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On behalf of the LTA, I'm delighted to welcome you to The Queen's Club for the HSBC Championships.

This is a very special tournament as for the first time in over half a century the LTA will be staging a women's tour level event at Queen's. Last year we took the decision to reorganise our grass court calendar so that every venue would host both men's and women's grass court tennis. We wanted to raise the visibility of women's tennis and promote it to the biggest possible audience. By bringing this event to the capital and working with our broadcast partners the BBC and The Tennis Channel, we're giving women's

tennis the best possible platform to grow in this country.

I would like to thank HSBC and all our commercial partners for their support of the event, along with all the players, officials, tournament staff, volunteers, and fans who make these events so welcoming. I would also like to thank The Queen's Club for hosting the event and as we stage what we all hope will be a memorable tournament.

Enjoy your visit,

SCOTT LLOYD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE | LTA



Dear guests, players and fans, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club in London.

This year marks a historic return for women's tennis to Queen's Club after 52 years. We are pleased to help showcase some of the finest talent in both women's and men's sport to an even broader global audience, supporting the LTA's vision for a more inclusive and dynamic future for British tennis.

ambassador Emma Raducanu, we aim to deliver passion, perseverance, and opportunity both on and off the court.

To all the players competing – we wish you the very best of luck. And to all our guests and supporters – thank you for being part of this exciting new chapter.

Sincerely,

IAN STUART
CHIEF EXECUTIVE |
HSBC UK

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Dear tennis fans, on behalf of the Hologic WTA Tour, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the The HSBC Championships.

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

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

The dedicated tournament team at the The HSBC Championships takes great pride in delivering an unforgettable

experience for players and fans alike. I would like to thank all the partners, sponsors, staff and volunteers, who continually raise the bar in our collective mission of championing women's sport.

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

All the best,

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I am extremely pleased to be welcoming you to The 2025 HSBC Championships and delighted that The Queen's Club is hosting the event together with the lawn tennis association and our new title sponsor, HSBC.

Established in 1886, our club has a rich sporting history. Initially this was as host to rugby, football and cricket matches, as well as athletics. Over time those sports began to be played at nearby London stadia and The Queen's Club developed into one of the world's premier multi-racquet sports clubs.

This year's WTA500 tournament sees the return of elite women's tennis to Queen's for the first time since 1973. The fact that this year's tournament has attracted some of the very best players in the world is testament to the enduring appeal of grass court tennis.

Finally, I would like to thank Graham Kimpton, our Grounds Manager, and his team, who have once again worked incredibly hard to prepare our grass courts to such a high standard. I would also like to thank my fellow members for their patience during the construction of the stadium and tournament facilities.

Please enjoy the HSBC Championships and I wish you a great day of tennis.

ALAN GIDDINS
CHAIR | THE QUEEN'S CLUB

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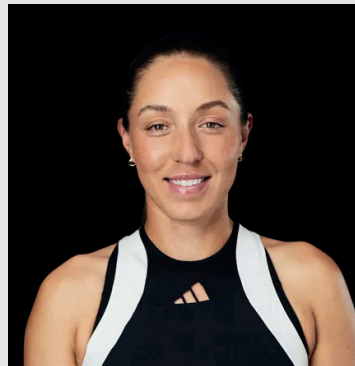
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PLAYER PROFILES

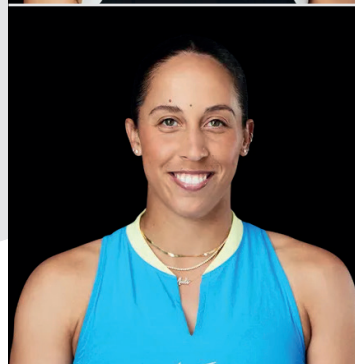


JESSICA PEGULA

AGE: 31 | NATIONALITY: USA

A finalist at last year's US Open, she highlighted her prowess on grass courts when she reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon in 2023.

Pegula's tennis idol when she was growing up was Martina Hingis and her favourite shot is her powerful backhand.



MADISON KEYS

AGE: 30 | NATIONALITY: USA

Keys carved out one of the most magical moments of the tennis year so far when she won her first Grand Slam title in thrilling fashion at the Australian Open in January.

She has highlighted her qualities on grass courts by winning the LTA's Eastbourne Open on two occasions (2014 and 2023) and she also won the 2016 Birmingham Open.



QINWEN ZHENG

AGE: 22 | NATIONALITY: CHINA

This powerful player enjoyed a stunning run of form in 2024, reaching the final of the Australian Open and winning the Olympic gold medal in Paris.

She was a quarter-finalist at the WTA 1000 tournaments in Indian Wells and Miami this year and beat world No.1 Aryna Sabalenka en-route to an appearance in the Italian Open semi-finals last month.

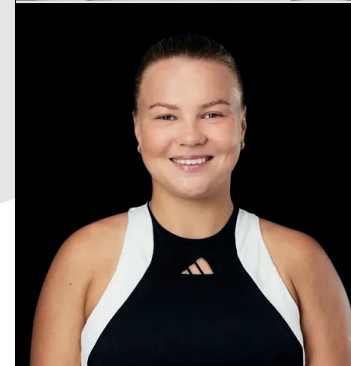


EMMA NAVARRO

AGE: 24 | NATIONALITY: USA

Navarro enjoyed a breakthrough year in 2024, as she reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon and broke into the top 10 of the WTA rankings for the first time after a run to the US Open semi-finals.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, where she studied Arts & Science and played collegiate tennis, she won her first WTA 500 title earlier this year when she lifted the title at the Merida Open in Mexico.

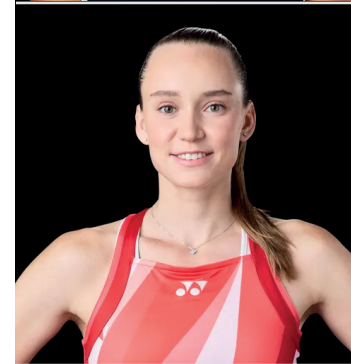


DIANA SHNAIDER

AGE: 21

Shnaider is enjoying the best year of her career to date, with her run to the quarter-finals at the Italian Open last month allowing her to close in on a place in the top 10 of the WTA rankings.

She has won four titles on the WTA Tour, including a first on grass at the Bad Homburg Open in Germany last June.



ELENA RYBAKINA

AGE: 25 | NATIONALITY: KAZAKHSTAN

The 2022 Wimbledon champion has a fine record on grass courts, with her run to the semi-finals at the All England Club last year halted by eventual champion Barbora Krejčíková.

An elegant performer who has a powerful game to challenge anyone when she is at her best, Rybakina has won eight titles on the WTA Tour and has a career-high ranking of No.3.

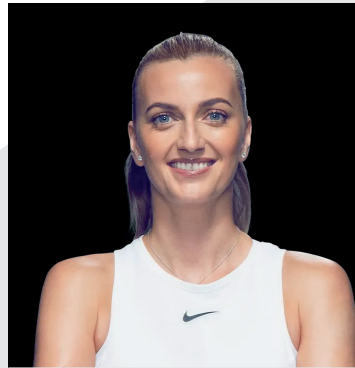


KAROLINA MUCHOVA

AGE: 28 | NATIONALITY: CZECHIA

Muchova won her first title on the WTA Tour in 2019 and has been a presence at the top of the game since then. She was a finalist at the 2023 French Open and has reached the semi-finals at the US Open for the last two years.

She started playing tennis at aged seven with dad, a former professional footballer in Czechia.



PETRA KVITOVA

AGE: 35 | NATIONALITY: CZECHIA

The 2011 and 2014 Wimbledon champion is a dynamic performer on grass courts and has also won titles in Birmingham and Eastbourne on the surface.

After not playing at all in 2024 due to pregnancy and the birth of her first child, Kvitova returned to action in February and she will be hoping to get back to winning form on her favoured grass courts.



BARBORA KREJCIKOVA

AGE: 29 | NATIONALITY: CZECHIA

The reigning Wimbledon champion produced a string of impressive performances to win a second Grand Slam of her career at the All England Club last July.

The win added to Krejčíková's victory at the 2021 French Open and she will be hoping a return to grass can kick-start her season after some injury problems.

