I took a little while to figure out what small adjustments to make to improve my game.”

“Eastbourne has always felt like home to me. I love the courts here and I have some special memories from previous years.”

Keys achieved a career high ranking of No.5 shortly after her Australian Open win last year and while she has struggled to maintain her consistency in the months since that memorable win in Melbourne, her comfort on grass courts should give her an advantage over the next few weeks.

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COACH OF THE COMMUNITY:

THE INSPIRING JOURNEY OF CORINA

Meet Corina, an LTA Accredited+ Level 4 Senior Performance coach, one of Middlesex's most inspirational tennis figures and a finalist at this year's LTA Awards. At Conway LTC, she is the heartbeat of an inclusive, high-performing and community-centred tennis culture. With her welcoming energy, creativity and leadership, Corina's influence extends far beyond the club, shaping participation and pathways across the local tennis landscape.

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Neurodiverse outreach sessions with local SEN schools are also among the week's most meaningful highlights.

Her commitment to community

impact is equally impressive. Corina has led women-only groups and supported the integration of refugees through the club's programmes.

Under Corina's leadership, Conway now fields 17 adult teams and several new junior squads, remarkable for a five-court community club. She has also launched a Performance Pathway to help talented local juniors progress to county and regional levels.

Her influence as a mentor is equally powerful. Corina has supported several coaches through their LTA Level 2 and 3 qualifications while continuing

her own development as an LTA Level 4 Coach, member of the Female Performance Coach Engagement Programme, Assistant Captain of the Middlesex Women's County Team and contributor to the County Performance Advisory Board.

Corina is the driving force behind Conway LTC's success. Her work within the community embodies the LTA's mission of "tennis opened up", and she is an exceptional inspiration for those considering a career in the tennis workforce.

"Tennis has given me the chance to help others find their passion"

Corina explains why she loves coaching: "They say tennis is a sport for life, one that opens doors and offers opportunities beyond competitive play, and I have been fortunate to experience and witness this throughout a decade of coaching. Tennis has given me the chance to help others find their passion, their 'safe space' and build confidence. I'm happy I can play a small part in everyone's journey."



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LEVELLING THE COURT

LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION – THE LTA’S OFFICIAL CHARITY – HAS LAUNCHED LEVELLING THE COURT, A NEW INITIATIVE TO HELP TALENTED YOUNG PLAYERS FROM LOW-INCOME BACKGROUNDS ACCESS THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY NEED TO PROGRESS IN TENNIS.

The programme is all about opening doors. It will fund projects that identify and support emerging talent in underserved communities, while also offering grants to young players already on the LTA pathway who need help with the costs of training, travel and competition.

Delivered by the LTA’s Performance Team and backed by an initial £100,000 investment, Levelling the Court aims to make a real, lasting difference. The first round of grants – worth up to £2,500 – will open in July for players aged 10–14 who meet the eligibility criteria, including those connected to Regional Player Development Centres or the Wheelchair 14U pathway. Alongside individual support,

the programme will build on a pilot in Manchester – the Manchester Aces Development Squad, delivered with Manchester City Council. This work is already helping uncover talent in community spaces like parks, where ability often goes unseen. The ambition is to learn from this pilot and expand it across Great Britain, creating new pathways for players wherever they start.

LTA Performance Director Michael Bourne said: “This initiative was never about finding the next British No.1. It’s about creating more equal access to our sport and removing the financial barriers that hold talented players back. LTA Tennis Foundation’s mission is to improve lives through tennis, and this fund brings that to life in a really tangible way.”

Tim Lawler MBE, Chair of Trustees for LTA Tennis Foundation, added: “For too many young people, access to our sport is still shaped by socio-economic barriers. This funding stream is about changing that. By targeting support where it’s needed most, we’re removing barriers and opening up opportunities, ensuring that a young person’s future in tennis is defined by their passion and potential, not their financial circumstances.”

This work builds on the LTA Tennis Foundation’s broader mission to improve lives through tennis. In 2025 alone, its investment in grassroots and community tennis and padel through its Grant Making Framework generated over £21m in social value, positively impacting more than 34,000 people.

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GAME CHANGER

GORDON REID'S LEGACY TO BRITISH TENNIS WAS GOLDEN LONG BEFORE HE WON HIS SECOND PARALYMPIC GOLD MEDAL AT PARIS 2024, BUT IN THIS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR FOR WHEELCHAIR, REID'S DESIRE TO PUSH FOR MORE REMAINS UNDIMINISHED TWO DECADES INTO HIS REMARKABLE CAREER.

The number 50 is intrinsically linked with Reid's Eastbourne story, after he won his 50th career doubles title with his long-time doubles partner Alfie Hewett here in 2024. A few weeks later, the prolific Scot toasted his 100th doubles win as the duo combined to win another Wimbledon title.

