



LTA Daily Player Media Notes

Lexus Ilkley Open – Thursday, June 11, 2026

Centre Court – Match 1

[7] Dane Sweeny (WR132 – AUS) v [WC] Billy Harris (WR144 - GBR)

Head to Head: First meeting

DANE SWEENEY

- Defeated British qualifier Oliver Okonkwo [64 64](#) in R1.
- Making debut at Ilkley. Australians Jason Kubler (2023) and Tristan Schoolkate (2025) have won the Ilkley title.
- Won his maiden ATP Challenger Tour title this year, in his home country (Brisbane), defeating compatriot Tristan Schoolkate in the final.
- Qualified for the main draw at this year's Australian Open and claimed his first main draw victory at a major, defeating Gael Monfils.
- Played in 10 ATP Challenger Tour events in 2026 with a win-loss record of 11-9.
- Won an ITF event on grass before, at Swan Hill, Australia last year.
- Won 4 of his last 5 matches against British players.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 131 in March. If he wins today, he's guaranteed to be at a new career-high ranking.
- ATP biography [HERE](#)

BILLY HARRIS

- Defeated Clement Chidekh [67\(5\) 64 76\(13\)](#) in R1, saving 3 match points in a match that lasted almost 3-and-a-half hours.
- 2nd main draw appearance at Ilkley – fell to Jack Pinnington Jones in R2 last year. Failed to qualify in 2018.
- Fell to eventual champion Bu Yunchaokete in R2 at Birmingham.
- Won one ATP Challenger Tour title, at Cassis, France (hard) in September last year. Also reached 2 other finals at this level, at Les Franqueses Del Valles, Spain (hard) in 2023 and at New Delhi, India (hard) last year.
- Bids to reach his 24th ATP Challenger QF, and his 3rd on grass (Surbiton and Nottingham in 2024).
- Bids to become 7th British man to reach Ilkley QF. Note: Fearnley, Samuel, Tarvet can also reach QF for 1st time.
- Reached 3 SF's on British grass in 2024, at Surbiton, Nottingham and Eastbourne. Also reached QF at Queen's that year.
- Last year, as a lucky loser, reached QF at Eastbourne, defeating Cameron Norrie in R1.
- At Wimbledon last year made R2 of a Grand Slam for the first time, defeating Dusan Lajovic before falling to Nuno Borges.
- Made US Open main draw debut as a lucky loser last year, falling to Felix Auger-Aliassime in R1.
- Played in 2 ATP Tour main draw matches this year – both at the United Cup – winning one (against Shintaro Mochizuki) and losing one (against Stefanos Tsitsipas).
- 9 of his 12 ATP Tour main draw wins achieved on grass, and 8 of those achieved on British grass.
- Played in 8 ATP Challenger Tour events this year, with his best performance reaching the SF at Phoenix, USA in March.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 101 in September 2024.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

Centre Court – Match 2

[1] Viktorija Golubic (WR70 – SUI) v [WC] Katie Swan (WR200 – GBR)

Head to Head: First meeting

VIKTORIJA GOLUBIC

- Defeated British wild card Daniella Britton [63 63](#) in R1.
- Making 5th appearance at Ilkley, with her best performance reaching the SF last year, where she fell to eventual champion Iva Jovic.
- The top seed has won just one of the 25 WTA 125 events in 2026 (Alexandra Eala at Birmingham last week).
- The women's top seed has won just one the previous 9 editions of the Ilkley Open (Dalma Galfi, 2022).
- Bids to reach her 17th WTA 125 QF, with her 1st coming back in 2017. Only Mayar Sherif (24), Panna Udvardy (23), Darja Semeništaja (19), Tamara Zidansek (18) and Tatjana Maria (18) reached more QF's at this level.
- Won 5 WTA 125 titles, most recently at Suzhou, China last year.
- Won 2 WTA Tour titles, at Gstaad in 2016 and at Jiujiang in 2024.
- Best Grand Slam result has come at Wimbledon, reaching the QF in 2021. Also reached the SF at Nottingham in 2022.
- Won a silver medal in the doubles at the 2021 Olympics alongside partner Belinda Bencic.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 35 in February 2022.
- Won all of her 6 matches in 2026 against players ranked as low as No. 200 Swan. Her last defeat was against WR-235 Lilli Tagger in the SF at Jiujiang last year.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

KATIE SWAN

- Defeated Tereza Martincova [75 62](#) in R1.
- Making her 3rd appearance at Ilkley. Had won one main draw match here before this week, back in 2019.
- Playing in just her 6th WTA 125 event. Has won 3 matches at this level, with her 2nd victory coming at Birmingham last week against Ajla Tomljanovic, and her 3rd coming this week. These are her first wins at this level in 3 years.
- Bids to reach her 1st WTA 125 QF, and just her 2nd at this level or above since Chennai in 2022 (see below).
- Bids to become 6th British woman to reach QF at Ilkley, after Harriet Dart (2018), Jodie Burrage (2022), Sonay Kartal (2022, 2023, 2024), Ella McDonald (2024) and Amani Banks (2025). Note: Dudeney can also reach 1st QF.
- Bids to become 13th British woman to reach a WTA 125 QF. Note: Dudeney can also reach 1st QF.
- Won 2 ITF titles this year, at Fukuoka (Japan) and at Kurume (Japan) in back-to-back weeks last month.
- Finalist at Surbiton in 2023, falling to Yanina Wickmayer.
- Won one main draw match at the Grand Slams, defeating Irina Camelia Begu at Wimbledon in 2018.
- Best WTA Tour result is reaching the SF at Chennai in 2022.
- Defeated former US Open champion Sloane Stephens on grass, at Bad Homburg in 2022.
- Last played in Wimbledon main draw in 2023, falling to Belinda Bencic in R1.
- Fell to Australian Emerson Jones in the Billie Jean King Cup in April (dead rubber). Drafted in after Sonay Kartal withdrew injured. Great Britain won the tie 3-1 in Melbourne to qualify for the finals in Shenzhen in September. Great Britain's youngest ever player in the competition when she made her debut in 2016 at the age of 16.
- Played one WTA Tour main draw match in 2026, falling to Naomi Osaka in the United Cup. Drafted in after Emma Raducanu withdrew injured.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 118 in October 2022.
- Has a 13-26 win-loss record against top 100 players. Last time she defeated a player ranked as high as No. 70 Golubic was 3 years ago, against No. 67 Tatjana Maria at Surbiton. Highest ranked player she has defeated is No. 36 Irina Camelia Begu at Wimbledon in 2018.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

Brits doing well so far....

5 British men in R2 – equals most ever British men to reach R2 at Ilkley (also 5 last year).

Most ever British men to reach QF at Ilkley is 2 (last year – Oliver Crawford and Jack Pinnington Jones).

Most ever British women to reach QF at Ilkley is 2 (2022 – Jodie Burrage and Sonay Kartal and 2024 – Kartal and Ella McDonald).

Last time 3 British men in an ATP Challenger Tour QF was at New Delhi this year (Jay Clarke, Oliver Crawford, Felix Gill).

Last time there were 4 was at Nottingham-2 on grass in July last year, when there were 6 (Crawford, Kyle Edmund, Alastair Gray, Ryan Peniston, Jack Pinnington Jones, Hamish Stewart).

There has never been an all-British men's QF at Ilkley.

There has been one all-British QF on the ATP Challenger Tour in 2026 (Oliver Crawford defeated Jay Clarke at New Delhi).

There have never been multiple British women in a WTA 125 QF.