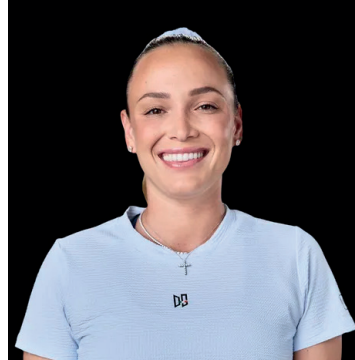


AMANDA ANISIMOVA

AGE: 23 | NATIONALITY: USA

Anisimova enjoyed the biggest tournament win of her career in February of this year as she won the Qatar Open WTA 1000 title, beating Jelena Ostapenko in the final.

Her best run on the grass courts at Wimbledon came in 2022, when she reached the quarter-finals and her powerful game should adapt well to grass courts.



DONNA VEKIC

AGE: 28 | NATIONALITY: CROATIA

A fine grass court player who reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon last year, Vekić also has a grass court title on her record from her win at the 2017 Nottingham Open.

She comes from a sporting family as her mother, Brankica, was a track hurdler and father, Igor, was a soccer player.

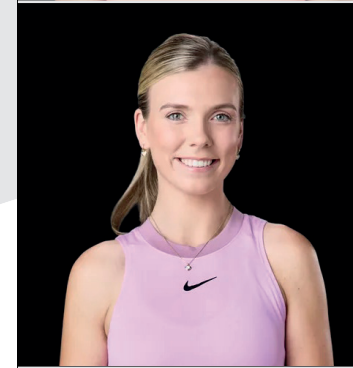


BEATRIZ HADDAD MAIA

AGE: 29 | NATIONALITY: BRAZIL

Haddad Maia broke into the top 10 of the WTA rankings for the first time in her career in June 2023 after a run to the French Open semi-finals.

She has won four titles on the WTA Tour and two on grass, as she won the 2022 Nottingham Open and lifted the title in Birmingham a year later.



KATIE BOULTER

AGE: 28 | NATIONALITY: GREAT BRITAIN

A player who shines on grass courts in front of her British fans, Boulter won the title at the Nottingham Open in 2023 and 2024.

She lifted the biggest title of her career at the WTA 500 tournament in San Diego last year and has been a key player in Great Britain's Billie Jean King Cup team in recent years.



EMMA RADUCANU

AGE: 22 | NATIONALITY: GREAT BRITAIN

The 2021 US Open champion shot to global prominence after that win in New York and she has been showing flashes of the form that took her to that title in recent months.

Raducanu produced some impressive performances on grass courts last year, reaching the semi-finals in Nottingham, the quarter-finals in Eastbourne and the last-16 at Wimbledon.



LEYLAH FERNANDEZ

AGE: 22 | NATIONALITY: CANADA

Fernandez enjoyed one of her finest moments on a tennis court when she led Canada to victory in the 2023 Billie Jean King Cup.

A finalist at the 2021 US Open, she was beaten by Britain's Emma Raducanu in a memorable contest in New York. That run helped her to achieve a career-high WTA ranking of No.13.

KATIE IS LIVING THE DREAM

KATIE BOULTER IS LIVING OUT A DREAM AS SHE PLAYS ON THE QUEEN'S CLUB GRASS COURTS THIS WEEK.

After many years of watching the ATP Tour tournament at this venue steal the headlines in the build-up to Wimbledon, Boulter is relishing the chance to display her grass court prowess in front of her home fans.

The Leicester-native won back-to-back titles at the Lexus Nottingham Open over the last two years and has also reached quarter-finals in Eastbourne and Birmingham.

Despite her impressive performances on grass courts, Boulter knows she faces a big task at The HSBC Championships, with the quality of the field here ensuring every match will be a huge challenge.

"I don't see myself at all as a favourite going into Queen's," she admitted. "I do have a lot of experience on the grass, but every single place that you go to is very different. Birmingham plays very differently to Nottingham and Eastbourne as well.

"Coming into a brand new, fresh, exciting venue, I think it's going to be



interesting to see who takes to the courts quicker and who gets used to it.

"I've obviously heard quite a bit from the men about how the courts play but I don't know if that will suit me or not. I will enjoy playing on the grass and with a home crowd, you never know what can happen."

The return of a major women's tennis tournament to The Queen's Club for the first time in over 50 years

is a moment to savour, with Boulter proud to be part of the star-studded player list taking part this week.

"I think it's going to be quite a fun moment for a lot of the women going out onto that court, especially as it's been a long time," she continued.

"It's actually something that I've dreamed about. I always wished that I got the chance to play at Queen's.



"I've been there many times watching and I've been into the players' lounge and into the areas which, you know, the men get to go into.

"Back in London, back in my own house, back in the places that I want to be in. It's going to be quite a spectacle."

Over the years, Boulter has experienced all the highs that come with playing as a British player throughout the summer and understands the difference the fans can make at The Queen's Club.

"It's a very difficult feeling to describe to someone," Boulter explained. "If you can imagine that you're walking onto a court, you've got your full team behind you, and

then you've got your whole country behind you.

"It feels like people are lifting you up, making things easier for you and really getting behind you. It makes such a difference to all the players.

"I think it means so much more to them knowing that everyone's invested in you, and everyone wants you to do well."

Boulter won her first clay court title as she claimed victory in the WTA 125 event in Paris last month and now she is eager to get back onto a surface that has given her some of her best moments.

"I feel like this year, for me, is about going out and having a swing,"

she added. "I've missed a couple of tournaments now with an injury, and unfortunately, sometimes those things happen and the road to recovery is a long, long way to go.

"There's a big season to play and my goal is to get myself back as quickly as possible and to get myself in the shape that I was in at the start of the year.

"If I can put that tennis on the court, then I do strongly feel like I've got a great chance at some of the biggest events. I've just got to keep working hard and hope that that comes."

Boulter will get great support from the British fans during the grass court season and history tells us she has the game to beat the best on this surface.



HOW BRITISH TENNIS HAS CHANGED

IN NOVEMBER 2024 THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION RELEASED THEIR GLOBAL TENNIS REPORT WHICH GIVES AN INSIGHT INTO TENNIS PARTICIPATION IN 199 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tennis is getting into more schools, through the LTA



Tennis in the Community

Opposite:
Dan Evans serves at the Davis Cup in the AO Arena, Manchester.
Emma Raducanu

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

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



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

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

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

regularly enjoying strong runs at events around the world.

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

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

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



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MATCH INSIGHTS

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OPEN FOR ALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

ACE-ING GENDER EQUALITY

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

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

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



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

- **Participation:** Targeted activity to increase participation in tennis among women and girls, to close the gender gap
- **Workforce:** Provide the support and opportunities needed for more women to join and progress within the tennis workforce, and supporting the whole workforce to better understand and cater for female needs.
- **Visibility:** Inspiring women and girls through increased female representation, driving greater visibility of women's tennis reflective of its status as a leading women's sport.



