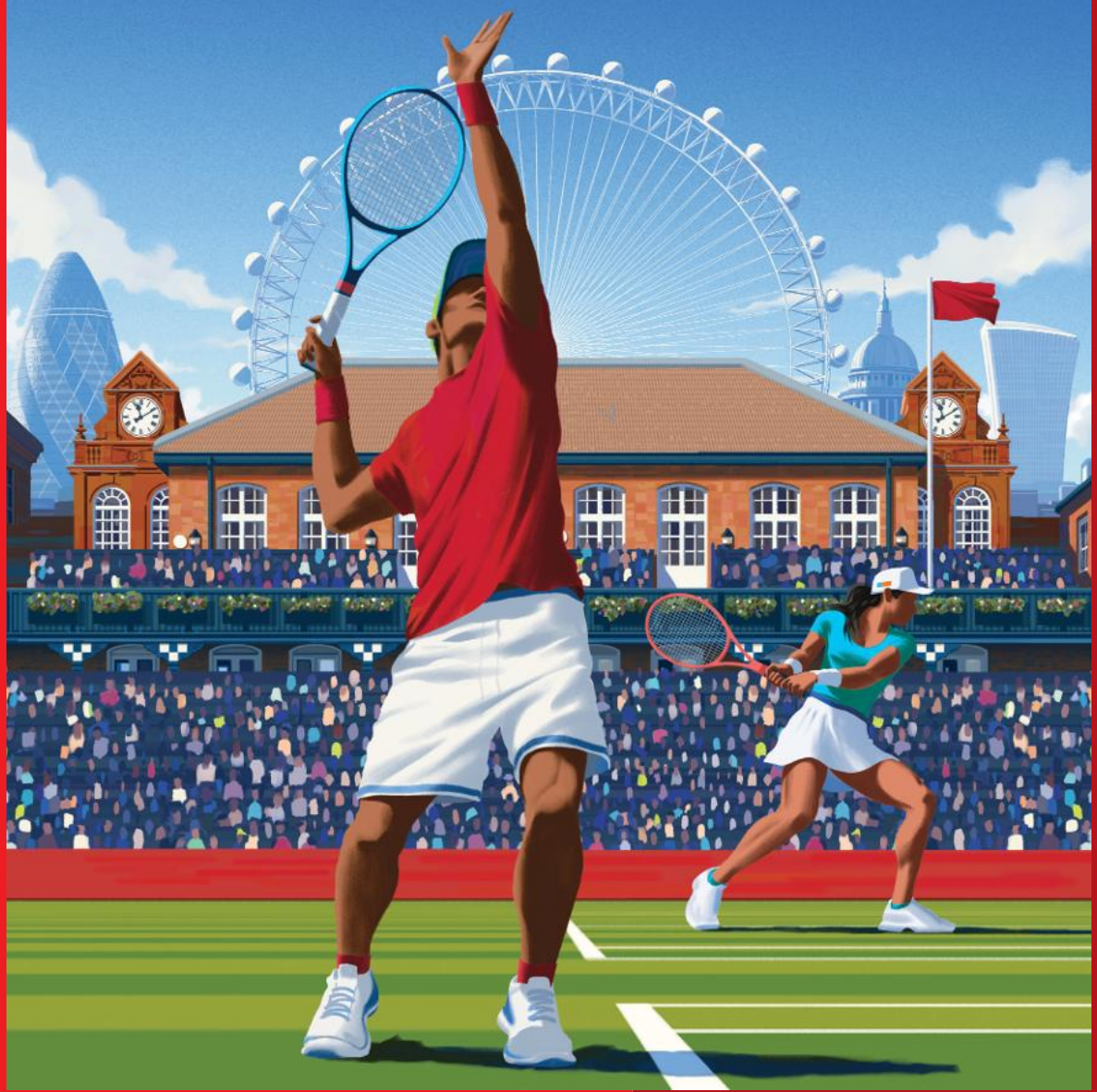




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We are always looking for ways to innovate and improve the spectator experience. As well as different food and drink opportunities around the site,

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I would like to thank HSBC and all our commercial partners for their support, as well as The Queen's Club for hosting the HSBC Championships. Finally, a big thank you to the players, officials, tournament staff, and volunteers all of whom make the event possible.

I hope you enjoy your visit.

SCOTT LLOYD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE | LTA



Dear Guests, Players and Fans.

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club in London and what I hope will be an exhilarating summer of tennis.

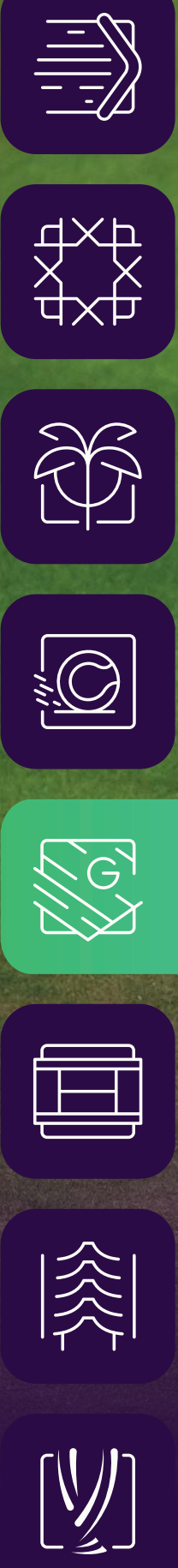
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As the global leader in women's sport, the WTA is home to an incredible array of players, athletes and icons, many of whom you will see stepping onto the stage here in London as the WTA continues to Rally The World.

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

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the partners, sponsors, staff and volunteers who continually raise the bar in our collective mission of championing women's sport. The dedicated WTA and tournament team at the HSBC Championships take great pride in delivering an unforgettable experience for players and fans alike.

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

As we near the halfway point in the year, the HSBC Championships provides the perfect opportunity for players to secure vital points to secure their spot at the worldclass culmination of the season - the WTA Finals. Our spectacular year-end finale takes place in November which in 2025 awarded the largest prize money pay out in the history of women's sport.

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

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I am delighted to welcome you to the 2026 HSBC Championships. The Queen's Club is proud to host this year's tournament in partnership with the LTA and our title sponsor, HSBC.

Founded in 1886, The Queen's Club has a long and distinguished sporting heritage. Originally a venue for rugby, football, cricket and athletics, the Club has evolved over time into one of the world's leading multi-racquet sports clubs.

The return of many of the world's top players is testament to the huge success of last year's tournament, which saw the women's championship return to The Queen's Club for the first time since 1973. We had a fantastic champion in Tatjana Maria, who came through qualifying, defeating four top 20 ranked players along the way.

The Club's official charity, The Queen's Club Foundation, will once again be represented at the HSBC Championships. We are

enormously proud of the work the Foundation undertakes supporting children and adults through community outreach programmes.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Grounds Manager, Graham Kimpton, and his team, whose dedication ensures our courts are presented to the highest possible standard. I am also extremely grateful to our members for their patience and support during the construction of the stadium and tournament facilities.

I hope you enjoy your time at The Queen's Club and wish you a memorable day of world-class tennis.

