

LTA Daily Player Media Notes

Lexus Ilkley Open – Sunday, June 14, 2026

Centre Court – Match 1

[8] Ashlyn Krueger (WR113 – USA) v [Q] Celine Naef (WR206 – SUI)

Head to Head: Naef leads 1-0

2023 Wimbledon

Grass

Q2

Naef 64 62

ASHLYN KRUEGER

- Defeated Elvina Kalieva [62 62](#) in R1, Alicia Dudeney [64 36 62](#) in R2, Katie Swan [61 00 ret.](#) in QF and Darja Vidmanova [64 36 64](#) in SF.
- Making debut at Ilkley. Reached SF at Birmingham last week as a qualifier, falling to Nikola Bartunkova.
- Won one WTA 125 title, on grass at Gaiba, Italy in 2023.
- 2nd WTA 125 final.
- 3rd American woman to reach Ilkley final, after Emma Navarro (lost to Mirjam Bjorklund in 2023) and Iva Jovic (beat Rebecca Marino last year).
- Just 2nd American to reach a WTA 125 final in 2026, after Madison Keys, who lost in Paris.
- Now bids to become first American to win a WTA 125 title in 2026.
- Last American to win a WTA 125 title was Caty McNally at Newport on grass in July last year.
- Americans won 4 of the 7 events on grass in WTA 125 history.
- Won maiden WTA Tour title at Osaka in 2023, defeating Zhu Lin in the final.
- Also reached final at the WTA 500 at Abu Dhabi last year, falling to Belinda Bencic, and the QF at s'Hertogenbosch on grass on the WTA Tour in 2023.
- Best result at the Grand Slams is R3 at the US Open in 2024.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 29 in July 2025. Was ranked at No. 33 this time last year.
- Won 10 of last 11 matches against players ranked as low as No. 206 Naef.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

CELINE NAEF

- Playing 7th match here this week (2 in qualifying). Defeated No. 7 seed Alina Korneeva [64 75](#) in R1, Akasha Urhobo [63 64](#) in R2, Harmony Tan [76\(6\) 63](#) in QF and Mary Stoiana [16 63 64](#) in SF.
- 2nd WTA 125 final (fell to compatriot Viktorija Golubic at Limoges in 2024).
- 1st Swiss player, man or woman, to reach Ilkley final.
- 2nd Swiss woman to reach a WTA 125 final in 2026, after Golubic, who lost at Oeiras-2.
- So, bids to become 1st Swiss to win a WTA 125 title in 2026.
- Last Swiss to win a WTA 125 title was Simona Waltert at Rio on clay in October 2025.
- 3rd women's qualifier to reach Ilkley final, after Rebecca Sramkova (2016, lost) and Tereza Smitkova (2018, won).
- 18th occasion a qualifier reached final in WTA 125 history, and 3rd this year (Lanala Tararudee, Austin won, and Polina Kudermetova, Oeiras-4 lost).
- Bids to become 12th unseeded champion on WTA 125 Tour in 2026, and 7th at Ilkley (would be for 4th edition in a row).
- If wins will be 9th occasion a qualifier won title in WTA 125 history.
- Best result on WTA Tour came on grass, reaching QF at s'Hertogenbosch in 2023.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 121 in October 2023.
- Won 2 of last 3 matches against players ranked as high as No. 113 Krueger, including last one, against No. 96 Korneeva in R1 this week.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

Centre Court – Match 2

[5] Jacob Fearnley (WR145 – GBR) v Bu Yunchaokete (WR131 – CHN)

Head to Head: Fearnley leads 3-0

2024	Nottingham (Challenger)	Grass	R32	Fearnley 62 75
2024	Lincoln, USA (Challenger)	Hard	SF	Fearnley 06 60 76(3)
2026	Madrid ATP 1000	Clay	R128	Fearnley 63 76(2)

Fearnley went on to win titles at Nottingham and Lincoln.