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

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

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

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

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

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

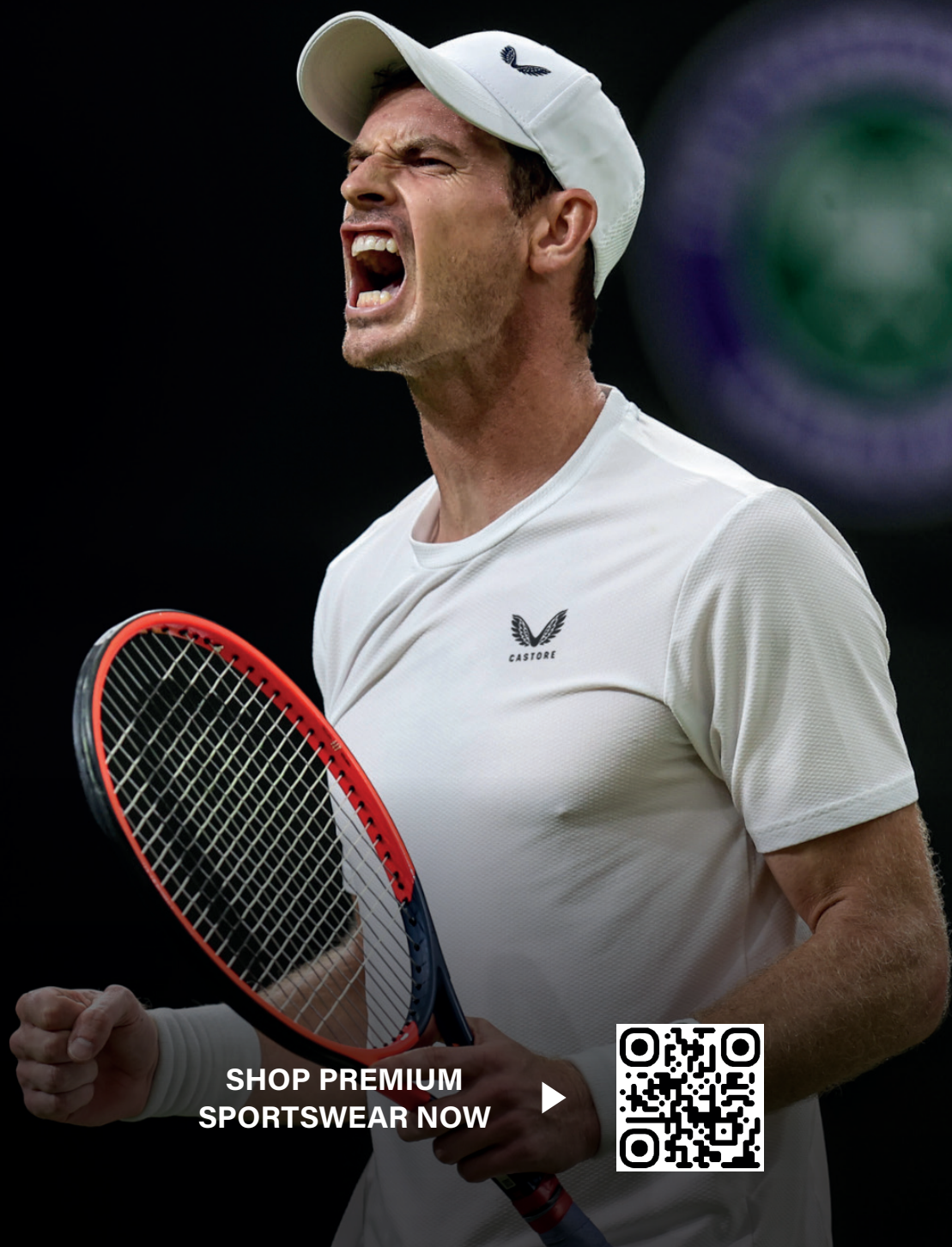


You can find out more about LTA's *She Rallies* here.



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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

LAURA ROBSON

FORMER BRITISH NO.1 AND OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALLIST LAURA ROBSON IS RELISHING HER ROLE AS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR FOR THIS WEEK'S BRAND NEW WTA TOUR EVENT AT THE QUEEN'S CLUB AND SHE HAS BIG AMBITIONS FOR WHAT COMES NEXT.

Robson was Tournament Director at the Nottingham Open over the last couple of years and she is embracing the opportunity to shape a new tournament that will be the centrepiece of the grass court season on the WTA Tour.

Here, Laura gives us her views on an exciting new entry in the British tennis calendar here at The Queen's Club.

Did you always have ambitions to take on a role like Tournament Director?

Yes and no. In a way, I never knew it was an option until the LTA asked me to do a tournament several years ago. I really enjoyed doing a smaller event and then I shadowed the Tournament Directors at Queen's and Miami and from there, you figure out how you want to do the role and how much you want to be involved. Everything about it interested me and from there, the ambition grew.

Did anything surprise you in your role at the Nottingham Open?

Not really. When you do a job like this, you just have to roll with it. If anything does come up, it's

on you to adjust as you go and not be surprised. One year, we had a lightning strike and we had to get wooden scorecards out for the doubles final. You just make do. Hopefully we don't have any surprises at Queen's.

How challenging was it to get through the Nottingham Open last year when you had so much rain to deal with?

It was hard to keep everything on track. You don't want to move matches indoors as it is a grass court tournament. Also, the surface brings challenges because you can't just pull the covers off and go straight onto the court. It can be a slow process when the covers are blown up. I remember looking at the schedule on the final Sunday and we had men's semis and finals, women's semis and final and doubles as well. It was a lot to fit in.

Does it help being a former player in this role?

It can help because you can explain things a little better to players. Being a former player, they understand that you see their side of things, so there is a mutual respect. That said, you don't have



to be a former player to do this. I can think of lots of fantastic Tournament Directors, including the ones I learned from, who are not former players, and they are incredibly good at what they do.

What have been the big challenges of starting a brand new tournament at The Queen's Club?

Just getting the word out that the tournament is on. The general public knows Queen's as a men's event and when you start a brand new tournament, you need to make people aware that it's happening. Luckily, we have the platform of being at The Queen's Club, which is such a historic venue, and we can use that to our advantage. I'm super excited to be part of an event that brings top level women's tennis back to London. Seeing it come to life over the last few weeks has been amazing.

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THE QUEEN'S CLUB FOUNDATION

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This year, The Queen's Club Foundation celebrates its 10th anniversary. The Club is incredibly proud of its multi award-winning charity, whose mission is to improve lives through racket sports. Each year, the Foundation delivers an extensive outreach programme reaching more than 1,000 children and adults in the local community.

Through its Community Club programme, the Foundation provides free tennis, squash, real tennis, rackets, and padel in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham. These sessions are particularly focused on children from lower-income backgrounds, ethnic minorities, and those with disabilities—promoting a strong culture of inclusion.

“We have continued to grow our regular family Community Festivals, which offer inspirational days for all members of our Community Clubs,” says Will Morse, Chair of The Queen's Club Foundation. “We are particularly excited about expanding our outreach programmes with key local groups across the Borough.”

Nigel Court, Interim Lead Leisure and Active Wellbeing at the Hammersmith & Fulham Council, believes that the work of the Foundation has made a significant impact on local residents. “The Foundation continues to build great relationships with park venues enabling many children to try tennis for the first time,” he says, adding that “opening up the inspirational venue of the Queen's Club itself to many children, especially those with Special Educational Needs and disabilities makes a real positive difference to people's lives”.

The Queen's Club Foundation has developed key local projects this year, supporting more girls to play tennis as well as launching the charity's major 5 year disability tennis programme, the inclusive player pathway (IPP) programme, funded by a QC member. These initiatives run alongside the Charity's already thriving community programme led by Kate Maurici, Head of The Queen's Club Foundation. “Our aim is to achieve not only greater



numbers participating in the racket sports played at Queen's but also to make a real difference to the lives of those impacted by our projects. We have been working this year, amongst other groups, with children from underserved communities who do not have the opportunity to play racket sports. Many of those have gone on to complete LTA Youth Leaders qualifications and to volunteer with us and we are committed to creating sustainable pathways for these children to continue to access the sports. I am particularly proud of our women & girls initiatives this year, which in line with the women returning to Queen's for the first time since 1973 have celebrated and promoted tennis to local girls of all ages.”



To continue its valuable contribution, the Foundation needs to increase the numbers of regular donations to the charity, so if you would like to lend your support to their outreach activities, please scan the QR code, visit their website www.queensclubfoundation.co.uk or follow them on socials @queensclubfdn.

JOY IS BACK FOR EMMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I'm growing, I'm learning in this aspect of my life. Just cultivating a better version of myself, which I'm enjoying. "I'm walking onto the court knowing that I'm going to be there for every point, every ball. So far that's really worked.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

that for two years, three years and five years.

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

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

What comes next could be even more exciting as a fresh and hungry Raducanu prepares to step back into the spotlight.

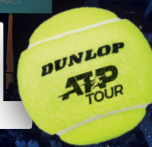
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While the professional players may grab the headlines and the glory, it is the volunteers at the LTA's network of parks, clubs and venues across the country who are the lifeblood of the game and drive participation. The awards celebrate innovation,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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

IN CONVERSATION WITH
CHRIS EVERT

THE DAWN OF A BRAND NEW TOURNAMENT HERE AT THE QUEEN'S CLUB THIS WEEK IS ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT MOMENT FOR THE WOMEN'S GAME, WITH TENNIS LEGEND CHRIS EVERT EXCITED BY THE PROGRESS OF THE SPORT SINCE HER DAYS OF WINNING TITLES CAME TO AN END.