ALAN GIDDINS
CHAIR | THE QUEEN'S CLUB

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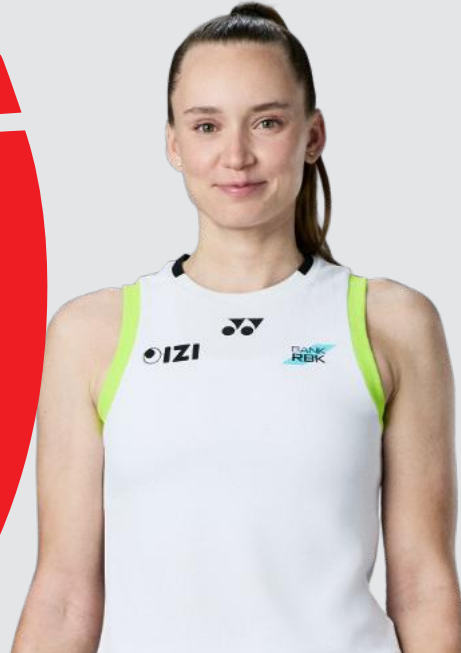
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Throughout June, we'll be celebrating LGBTQ+ communities in tennis as part of Pride Month, including once again holding 'Friday Pride Day' at our events and telling stories from these communities, showing that tennis is a sport where everyone is welcome.



PLAYER PROFILES



ELENA RYBAKINA

AGE: 26
COUNTRY: KAZAKHSTAN

Rybakina has a game that is made for grass courts, with her 2022 Wimbledon title triumph highlighting her ability to adapt her powerful game to this surface.

She started her 2026 in thrilling fashion by winning her second Grand Slam title at the Australian Open, beating world No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in a thrilling three-set final.

She also ended last year on a real high by winning the WTA Finals with another win against Sabalenka in the final of the prestigious tournament.

Rybakina will be looking to secure her third title of the year after winning in both Melbourne and Stuttgart.



AMANDA ANISIMOVA

AGE: 24
COUNTRY: USA

Last year's runner-up at the HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2025, as she also appeared in her first two Grand Slam finals and broke into the top 10 of the WTA rankings for the first time.

Anisimova's run in this tournament last year proved to be a launchpad for her season, as she beat world No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in her run to the Wimbledon final, before also reaching the US Open final.

Her impressive consistency ensured she qualified for the WTA Finals for the first time.



VICTORIA MBOKO

AGE: 19
COUNTRY: CANADA

One of the rising stars of the WTA Tour produced one of the most magical moments of the 2025 season when she won the Canadian Open title in front of her home fans.

Mboko beat Coco Gauff and Elena Rybakina in a run that concluded with a victory against four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka in the final.

That win allowed the teenager to make a big leap up the WTA rankings and after ending 2024 ranked at No.284, she leapt into the top 10 earlier this year.

Mboko came through qualifying at Wimbledon last year and will be one to watch on the grass in 2026.



BELINDA BENCIC

AGE: 29
COUNTRY: SWITZERLAND

A semi-finalist at Wimbledon last year, she also has three last-16 appearances on her record at the All England Club, as well as winning in Eastbourne back in 2015.

An Olympic gold medalist in singles at the 2020 Games in Tokyo, she enjoyed a stunning run of form in 2025, as she moved from a ranking of No.421 at the start of January to No.11 year-end ranking, in her first full season after maternity leave.

Bencic reached a career high ranking of No.4 in 2020 and is currently on the cusp of the top 10.



MARTA KOSTYUK

AGE: 23
COUNTRY: UKRAINE

One of the finest movers on a tennis court in the women's game, Kostyuk used that mobility impressively as she won the biggest title of her career at the Madrid Open last month, this was then followed by a truly impressive run at Roland-Garros.

That success in the Spanish capital ensured Kostyuk secured her highest career ranking and now she will be looking to reproduce that form during the grass court season.

Her best runs at Wimbledon ended at the third round stage in 2023 and 2024. This will be her debut at the HSBC Championships.



IVA JOVIC

AGE: 18
COUNTRY: USA

One of the most talked about players in the women's game in 2026, Jovic has enjoyed a stunning rise up the tennis ladder over the last year.

Jovic enjoyed a breakthrough tournament as she won the Mexican Open title last September and she reached another WTA Tour final in Hobart last January, losing against Elisabetta Cocciaretto in the final.

That was followed by a hugely impressive run to the Australian Open quarter-finals, where she claimed her first win against a top 10 player after beating Jasmine Paolini.



DIANA SHNAIDER

AGE: 22

A quarter-finalist at the inaugural HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club last June, Shnaider beat Britain's Katie Boulter before losing to Madison Keys. She was also a runner-up in the doubles tournament here last year with partner Anna Danilina.

Shnaider has plenty of pedigree on grass courts as she won the WTA Tour title at Bad Homburg in 2024, with that run including wins against top seed Maria Sakkari and former top 10 player Paula Badosa.

Shnaider studied at North Carolina State where she played college tennis before pursuing her professional career.



LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

AGE: 27

A quarter-finalist at Wimbledon last year in a run that included a win against No.16 seed Daria Kasatkina before her progress was halted by eventual champion Iga Swiatek.

She reached a career high ranking of No.12 in February 2023 on the back of a year that included appearances in the final of WTA 1000 tournaments at the Canadian Open and the China Open.

Her record includes wins against Aryna Sabalenka, Elena Rybakina, Jasmine Paolini, Jessica Pegula and Emma Raducanu during periods when all of those players were ranked in the top 10.



LEYLAH FERNANDEZ

AGE: 23
COUNTRY: CANADA

Fernandez shot to global prominence when she reached the 2021 US Open final, losing against Britain's Emma Raducanu in a memorable battle in New York.

That run helped Fernandez to achieve a career-high ranking of No.13 in mid-2022, after she enjoyed a run to the quarter-finals of the French Open.

She highlighted her qualities on grass courts by reaching the 2024 final in Eastbourne.

Fernandez is trilingual, speaking French, Spanish and English.



ANNA KALINSKAYA

AGE: 27

Kalinskaya showed her grass court prowess as she made it through to the final of the 2024 Berlin Open, where she lost against America's Jessica Pegula.

In the same year, she was a finalist at the WTA 1000 tournament in Dubai, losing to Jasmine Paolini.

Those runs allowed her to make an appearance in the top 20 of the WTA Rankings for the first time and she rose up to a career high ranking of No.11 in October of that year.

She is here off the back of a thrilling run to the quarter-finals at Roland-Garros.



HAILEY BAPTISTE

AGE: 24
COUNTRY: USA

Baptiste is in the midst of the best year of her career, with a rapid rise up the WTA rankings coming after fine runs in the WTA 1000 tournaments in Miami and Madrid.

She beat Elena Svitolina and reached the quarter-finals in the first of those tournaments and then recorded a victory against world No.9 Jasmine Paolini and No.1 Aryna Sabalenka en route to the semi-finals in the Spanish capital.

A run to the third round at Wimbledon was her best at the All England Club.



EMMA RADUCANU

AGE: 23
COUNTRY: GREAT BRITAIN

The British No.1 will have fond memories of her appearance in the first HSBC Championships, as she reached the quarter-finals before losing against top seed Zheng Qinwen.

Raducanu reached her first final since that US Open win earlier this year, losing in the Transylvania Open against Romania's Sorana Cristea.

The 2021 US Open champion will be eager to find her best form in front of her home fans at The Queen's Club.

Raducanu is an ambassador for FAGE LTA Youth - LTA's innovative junior programme helping more children aged 4-18 enjoy tennis.



KATIE BOULTER

AGE: 29
COUNTRY: GREAT BRITAIN

Some of Boulter's finest moments have come on grass courts, with this two-time winner of the LTA's Lexus Nottingham Open relishing the challenge of performing in front of her home fans.

Those Nottingham victories have given her an impressive win-loss record on grass, winning over 60 per cent of her matches on the surface.

