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# WELCOME



On behalf of the LTA, I'm delighted to welcome you to the Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre for the Lexus Nottingham Open. The tournament remains a firm favourite with fans, and we have particularly strong draws this year, contributing to the world class tennis on offer.

During your visit, I hope you will get the chance to explore. Since the LTA took over the leasehold of the tennis centre in 2022, we have continued to invest in it, and you will see the new padel courts and new Red Plus Clay courts which are due to open after the tournament. The centre caters for some of the top 100 players in the world this week, but all year round we are committed to ensuring it remains accessible to the local community. We are proud to run one of the largest junior tennis programmes in the country here, and if you want to get on court yourself, I would encourage you to join the many hundreds of children and adults who use the centre each week.

Finally, I would like to thank Lexus and all our commercial partners for their support, and of course 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



It is with huge excitement that I welcome you to the Lexus Nottingham Open, an event which forms part of the LTA Grass Court Season and our second summer as title partner of the Lexus Open events at Birmingham, Ilkley, Nottingham, Eastbourne, and Roehampton.

Following a fantastic debut season, which saw over 96,000 fans attend the Lexus title events last summer, we are proud to return to these iconic venues and build on the incredible support shown for British tennis.

As lead partner to the LTA, we continue to celebrate all aspects of the game; from emerging to established players, from those picking up a racket for the first time, to those lifting a trophy.

We wish all players and fans a spectacular summer filled with thrilling matches and unforgettable moments.

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# WTA WELCOME

## DEAR TENNIS FANS,

On behalf of the WTA Tour Driven by Mercedes-Benz, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Lexus Nottingham Open.

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 Nottingham 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 Lexus Nottingham Open 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 Lexus Nottingham Open 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.

Welcome to the 2026 WTA Tour.

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre, the team and I are delighted that you've joined us at the Lexus Nottingham Open!

2025 marked yet another record-breaking year for the Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre. The addition of a further three covered padel courts and four Red Plus clay courts has strengthened our offering and allowed more people to have new experiences here. The clay courts will also provide an opportunity for our next generation of professional players to practice on the most challenging surface.

The fantastic operations team and tennis coaches at Nottingham have continued to work tirelessly to provide our community with quality weekly

coaching, new LTA Youth Matchplay tournaments, introduction to padel sessions, padel social sessions, and padel competitions, continuing our mission of Tennis and Padel Opened Up.

Lastly, I'd like to draw attention to our award-winning grounds team – Ryan, Andy, Wayne and Chris are the architects behind our amazing grass courts and the reason we get to host this amazing event every year!

Don't forget to follow us on our social media channels to keep up to date with the latest news: Instagram @thenottinghamtenniscentre Facebook @TCNottm

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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

# WOMEN



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.

Her favourite musicians are ABBA, Roxette, Queen, and the Beatles. She is also a big admirer of Serena Williams.



## JELENA OSTAPENKO

AGE: 29  
COUNTRY: LATVIA

The 2017 French Open champion shows no fear when she takes on the best in the women's game, with her winning record against reigning Wimbledon champion Iga Swiatek highlighting her threat.

Ostapenko's best run at Wimbledon came with an appearance in the semi-final in 2018. She has lifted titles on grass, winning at both Eastbourne in 2021, and Birmingham in 2023.

She has won nine WTA titles and plays a dynamic brand of tennis that can test the best in the game.



## MCCARTNEY KESSLER

AGE: 26  
COUNTRY: USA

The reigning Nottingham Open champion will relish the chance to return to a venue that gave her some of the best moments of her career last June.

A win against Beatriz Haddad Maia started her run to success in Nottingham and she beat two-time champion Katie Boulter in her run to the final.

That gave Kessler a third WTA Tour title and helped her to rise to a career high ranking of No.30 by the end of June last year.



## JAQUELINE CRISTIAN

AGE: 28  
COUNTRY: ROMANIA

Cristian is enjoying the best year of her career so far, as she has achieved her highest career ranking and recorded some impressive wins.

She was a quarter-finalist at the Adelaide International in January and reached the semi-finals at the tournament in Strasbourg last month before losing to Victoria Mboko.

A prolific winner on the ITF World Tennis Tour, this clay court specialist is striving to win her first WTA Tour title this week.

# PLAYER PROFILES

# WOMEN



## MAYA JOINT

AGE: 20  
COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

This talented player highlighted her ability to shine on grass courts when she produced a memorable performance to beat Alex Eala in last year's Lexus Eastbourne Open, saving match points on her way to that win.

It was the second tournament win of her career after picking up a title in Morocco a few weeks before her success on the south coast.

Joint achieved her career high ranking this year as her rise up the tennis ladder continues.



## SARA BEJLEK

AGE: 20  
COUNTRY: CZECHIA

This has been a breakthrough year for Bejlek, with her first WTA title arriving at the WTA 500 event in Abu Dhabi.

She won the French Open doubles title with partner Lucie Havlickova in 2022 and standing at 5'3", she shows great court awareness to compete against opponents who often have a physical advantage.

Her childhood idol was Rafael Nadal and she is also a big admirer of compatriot Petra Kvitova.



## EMMA NAVARRO

AGE: 25  
COUNTRY: USA

Navarro reached a career high of No.8 in the WTA rankings in September 2024, after a stellar year that included a run to a Wimbledon quarter-final and the semi-finals at the US Open.

