



## LTA Daily Player Media Notes

### Lexus Nottingham Open – Wednesday, June 17, 2026

#### Centre Court – Match 1

#### Christopher O'Connell (WR154 – AUS) v [Q] Jay Clarke (WR250 – GBR)

Head to Head: O'Connell leads 1-0

2017 Fairfield, USA (Challenger) Q3 Hard O'Connell 63 75

#### CHRISTOPHER O'CONNELL

- Defeated Henrique Rocha [76\(2\) 61](#) in R1.
- Debut at Nottingham Open.
- Australian men to win Nottingham Open title are Nick Kyrgios (2014) and Alex de Minaur (2018).
- Won 6 ATP Challenger Tour titles, but none since 2024.
- Bids to reach 30th ATP Challenger Tour QF, 1st since September 2025, and 2nd on grass (Surbiton in 2022).
- Bids to become 1st Australian man to reach QF at Nottingham Open since Alexei Popyrin and Jordan Thompson in 2022.
- Best results on ATP Tour are 2 SF's, at San Diego in 2022 and at Munich in 2023.
- Best results at the Grand Slams are reaching R3 on 3 occasions, including once at Wimbledon (2023).
- Best result on ATP Tour in 2026 is reaching QF at Rotterdam (ATP 500) in February, defeating Brit Cameron Norrie in R2.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 53 in September 2023.
- Won last 2 matches against British players, against Norrie at Rotterdam and Billy Harris in Indian Wells qualifying. Defeated Jack Draper twice before, most recently at Indian Wells in 2024.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

#### JAY CLARKE

- Defeated Daniel Masur and August Holmgren in qualifying, then beat Tristan Boyer [76\(3\) 63](#) in R1.
- 6th appearance at Nottingham Open. Equalled best result (also reached R2 in 2022).
- Bids to reach 34th ATP Challenger Tour QF, 4th of 2026, and just 2nd ever on grass (Ilkley in 2017 – his 1st ever QF at this level).
- Bids to become 20th British man to reach QF at Nottingham Open since it began in 1970.
- Bids to become 5th British male qualifier to reach QF at Nottingham Open, after Lloyd Glasspool (2017), and three in 2024 (Charles Broom, Jacob Fearnley, Jack Pinnington Jones).
- Won 5 ATP Challenger Tour titles, most recently at Islamabad, Pakistan in November last year.
- Won 2 ATP Tour main draw matches – both on grass – against Ryan Harrison as a lucky loser at Eastbourne in 2018 and against Noah Rubin at Wimbledon in 2019.
- Played in main draw at Wimbledon on 5 occasions, with 1-5 win-loss record. Fell to Roger Federer in R2 in 2019, and lost to Dan Evans in R1 last year.
- Reached SF of mixed doubles alongside Harriet Dart at Wimbledon in 2018.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 153 in July 2019.
- Played in 12 ATP Challenger Tour events in 2026, with a win-loss record of 9-12. Reached QF in two of last three events.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

## Centre Court – Match 2

### Jacob Fearnley (WR130 – GBR) v [2] Benjamin Bonzi (WR89 – FRA)

#### Head to Head: Fearnley leads 1-0

2025 Miami (ATP 1000) R128 Hard Fearnley 76(6) 26 64

The above match was Fearnley's 1st ever ATP 1000 main draw victory.