Boulter's 2025 season was disrupted by fitness issues, but she roared back into title-winning form when she lifted her fourth WTA Tour crown at the Ostrava Open in Czechia in February.



MARIE BOUZKOVA

AGE: 27
COUNTRY: CZECHIA

A grass court specialist who enjoyed her best run at a Grand Slam tournament when she reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon in 2022.

Bouzkova has three singles titles on her record from wins at the 2022 and 2025 Prague Open, as well as Bogota earlier this year.

She is no stranger to titles on the British grass courts, winning the doubles titles at Birmingham in 2021 and at Eastbourne last year.



KAROLINA PLISKOVA

AGE: 34
COUNTRY: CZECHIA

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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participants playing disability tennis at a record number of venues delivering LTA Open Court

4M+
children playing tennis, a record high



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

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

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

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

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



1,000
venues delivering LTA SERVES - a record high
35,000+
young people taking part regularly

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

CELEBRATING 50-YEARS OF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

FROM A RADICAL IDEA TO A GLOBAL SPORT

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

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



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

BRITISH SUCCESS ON THE WORLD STAGE

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

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

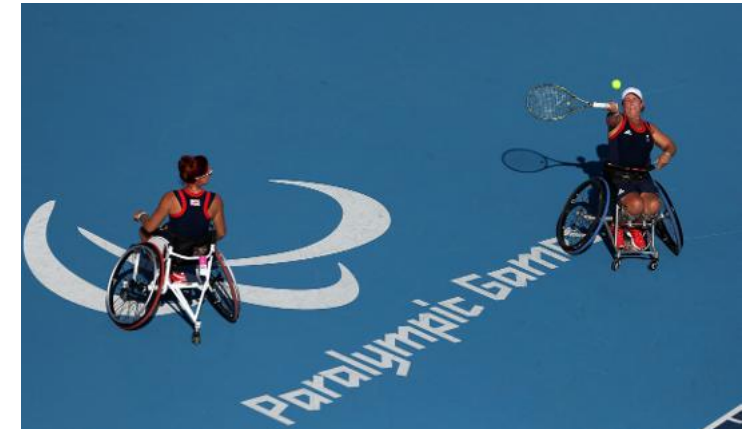
California, Brad Parks, at the sport's 1986 US Open, the forerunner to inclusion in the Grand Slam in 2005. (Photo by Todd Friedman/Popperfoto via Getty Images)

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

CELEBRATING FIVE DECADES OF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

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

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

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

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



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These increases take the prize money at the HSBC Championships to the second highest for a WTA 500 event anywhere in the world this year, whilst the Lexus Eastbourne Open will once again have the highest prize money for a WTA 250 event anywhere in the world.

The boosts in prize money are part of the LTA's ongoing commitment to equalising the men's and women's prize money at these events no later than 2029.

There are currently material differences between the prize money levels on the women's WTA and men's ATP tours. Whilst the

minimum prize money levels are set by the tours themselves, the LTA, with the full support of the WTA, has chosen to significantly uplift the WTA prize money at Queen's and Eastbourne and will continue to do so, to close the gap between WTA and ATP prize money.

All the LTA's grass court tournaments feature women's and men's draws, with the LTA committed to continuing to promote women's professional tennis to the widest audience possible, as well as driving participation.

BREAKING NEW GROUND

AUDIENCE FIGURES FROM THE FIRST-EVER TWO-WEEK HSBC CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE QUEEN'S CLUB LAST SUMMER SAW A DRAMATIC GROWTH IN BOTH TV AND DIGITAL AUDIENCES FOR TENNIS.

The LTA staged a women's WTA 500 event at the Queen's Club for the first time in over 50 years, and it had an immediate impact on audience and engagement figures.

The combined audience for the two weeks of the HSBC Championships saw BBC viewing figures surge when compared to the equivalent two-week period last year (ATP 500 week at the Queen's Club and WTA 500 week at Eastbourne)

A peak audience of 1,715,000 tuned in to the BBC for the men's final between Carlos Alcaraz and Jiri Lehecka, a rise of 64 per cent on the 2024 peak. Across the fortnight the average audience was 651,000 (up 51 per cent on 2024) and the share of TV audience rose to 11.7 per cent (up 64 per cent on 2024). There were over 7.5m online viewing requests during the Championships – a rise of 65 per cent on 2024.

- 1 HSBC Championships in the sunshine
- 2 Carlos Alcaraz of Spain plays a backhand against Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain during the Men's Singles Semi Final
- 3 Sell-out crowds for the HSBC Championships

The HSBC Championships saw strong attendances on site as well, with over 62,000 spectators on site at The Queen's Club for the women's WTA 500 event. This equates to 88 per cent aggregate attendance across the seven days, with the final three days selling out entirely.

This is one of the highest attendances for a standalone WTA event anywhere on the Tour, just behind Charleston and the Canadian Open.

Meanwhile, the men's ATP 500 event once again sold out for the seven days with an attendance of 71,000.

This year's LTA grass court events are set to raise the bar again, with big prize money increases for the WTA Tour events at The Queen's Club and Eastbourne.

The total prize pot will be \$1,915,000 for the HSBC Championships WTA 500 event and \$499,000 for the Lexus Eastbourne Open WTA 250 event.



Tennis is one of the most popular sports amongst women in Britain, and more adult women play tennis in Britain than football, cricket, rugby union and rugby league put together.

1 Tatjana Maria of Germany lifts the women's trophy in celebration
2 Maria plays a forehand against Amanda Anisimova in last year's final



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

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

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

women to take up roles in the workforce and elevating the visibility of women's tennis.

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

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

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

Nearly 100 children from

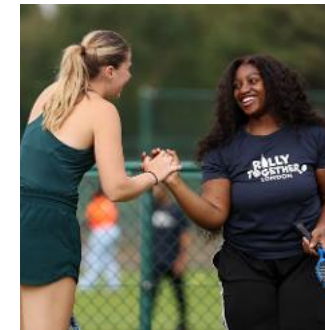


communities across London came together for a high-energy tennis festival last August to mark the official launch of Rally Together London, a groundbreaking three-year collaboration between the LTA and Mayor Sadiq Khan aiming to open tennis up to more young Londoners and break down barriers in the sport.

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

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

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



community where we can provide activities for people that might miss out otherwise."

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



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

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

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



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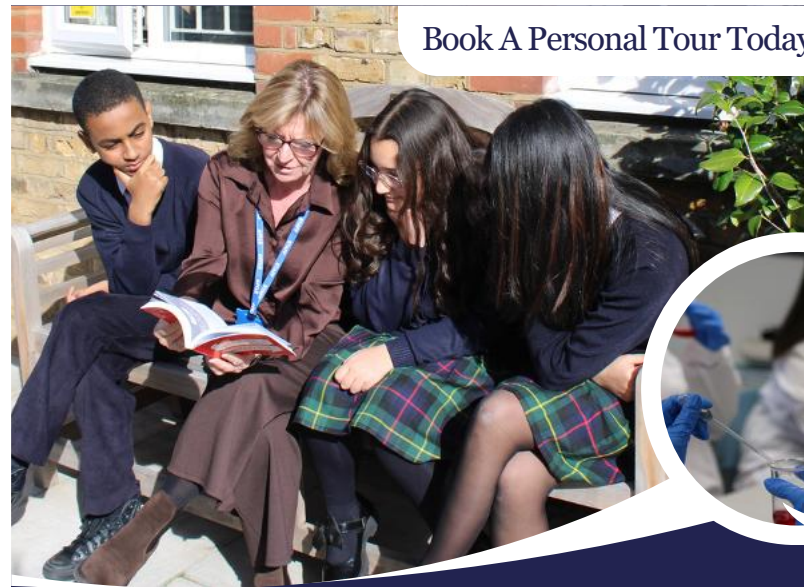
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LAURA ROBSON

AS LAURA ROBSON LOOKS BACK ON HER DEBUT YEAR AS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT THE HSBC CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE QUEEN'S CLUB, SHE CAN REFLECT ON A JOB WELL DONE.