The winning shows no sign of slowing down for 34-year-old Reid after he and Hewett claimed their 24th Grand Slam title together at this year's French Open - a win that brought Reid his 30th Grand Slam title.

Speaking after the final in Paris, Reid paid tribute to Hewett,

as well as to those who came before them as wheelchair tennis celebrates its 50th Anniversary. "We are finding new ways to play and new ways to enjoy it. It's a big year in wheelchair tennis. It's 50 years of the sport and when we see interviews with the people, the guys who created this sport, everyone says they are amazed by where we are now and how far the sport has come."

"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 there has been amazing progress."

"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 can consider himself a modern day pioneer of the sport. It's 10 years this year since he not only became the first player to win a men's wheelchair singles title at the Wimbledon Championships, but then also became the first Brit to win a Paralympic men's singles gold medal in wheelchair tennis.

"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."



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BRITISH TENNIS FANS RELISH THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHEER ON A HOMEGROWN HERO, AND THE CHAMPIONS THAT HAVE PREVAILED ON THE LUSH GREEN ENGLISH LAWNS HAVE SERVED UP SOME MOMENTS TO SAVOUR.

From Birmingham to Nottingham and The Queen's Club to Eastbourne, this is the month when tennis comes alive in this country and the roll call of Brits that have lifted titles at LTA tournaments makes for impressive reading.

Here, we look back at some of the great moments for British players on grass courts amid a summer when more big names will be striving to join the ranks of champions.

WADE LEADS THE WAY

Women's tennis underwent a thrilling evolution in the early 1970s as American great Billie Jean King led the drive for equality in the sport.

It was also a memorable decade for British tennis fans, as Virginia Wade took centre stage on grass courts that gave her some moments to savour.

After losing to Chris Evert in the inaugural final of the tournament at Eastbourne in 1974, Wade secured victory in the tournament a year later as she beat King in a thrilling final.

It was a prelude to Wade's memorable win at Wimbledon in 1977, when she beat Betty Stöve from the Netherlands in the final.

NOTTINGHAM CHAMPIONS

Nottingham has been a stage for some memorable British triumphs, with Greg Rusedski, Elena Baltacha, Dan Evans, Katie Boulter and Andy Murray among those who have enjoyed that special feeling of securing a title on home soil.



Rusedski stormed to victory for the first time at Nottingham in 1997, as he beat Karol Kucera in the final after progressing through the tournament without dropping a set.

He then won the title for a second time in 2003, beating America's Mardy Fish in the final.

Evans is another two-time champion

in Nottingham after his wins in 2019 and 2022, with Murray adding his name to the roll of honour at the event a year later and Jacob Fearnley joining him on the Nottingham champions board in 2024.

British women have also thrived in Nottingham, with Elena Baltacha's wins in 2011 and 2013 backed up by more British success for Johanna Konta in 2021 and wins for Boulter in 2023 and 2024.

ANDY MURRAY'S REMARKABLE RECORD

Andy Murray's five wins at The Queen's Club make him the most successful player in the long history of that great tournament, with his first coming with a victory against American James Blake in the 2009 final.

He beat France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the 2011 final before wins against Croatia's Marin Cilic in 2013, South Africa's Kevin Anderson two years later and Canada's Milos Raonic in 2016 gave him the last of his titles at the west London club. The Scot was also a doubles winner at The Queen's Club with Feliciano Lopez in 2019.

Murray's win at the 2023 Nottingham Open added to a record that also includes an Olympic Gold medal on grass courts at the All England Club in the London 2012 Games.

His two memorable wins at Wimbledon complete a remarkable record for Murray on grass courts.

DOUBLES DELIGHT

British players have enjoyed impressive success on grass courts in doubles over the decades, with a lengthy list of players clinching titles in LTA events.

The all-British duo of Jo Durie and Anne Hobbs were doubles champions in Birmingham in 1982, with Mark Petchey and Danny Sapsford getting their name on the winners' list at Nottingham in 1996.

Jamie Murray was a doubles winner at Nottingham in 2007 with partner Eric Butorac, while Dominic Inglot (2016), Ken and Neil Skupski (2017), Joe Salisbury (2018), Jacob Fearnley and Johannes Monday (2023) and Marcus Willis (2024) are also on the winners' list in the men's doubles at Nottingham.