She has wins against Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek and Coco Gauff on her record and has also shown good form on grass courts.

Wins against former Wimbledon champions Petra Kvitova and Barbora Krejcikova on grass last year confirmed she can be a threat this stage of the tennis season.



## JANICE TJEN

AGE: 24  
COUNTRY: INDONESIA

Tjen is enjoying the best year of her career and has taken strides forward in the WTA rankings after some impressive performances on the WTA Tour.

She reached the last 16 in Dubai in February and beat 2021 US Open finalist Leylah Fernandez during that run.

The best moment of her career so far came as she won her first senior title in Chennai last October, becoming the first Indonesian woman in 23 years to win a WTA singles title. Tjen won the Lexus Birmingham Open doubles title earlier this month with partner Talia Gibson.



## 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 played in the WTA Finals on three occasions.



## 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 challenging 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.

# PLAYER PROFILES

# MEN



## VALENTIN ROYER

AGE: 25  
COUNTRY: FRANCE

Royer is enjoying the best year of his career so far, as he has reached career high rankings and secured some impressive wins.

This Frenchman made it through to the final of the ATP Challenger at Oeiras in Portugal in April and he appeared in his first ATP Tour final at the Hangzhou Open in China last September, losing against Alexander Bublik.

He pushed Novak Djokovic in the second round at the French Open last month and will now be keen to find his feet on grass.



## ELIOT SPIZZIRRI

AGE: 24  
COUNTRY: USA

His win against rising Brazilian star Joao Fonseca at the Australian Open in January helped him to reach the third round at a Grand Slam for the first time and that helped him to achieve a new career-high ranking a few weeks later.

Spizzirri played college tennis at the University of Texas, becoming ITA National Player of the Year in both 2023 and 2024.

His favourite tournament is Wimbledon and his tennis hero is eight-time All England Club champion, Roger Federer.



## YIBING WU

AGE: 26  
COUNTRY: CHINA

Wu has enjoyed success at ATP Challenger level this season, lifting the title at Sarasota in America last April in a tournament that saw him beat former Grand Slam finalist Kei Nishikori.

He created history when he saved four championship points before downing John Isner 6-7(4), 7-6(3), 7-6(12) to become the first Chinese player to lift an ATP Tour trophy in February 2023.

Wu reached his highest career ranking of No.54 shortly after that, with his run to the third round at the US Open the year before contributing to his rise.



## BENJAMIN BONZI

AGE: 30  
COUNTRY: FRANCE

Bonzi won an impressive six ATP Challenger titles in the same season in 2021, joining Facundo Bagnis(2016), Juan Ignacio Chela(2001) and Younes El Aynaoui (1998) in achieving that feat.

He won his first ATP Tour title at the Moselle Open in France in November 2024 and has a career-high ranking inside the top 50.

This experienced player confirmed he can be a threat on grass courts when he beat top ten rival Daniil Medvedev in the first round at Wimbledon last year.



## COLEMAN WONG

AGE: 21  
COUNTRY: HONG KONG

Wong enjoyed a breakthrough tournament at last year's US Open, as he made it through to the third round at a Grand Slam tournament for the first time.

That run created history as he became the first player from Hong Kong to reach the main draw of a Grand Slam since Paulette Moreno at the 1988 Australian Open.

He backed up that impressive run in New York by collecting his first ATP Challenger title in April, lifting the title in Jiujiang, China, with a win against Australia's Adam Walton in the final.



## ALEX MOLCAN

AGE: 28  
COUNTRY: SLOVAKIA

Molcan broke into the top 50 of the ATP rankings for the first time in 2022 and he achieved a career-high No.38 that year.

That was also the year when he enjoyed his best run at Wimbledon, as he reached the third round at the All England Club, but he has suffered from injury problems in recent years.

He has 11 ATP Challenger title wins on his record, with the most recent coming in Istanbul last year.

# PLAYER PROFILES

# MEN



## JAIME FARIA

AGE: 22  
COUNTRY: PORTUGAL

Faria broke into the top 100 of the ATP rankings for the first time last year and his ranking is on the rise again after an impressive run at the French Open last month.

He came through qualifying and reached the third round at Roland-Garros, in a run that represented his best at a Grand Slam.

This talented player has won two titles at ATP Challenger level and outside of tennis, his favourite athletes are basketball great, Michael Jordan, and football legend, Lionel Messi.



## HUGO GASTON

AGE: 25  
COUNTRY: FRANCE

Gaston reached a career high ranking of No.56 in July 2022 after he won his first match in the main draw at Wimbledon.

He has appeared in two ATP Tour finals and has 10 ATP Challenger titles on his record, with the most recent coming last year when he won the title on home soil in Brest.

His only win against a player ranked in the top 10 came in 2024, when he beat Australia's Alex de Minaur at the European Open in Belgium.



## MACKENZIE MCDONALD

AGE: 31  
COUNTRY: USA

After making a breakthrough run to the US Open quarter-finals in 2020, McDonald rose to a career-high ranking of No.37 in October 2023.

McDonald has some impressive wins on his record, including a success against Juan Martin del Potro 2019, while he also beat Rafael Nadal at the 2023 Australian Open. He also beat top 10 players Taylor Fritz, Andrey Rublev and Holger Rune in that same year.