Leading the huge team that brings an event of this magnitude to life is never an easy task and the challenge is taken to a new level when the tournament is in its maiden year, as women's tennis returned to this famous old venue for the first time in 52 years.

After gaining experience as Tournament Director at the LTA's Lexus Nottingham Open, the opportunity to take on the challenge at this event

was too much to resist for Robson, who admits she felt the burden of expectation on her shoulders as a brand new WTA Tour event came to life.

"I wouldn't say I felt the pressure until the tickets went on sale and then the first two days, I was watching the website and emailing the ticket office to see how it was going," reflected Robson. "Once you see that things are going well, you can relax a bit.

"That first year back for the women's event will be compared to a men's event that has been running for 60 years. It's unfair, in a way, to have that comparison, but we knew that was going to be there."

Impressive crowds, bumper TV viewing figures and thrilling matches that ended with Tatjana Maria being crowned as champion and now Robson is back to lead the team once again this year.

"You feel tired by the end of the event," she added. "When you see the finish line is close, it hits you all at once, but there was also a sense of satisfaction as the event was such a success.

"We had a team meeting on the morning of the final and I thanked them all for having me and told them how proud I was of all of them.

"To see 9,000 people in the Andy Murray Arena for a standalone women's tournament was a wonderful sight.

"When Frances Tiafoe arrived for the men's event, he told me he had never seen crowds like this for a women's tournament and that's pretty strong feedback for year one.

"The BBC viewing figures crushed it over the course of the week and we were so proud of that.

"It was also nice to hear so many people leaving and saying 'see you next year', which I think is a fantastic sign that they want to come back.

"I sent out the players' survey, and everyone gave five stars for everything, from transportation to the food, to the tournament staff. It seems everyone is very excited to come back again, so that's pretty cool."

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PARK TENNIS PROJECT

The Park Tennis Project, a nationwide investment by the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation, delivered by the LTA, saw Britain's biggest ever transformation of park tennis facilities.

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

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

FACILITY LOAN SCHEME

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

Since 2019 the Facility Loan Scheme has supported:

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COVERED COURTS

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

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

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



Learn more about
this investment



BOULTER AND RADUCANU SET FOR GRASS

THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAVE PRESENTED PLENTY OF HURDLES FOR EMMA RADUCANU AND KATIE BOULTER, BUT THE BRITISH DUO ARE HEADING INTO THE GRASS COURT SEASON IN AN UPBEAT MOOD.

Injuries and illness have affected Raducanu since her impressive run to the quarter-finals at the HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club last summer, with the British No.1 kept off court by a virus for a lengthy period in the last few months.

She made a return to action for two matches on clay courts and confirmed after her first round exit at the French Open last month that she had considered skipping the clay court season.

Now she is focusing on her grass court ambitions, but she believes the two matches she played on the red dirt will be helpful to her on a surface that is more suited to her game.

"I'm trying my best each day, and that's all I can ask of myself," said



Raducanu, who played doubles with Boulter at The Queen's Club last year.

"I'm looking forward to getting back on home soil and Queen's is always an amazing tournament, so I'm looking forward to getting started there."

Raducanu is working once again with Andrew Richardson and she will be hoping the mentor who worked with her when she won the US Open in 2021 can help her to recapture winning form in the grass court season.

"He's someone who I've known for a very long time and we have a great chemistry with our coach-player relationship and that was evident every

time we worked together," added Raducanu.

"I think consistency is needed and, regardless of the results, I want to just commit and give everything I can, and I think it's been working really well since I started returning to training."

Boulter has also been battling injury issues in recent months and

admitted she was happy to see the back of 2025, with this year serving up a more upbeat story that included a fourth WTA Tour title at the Ostrava Open in Czechia in February.

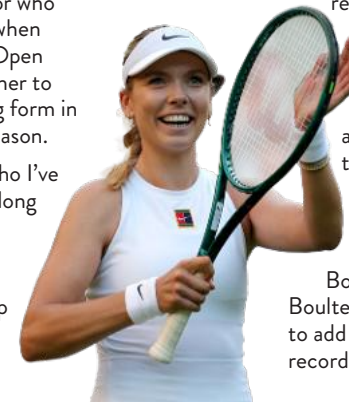
Both Raducanu and Boulter will now be looking to add to their impressive records on grass courts,

with the support of the British fans assured.

Raducanu's compelling match against world No.1 Aryna Sabalenka on the Centre Court at Wimbledon last summer was one of the highlights of the tournament, as the Brit confirmed once again that she can compete with the very best.

Boulter's best moments on grass courts have come at the Nottingham Open, where she won the title in 2023 and 2024.

Her brand of big-hitting tennis can be hugely effective on grass and with plans for her wedding to Australian tennis player Alex de Minaur gathering pace, Katie will be hoping to celebrate on and off the court over the next few months.



IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH TENNIS



LTA Tennis Foundation is a grant and loan giving charity, with a mission to improve lives through tennis. The funding we provide is primarily for the grassroots of the game, and, as the LTA's charity, we are committed to working in all parts of Great Britain with a particular focus on diverse and underserved communities.

Our ambition is for every child, young person, and adult to access the unique and life-changing benefits that tennis offers. To achieve this, we partner with experts in their areas of work and delivery who are embedded within communities, ensuring maximum impact.

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Tennis for All Manager, The Access To Sports Project
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OPENING UP TENNIS ACROSS LONDON

Every summer, London becomes the centre of the tennis world. From packed stands at the HSBC Championships to park courts buzzing with activity, the sport has a unique way of bringing people together. But beyond the famous matches and headline moments, a quieter and equally important story is unfolding across the capital - one focused on opening up tennis to more people, in more places, than ever before.

That's the aim of Rally Together London, a programme bringing tennis into neighbourhoods right across the city. Delivered in partnership between the LTA and the Mayor of London, the project is designed to make tennis easier to access, easier to try and more welcoming for young Londoners - particularly those who might never have considered the sport before.

The programme launched with a lively festival at the National Tennis Centre in

Roehampton in August last year. Children aged eight to 13 from community groups across London enjoyed a full day of tennis, games and meeting new people. For many, it was their first time stepping onto a tennis court, and the focus was firmly on fun, confidence and having a go.

That spirit runs through everything Rally Together London does. Backed by a £500,000 investment, the programme aims to create at least 5,500

opportunities for young people to get involved in tennis over the next two years. Sessions take place in familiar spaces - local parks and community venues - helping remove the idea that tennis is only for certain people or places. Many of the sessions are targeted in parks and venues with the highest levels of deprivation.

At the heart of the project are tennis activators: people from local communities who are trained to lead welcoming, low pressure



RALLY TOGETHER LONDON



sessions. They don't need to be elite players or full-time coaches. Instead, they bring enthusiasm, relatability, and a shared understanding of the communities they serve.

Earlier this year, the first group of activators came together at the National Tennis Centre for a day of learning and on-court activity. Twenty two activators from eight community organisations across London took part, sharing ideas and building skills. Elite player Felix Gill joined them on court, reinforcing the message that tennis at every level should feel open, friendly and inclusive.