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

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

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

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

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

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

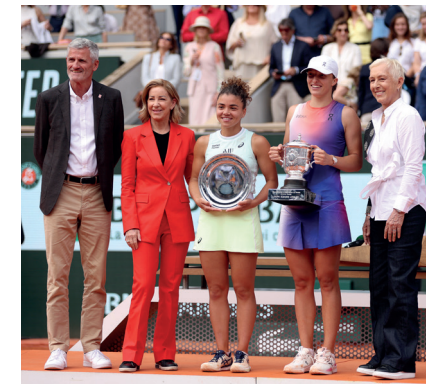


300 women to earn a living. Winning Grand Slams was not a priority for us at that time. I missed 12 Australian Opens and three French Opens because our priority was playing the Virginia Slims Tour and trying to build that into a platform that could sustain women's professional tennis. The men had people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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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RALLY FOR TOMORROW

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

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

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

towards sustainability and bring about positive change.

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

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

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

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



Ben Shelton delivers leftover food to local community project to support the LTA's sustainability efforts

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



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

The Grass Court Season

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

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

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

Play Your Part

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

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



Scan the QR code to find out more about the LTA's Sustainability practices across the Grass Court Season.

ANDY MURRAY'S QUEEN'S CLUB MEMORIES

THE GRASS COURT SEASON WILL FEEL VERY DIFFERENT FOR ANDY MURRAY THIS YEAR, WITH BRITAIN'S TWO-TIME WIMBLEDON CHAMPION AND FIVE-TIME SINGLES CHAMPION HERE AT THE QUEEN'S CLUB SET TO EXPERIENCE HIS FIRST SUMMER OUT OF THE SPOTLIGHT SINCE 2005.

This time of the year has been exhilarating, rewarding and demanding for Murray over the last two decades, as the weight of expectations from an expectant British sporting nation weighed down on his shoulders.

Murray carried that burden impressively during a career that saw him end Britain's long wait for a champion at The Queen's Club and also at Wimbledon.

His five singles titles at this venue and a memorable doubles success alongside Feliciano Lopez in 2019 cement his legacy as the most prolific champion here at The Queen's Club, so it is fitting that the Centre Court at The Queen's Club has been renamed The Andy Murray Arena.

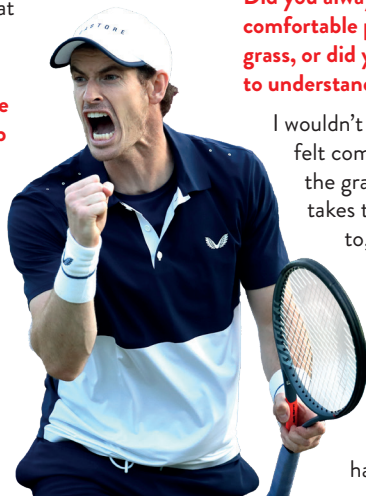
Murray's final match at Wimbledon last summer allowed him to say a emotional farewell to the fans who have lived through his journey and here, he looks back on his story on grass courts and picks out



his favourite moment at The Queen's Club.

How honoured are you to have the Centre Court at Queen's Club renamed The Andy Murray Arena?

It's a big honour and something I wasn't really expecting. I think it's been my most successful tournament, in terms of the number of times I won, and I always loved being



a competitor here. I'm very grateful to the Club for naming the court after me.

What are your first memories of The Queen's Club when you were growing up?

I used to love watching Lleyton Hewitt, he's one of my favourite players and an unbelievable grass court player. He had a great run, winning three years in a row at Queen's. It wasn't so good for Tim Henman as he beat him in two finals!

Did you always feel comfortable playing on grass, or did you need time to understand the surface?

I wouldn't say I always felt comfortable on the grass. It definitely takes time to adjust to, particularly if you are coming off the clay, but it is a surface that suits my game. I've had some of my



best wins on the grass, some of them here at Queen's.

What are your memories of your first match at Queen's against Santiago Ventura Bertomeu?

It was my ATP debut and I managed to win pretty easily. I only lost three games in that match I think. I was 18 and a wild card, so expectations were low. But the crowd really got behind me and it was an incredible experience. One that I'll always remember.

Do you have a favourite moment from your matches at Queen's?

The doubles with Feliciano Lopez in 2019 was really special for me. I was just coming back from my hip surgery. It was the first tournament I was playing and I had no idea how I was going to be physically. To win the tournament that year was unbelievable and I'm very proud of that.

Will it feel strange to be absent from the grass court season for the first time?

Yes, it will be. It's been a part of my life for so long, but I plan to come back to

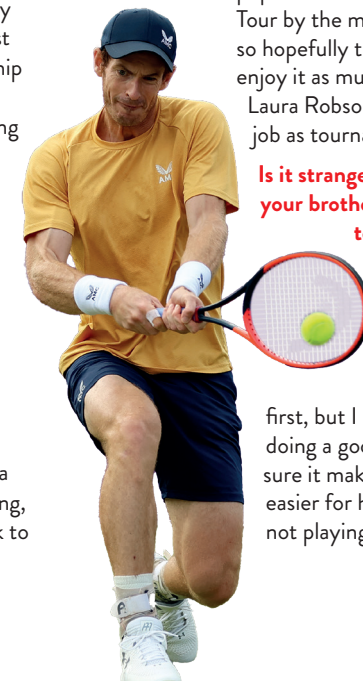
Queen's and I'll definitely be watching at home.

How excited are you to see a WTA Tour event at The Queen's Club this summer?

I think it's a good idea. It makes a lot of sense, particularly with the history of the women playing here before 1973. It's always voted one of the most popular tournaments on the Tour by the male players, so hopefully the women will enjoy it as much. I think Laura Robson will do a great job as tournament director.

Is it strange to see your brother as the tournament director for the ATP tournament at Queen's?

It was at first, but I think he's doing a good job. I'm sure it makes it a lot easier for him that I'm not playing this year!



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Parks which have 12 months of data for pre- and post-

refurbishment show an average uplift in bookings of 123%, and many of those playing on refurbished courts had not played tennis before, meaning the project is opening tennis up to new audiences.

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

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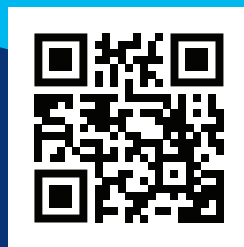


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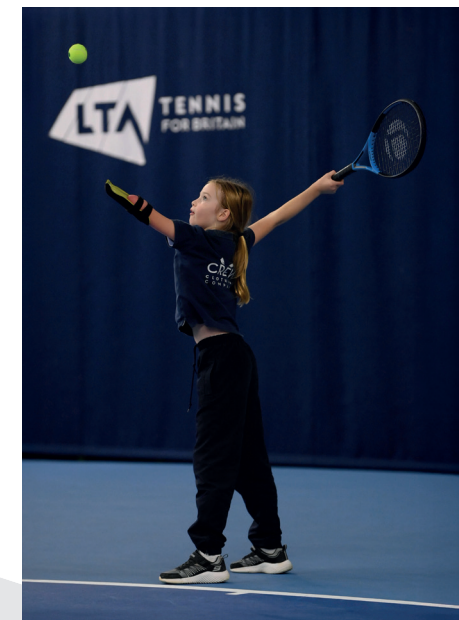


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The LTA is also expanding the programme into other long-term health conditions and mental health. Through the LTA's national partnerships they are working to open the sport up to a wider range of audiences including Parkinson's UK, AOC Sport, Sense,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

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

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

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LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION

THE LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION'S MISSION IS TO IMPROVE LIVES THROUGH TENNIS, ENSURING THAT EVERY CHILD, YOUNG PERSON, AND ADULT CAN ACCESS THE UNIQUE AND LIFE-CHANGING BENEFITS THAT TENNIS OFFERS.

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

How the LTA Tennis Foundation makes an impact

Supporting organisations

- Financially supporting and collaborating with charities and organisations embedded within their communities, who use tennis as a force for good.

Enabling communities and schools

- Funding expertise and equipment to make tennis accessible to all.

Developing facilities

- Improving access to tennis by developing, often neglected, facilities and courts.