Another player who came through the US college tennis system, he was a big fan of Roger Federer in his youth.



## OTTO VIRTANEN

AGE: 24  
COUNTRY: FINLAND

Virtanen won the Lexus Birmingham Open last year and he will be eager to confirm he can thrive once again on grass courts this week.

He was a highly promising junior who made it into the top 10 of the rankings at that level and has gone on to be a prolific winner at ATP Challenger Tour level, winning seven titles in addition to his victory at Edgbaston Priory Club last year.

This Finnish Davis Cup star lists Roger Federer as his tennis idol and he is also a huge fan of Argentine soccer legend Lionel Messi.



## JACOB FEARNLEY

AGE: 24  
COUNTRY:  
GREAT BRITAIN

Fearnley broke into the top 50 of the ATP rankings for the first time last June, as he continued a rise that started with a memorable win at the LTA's Lexus Nottingham Open the year before.

Fearnley came through the US college system and enjoyed a fine start to his career in the professional ranks, reaching the third round at the Australian Open and French Open last year.

He has been hampered by injury problems in 2026 and will be hoping a return to grass courts can kick-start his season.



## JACK PINNINGTON JONES

AGE: 23  
COUNTRY:  
GREAT BRITAIN

Pinnington Jones achieved a career-high ranking earlier this year.

His quality on grass was highlighted when he reached the final of the Lexus Nottingham Open in 2024, where he was beaten by fellow Brit Jacob Fearnley.

His form on grass continued last year as he reached the final of the Lexus Ilkley Open, narrowly losing in a three-set thriller.

## THE GREAT HEALTH ADVANTAGE: WHY TENNIS IS IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN

As you take your seat today, it is easy to view tennis as a spectator sport. However, beyond the powerful serves and impressive drop shots you see before you, lies a profound truth: tennis is perhaps the most significant investment you can make in your own health.

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.

\*Copenhagen study published in 2018 tracked over 8,500 people for 25 years

# 2025

## TENNIS IN BRITAIN IN NUMBERS



# 5.8M

adults played tennis annually

# 30,000

teachers trained and over half of all schools in Britain signed up to FAGE LTA Youth Schools

# 24,000+

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

# 4M+

children playing tennis, a record high



# 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

# 13

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

# 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

# 5

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

# 23

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

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BRITA UK Ambassador

## KATIE'S GOLDEN MOMENTS

THE SUMMER OF 2023 HAD ALREADY MARKED A SIGNIFICANT MOMENT IN BOULTER'S CAREER AS SHE BECAME BRITISH NO.1 FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER A RUN TO THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE SURBITON TROPHY.

She then took her story to the next level by winning her first WTA Tour title, beating fellow Brit Jodie Burrage in the final here at the Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre.

It was a moment that started a new and exciting phase of Boulter's career, as she rose up the rankings and earned the right to play in higher-profile tournaments.

Boulter's win in the WTA 500 tournament in Dallas the following March was backed up by a second successive title here in Nottingham, as she beat former world No.1 Karolina Pliskova in a compelling final.

Injuries have hampered Boulter's progress over the last 12 months and she will relish the chance to get back on grass courts and find some form as she counts down to another challenge at Wimbledon.

"Some of my very first tennis memories are from here in Nottingham," said Boulter.

"Having won two titles here – a third would be amazing, but I also know what's realistic. Every single player here is incredible and it's going to be a battle every single day. I'm aiming for as many wins here as I can possibly get."

Playing in front of the passionate home fans is always a highlight for British players in this phase of the



tennis year and Boulter says the support is inspiring.

"It's a very difficult feeling to describe to someone," Boulter explained. "If you can imagine that you're walking onto a court, you've got your full team behind

you, and then you've got your whole country behind you.

"It feels like people are lifting you up, making things easier for you and really getting behind you. It makes such a difference to all the players. You can see what it does to players and the emotion it brings out.

"I think it means so much more to them knowing that everyone's invested in you, and everyone wants you to do well."

Boulter has a big few months ahead of her as she is planning her wedding to Australian tennis player Alex de Minaur, but those plans can wait as her favourite time of the tennis year is upon us once again.



# BRITISH TENNIS GREATS

BRITISH TENNIS FANS RELISH THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHEER ON A HOMEGROWN HERO, AND THE CHAMPIONS THAT HAVE PREVAILED ON THE LUSH GREEN ENGLISH LAWNS HAVE SERVED UP SOME MOMENTS TO SAVOUR.

From Birmingham to Nottingham and The Queen's Club to Eastbourne, this is the month when tennis comes alive in this country and the roll call of Brits that have lifted titles at LTA tournaments makes for impressive reading.

Here, we look back at some of the great moments for British players on grass courts amid a summer when more big names will be striving to join the ranks of champions.

## WADE LEADS THE WAY

Women's tennis underwent a thrilling evolution in the early 1970s as American great Billie Jean King led the drive for equality in the sport.

It was also a memorable decade for British tennis fans, as Virginia Wade took centre stage on grass courts that gave her some moments to savour.

After losing to Chris Evert in the inaugural final of the tournament at Eastbourne in 1974, Wade secured victory in the tournament a year later as she beat King in a thrilling final.