Over the lifetime of Rally Together London, 250 people from underrepresented backgrounds will be trained to join the tennis workforce, with at least 50 per cent being women. This focus on women and girls is central to the programme, from who delivers sessions to who feels encouraged to take part. 200 will become tennis activators, deployed



across communities in the capital, bringing tennis to streets, estates and parks where opportunities have previously been limited.

50 young Londoners will have the chance to become Coach Trainees, gaining LTA qualifications and access to paid roles through park operators, with clear pathways into long term careers in sport.

For many girls, seeing women leading sessions, coaching and shaping programmes can make all the difference. It helps challenge longheld assumptions about who

tennis is for and creates spaces where confidence can grow naturally.

Mayor of London, Sir Sadiq Khan, said: "I am delighted to see this partnership with the LTA come to life as we introduce tennis to young Londoners who may otherwise never have got the chance.

"We have to create new opportunities for young people and particularly young women across the capital - not only to play the game but also training as coaches and getting good jobs in the industry."

John Golding, Head of Delivery, London & South East, said, "Rally Together London is about more than participation numbers - it's about changing experiences. By training women from local communities and placing them at the heart of delivery, we're helping girls and young women across London see tennis as a space where they belong - whether that's playing, leading sessions or building a career."

As you enjoy world class tennis at the HSBC Championships, initiatives like Rally Together London offer a reminder that the future of the sport is being shaped across the city every day - on public courts, in youth centres and in local parks.

By celebrating tennis as something fun, social and accessible, London is helping to ensure the game continues to grow in step with the city itself: diverse, energetic and full of opportunity.

THE QUEEN'S CLUB FOUNDATION

THE OFFICIAL CHARITY OF THE QUEEN'S CLUB

This year, The Queen's Club Foundation (QCF) has focused on increasing opportunities for players with special educational needs and disabilities in addition to its already popular local sessions for children from lower-income backgrounds. The Club is incredibly proud of its multi award-winning charity, whose mission is to improve lives through racket sports.

Through its community club programme, the Foundation provides free tennis, squash, real tennis, rackets, and padel in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham and beyond. Each year, the Foundation delivers an extensive outreach programme reaching more than 1,500 children and adults in the local community promoting a culture of inclusion and fun.

"We have exceeded our targets once again this year delivering free opportunities for children and adults in the local community to participate in all the racket sports played at Queen's," says Will Morse, Chair of The Queen's Club Foundation. "We are particularly excited to develop our new project supported by the LTA Tennis Foundation this year "Rally for Life", driving opportunities to play tennis and padel in a dementia friendly environment.

In the year of the 50th anniversary of wheelchair tennis, The Queen's Club Foundation has developed its Inclusive Player Pathway Programme, supporting more than 200 children per year

with special educational needs and disabilities to play tennis. The project (funded personally by a single QC member), provides numerous disability tennis sessions and facilitates junior wheelchair performance players to train and compete, two of whom have now been accepted onto the LTA 14U National Age Group Programme.

The QCF has also supported visually impaired tennis, deaf tennis and tennis for those from underserved communities through its renowned "Inclusive Hotspots" programme, run in partnership with Middlesex Tennis. Kate Maurici, Head of The Queen's Club Foundation said "We continue to make dramatic changes to tennis locally, opening up what is often perceived as an exclusive sport, to all regardless of their background or circumstances. At our recent celebration of the first British Open Wheelchair Championships at Bishops Park in 1990 it was clear that the benefits of disability tennis to

local communities go far beyond exercise. Lifelong friendships are made, and disabled players can come together and compete in a non-judgmental arena, promoting confidence and increased mental and social-wellbeing.

Jayant Mistry inaugural Wimbledon Doubles Champion in 2005 and four times Paralympian (wheelchair tennis) at the recent celebration event at Bishops Park said "The QCF has brought together old and new players, celebrating the legacy we fought so hard for but also inspiring and supporting the champions of the future."

If you would like to lend your support to their outreach activities, please scan the QR code to visit their website www.queensclubfoundation.co.uk or follow them on socials @queensclubfdn



Jayant Mistry on court with a young player at Bishops Park



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THE RETURN OF THE QUEEN

WHEN SERENA WILLIAMS ADDED HER NAME TO THE TENNIS ANTI-DOPING TESTING POOL AT THE BACK END OF LAST YEAR, A WAVE OF EXCITEMENT RIPPLED THROUGH THE SPORT.

The 23-time Grand Slam singles champion is viewed by many as the greatest female tennis player of all time and almost four years after her official retirement at the US Open, her star status has barely faded.

The location of her comeback tournament was a closely guarded secret, but the HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club was selected to relaunch her story.

Now a mother of two, this 44-year-old icon is relishing the chance to play at this historic venue for the first time.

"The Queen's Club feels like the perfect place to begin this next chapter," Williams said, as she confirmed she



would be playing doubles at this tournament.

"Grass has given me some of the most meaningful moments of my career, and I'm excited to be back competing on one of the sport's most iconic stages."

Grass courts have provided Williams with some of her finest moments, as she has won the Wimbledon singles title on seven occasions and also clinched a gold medal on the surface at the 2012 London Olympics.

She has also won the Wimbledon doubles titles on six occasions with her sister Venus and will now be eyeing up more glory in this additional chapter in her remarkable story.

Each step of Serena's comeback will be tracked by an audience well beyond tennis fans as she is a sporting great who transcended her sport long ago, with HSBC Championships Tournament Director Laura Robson excited by the prospect of seeing Williams back on court.

"Serena Williams is one of the greatest athletes the world has ever seen, and we're delighted that she will be making her return to tennis at the LTA's HSBC Championships," said Robson.

"Women's tennis made a historic return to The Queen's Club last year, and now we have an icon of the game stepping back on to court at this prestigious venue - it's very exciting for the tournament and the fans."

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The LTA is working hard to secure a sustainable future for tennis in Britain, both in terms of its own operations and major events, but also by supporting the wider tennis community to take action.

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. The LTA uses Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel to power temporary generators on-site, resulting in 90 per cent less emissions than standard fuels.

New this year, the onsite stringers will be working with Hubba, collecting used racket strings, which will then be recycled and transformed into high performance, sustainable sportswear.



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- 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



ACROSS THE GRASS COURT SEASON THE LTA DONATES MORE THAN THREE TONNES OF LEFTOVER FOOD TO LOCAL CHARITIES.

LTA PLEDGEBALL LEAGUE

The LTA Pledgeball League, encourages venues, coaches and players to commit pledges to make their day-to-day lives more sustainable, everyone who makes a pledge will be entered into the draw to win a pair of tickets to the HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club in 2027!

This is just one way in which the LTA is supporting tennis in Britain to take action to protect the environment and the places we play, with a range of guidance and resources for LTA registered venues.



Scan the QR code to make a nature-friendly pledge and enter into the draw!



SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT

As the inaugural winner of the Protect Where We Play Award, The West Worthing Club in Sussex has emerged as a shining example of how sports clubs can lead the way in environmental responsibility. A proud not-for-profit Community Amateur Sports Club, it has placed sustainability at the heart of its mission, demonstrating that caring for the environment and providing excellent sporting facilities can go hand in hand.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

West Worthing Club have shown what's possible when passion meets purpose, with their leadership showing how grassroots sport can play a powerful role in protecting where we play.