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



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

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What the LTA Tennis Foundation funded: Tennis For All

With the support of an LTA Tennis Foundation grant and collaboration with Islington Council, Access to Sport has expanded its "Tennis for All" programme. This initiative now includes sessions at Rosemary Gardens in South Islington, led by dedicated female coach Karen.

These sessions are designed to be inclusive and enjoyable, creating a welcoming atmosphere from the start. To ensure the programme's success, the team has introduced a variety of low-cost and free activities to encourage participation.

The programme offers adult-only, women-only, and junior



tennis sessions, along with the popular "Free Fun Friday" initiative, a holiday camp-style session for children.

As the programme has grown, it has seen significant

participation from women, not only in women-only sessions but across all activities. The sense of community and Karen's approachable coaching style have been key to this success.

"We are delighted with the support from the LTA Tennis Foundation that has enabled us to further develop our Tennis for All model. This in turn has allowed us to engage different communities to play tennis locally and open new opportunities to engage in a sport that is good for people's mental and physical wellbeing. We have already seen the hugely positive impact that the funding has had in expanding our programme and outreach project and are eager to see that continue and grow in the years to come."

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

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

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

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

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

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

As the Brits walked out on court to face Germany,



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MEET THE LTA WORKFORCE

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

COACHES

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

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

OFFICIALS

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

Similar to the LTA Coach Accreditation Scheme,

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

ACTIVATORS

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

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

VOLUNTEERS

Over 25,000 people choose to volunteer in tennis

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

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

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

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

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



Scan here to find out more.

ISSY'S JOURNEY

FROM BECOMING AN LTA SERVES ACTIVATOR TO SPEAKING AT THE BILLIE JEAN KING CUP DINNER, IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY FOR ISSY STANLEY OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

While at university Issy decided to become an LTA SERVES Activator. On the training day she met her local mentor, "I was very lucky to be paired with Kate Maurici from The Queens Club Foundation."

Together, Kate and Issy worked on numerous projects within the local community. With sessions taking place in non-traditional tennis venues, including parish centres, faith schools and even on a basketball court in an estate. "With minimal facilities, just a few rackets and balls, it was about adapting to the environment. You don't need a pristine tennis court to be able to play tennis," Issy says, "it's about breaking down barriers and giving young children a chance to play the sport and open up the possibility that tennis can be for them."

After then completing her LTA Level 1 Assistant qualification and with Kate's continued support, the two introduced tennis competitions at holiday camps for over 50 children a day during the summer holidays.

Following the successful events Issy had helped set up and facilitate she was invited, alongside Kate, to speak at the Billie Jean King Cup dinner about their work within the community. The LTA then continued to recognise Issy's work by giving her the opportunity to take some of the participants to The Championships, Wimbledon. "It was unbelievable, the girls could see what they could aspire to do in the future."

Tennis is one of the most gender balanced sports in terms of participation but there is more work to be done to close the gender gap further. One of the



LTA's ambitions is to increase the number of young girls and women picking up a racket and getting involved in the sport. Issy reflects on the importance of increasing female engagement, "We started girls-only sessions so the participants could leave behind any social anxieties around playing sport in front of boys, they can come in, try their best and it doesn't matter if it doesn't work. You have fun and you move, that's the bottom line of it all." Issy adds, "sport is so important for keeping healthy and building confidence in women, especially from a young age."

When discussing why she enjoys her roles as an Activator and LTA Level 1 Assistant, Issy says, "With sport, you don't have to be excellent at it. You can practice and improve, but as long as you're having fun and enjoying yourself, that's what matters. I see these kids with a massive smile on their face and it's incredibly rewarding. It's why I love what I do. I can't recommend it enough."



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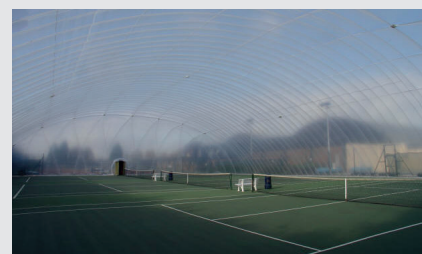
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LTA AND LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION AT THE FOREFRONT OF BUMPER INVESTMENT IN GRASSROOTS TENNIS ACROSS THE UK

The LTA's Quick Access Loan scheme, funded by the LTA Tennis Foundation (LTA TF), aims to increase participation in tennis and padel while ensuring long-term sustainability for venues and the people who play at them. The scheme aligns with the LTA and LTA TF's vision of "Tennis Opened Up" by requiring every approved application to include a community element,

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



THE VENUE: BISHOP STORTFORD LAWN TENNIS AND PADEL CLUB

THE PROJECT

Bishop Stortford is a bustling venue in Essex, with a thriving membership and extensive facilities. The venue features three floodlit macadam courts, five floodlit artificial grass courts, and six grass courts.

The venue was awarded a Quick Access Loan to develop two new artificial clay courts with floodlights, replacing the existing mini courts. This exciting development will enhance the club's already extensive coaching programme.

In addition to its coaching offerings, Bishop Stortford runs multiple community programmes for schools and underrepresented groups. The new development will enable the venue to expand these valuable initiatives even further.

THE IMPACT

- Extended hours of play, especially at peak time.
- Increased coaching programme and competition calendar.
- Grown existing links with local schools.
- Extended sessions for a local disability charity.
- An increase in pay and play bookings.



"The LTA Tennis Foundation's Quick Access Loan enabled us to convert very underused mini courts into two artificial clay courts which have been very popular with our members, and we have been able to add extra coaching sessions to meet demand."

NATALIE
Club Manager



Find out more about the LTA Tennis Foundation Quick Access Loan Scheme.

WTA STARS SHINING BRIGHT

THE FIRST BIG EVENT OF THE GRASS COURT SEASON HERE AT THE QUEEN'S CLUB MARKS THE HALFWAY POINT OF WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN AN EPIC YEAR ON THE WTA TOUR.

Aryna Sabalenka has been the dominant player at the top of the rankings, but she has not had it all her own way as a host of new names have secured breakthrough victories in a season that has thrown up plenty of intriguing storylines.

Here is a look back at the WTA Tour story so far, ahead of what is certain to be one of the highlights of the WTA Tour year with this sparkling new tournament in London.

MADISON'S JOY

Grand Slam glory for a player who has been knocking on the door of a breakthrough success is always so special and that was the story for Madison Keys at the Australian Open.

Playing in a second Grand Slam final and her first for more than seven years, Keys overcame the world No.1 Sabalenka in a dramatic final to secure a career-defining win in Melbourne.

After seeing off Iga Swiatek in the semi-finals, Keys beat the top two seeds to seal a victory that inspired an eruption of joy for the likeable American.

Keys, who was 29 when she won in Melbourne, became the fourth-oldest first-time Grand Slam women's champion in the



Madison Keys

Open Era. The top three in that list are Flavia Pennetta at the 2015 US Open (33), Ann Jones at 1969 Wimbledon (30) and Francesca Schiavone at 2010 Roland-Garros (also 29).

NEW CHAMPIONS

Keys was not the only champion celebrating a breakthrough victory in the opening weeks of this year, as Amanda Anisimova and Mirra Andreeva also toasted success in the opening marquee WTA 1000 events of the season.

Anisimova's victory in Dubai was sealed with a victory in the final against Jelena Ostapenko,

with the big-hitting American having too much firepower for her rivals in the desert.

The wins for Andreeva in Qatar and at Indian Wells were significant, as this exciting teenager is being tipped to be one of the next superstars of the women's game.

The courage and focus she displayed to beat Sabalenka in the Indian Wells final was especially impressive and highlighted her remarkable maturity.

CLAY COURT CHAOS

The upsets continued during a compelling clay court swing



Sonay Kartal

on the WTA Tour, with Iga Swiatek's dip in form opening the door for her rivals to shine.

Swiatek has been the dominant force on clay in recent years, so the manner of her 6-1, 6-1 defeat against Coco Gauff at the Madrid Open was a surprise and her straight sets loss against Danielle Collins at the Italian Open was also unexpected.

Sabalenka confirmed her growing prowess on clay as she lifted the title in Madrid after a win against Coco Gauff, before we had one of the most joyous moments of the year as Jasmine Paolini won the Italian Open in front of her euphoric home fans.