- 1 Greg Rusedski won in Nottingham in 2003
- 2 Elena Baltacha won the title in Nottingham in 2010
- 3 Virginia Wade with the Wimbledon trophy in 1977
- 4 Katie Boulter is a two-time winner in Nottingham
- 5 Andy Murray is a five-time singles champion at The Queen's Club
- 6 Murray with his coach Ivan Lendl
- 7 Murray won The Queen's Club doubles title with Feliciano Lopez in 2019

Jeremy Bates, Jamie Murray and his brother Andy are among the British winners of the doubles at the Queen's Club, with the last two editions of that tournament producing homegrown winners after Neal Skupski won the title with Michael Venus in 2024 and the British pair Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool lifted the trophy last year.

In Eastbourne, Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (2012), Dominic Inglot (2014), Luke Bambridge and Jonny O'Mara (2016), Neal Skupski (2024) and Cash and Glasspool (2025) have won the doubles title at Devonshire Park.



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PADEL IS ON THE RISE

PADEL IS ONE OF THE FASTEST-GROWING SPORTS IN BRITAIN. OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, PARTICIPATION HAS DOUBLED ANNUALLY, AND FIGURES FROM THE LTA SHOW THE GAME HAS NOW SURPASSED ONE MILLION PARTICIPANTS NATIONWIDE.

This growth has been matched by rapid infrastructure development, with over 1800 courts now in use across the country, compared to just 68 in 2019 when the LTA took charge of the sport.

Padel is easy to pick up, highly social, and typically

played in doubles, with players close together on a relatively small court. Families can play together, and the enclosed glass walls keep the ball in play for longer rallies, helping beginners enjoy success quickly.

Padel also delivers significant health benefits. According

to LTA Lead Physical Preparation Coach Ian Aylward, the sport typically operates in the 70–85 per cent maximum heart-rate zone, making it highly effective for cardiovascular fitness. Frequent changes of direction support joint stability and proprioception, while the sport's tactical demands enhance reaction time, decision-making and pattern recognition. The doubles format further adds communication and social interaction, both of

which are linked to long-term engagement and psychological wellbeing. Padel's rapid growth has meant that it is now entering a more mature phase of its development. With players across Britain and an increasing number of established facilities, the sport now has to consider demands for high-quality qualified coaches, a strong competition framework, and all the requirements for a national sport, including a strong culture of safeguarding and inclusion.

The LTA is committed to working with the British padel community to support these requirements and help the sport continue to grow sustainably. The LTA also closely considers the relationship between padel and tennis, and how both can work to strengthen each other. Britain is not alone in having the same governing body for both tennis and padel, similar arrangement exists in France, Italy and the Netherlands amongst other European countries.

There is understandably a concern amongst some tennis players, that padel may cannibalise tennis participation, but there has been no evidence of this. During the period 2019-2026, whilst padel participation has grown by nearly a million players, tennis participation has actually risen amongst



adults by over 45 per cent. Whilst tennis participation amongst children is at a record high. There is a chance to develop a positive ecosystem with the popularity of tennis and padel both feeding off each other. The future looks bright for both sports, but the LTA is committed to ensuring they grow in a complimentary and sustainable way, to ensure everyone gets the chance to play tennis, padel or both, whatever their age or ability.

COMING UP IN PADEL

The rest of the year promises to be just as exciting. Olympia in West London, is set to host the London Premier Padel P1, the first elite professional padel tournament to take place in Britain. Running from 4-9 August, the event will see the LTA, as the national governing body for padel, partner with Sela to deliver a milestone moment for the sport's growth and visibility in Britain.

British players will also be taking to the international stage, with Team GB competing across multiple age groups. The junior squad will travel to Portugal for the FIP Junior Euro Padel Cup in late June, while the seniors head to the FIP Senior World Padel Cup in September in Argentina. Britain's top open-category players, including leading athletes Aimee Gibson and Christian Medina Murphy, will look to build on their strong showing at last year's FIP Euro Padel Cup as they prepare to face the world's best at the FIP Open World Padel Cup.

Following the success of the inaugural LTA Padel National Championships,



Aimee Gibson and partner Catherine Rose were crowned champions at the inaugural LTA Padel National Championships

the tournament will return to Rocket Padel Bristol from 1-4 October. New for 2026, a standalone Junior National Championships will take place during the October half-term, further strengthening competitive opportunities for young players.

As the national governing body for both tennis and padel, the LTA is seeing both sports growing

together and complementing each other and the choice of opportunity they provide are helping more people enjoy the benefits of being physically active.



Scan here to find out more about Padel in Britain



Pep Stonor (right) with Olympic gold medal hockey player Sophie Bray MBE (centre) and a young student

EMPOWER PADEL

The rise of padel across Britain shows no sign of slowing down and Pep Stonor is on a mission to ensure women and girls are at the heart of the sport's growth.

With new padel courts opening at a rapid rate, Pep is leading the drive to ensure women and children experience the rewards of a sport that has not always seen women and girls at the forefront.