GREG AND TIM – A RIVALRY REVISITED

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

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

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

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

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

he declared his intentions to represent Great Britain in 1995.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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





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DEAF TENNIS

CATHERINE FLETCHER (NÉE GRAHAM) FIRST PICKED UP A RACKET WHEN SHE WAS 12 AND WITHIN A YEAR, SHE WAS REPRESENTING GREAT BRITAIN'S DEAF TENNIS TEAM.

It was the start of a journey in the sport that would take her to the top of deaf tennis, with her gold medal at the 2009 Deaflympics a career highlight that cemented her legacy in the sport.

While her playing days may be over, Catherine's story in tennis has continued in a flourishing coaching career, which includes her role as the LTA's Great Britain National Deaf Tennis Coach.

Catherine is preparing to lead an experienced British team into next month's World Deaf Team Tennis Championships in Grenoble, France, as her story in tennis continues to add new chapters.

"Tennis has given me so many amazing opportunities," said Catherine. "This has been such a big part of my life and meeting so many people who are living a similar life to me and also enjoying tennis has been amazing.

"It's also such a great honour to represent your country, as the players who will compete for Great Britain in this year's World Deaf Team Tennis Championships will confirm."

Catherine's playing career brought success on the international stage and since making a full-time move into coaching, this LTA Level 4 coach has helped to shape tennis stories at Ramsbury and Great Bedwyn Tennis Clubs near Marlborough.

Yet her mission goes beyond developing players, as it's all about visibility for deaf tennis and what it can offer.

"We want to raise awareness of deaf tennis," she explains. "Wheelchair tennis is more visible, people understand it more easily. Deafness, on the other hand, is a hidden disability.

"That can make things more challenging on court, but tennis is such a powerful way for deaf players to connect, compete and build confidence."

That sense of connection is central to the LTA's growing Deaf Tennis Community Group - a nationwide network bringing together players, parents, coaches and officials in an open, supportive environment. It's a space to share ideas, experiences and opportunities, helping



to strengthen the sport from the ground up.

There is also a clear focus on the future, with the LTA continuing to invest in the development of female athletes within deaf tennis, offering grants to support players competing in ICSD Open events throughout the 2026 season.

For Catherine, it all comes back to the same simple belief: that tennis can open doors.

This sport did just that for her and now, she's determined to make sure it does the same for the next generation.



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BRITISH GIRL POWER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The ultimate goal is to win it," added Keothavong. "I know we have the players and strength and depth in the UK to do something special in this competition. "You need a bit of luck for everything to come together. When we head to the Finals, whoever is on my team, we aren't there to make up the numbers, that's for sure."



OPENING UP ACCESS TO TENNIS IN SCHOOLS

FAGE LTA YOUTH SCHOOLS, THE LTA'S SCHOOL TENNIS PROGRAMME, RECENTLY CELEBRATED TRAINING 30,000 TEACHERS NATIONWIDE TO DELIVER TENNIS IN SCHOOLS, AND TO HELP CELEBRATE THE MILESTONE, THE PROGRAMME ENLISTED THE HELP OF BRITISH WOMEN'S STAR SONAY KARTAL.

The programme provides free teacher training for schools that sign up, as well as free teaching resources, to help give more children the opportunity to pick up a racket and play at school.

Data from teachers who have taken part in the training indicate that 99 per cent believe their teaching has improved as a result of FAGE LTA Youth Schools; 91 per cent of teachers have either already increased, or will increase, the amount of tennis they teach; and 89 per cent of teachers feel that playing tennis has improved their pupils' confidence.

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

can be found on the LTA website, just search 'How to get started'.

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



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

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

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

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

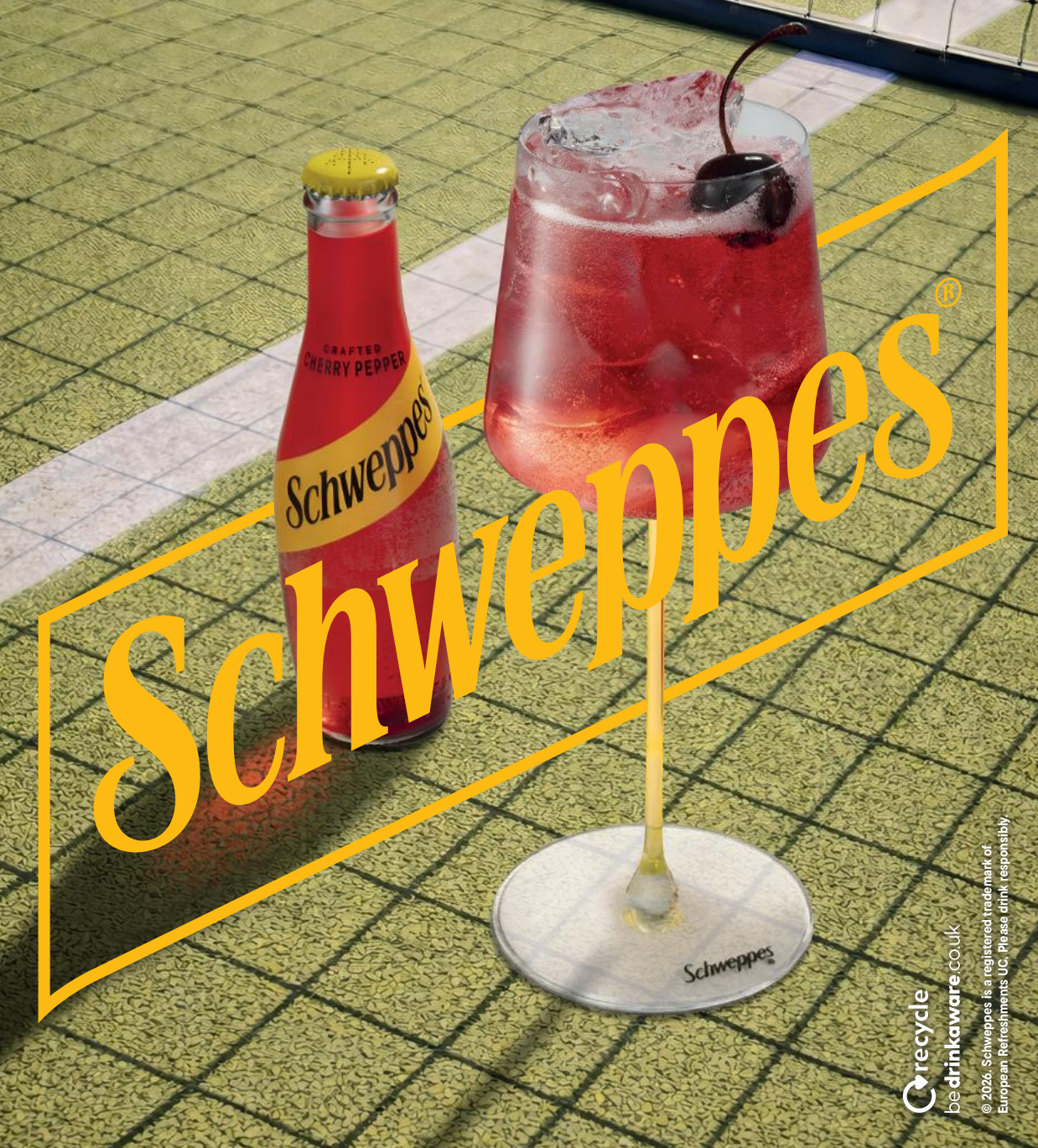
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Sonay Kartal

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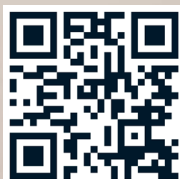
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LTA Award winners at the National Tennis Centre in April

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Presented annually, the awards highlight the volunteers, coaches, players, officials, and venues whose passion and dedication grow the game at every level - from grassroots courts to the biggest stages. For many involved, tennis and padel are about far more than competition. They foster community, confidence, and connection. The LTA Awards recognise those who go above and beyond.