BRITS ARE BUILDING

British players have turned in some impressive performances in 2025, with Katie Boulter, Emma Raducanu and Sonay Kartal impressing on hard and clay courts.

Boulter's year has been hampered by fitness concerns, but she

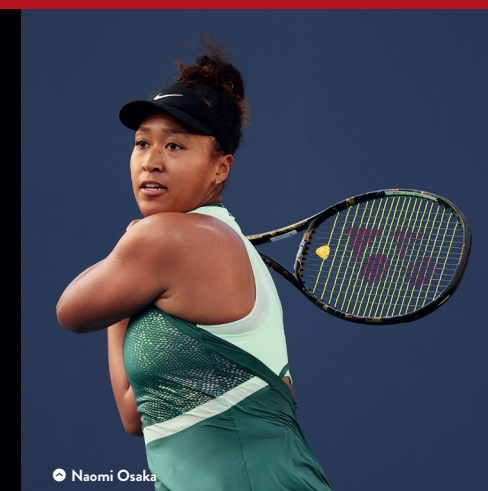
succeeded in her mission to make an impact on clay courts for the first time in her career.

Her win at the WTA 125 event in Paris last month was a first on clay for the Leicester-born player, who also won her first match at the French Open in Paris before turning her attentions to grass courts.

It's also been a hugely encouraging year for 2021 US Open champion Emma Raducanu, with her thrilling run to the quarter-finals of the Miami Open kick-starting her season, before she backed that up with clay court match wins in Madrid, Rome and at the French Open.

The impressive rise of Sonay Kartal has also continued at a pace, as the Brighton-born battler has adapted impressively to the WTA Tour after her first title win in Tunisia last September.

Kartal reached the fourth round at Indian Wells and



Naomi Osaka

then won her first matches on clay in Madrid and Rome.

LOOK OUT FOR

Petra Kvitova is playing at The Queen's Club this week as she continues her comeback after giving birth to her son Petr last July.

The two-time Wimbledon champion has joined the increasing ranks of mothers on the WTA Tour, with Naomi Osaka also on the entry list here at The Queen's Club this week as she juggles the challenge of being a mother on tour.

Another story to look out for over this year's grass court season will be the progress of reigning Wimbledon champion Barbora Krejčíková.

Injuries have disrupted the progress of the Czechia-born player since her memorable win at the All England Club last July, so Krejčíková will be eager to shine once she gets grass under her feet once again.

SMALLER COURT, BIG FUN

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

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

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

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

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



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

GROWING THE GAME

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

SPREADING THE WORD

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

EXPANDING ACCESS

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CONTINUING THE LEGACY

WE HAVE HAD TO WAIT A LONG TIME TO FIND A SUCCESSOR TO OLGA MOROZOVA AT THE QUEEN'S CLUB, BUT THAT MOMENT WILL FINALLY ARRIVE THIS WEEK.

Morozova was the last female player to lift a trophy here at this famous venue, with that week proving to be especially significant for the women's game.

As the women's tournament was taking place at Queen's, a group of more than 50 of the game's top players gathered in the Millennium Gloucester Hotel, with the indomitable Billie Jean King leading the way as she vowed to revolutionise women's tennis.

The Women's Tennis Association was formed that month and it has been the cornerstone of the evolution of the women's game for more than half a century.

However, a women's tour event has not been played at this venue for 52 years, with Morozova winning a tournament that was loaded with big-name players.

Australian great Margaret Court was the No.1 seed, with rising teenage star Chris Evert seeded No.2 and Evonne Goolagong the third seed.

The eventual champion may not have had high hopes of success on grass courts after

her first two wins against Australia's Kerry Harris and Uruguay's Fiorella Bonicelli, but the draw opened up when Court was forced to withdraw and Evert was beaten in the quarter-finals.

Morozova would not have been the favourite to beat 1971 Wimbledon champion Goolagong in the final, with a 6-2, 6-3 victory securing one of her eight career titles.

She went on to lose in the Wimbledon final against Evert a year later, one of 13 straight defeats on her record in a one-sided head-to-head record against the great American.

Morozova did win a Grand Slam title when she teamed up with Evert to win the Wimbledon doubles crown in 1974, with her serve and volley game perfectly suited to the grass courts.



Olga Morozova celebrating her victory at The Queen's Club in 1973...

...at The Queens Club in 2025



The women's game looks very different as tennis returns to The Queen's Club this week, with the scale of this event highlighting the impact those ground-breaking early champions made for those who have followed in their footsteps.

The champion crowned at the end of this tournament on Sunday will succeed a player who was part of the early generation of WTA Tour players who helped to change the landscape of the women's game.

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Staged at the LTA's National Tennis Centre in Roehampton, an enthusiastic crowd was in attendance on finals day in the 18 & Under tournament, with two outstanding prospects taking the titles.

Middlesex's Mika Stojasavljevic and Surrey's Oliver Bonding took the titles in those tournaments as they justified their status as top seeds after impressive achievements over the last 12 months.

Stojasavljevic captured plenty of headlines as she won the 2024 US Open Junior title in New York last September and Bonding won his first professional ITF World Tennis Tour singles title at the M15 Lannion tournament in France in February.

They are now looking to make the transition from the junior ranks to the seniors, with 16-year-old Stojasavljevic insisting her focus is on her studies as well as tennis.

"Fitting in school around tennis is tough," said Stojasavljevic, who trains at the LTA's National Academy at Loughborough.

"I have to stay really disciplined with my studies. Sometimes that is easier to do than others. I just need to find time every day to keep up with my school work.

"It was easy to keep my feet on the ground after the US



Open win, as I was straight back to school and it's important I make sure I get my school work in around the tennis."

Stojasavljevic's maturity on and off the court is so impressive and the same can be said of Hannah Klugman from Surrey, who is supported by the LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme.

Klugman, a former 16 & Under Junior Nationals champion, turned in an impressive performance against Stojasavljevic, as she came up short after serving for the match in the deciding set.

Boys' champion Bonding has also enjoyed a breakthrough year and he is weighing up the prospect of continuing his development in the US college system, which is proving to be such a valuable stepping stone for players transitioning between the junior and senior ranks.

"I think going to college in America is a great option, as you can develop your game as you look to mature mentally and physically before going onto the senior tour, so I'm looking at it," said Bonding.

"It's all about the right fit for you. Winning a pro title this year gave me a massive boost and it means that even if I'm losing some matches, I feel good about my game as I know I can win at that level. It's all about doing that consistently."

In the 16 & Under tournament, Suffolk's Megan Knight and Cheshire's Aran Selvarasan were crowned as singles champions, as they followed in the footsteps of Jack Draper, Dan Evans, Heather Watson, Harriet Dart, Paul Jubb and 2023 Junior Wimbledon champion Henry Searle by lifting that prestigious title.

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SITTING DOWN WITH MICHAEL BOURNE, LTA PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



● Jack Draper
● BJK Cup

● Katie Boulter

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

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

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

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

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



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

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KIRAN MATHARU
EDI Programme Manager –
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INTRODUCING ELECTRONIC LINE CALLING LIVE AND MATCH ASSISTANTS

Last year the ATP stated that Electronic Line Calling Live (ELC Live) will be in place at all their Tour level events in 2025.

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

What is Electronic Line Calling Live?

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

Foot faults will be called by the Review Official who sits within the ELC Live operating booth

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

Who will be the voice behind the calls?

LTA Tennis Foundation stakeholders have been given the opportunity to lend their voice to the ELC

Audio. Other voices you may hear calling the shots include LTA Advantage competition winners, as well as representatives from title sponsor, HSBC.

How are Line Umpire roles changing?

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

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

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

MATTHEW MORRISSEY
LTA OFFICIATING OPERATIONS MANAGER

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



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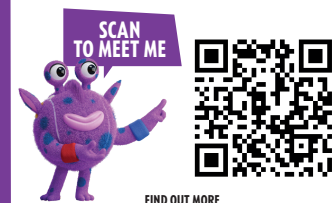


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FAVOURITE SHOT FOREHAND
FAVOURITE PLAYER SONAY KARTAL

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FAVOURITE SHOT DROP SHOT
FAVOURITE PLAYER EMMA RADUCANU

Graceful on and off the court. Spin is naturally gifted and inventive with her range of shots.