"I started playing during Covid and when I looked into playing in competitions, none of them had a women's event, so I made it my mission to change that," said Pep, who was recognised for her efforts in padel when she was presented with the President's Award at the LTA Awards in April.

"In September 2024, I set up Empower Padel and the aim was to get women to return to

sport or stay in sport through padel. This is a great team sport, a great social sport and the main thing is, it's easy to take up.

"Padel is offering enormous opportunities for women and girls and it is only going to get stronger from here.

"My passion is to urge all women and girls who have not tried this yet to get out on court and experience padel.

"We have a lot of women on our database who have come to padel without ever playing tennis and that shows this is a sport that is open to all."

While tennis takes time to master for newcomers to the sport, the smaller court dimensions ensure padel is the perfect sport for women who are looking to fit in some exercise into a busy schedule.

"Tennis is a difficult sport to crack and it takes time to learn the skills, but padel is a little easier," added Pep.

"There are so many barriers to entry for women in sport, but padel is a sport that you can play with three friends and enjoy some exercise and social time wrapped into one.

"I hope everyone reading this will be tempted to try padel if they have not done so already.

"It would also be great to see more females involved in padel coaching, as we know that can also be important when you are starting out in a new sport."

If you are looking for a new sport this summer, padel could be the one for you and inspirational leaders like Pep are opening doors for everyone to be part of the story.

CELEBRATING THE LTA AWARDS



LTA Award winners at the National Tennis Centre in April

THE LTA AWARDS, PRESENTED BY LEXUS, HONOUR THE PEOPLE AND PLACES THAT HELP TENNIS AND PADEL THRIVE ACROSS GREAT BRITAIN.

Presented annually, the awards celebrate volunteers, coaches, players, officials and venues whose passion and commitment support the game at every level - from local courts to the elite stage.

For many, tennis and padel are about more than competition. They foster community, confidence and connection. The LTA Awards shine a light on those who go the extra mile to create welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring experiences. From volunteers who give their time week in, week out, to coaches opening doors for new players and venues improving access to courts, each winner makes a meaningful difference to their community and the wider sport.

The awards reflect the LTA's vision of 'tennis opened up', celebrating efforts to make tennis

and padel accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to all. This year's nominations demonstrate how that vision is being delivered in practice, removing barriers to participation, championing diversity, and creating safe, supportive environments for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Award categories span participation, inclusion, performance, education, and community engagement, recognising the many ways people contribute to the game. The awards also highlight unsung heroes, whose behindthescenes efforts have a lasting impact on everyone who steps onto court.

Now in their 11th year, the 2026 winners were celebrated in April at the National Tennis Centre, with guest presenters and supporters from across sport and beyond,



including Jason Manford, Bear Grylls, Sir Trevor McDonald, and Laura Robson, alongside HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, the LTA's Honorary President.

Performance Coach of the Year Ben Reeves, who is Sussex-based, was honoured for his work in elite British tennis, including his coaching partnership with local favourite Sonay Kartal.

Above all, the LTA Awards are about saying thank you - to those helping to open up the game for generations to come.

Nominations for the LTA Awards 2027 are now open until November. Know a tennis or padel hero? Scan the QR code to submit a nomination.



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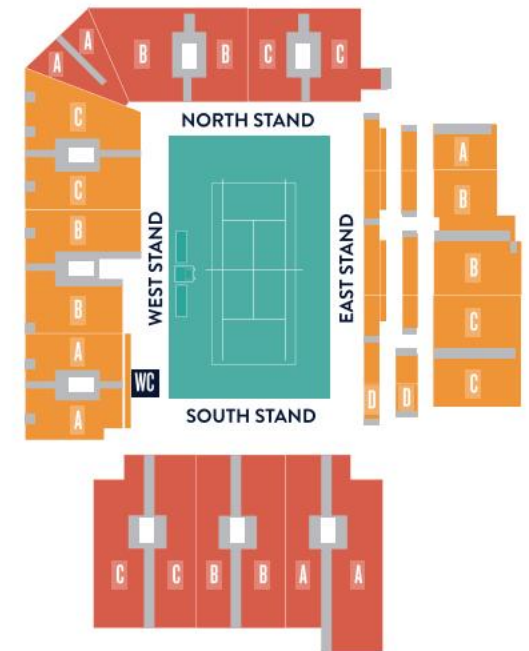
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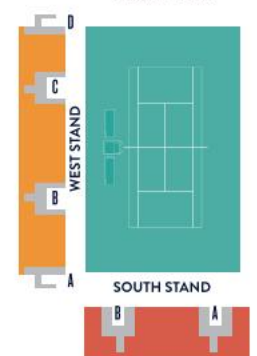
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