Whether it's a volunteer giving countless hours to keep sessions running, a coach opening doors for new players, or a venue improving access to its courts, each winner has made a lasting impact on their local community and the sport as a whole.

At their heart, the LTA Awards reflect the LTA's vision of 'tennis opened up' - ensuring tennis and

padel are accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to all. This year's nominations showcased how that vision is being brought to life across Great Britain, from breaking down barriers to creating safe, supportive environments and expanding opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Award categories span participation, inclusion, performance, education, and community engagement, recognising the many ways people contribute to the game. The awards also spotlight unsung heroes, whose behind-the-scenes work has a meaningful impact on everyone who steps on court.

Now in their 11th year, this year's winners were celebrated in April at the National Tennis Centre. The ceremony was attended by sporting greats,

guest presenters, and tennis and padel fans, including comedian Jason Manford, adventurer Bear Grylls, broadcaster Sir Trevor McDonald and former British No.1 Laura Robson, alongside HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, the LTA's Honorary President.

Finsbury Park was named Park Venue of the Year for its strong commitment to inclusion and welcoming diverse communities across north London.

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

Nominations for the LTA Awards 2027 are now open until



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JUNIOR NATIONALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

2 Mark Ceban was crowned 18U Junior Nationals champion

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

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

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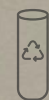
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LEVELLING THE COURT

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

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

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

Alongside individual support,

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

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

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

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

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How are Line Umpires roles changing?

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

The LTA Officials taking on the role as 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 can still be seen calling the lines at the LTA Pro-Series events.

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COACH OF THE COMMUNITY:

THE INSPIRING JOURNEY OF CORINA

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

At Conway, Corina leads one of the county's most diverse and inclusive coaching programmes. Her sessions welcome toddlers, seniors, beginners and performance players, and are all designed to be engaging, challenging and fun:

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

Her commitment to community

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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CHANGING FACES OF GRASS COURT TENNIS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

volley tactics that were once the norm on the surface.

Grass court greats Billie Jean King, John McEnroe, Martina Navratilova and Bjorn Borg dominated in the days when net play was more important than power.

Then the sport went through a period in the late 1980s and 1990s that saw big servers reduce the number of extended rallies, with Boris Becker, Steffi Graf, Goran Ivanisevic and Pete Sampras thriving in this era.

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

creating a new blueprint of how to win on grass.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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- Serena Williams **86.99%**

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

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

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

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

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




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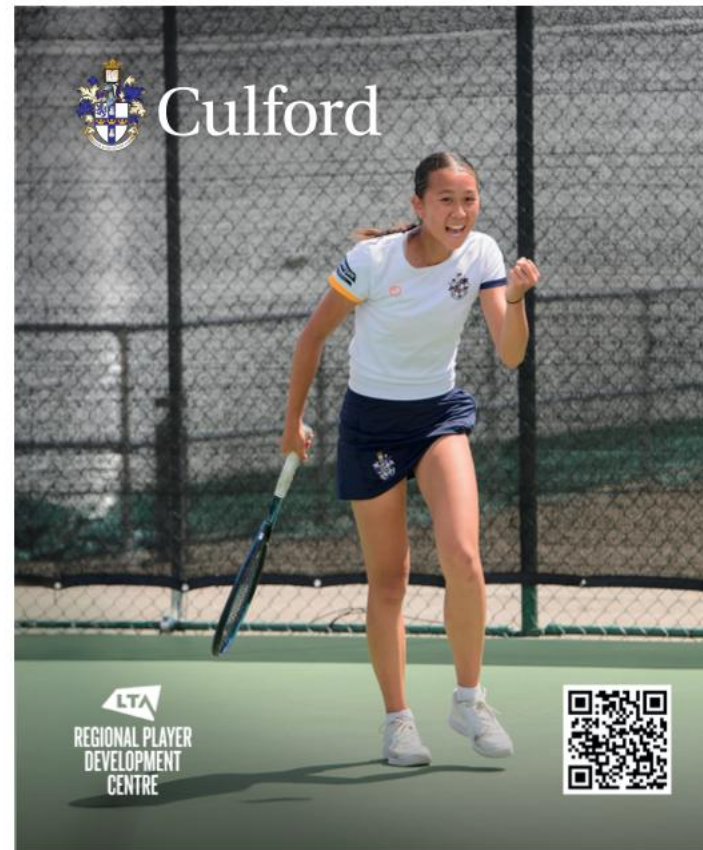
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AMANDA ANISIMOVA'S APPEARANCE TO THE FINAL OF LAST YEAR'S HSBC CHAMPIONSHIPS FIRED THE STARTING GUN ON A RUN OF SUCCESS THAT PROPELLED HER TO THE TOP OF THE WOMEN'S GAME.

Anisimova was ranked at No.15 at the start of last year's tournament at The Queen's Club, with an impressive win at the WTA 1000 tournament in Qatar the previous February suggesting her breakthrough at the very top of the game was imminent.

What came next highlighted her impressive potential, with a run to the final of the HSBC Championships in London backed up by a first appearance in a Grand Slam final at Wimbledon a few weeks later.

That propelled her into the top 10 of the WTA Rankings for the first time in her career and her progress did not stop there, as she also appeared in the US Open final last September and completed the year by competing in the WTA Finals.

Still only 24, Anisimova's rise to the top comes after she took a break from the game in 2023, admitting that she had 'really been struggling with my mental

health and burnout since the summer of 2022'.

The refreshed player we have seen over the last year is a result of a changed mindset, as Anisimova admits that enjoying tennis on and off the court is crucial to her success.

"I think the most important thing was that I had a lot of fun on and off the court, despite results," she said.

"I have a great team with me. They were supporting me throughout the whole year, and I think that was the most important thing. And then, just being able to excel in my career was that extra cherry on top for me.

"I learned a lot about myself when I had the break. My interests off the court and just taking some time to breathe and live a normal life for a bit.

"What I've learned is to listen honestly to yourself, to your intuition and what your body is telling you. I feel like I'm growing into the person that I am, and that's helped a lot."

Anisimova's presence in the top 10 of the WTA rankings highlights the quality of the women's game in America, with so many challengers emerging in recent years.

A glance at the entry list at this year's HSBC Championships confirms American women are flying high at the top of the women's game, with Amanda Anisimova, Iva Jovic and Hailey Baptiste among the players who have impressed this season.

Coco Gauff, Madison Keys, Emma Navarro and Taylor Townsend have also served up some eye-catching performances, with Jessica Pegula winning the grass court tournament in Hamburg in 2024 and 2025 to highlight her growing confidence on the surface.

"I think I finally started to feel comfortable on it and that's after many



Iva Jovic
Amanda Anisimova



years of me not playing well on it," said Pegula.

"When you don't have any experience on grass, it's just different. It's taken me a little bit to get used to a surface, but everyone tells me I have the game for grass and now I believe that."

Teenager Jovic is another American to watch in this grass court season, with her run to the quarter-finals at the Australian Open in January highlighting her potential.

Jovic claimed her first WTA title at the WTA 500 Guadalajara in Mexico last September, and in doing so, became the youngest singles champion

of the season, aged just 17 years and 283 days.