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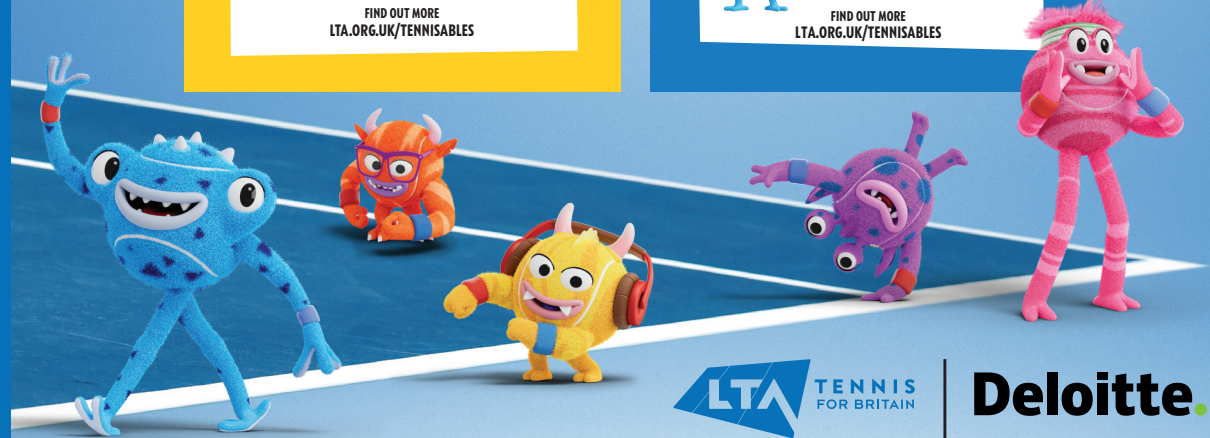


FAVOURITE SHOT SERVE
FAVOURITE PLAYER KATIE BOULTER

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LTA YOUTH SCHOOLS CELEBRATES 28,000 TEACHERS TRAINED

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

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

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



outside of their areas of expertise, such as PE.

A comprehensive training programme

The impact of the LTA Youth Schools programme is already evident. With over half of all schools in Britain signed up and more than 28,000 teachers having completed the free training course, the initiative is making a tangible difference.

For teachers, lesson plans for pupils throughout Key

Stages 1 to 5 are detailed and written as progressive schemes of work. For teachers of Key Stage 3 and above, LTA Youth Schools also provides a suite of drills and activities to help teachers and coaches assess tennis as part of the GCSE PE practical assessment, with supporting film clips showing students of different levels performing the drills. All teachers who register with the programme can take part in free in-person or online



CPD, to help boost their confidence delivering high-quality PE lessons.

The LTA's impact survey revealed overwhelmingly positive feedback from teachers who have completed the course, with 99% of teachers believing their teaching has improved or will improve as a result of the training. Additionally, 90% of teachers believe that tennis boosts pupils' confidence, 79% see it enhancing pupil aspirations, and 63% recognise its impact on academic achievement.

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

"The work of the LTA Youth Schools programme to improve teachers' tennis delivery in schools is making a real impact. It's brilliant that kids of all ages, disabled and non-disabled, and from all over

the country are getting the chance to try tennis where they might not have been able to before through their PE lessons. Hopefully, even more teachers can sign up and give even more kids the chance to give tennis a go."

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

The need for professional development in teaching is pressing. In 2024, only 56% of teachers participated in training provided by external organisations, according to a Department for Education report. Initiatives like LTA Youth Schools are crucial in addressing this gap, aligning with the LTA's aim

"The LTA Youth Schools Programme has been a game changer for us. Three years ago, tennis was non-existent in the school, but since learning about the LTA Youth Schools Programme, the change is night and day.

"Our Head of PE and Sport completed the free face-to-face and online training provided by the programme, passing on learning to fellow staff at St Michael's, with the programme also providing lesson plans for teaching tennis effectively, and a £250 voucher for equipment, which was immediately put to use.

"Ever since, tennis has gone from strength to strength at St Michael's. Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils are now taught tennis for a term each year, with before and after-school tennis clubs also available three days a week. Thanks to LTA Youth Schools resources, we've also hosted a competition for schools in Haringey, with planning already underway for the next.

"It was with tremendous pride that we were awarded Middlesex LTA School of the Year for 2025, with tennis now the top sport at St Michael's. We could not have done any of this without the LTA Youth Schools Programme so from St Michael's, we want to say a huge thank you."

ST. MICHAEL'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HARINGEY

to inspire a new generation of players while enhancing teachers' skills and confidence in the classroom.



Scan the QR code to find out more about the LTA Youth programme and how you can get involved.

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THE SERVE

SERENA WILLIAMS AND PETE SAMPRAS

A teenage Boris Becker changed the direction of tennis when he broke through and won The Queen's Club Championships and Wimbledon for the first time in 1985, with his booming serve bringing a new dimension to the sport.

Those who followed in his footsteps built on that blueprint and when the grass court champions who boasted the most effective serves are considered, Pete Sampras and Serena Williams have to be in the conversation.

Sampras dominated at Wimbledon as he won seven titles between 1993 and 2000, while he was also a two-time winner on the Queen's Club grass courts.



• STEFFI GRAF strikes a forehand

• PETE SAMPRAS serve

Williams also won seven Wimbledon singles titles and claimed an Olympic gold medal on the Wimbledon grass in 2012, with her power-packed serve at the heart of her aura in a career that included 23 Grand Slam singles titles.

THE FOREHAND

STEFFI GRAF AND ROGER FEDERER

There was unique beauty in the forehands of German great Graf and Swiss maestro Federer.

Seven-time Wimbledon champion Graf struck this shot with an elegance and ferocity that intimidated her rivals, with the sound of the ball crunching onto her racket echoing around the great tennis arenas of the world in a career that saw her win 22 Grand Slam singles titles.

If Graf's forehand resembled a knife slicing through blades of grass, Federer's had the silky elegance of a master craftsman at work.

His grace on a tennis court somehow appeared to be elevated by the beauty of the green grass courts he loved more than any other, with his forehand winners drawing gasps of admiration from the crowd in every match he played.

THE BACKHAND

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA AND ANDY MURRAY

Navratilova had a one-handed backhand that was loaded with pace and always delivered with wondrous accuracy.



• MARTINA NAVRATILOVA - nine-time Wimbledon queen
ANDY MURRAY hits a backhand

One-handed backhands are now a rarity in the women's game, with the footage of Navratilova winning her nine Wimbledon singles titles and a remarkable 11 wins at the LTA tournament at Eastbourne a permanent reminder of the class she exuded when striking a backhand.

Britain's Andy Murray also excelled with this shot, as he claimed two Wimbledon titles on grass and five singles titles at The Queen's Club.



Murray's ability to stoop low and find what seemed to be impossible angles were at the heart of his triumphs on grass, while his fantastic lob was also a sumptuous option when the ball was fizzed into his backhand.

WINNING MINDSET

BILLIE JEAN KING AND NOVAK DJOKOVIC

These two players overcame so many barriers to achieve greatness that will stand the test of time.

King's achievements off the court are probably more remarkable than her magnificent accomplishments on it, which included six Wimbledon singles titles and four in the Open Era.

She also changed face of the women's game forever as she was a prominent figure in the formation of the Women's Tennis Association and still continues to fight for equality in the sport with passion that has broken down so many barriers.

Djokovic is another champion who needed to overcome what seemed like an impossible mission, as he seemed destined to be the outsider in the battle between Federer and his great rival Rafael Nadal when he set his sights on Grand Slam glory.

Not only did Djokovic find a way to match his two great rivals, but he will finish his career with more major titles than both and will look to equal Federer's all-time record of eight Wimbledon titles this summer.