#### JACOB FEARNLEY

- Defeated Dane Sweeny [67\(16\) 61 62](#) in R1. The 1st set lasted 1 hour and 25 minutes, and Fearnley had 5 set points.
- Reached the final at Ilkley last week, falling to Bu Yunchaokete. Went into last week having lost his previous 6 ATP Challenger Tour matches, and it was his 1st final in 2 years.
- 2nd appearance at Nottingham Open – won title in only other appearance, in 2024 as a qualifier, defeating compatriot Charles Broom in final. Had to win 7 matches that week.
- So, has an 8-0 win-loss record at this event.
- British men won Nottingham Open in 4 of last 6 editions – Dan Evans (2019, 2022), Andy Murray (2023), Fearnley (2024).
- Bids to reach 12th ATP Challenger Tour QF, 3rd of 2026, 3rd on grass, and in back-to-back weeks.
- Bids to become 6th British man to reach multiple QF's at Nottingham Open since it began in 1970, after Dan Evans, Tim Henman, Andy Murray, Arvind Parmar and Greg Rusedski. Note: Harris can also achieve this.
- Won Nottingham Open doubles title in 2023 alongside partner Johannus Monday, defeating fellow Brits Liam Broady and Jonny O'Mara in the final.
- Won 4 ATP Challenger Tour titles, all in 2024, at Nottingham Open on grass (as a qualifier), Lincoln (USA), Rennes (France) and Orleans (France).
- Won 1st ATP Tour main draw match at Wimbledon as a wildcard in 2024, before falling to Novak Djokovic in R2.
- Reached maiden ATP Tour QF at Queen's last year, defeating Alex Bolt and Corentin Moutet before falling to eventual runner-up Jiri Lehecka.
- 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 2 ATP Tour main draw matches in 2026, defeating Nicolai Budkov Kjaer in Davis Cup and Damir Dzumhur at Indian Wells. Great Britain face Ecuador in R2 of Davis Cup qualifying in London in September.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 49 in June 2025. He is currently Great Britain's No. 4.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

#### BENJAMIN BONZI

- Defeated Tomas Barrios Vera [63 26 63](#) in R1.
- Frenchman to have won this title are Cedric Pioline (1999), Sebastien Grosjean (2000) and Richard Gasquet twice (2005, 2006).
- Debut at Nottingham Open, but did appear in 2nd ATP Challenger Tour event of 2021 at Nottingham on grass (known as Nottingham Trophy), where reached SF, falling to Kamil Majchrzak.
- Bids to reach 39th ATP Challenger Tour QF, 5th of 2026 (which would equal record of most QF's by Frenchman in 2026), and 3rd on grass (Nottingham in 2021 and Ilkley in 2024).
- Won maiden ATP Tour title on home turf at Metz in 2024, defeating Brit Cameron Norrie in final.
- Best ATP Tour result on grass is reaching SF at Mallorca in 2022.
- Best results at the Grand Slams are reaching R3 on 4 occasions.
- Defeated World No. 9 Daniil Medvedev in R1 at Wimbledon last year.
- Best result on ATP Tour in 2026 has come on grass, falling to Alex de Minaur at s'Hertogenbosch in QF last week. Played only 9 main draw matches on ATP Tour this year.
- Played in 5 ATP Challenger Tour events in 2026 with an 11-6 win-loss record. QF at least in 4 of 5 events, with best result reaching final at Pau, France.
- Won all 3 previous matches against British players on grass, against James Ward in Wimbledon qualifying in 2018, Jay Clarke at Ilkley in 2024 and Ryan Peniston in Wimbledon qualifying in 2024.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 42 in February 2023. Currently France's No. 10.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

## Centre Court – Match 3

### Dayana Yastremska (WR50 – UKR) v Tatjana Maria (WR117 – GER)

Head to Head: Maria leads 1-0

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#### DAYANA YASTREMSKA

- Defeated British lucky loser Alicia Dudeney [64 76\(2\)](#) in R1.
- 4th appearance at Nottingham. Lost to McCartney Kessler in final last year.
- Bids to reach 23rd WTA Tour QF, 1st in almost a year (Hamburg in July 2025), and 4th on grass.
- Bids to become 1st Ukrainian woman to reach Nottingham QF on multiple occasions.
- Great grass court swing last year – finalist at Nottingham, QF at Eastbourne and R3 at Wimbledon (8-3 win-loss).
- Also a finalist at Ilkley ITF event on grass in 2018.
- Won 3 WTA Tour titles – Hong Kong in 2018, Hua Hin in 2019 and Strasbourg in 2019.
- Girls' singles runner-up at 2016 Wimbledon, falling to Anastasia Potapova in final.
- Best performance in Grand Slams is SF at Australian Open in 2024.
- Has a 10-15 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026, with best result reaching R16.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 21 in January 2020. Currently Ukraine's No. 3, behind Elina Svitolina and Marta Kostyuk.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