It was a prelude to Wade's memorable win at Wimbledon in 1977, when she beat Betty Stöve from the Netherlands in the final.

## NOTTINGHAM CHAMPIONS

Nottingham has been a stage for some memorable British triumphs, with Greg Rusedski, Elena Baltacha, Dan Evans, Katie Boulter and Andy Murray among those who have enjoyed that special feeling of securing a title on home soil.



Rusedski stormed to victory for the first time at Nottingham in 1997, as he beat Karol Kucera in the final after progressing through the tournament without dropping a set.

He then won the title for a second time in 2003, beating America's Mardy Fish in the final.

Evans is another two-time champion

in Nottingham after his wins in 2019 and 2022, with Murray adding his name to the roll of honour at the event a year later and Jacob Fearnley joining him on the Nottingham champions board in 2024.

British women have also thrived in Nottingham, with Elena Baltacha's wins in 2011 and 2013 backed up by more British success for Johanna Konta in 2021 and wins for Boulter in 2023 and 2024.

## ANDY MURRAY'S REMARKABLE RECORD

Andy Murray's five wins at The Queen's Club make him the most successful player in the long history of that great tournament, with his first coming with a victory against American James Blake in the 2009 final.

He beat France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the 2011 final before wins against Croatia's Marin Cilic in 2013, South Africa's Kevin Anderson two years later and Canada's Milos Raonic in 2016 gave him the last of his titles at the west London club. The Scot was also a doubles winner at The Queen's Club with Feliciano Lopez in 2019.

Murray's win at the 2023 Nottingham Open added to a record that also includes an Olympic Gold medal on grass courts at the All England Club in the London 2012 Games.

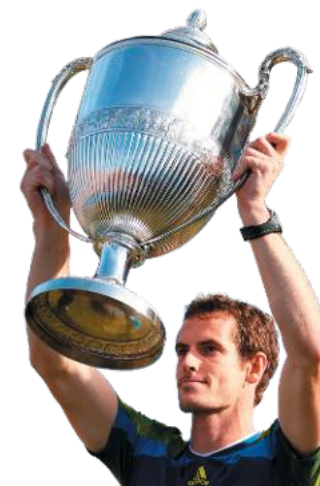
His two memorable wins at Wimbledon complete a remarkable record for Murray on grass courts.

## DOUBLES DELIGHT

British players have enjoyed impressive success on grass courts in doubles over the decades, with a lengthy list of players clinching titles in LTA events.

The all-British duo of Jo Durie and Anne Hobbs were doubles champions in Birmingham in 1982, with Mark Petchey and Danny Sapsford getting their name on the winners' list at Nottingham in 1996.

Jamie Murray was a doubles winner at Nottingham in 2007 with partner Eric Butorac, while Dominic Inglot (2016), Ken and Neil Skupski (2017), Joe Salisbury (2018), Jacob Fearnley and Johannus Monday (2023) and Marcus Willis (2024) are also on the winners' list in the men's doubles at Nottingham.



- Greg Rusedski won in Nottingham in 2003
- Elena Baltacha won the title in Nottingham in 2010
- Virginia Wade with the Wimbledon trophy in 1977
- Katie Boulter is a two-time winner in Nottingham
- Andy Murray is a five-time singles champion at The Queen's Club
- Murray with his coach Ivan Lendl
- Murray won The Queen's Club doubles title with Feliciano Lopez in 2019

Jeremy Bates, Jamie Murray and his brother Andy are among the British winners of the doubles at The Queen's Club, with the last two editions of that tournament producing homegrown winners after Neal Skupski won the title with Michael Venus in 2024 and the British pair Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool lifted the trophy last year.

In Eastbourne, Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (2012), Dominic Inglot (2014), Luke Bambridge and Jonny O'Mara (2016), Neal Skupski (2024) and Cash and Glasspool (2025) have won the doubles title at Devonshire Park.



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## FEARNLEY FIGHTING BACK

WHEN JACOB FEARNLEY LIFTED THE TITLE AT THE NOTTINGHAM OPEN IN 2024, HE WROTE A STORY THAT TOOK HIM BY SURPRISE.

After developing his skills in the US college system with Texas Christian University (TCU), Fearnley enjoyed a rapid rise up the ATP Rankings as he succeeded fellow Scot Sir Andy Murray on the winner's list at this tournament.

Coming through qualifying and going all the way to the final against fellow Brit Charles Broom, Fearnley became only the fourth British male player to win the title in Nottingham after Andy Murray (2023), Dan Evans (2019 & 2022) and Greg Rusedski (1997 & 2003).

"It was all very unexpected," reflected Fearnley of his breakthrough win at this event a couple of years ago.

"I had a great month. Won the national championships in America with TCU. Then I had a week to prepare, maybe less, for Nottingham and then went into qualifying.

"I almost actually bowed out first round qualifying and just managed to pull out some wins for the rest of the week. It was an amazing run."

Fearnley was ranked at No.735 when he played his final tournament of 2023 and by the end of the following year, he had jumped into the top 100, opening the door to bigger tournaments



and more success and a debut in Great Britain's Davis Cup team.

Third round appearances at the Australian Open and French Open last year added to his growing presence in the men's game, but the last few months have been a story of frustration for the 24-year-old.