BU YUNCHAOKETE

- Defeated Chris Rodesch [76\(7\) 75](#) in R1, handed a walkover against Leandro Riedi in R2, beat lucky loser Mark Lajal [64 61](#) in QF and No. 7 seed Dane Sweeny [76\(4\) 76\(6\)](#) in SF.
- Won 4 ATP Challenger Tour titles, most recently last week at Birmingham, defeating defending champion Otto Virtanen in final, in what was his 1st ever final on grass.
- 10th ATP Challenger Tour final, and 4th of 2026 – equals most finals in 2026 (Zsombor Piros and Daniel Vallejo also appeared in 4 ATP Challenger finals this year).
- 1st player to reach two ATP Challenger Tour finals on grass in same year since Andy Murray won back-to-back titles at Surbiton and Nottingham in 2023.
- Lost 4 of last 5 ATP Challenger finals.
- 1st Chinese player, man or woman, to reach Ilkley final.
- 8th occasion a Chinese reached ATP Challenger Tour final in 2026, with 4 titles (Zhang Zhizhen, Brisbane, Wu Yibing, Sarasota, Sun Fajing, Wuning and Bu himself, Birmingham).
- Bids to become 5th unseeded men's champion at Ilkley, and 1st since qualifier Zizou Bergs in 2022.
- Best performances on ATP Tour are reaching 2 SF's, on home soil at Hangzhou (fell to compatriot Zhizhen Zhang) and the ATP 500 on home soil at Beijing in 2024 (just the second Chinese to reach a SF at that level, after Zhang). He was a wild card in both.
- Last year played in the main draw at Wimbledon for the first time, falling to Brandon Nakashima in R1.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 64 in April 2025. Currently China's No. 2, after Wu Yibing.
- Won both matches against British players on grass this year, defeating Billy Harris and Arthur Fery on way to Birmingham title last week.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

JACOB FEARNLEY

- Defeated Luca Nardi [46 60 63](#) in R1, qualifier Keegan Smith [46 75 64](#) in R2, Darwin Blanch [76\(4\) 76\(6\)](#) in QF and qualifier Filippo Romano [63 67\(4\) 64](#) in SF. Went into this week having lost his last 6 ATP Challenger Tour matches.
- Making debut at Ilkley.
- Won 4 ATP Challenger Tour titles, all in 2024, at Nottingham on grass (as a qualifier), Lincoln (USA), Rennes (France) and Orleans (France).
- 5th ATP Challenger Tour final, and 1st since Orleans, France in 2024.
- 4-0 win-loss record in ATP Challenger Tour finals.
- 15th occasion a British player in an ATP Challenger Tour final in 2026. They have a 5-9 win-loss record.
- 12th different British player in an ATP Challenger Tour final in 2026.
- 2nd British man in Ilkley final, after Jack Pinnington Jones last year (lost).
- Bids to become 5th British man to win ATP Challenger Tour title in 2026, after Liam Broady (Miyazaki), Jan Choinski (Zagreb), Giles Hussey (Centurion) and Toby Samuel (Hersonissos-1 and Hersonissos-2).
- Since it's inception in 1981, British players have won 110 titles. Dan Evans has won the most (9). Fearnley could match Andy Murray's and Jack Draper's 5 wins.
- Could become 5th British player to win multiple ATP Challenger Tour titles on British grass, after Evans (3), Alex Bogdanovic (2), Murray (2) and Chris Wilkinson (2).
- Won 1st ATP Tour main draw match at Wimbledon as a wildcard in 2024, before falling to Novak Djokovic in R2.
- Best results at the Grand Slams are reaching R3 on two occasions, at the Australian Open and at Roland Garros last year, where he fell to compatriot Cameron Norrie.
- Won just two ATP Tour main draw matches in 2026, defeating Nicolai Budkov Kjaer in the Davis Cup and Damir Dzumhur at Indian Wells. Great Britain face Ecuador in R2 of Davis Cup qualifying in London in September.
- Reached maiden QF on the ATP Tour at Queen's last year, defeating Alex Bolt and Corentin Moutet before falling to eventual runner-up Jiri Lehecka.
- Won the 2023 Nottingham doubles title alongside partner Johannus Monday, defeating fellow Brits Liam Broady and Jonny O'Mara in the final.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 49 in June 2025 (this time last year).
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

Additional Stats:

* For the 9th time (out of 10) there's an unseeded man in Ilkley final, with the unseeded player winning title on 4 occasions.

* Just like last year, women's final between No. 8 seed (Rebecca Marino) and an unseeded player (Iva Jovic), with Jovic winning. For the 9th edition in a row there's an unseeded women's player in the final.

47 of 115 ATP Challenger Tour finals in 2026 gone to deciding set, 26 won from set down, 10 gone to deciding set tie-break, 4 retirements and 1 walkover.

* 11 of 25 WTA 125 finals in 2026 gone to deciding set, 7 won from a set down, 0 gone to deciding set tie-break, and 1 retirement (Madison Keys v Diane Parry, Paris). Last to go to deciding set tie-break was at Tampico in 2023.