She also found success on British grass last season, claiming her first WTA 125 title at the Lexus Ilkley Open.

Hailey Baptiste is also in the midst of a fine season, with her run to the semi-final of the WTA 1000 event in Madrid last month, including a win against world No.1 Aryna Sabalenka.

With some promising junior players moving through the ranks, American women's tennis is in a strong place and their star names will aim to highlight their strength in depth over this summer's grass court season.

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THE RISE OF PADEL

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

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

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

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

Padel also delivers significant health benefits. According

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

both of which are linked to long-term engagement and psychological wellbeing.

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

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

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



players, tennis participation has actually risen amongst adults by over 45 per cent. Whilst tennis participation amongst children is at a record high.

There is a chance to develop a positive ecosystem with the popularity of tennis and padel both feeding off each other. The future looks bright for both sports, but the LTA is committed to ensuring they grow in a complimentary and sustainable way, to ensure everyone gets the chance to play tennis, padel or both, whatever their age or ability.

COMING UP IN PADEL

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

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

Following the success of the inaugural LTA Padel National Championships,



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

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

As the national governing body for both tennis and padel, the LTA is seeing both sports growing together and complementing each other and the choice of opportunity they provide will help more people enjoy the benefits of being physically active.



Scan here to find out more about Padel in Britain



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

EMPOWER PADEL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

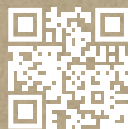
"It would also be great to see more females involved in padel coaching, as we know that can also be important when you are starting out in a new sport."

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

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WHEELCHAIR EXHIBITION

Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid have become firm fan favourites at The Queen's Club over the last decade and in this 50th Anniversary year for wheelchair tennis, the 23-time Grand Slam champions return to open their 2026 grass court campaigns and showcase their talents alongside two of three fellow leading Brits - Ben Bartram, Dannon Ward or Andrew Penney. Men's wheelchair singles semis and singles and doubles finals feature over the weekend of 20 and 21 June.

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

Every seat will have a coloured sticker on to help you identify which zone you're in. There are also signs and further

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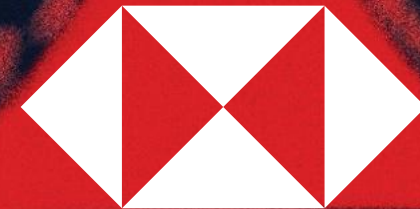


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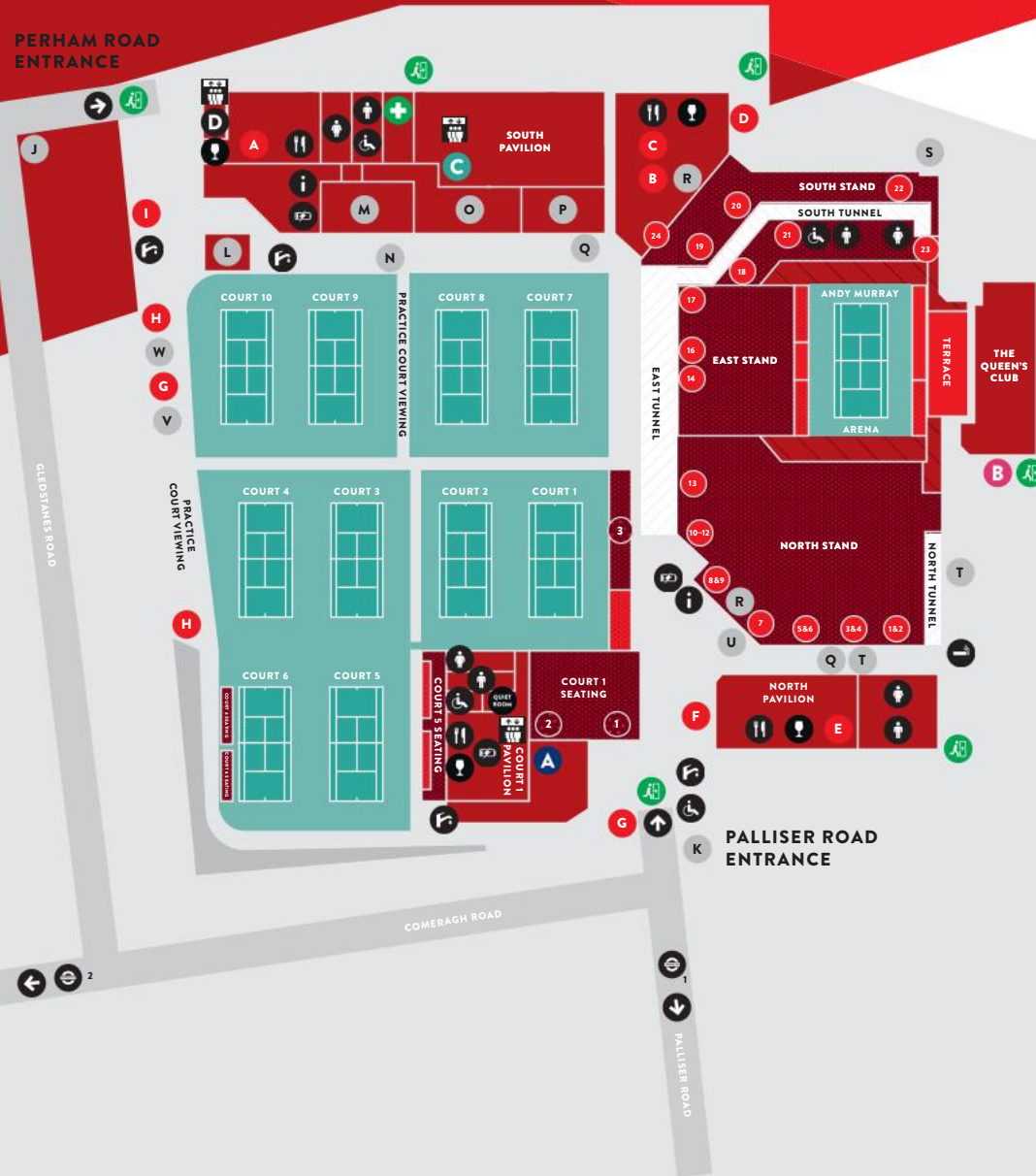
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- COURT 1 BLOCK ENTRANCES
- FIRST AID
- INFORMATION POINT, LOST AND FOUND
- FEMALE TOILETS
- MALE TOILETS
- ACCESSIBLE TOILET
- BRITA HYDRATION STATION
- LIFT
- PHONE CHARGING
- DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA
- FOOD AND DRINK
- BAR
- QUIET ROOM
- EMERGENCY EXIT
- TICKET SUPPORT (PERHAM RD)
- QC MEMBERS & TICKET SUPPORT (PALLISER RD)
- HSBC PREMIER LOUNGE
- SOUTH PAVILION SHOP
- SCORES & DRAWS
- FAN VILLAGE
- HSBC LAWN
- CUSHION HIRE
- VIDEO SCREEN
- MEMBER'S ENCLOSURE
- THE QUEEN'S CLUB SHOP
- TENNIS FOUNDATION
- WALKER'S SHORTBREAD
- TENNIS FOUNDATION GOLDEN SHOT

FOOD & DRINK

- SOUTH PAVILION FOOD MARKET
- THE COURTYARD
- JOURNEY'S END BAR
- SCHWEPES BAR
- SINGHA BAR
- NYETIMBER GARDEN
- COFFEE
- ICE CREAM
- CREPES

HOSPITALITY

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

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