Injuries have impacted his ambitions and his ranking, but a return to grass courts should give Fearnley the inspiration he needs to find some winning form.

"I love being at home, I love being on the grass," added Fearnley, who is supported by the LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme presented by Lexus, which is the highest level of support offered by the LTA.

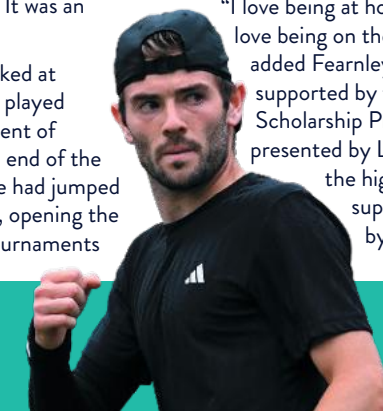
"It's good fun, there's good vibes around the place, especially training at the NTC (National Tennis Centre) at this time of year so I really enjoy it.

"It's not as physical as the clay, so it's a bit easier on the body – a bit of a softer surface which is great.

"I've played on grass a little bit more than clay, but I think it's the same thing – just to try and get as many matches, as many reps.

"Obviously Wimbledon is where you want to peak, so I'll use all of the tournaments leading up to that as preparation for the grass and hopefully I can have a few good runs."

Every sporting journey is laced with highs and lows and after a challenging few months, Fearnley will be keen to get back on the front foot on grass courts.



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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

## HIGHEST WIN PERCENTAGES ON GRASS:

Margaret Court

92.63%

Pete Sampras

90%

Novak Djokovic

88.7%

Martina Navratilova

88.54%

Roger Federer

88.24%

Bjorn Borg

87.5%

Chris Evert

87.39%

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 a player who has excelled on clay courts she struggled to find her feet on grass until she pieced together a run that concluded with a crushing 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.

# RALLY FOR TOMORROW

TO DELIVER THE LTA'S VISION OF TENNIS OPENED UP AND ENSURE THAT TENNIS AND THE PLACES IT IS PLAYED ARE ACCESSIBLE AND THRIVING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, IT'S VITAL THAT EVERYONE RALLIES TOGETHER TO PROTECT THE SPORT AND THE PLACES WE PLAY.

## THE GRASS COURT SEASON

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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
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## 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:

- **126** projects
- **48** covered tennis and padel courts
- **228** new floodlit tennis and padel courts

## 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  
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# DOUBLES DOMINATION

BECOMING THE BEST IN THE WORLD IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY SPORT AND FIVE BRITISH TENNIS PLAYERS HAVE REACHED THAT MILESTONE OVER THE LAST DECADE.

Leading the way was three-time Grand Slam singles champion Andy Murray, who is also a record five-time winner of the HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club, but it was another Murray who hit the top of the tennis rankings a few months before him.

While Andy finished 2016 as the best player in men's tennis after he won his second Wimbledon title and clinched the year-end No.1 ranking by beating Novak Djokovic at the ATP Finals in London, another Murray broke the glass ceiling at the top of the world rankings earlier in that same year.

His elder brother Jamie's ascent to the top of the doubles rankings was confirmed in late March of that year, after he contested three successive Grand Slam finals and became the first British man to clinch the No.1 ranking in doubles.

Since then, the Murray's club of No.1's has been growing, with Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski climbing to the top of the doubles rankings in 2022. Then Lloyd Glasspool joined the ranks as he claimed the top spot last August after an impressive run of results with his British partner Julian Cash.



A glance at the doubles rankings today highlights the impressive strength in depth of British men in the top 10, with Skupski suggesting the support British players receive is vital to this impressive success story.

"Doubles is the version of the game that a lot of the fans watching us play can associate with. They play it at their clubs and with their friends and the success the British players have had in recent years is down to a number of factors," said Skupski, who started 2026 in impressive fashion by winning the Australian Open title with his new partner, America's Christian Harrison.

"The LTA are one of the only governing bodies that offer so much support to the doubles players and there is no doubt that helps us.

"Louis Cayer is part of our team and he is the best doubles coach in the world and the LTA help us with strength and conditioning, physiotherapists, psychologists, and we get all the reports on the other

- 1 Jamie Murray of Great Britain and Martina Hingis of Switzerland
- 2 Murray brothers in doubles action
- 3 Louis Cayer with Neal Skupski and Henry Patten
- 4 Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool at The Queen's Club
- 5 Neal Skupski (R) and his partner USA's Christian Harrison won the 2026 Australian Open doubles title
- 6 Following a run to the Roland-Garros final earlier this month, Britain's Henry Patten is now No.1 in the world rankings alongside Finnish partner Harri Heliövaara

doubles guys so we can prepare for our matches.

"They put a lot of effort into us and it shows that it has paid off. You look Jamie Murray and Joe Salisbury getting to No.1 in the world, me getting there and the success of Henry Patten, Lloyd Glasspool and Julian Cash and we are all getting good results.

"The British system is working so well in doubles and when you look at the rankings, you can see how well we are all doing."

Skupski is not alone in saluting the influence of coach Cayer on the British doubles scene, as his tactical analysis of the doubles game has given a host of players an edge on their rivals.