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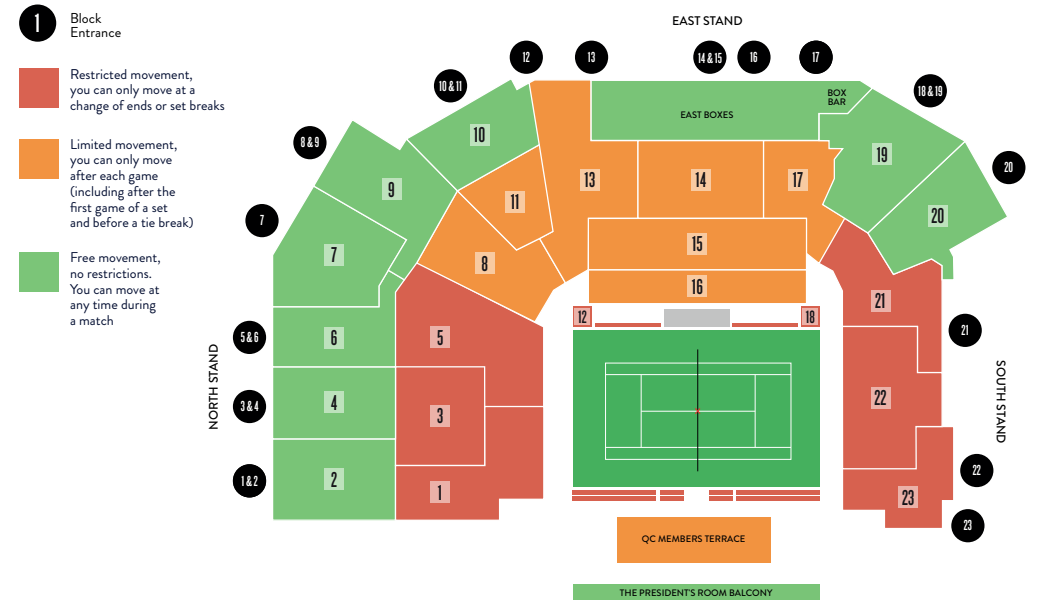
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ANDY MURRAY ARENA SEATING MAP



FAN MOVEMENT

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

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

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

Please refer to the below seating map which highlights the relevant rules to each specific

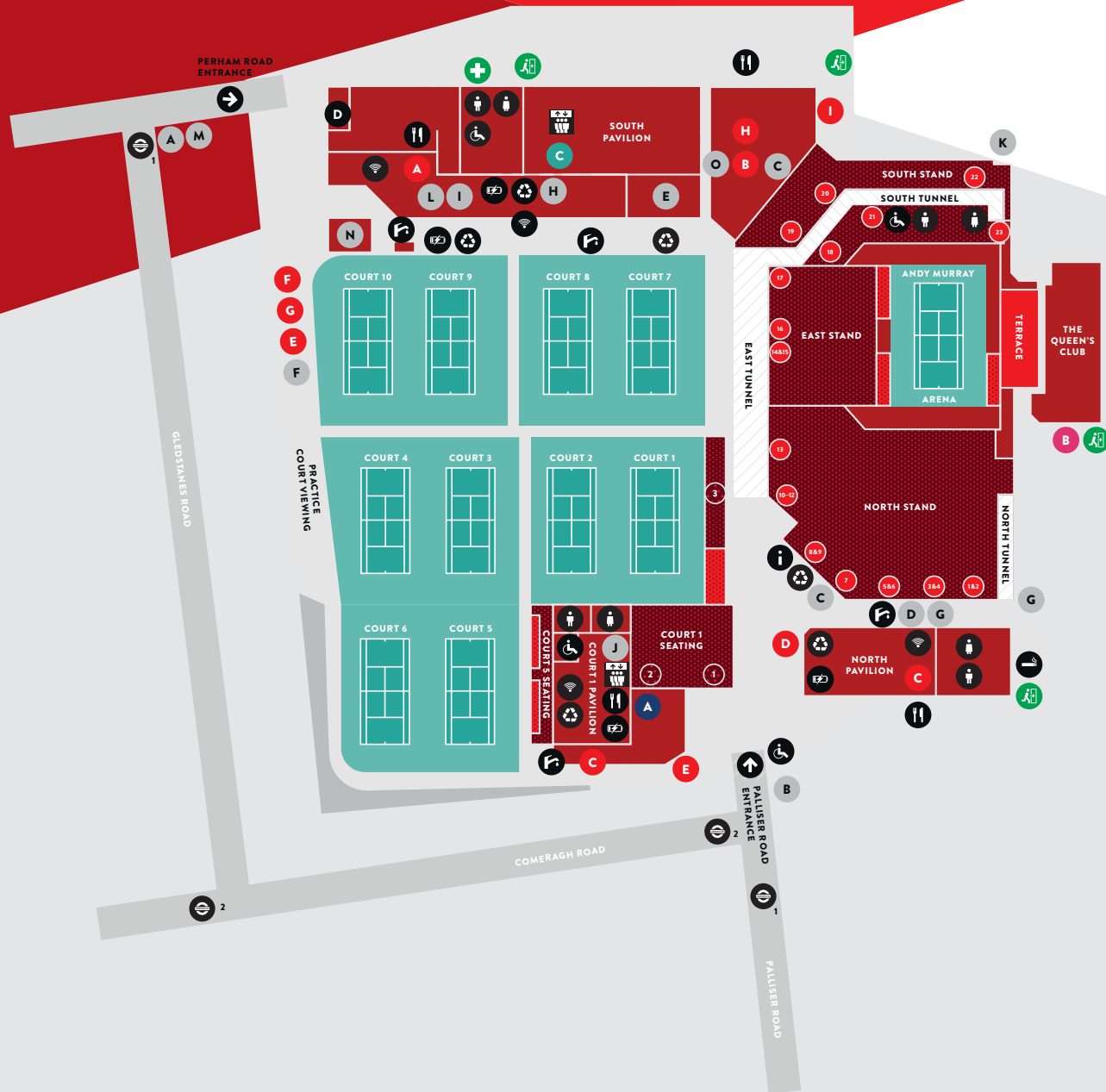
seating block. These regulations are subject to change depending on live feedback from players throughout the tournament, therefore please listen to the Stewards and follow their directions.

Every seat will have a coloured sticker on to help you identify which zone you're in. There will also be signs and further information around the grounds on the day to explain what this means and when you can move in and out of the stadium.

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

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

GENERAL PUBLIC MAP



FACILITIES

- TERRACE
- SEATING
- SPECTATOR ACCESSIBLE SEATING
- PAVILIONS
- TUNNELS
- NO UNAUTHORISED ACCESS
- + FIRST AID
- COURTS
- i INFORMATION POINT, LOST AND FOUND & WHEELCHAIR STORAGE
- ♀ FEMALE TOILETS
- ♂ MALE TOILETS
- ♿ ACCESSIBLE TOILET
- ♻️ BRITA HYDRATION STATION
- 📶 WIFI
- 🚗 LIFT
- ♻️ RECYCLING STATION
- 🔌 PHONE CHARGING
- 🚭 DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA
- 🍴 FOOD AND DRINK

FOOD & DRINK

- A SOUTH PAVILION FOOD MARKET
- B THE COURTYARD
- C THE DELICATESSEN
- D NYETIMBER GARDEN
- E COFFEE
- F ICE CREAM
- G CRÊPES
- H JOURNEY'S END BAR
- I SCHWEPPE'S BAR

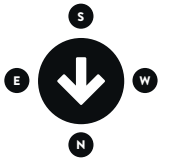
- A TICKET SUPPORT
- B QC MEMBERS
- C VIDEO SCREEN
- D CUSHION HIRE
- E SOUTH PAVILION SHOP
- F TICKET RESALE
- G THE QUEEN'S CLUB SHOP
- H SCORES & DRAWS
- I FAN VILLAGE
- J QUIET ROOM
- K MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
- L HSBC LAWN
- M ACCREDITATION OFFICE
- N HSBC PREMIER LOUNGE
- O FAGE YOGHURT STATION

HOSPITALITY

- A THE VIEW (COURT 1 PAVILION FIRST FLOOR)
- B THE CLUBHOUSE (THE REAL TENNIS MUSEUM & DEDANS AND THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM)
- C HOSPITALITY RECEPTION (GROUND FLOOR)
- D PARTNER SUITES RECEPTION

TRANSPORT

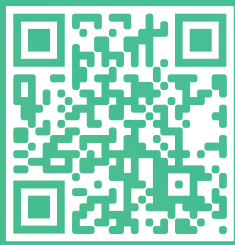
- 1 TO BARONS COURT UNDERGROUND STATION
- 2 TO WEST KENSINGTON UNDERGROUND STATION
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