

## LTA Daily Player Media Notes

### Lexus Ilkley Open – Monday, June 8, 2026

#### Centre Court – Match 1

**[WC] Harry Wendelken (WR224 – GBR) v [8] Jack Pinnington Jones (WR133 – GBR)**

**Head to Head: Pinnington Jones leads 2-0**

2024	Nottingham (ITF)	Hard	SF	Pinnington Jones 64 63
2025	Nottingham-3 (Challenger)	Grass	R16	Pinnington Jones 64 46 63

Pinnington Jones went on to win the title at Nottingham-3. No British man has yet to win the Ilkley Open.

#### HARRY WENDELKEN

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Ilkley – fell to Sho Shimabukuro in R1 in 2023. Failed to qualify last year.
- Fell to Mark Lajal in R2 at Birmingham last week, after defeating James Watt in R1.
- Won one ATP Challenger Tour title, at Hersinossos-6, Crete last year – he was a lucky loser.
- Reached 3 ATP Challenger Tour finals in 2026 – more than any other British player this year, at Hersinossos-1 (fell to compatriot Toby Samuel), at Miyazaki, Japan (fell to compatriot Liam Broady) and at Wuning-1, China (fell to Pavel Kotov).
- Yet to play a main draw match on the ATP Tour.
- Reached the SF of the boys' doubles at Wimbledon in 2018 alongside fellow Brit James Story.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 223 in April and is current one off that. He's Great Britain's No. 12.
- This match is against the highest ranked player he has ever faced (previously against WR153 Francisco Maestrelli in the Challenger at Brest last year). The highest ranked player he has defeated is WR179 Clement Chidekh in the Wuning Challenger earlier this year – his only victory against a top 200 player.
- Has a 5-5 win-loss record against British players at ATP Challenger Tour level, but has lost his last three, including two in finals this year (mentioned above).
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

#### JACK PINNINGTON JONES

- Fell to Aleksandar Vukic in R1 at Birmingham last week.
- Reached the final at Ilkley last year (his maiden ATP Challenger Tour final), falling to Tristan Schoolkate. He was ranked No. 340 at the time and he defeated four top 200 players.
- Won two ATP Challenger Tour titles, both last year, at Nottingham-3 on grass in July and at Winston Salem on hard in September. He defeated fellow Brit Kyle Edmund in the Nottingham final.
- As a wild card at Wimbledon last year, he defeated Tomas Martin Etcheverry in R1 to record his first ever main draw win on the ATP Tour, before falling to Flavio Cobolli in R2.
- Best result on the ATP Tour is reaching the QF at the ATP 500 event in Dallas in February, where, as a qualifier, he defeated WR20 Cobolli and WR68 Eliot Spizzirri before falling to Marin Cilic.
- Also qualified for the main draw at Houston in March this year, falling to Zhizhen Zhang in round one.
- Made his ATP Tour main draw debut at Eastbourne last year, falling to Nuno Borges in R1.
- Reached the QF of the boys' singles at Wimbledon in 2021.
- 8-5 win-loss record at ATP Challenger Tour level in 2026, with his best result reaching the final at Soma Bay, Egypt, in January, falling to Lloyd Harris.

- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 132 in May. Is just one off that currently. He's Great Britain's No. 4.
- Has a 6-1 win-loss record against British players at ATP Challenger Tour level, and a 6-0 record on grass. Defeated Cameron Norrie on the way to the last eight at Nottingham in 2024. He was ranked 734 places behind Norrie in the rankings at the time.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

## Centre Court – Match 2

**Kyrian Jacquet (WR146 – FRA) v Toby Samuel (WR150 – GBR)**

**Head to Head: First meeting**

### **KYRIAN JACQUET**

- Making debut at Ilkley.
- Won 5 ATP Challenger Tour titles, most recently at Manama, Bahrain, at the start of the year.
- 1st ever ATP Challenger Tour event on grass.
- Won two matches on grass, both in Wimbledon qualifying last year.
- Made the main draw at the Grand Slams on 4 occasions, but never won a main draw match at a major.
- Qualified for the Roland Garros main draw this year, but fell to Marco Trungelliti in R1.
- Won two main draw matches on the ATP Tour, both at Metz last year, where as a lucky loser he reached his maiden QF in only his 3rd Tour-level main draw appearance.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 102 in February.
- Has won his last 3 matches against British players at ATP Challenger Tour level. The last 3 occasions he has faced a British player at this level, he has gone on to win the title, against Jay Clarke (R2) and Jacob Fearnley (QF) at Manama this year, and against Billy Harris in the final at New Delhi last year.
- His last defeat to a British player at this level was to Andy Murray at Bordeaux in 2024. He also fell to Cameron Norrie in the QF at Metz last year.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

### **TOBY SAMUEL**

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Ilkley – fell to Alex Bolt in R1 in 2023.
- Won 4 ATP Challenger Tour titles, at Soma Bay and at Manama last year, then at Hersonissos-1 (defeated compatriot Harry Wendelken in final) and at Hersonissos-2 in back-to-back events this year. He's the only British player to win multiple ATP Challenger Tour titles in 2026.
- Went on an 11-match win streak on the ATP Challenger Tour in March this year.
- Also won 2 ITF titles on grass, at Roehampton in 2022 and at Nottingham in 2023.
- Qualified for Roland Garros this year to make his Grand Slam (and ATP Tour) main draw debut, falling to No. 8 seed Alex De Minaur in R1. Defeated former WR7 David Goffin in the qualifiers. Was the 1st British man to qualify for Roland Garros since Liam Broady in 2020.
- Was a good footballer – was at AFC Bournemouth's Academy.
- Reached SF of the boys' doubles at Wimbledon in 2019 alongside Arthur Fery.
- Currently at a career-high ranking of No. 150. He's Great Britain's No. 8.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)