Cayer has helped several British players clinch Grand Slam titles in recent years, with Jamie Murray among those inspired by the knowledge he gleaned from the experienced tactician.

"I worked with Louis for the first time when I was going



to team up with Colin Fleming for the first time at Wimbledon," said Murray.

"For me and Colin, it was a complete education. It was like a degree in doubles that no one else really had. It was super tiring because we were on court with him for three hours and his attention to detail is amazing.

"There's no doubt he has had a massive impact on the doubles guys in Britain and the results we have had in Grand Slams show what a great job he has done."

The crowds watching doubles tennis over the course of the grass court season in Britain are generally among the biggest of the tennis year, with Skupski relishing the chance to play in front of his home fans.

"It's always fun to play in front of the British crowds," he added. "We are on the road so much over the course of the year and it is nice to be at home and playing with crowds cheering us on. The Queen's Club tournament is always a fantastic week and then, of course, Wimbledon is a very special place to play tennis."

We've had numerous British winners of the doubles events at Nottingham, The Queen's Club and Eastbourne in recent years and our galaxy of champions will be looking to add to their trophy collections this summer.



# 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 work 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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# 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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## 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.

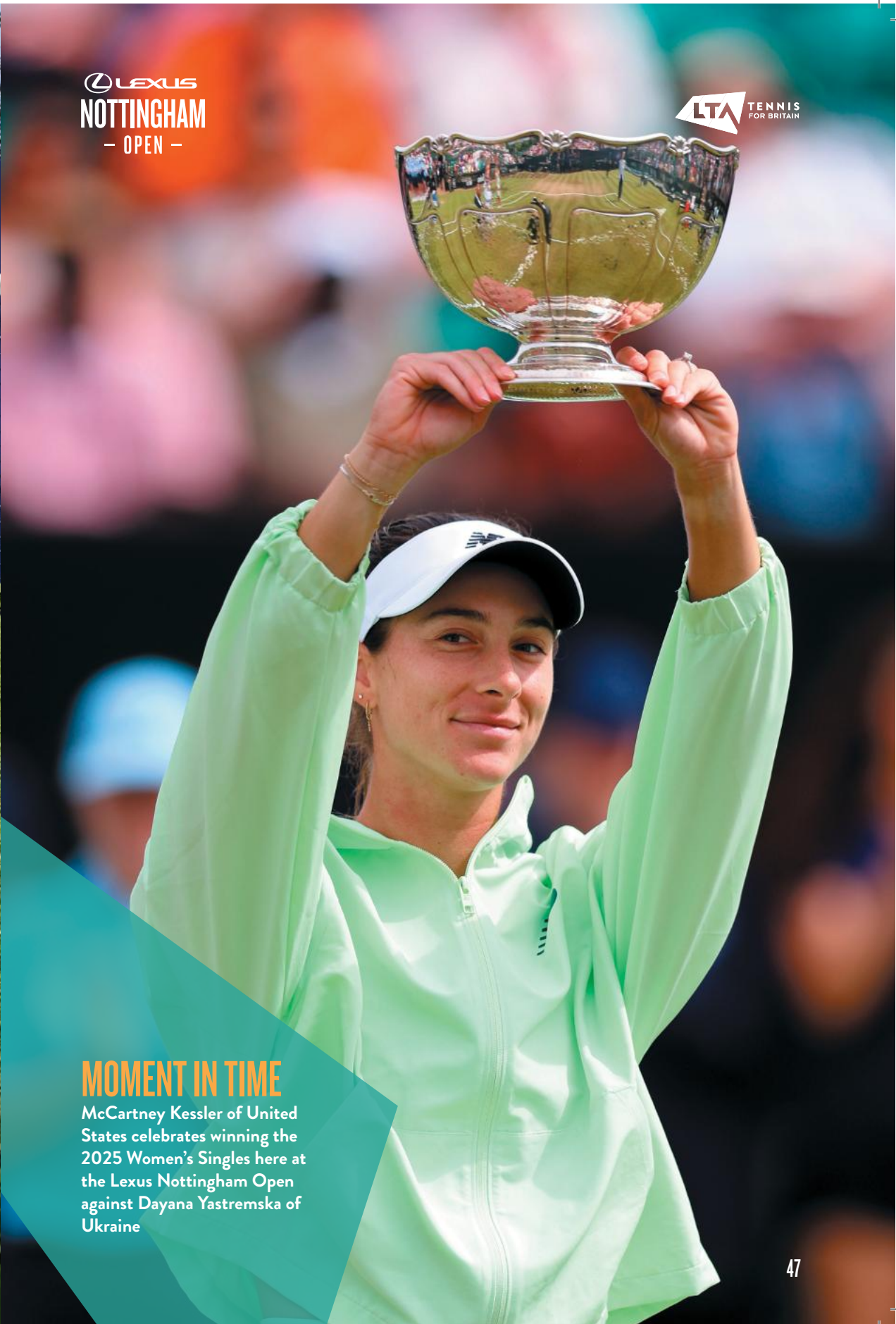
This sport did just that for her and now, she's determined to make sure it does the same for the next generation.