#### TATJANA MARIA

- Defeated Janice Tjen [63 62](#) in R1.
- 6th appearance at Nottingham Open. Best result is SF in 2019, falling to Donna Vekic.
- Won an ITF title at Nottingham on grass back in 2012.
- Bids to reach 25th WTA Tour QF (1st was in 2009), 2nd of 2026 (Rouen) and 5th on grass.
- Bids to become 1st German woman to reach Nottingham QF since herself in 2019.
- Bids to become oldest woman to reach Nottingham QF.
- Won 4 WTA Tour titles, most recently of course at Queen's last year, where as a qualifier she defeated five top 30 players (and 4 top 20 players) to claim crown.
- Reached R2 at Queen's (again as a qualifier) in defence of title last week, falling to No. 1 seed Elena Rybakina.
- SF at Wimbledon in 2022, falling to Ons Jabeur.
- 3rd in list of most matches played in WTA Tour history (1,285) – only Navratilova (1,661) and Evert (1,455) played more. Played 1st match on Tour in 2005.
- Has an 11-19 win-loss record on WTA Tour in 2026, with best result reaching SF at Rouen on clay.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 36 in July 2025.
- Defeated World No. 43 Tjen in R1 here. Not won back-to-back matches against top 50 player since her title run at Queen's last year.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

## Centre Court – Match 4

### Talia Gibson (WR66 – AUS) v Qinwen Zheng (WR160 – CHN)

Head to Head: First meeting

#### TALIA GIBSON

- Defeated British wild card Francesca Jones [63 57 76\(4\)](#) in R1, saving 2 match points. It was her 1st WTA Tour main draw victory on grass.
- This is just her 3rd ever WTA Tour main draw match on grass – fell to Osaka at Wimbledon in R1 last year.
- Main draw debut at Nottingham – fell in qualifying in 2024.
- Australians Ash Barty (2012, 2018) and Jarmila Gajdosova (2014) won singles title at Nottingham in the past. Barty was 16 when won title in 2012 (ITF event), and Barty also won title when it was a WTA Tour event eight years ago.
- Qualified for Wimbledon for 1st time in 2025, falling to Osaka in R1.
- Bids to reach 2nd WTA Tour QF.
- Best result on WTA Tour is QF at Indian Wells this year, where, as a qualifier and ranked No. 112 defeated four Top 50 players (including two in the Top 20 – Alexandrova and Tauson – and No. 7 Jasmine Paolini) before falling to Linda Noskova in the last eight. Became 7th female qualifier to reach the QF in Indian Wells history.
- Backed that up by reaching R16 at Miami, where as a qualifier again defeated three Top 50 players (including two in the Top 20 – Osaka and Jovic) before falling to Elena Rybakina.
- Has a 10-10 win-loss record in main draw matches on WTA Tour in 2026.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 55 in May. Currently Australia's No. 2, behind Maya Joint.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

#### QINWEN ZHENG

- Defeated Maria Sakkari [46 76\(1\) 64](#) in R1.
- Debut at Nottingham.
- Fell to Jacqueline Cristian in R1 at Queen's last week. Last year at Queen's was No. 1 seed and fell to Amanda Anisimova in SF.
- Also fell to eventual finalist Maja Chwalinska in R1 at Roland Garros.
- Bids to reach 25th WTA Tour QF, and 1st since Queen's last year.
- Bids to become 3rd Chinese woman to reach Nottingham QF, after Zheng Saisai (2016) and Zhang Shuai (2021, 2022). Zhizhen Zhang already in QF here this week.
- Underwent elbow surgery in July last year – played just 18 matches since Wimbledon last year.
- Won 5 WTA Tour titles, most recently on home soil at Tokyo in 2024. 2 of those titles have been at WTA 500 level (Zhengzhou in 2023 and Tokyo in 2024).
- 2024 was best year to date, winning 3 titles, including gold medal at the Olympics. Also made her maiden Grand Slam final at the Australian Open that year, falling to Aryna Sabalenka, and also made final at the WTA finals, falling to Coco Gauff.
- Best result at Wimbledon is reaching R3 in 2022 in what was her main draw debut. Eliminated in R1 there in the last 3 years.
- Has an 8-7 win-loss record on the WTA Tour in 2026. Yet to progress beyond R16 at any event.
- Has a 6-11 win-loss record in WTA Tour main draw matches on grass.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 4 this time last year.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)