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MOMENT IN TIME

McCartney Kessler of United States celebrates winning the 2025 Women's Singles here at the Lexus Nottingham Open against Dayana Yastremska of Ukraine

# 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

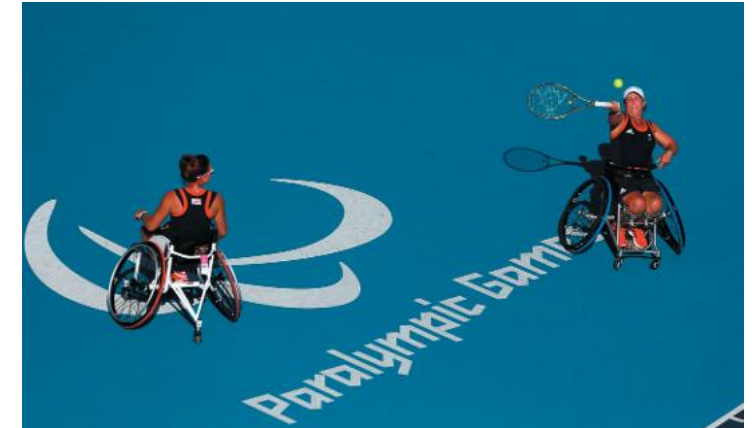
California, Brad Parks, at the sport's 1986 US Open, the forerunner to inclusion in the Grand Slam in 2005. (Photo by Todd Friedman/Popperfoto via Getty Images)

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 women 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.



Scan the QR code to view the full LTA and Getty Images exhibition online.

## JACK'S RAPID RISE

THE US COLLEGE SYSTEM HAS BEEN A PRODUCTIVE ROUTE FOR BRITISH PLAYERS AS THEY LOOK TO PLOT A PATH TO THE TOP OF THE MEN'S GAME AND JACK PINNINGTON JONES WILL AIM TO FOLLOW IN SOME FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS DURING THIS GRASS COURT SEASON.

Cameron Norrie, Joe Salisbury and Jacob Fearnley are among the players who have made their mark in the professional ranks after cutting their tennis teeth in the US college system, with Pinnington Jones the latest British graduate rising up the rankings.

He confirmed his potential by winning his first ATP Challenger title here on the Nottingham grass courts last July as he beat fellow Brit Kyle Edmund in the final and he reflected on the moment with pride.

"It's amazing. This is my first Challenger title, so it will always be special," said Pinnington Jones after his win at this venue.



"I've played a lot of tennis matches here in Nottingham from my U10/U12 days and I've always enjoyed playing here.

"Anytime you're in the UK it's great; not much travel and I always see my relatives nearby, so I feel very comfortable here. To cap it off with a title was pretty special.

"There's a long way to go, it's just a start for me in this tennis journey as a professional. There's a lot of things I'm learning, and I've got great people, great support with the LTA - a lot of things that I can rely on to keep pushing forward.

"I think the biggest thing for me is to keep enjoying it and expecting



new challenges. Not every week is going to go as well as this week, so you need to enjoy these moments."

Pinnington Jones is supported by the LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme presented by Lexus (PSP), which is the highest level of support offered to developing players by the LTA.

It is offered to players aged between 16 and 24 with the best chance of reaching the ATP/WTA top 100 singles within five years.

That rankings goal is in sight for Pinnington Jones after he backed up his first ATP Challenger title in Nottingham with a second at Winston-Salem in America last September.

He then enjoyed the most impressive run of his career as he reached the quarter-finals of the ATP 500 tournament in Dallas last February, where he was beaten by former two-time Queen's Club champion Marin Cilic.

The sight of the familiar Nottingham grass courts should inspire Pinnington Jones to raise his game in front of the British fans, as he will be hoping this phase of the tennis year can serve up some moments to savour.

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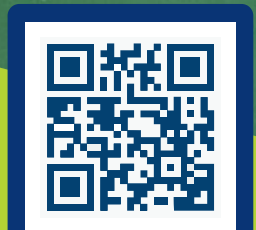
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# GREG AND TIM — A RIVALRY REVISITED

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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

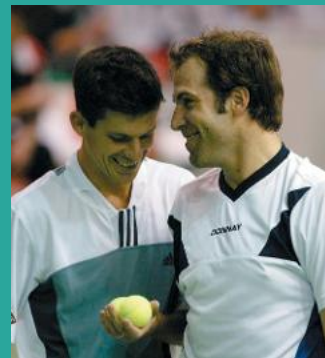
he declared his intentions to represent Great Britain in 1995.

“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 footprints they created will always be grateful for the inspiration they provided.



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## WHEELCHAIR EXHIBITION

In this 50th Anniversary year for wheelchair tennis, women's and quad wheelchair exhibitions will entertain visitors on the outside courts during the Lexus Nottingham Open finals weekend.

Leading Brits Lucy Shuker, Cornelia Oosthuizen, Abbie Breakwell and Ruby Bishop contest in the women's singles and doubles across 20 and 21 June, with Paris 2024 doubles silver medallists Andy Lapthorne and Greg Slade, and Australians Heath Davidson and Benjamin Wenzel in quad singles and doubles action across both days.



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## BRITISH GIRL POWER

**T**he 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 Stojstavljevic, 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."



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## 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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# 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 we take part in to 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."

**"The fact that Becky is one of 30,000 teachers that are now trained to deliver tennis is incredible"**

Sonay Kartal

To find out more about the FAGE LTA Youth Schools programme, visit [www.lta.org.uk/schools](http://www.lta.org.uk/schools).



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# BELONGING IN TENNIS

**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.

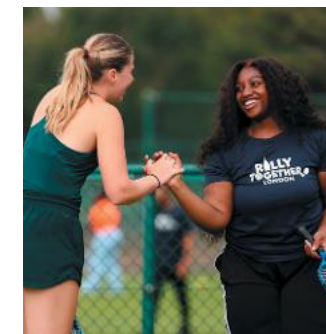


Nearly 100 children from communities across London came together for a high-energy tennis festival last August to mark the official launch of Rally Together London, a groundbreaking three-year collaboration between the LTA and Mayor Sadiq Khan aiming to open tennis up to more young Londoners and break 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 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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### 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.

**“Line Umpires are still vital and valued members of the LTA Official workforce”**

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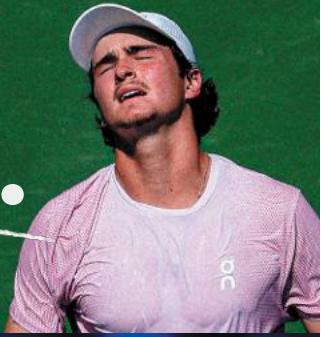


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## PADEL IS ON THE RISE

**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.

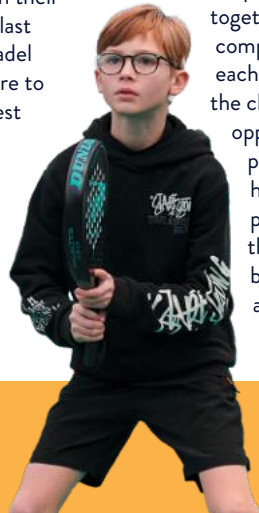
Following the success of the inaugural LTA Padel National Championships,



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 are helping more people enjoy the benefits of being physically active.



Scan here to find out more about Padel in Britain



# 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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# LEARNING DISABILITY & AUTISM TOURNAMENT

LEXUS NOTTINGHAM OPEN MAKES HISTORY WITH FIRST LEARNING DISABILITY & AUTISM TOURNAMENT

The Nottingham Lexus Open is set to make history this year with the introduction of a brand new Learning Disability and Autism (LD&A) tournament, giving the best of British and international players the opportunity to compete during the LTA's Grass Court Season.

Eight men and eight women will compete in the LD&A tournament from 19th – 21st June, alongside the women's WTA 250 event and men's ATP Challenger Tour. This new tournament is for players within the I11 Intellectual Disability classification – linked to having an IQ score of 75 or lower.

Virtus, the international federation for athletes with intellectual

impairments, has sanctioned the tournament giving players a valuable chance to compete for ranking points.

This milestone moment will take place during Learning Disability Awareness Week. The tournament will raise the profile of Learning Disability and Autism tennis, in line with the awareness week's theme of "Do you see me?", which is all about people with a learning disability being seen, heard and valued.

The introduction of the LD&A tournament at the Lexus Nottingham Open has been made possible by a significant increase in LTA investment in disability tennis competitions, with an uplift



of nearly 25% of LTA funding in 2026.

The LTA stages a year-round disability tennis competitions calendar to give disabled people and those with long-term health conditions a chance to compete in learning disability and autism, deaf, para standing, visually impaired, and wheelchair tennis.

Performance programmes for Learning Disability, Deaf, and Visually Impaired Tennis are also supported by the LTA, alongside financial support for elite Para Standing Tennis players – giving more players the chance to represent Great Britain on the international stage.

Want to play or compete in Learning Disability and Autism Tennis? Scan the QR code to find out more about inclusive disability tennis!





## MOMENT IN TIME

Katie Boulter inspiring the next generation at last year's Lexus Nottingham Open

# 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 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



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

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 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.

Mark Ceban was crowned 18U Junior Nationals champion



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LTA Award winners at the National Tennis Centre in April

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Presented annually, the awards celebrate volunteers, coaches, players, officials and venues whose passion and commitment support the game at every level - from local courts to the elite stage.

For many, tennis and padel are about more than competition. They foster community, confidence and connection. The LTA Awards shine a light on those who go the extra mile to create welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring experiences. From volunteers who give their time week in, week out, to coaches opening doors for new players and venues improving access to courts, each winner makes a meaningful difference to their community and the wider sport.

The awards reflect the LTA's vision of 'tennis opened up', celebrating efforts to make tennis and padel accessible, inclusive,

and welcoming to all. This year's nominations demonstrate how that vision is being delivered in practice, removing barriers to participation, championing diversity, and creating safe, supportive environments 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 highlight unsung heroes, whose behindthescenes efforts have a lasting impact on everyone who steps onto court.

Now in their 11th year, the 2026 winners were celebrated in April at the National Tennis Centre, with guest presenters and supporters from across sport and beyond, including Jason Manford, Bear Grylls, Sir Trevor McDonald, and

Laura Robson, alongside HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, the LTA's Honorary President.

The Young Person of the Year award recognised Jamie MacRae for outstanding volunteering and impact at grassroots level. Jamie's commitment and leadership highlight the vital role young people play in strengthening clubs, supporting local participation and bringing fresh energy to tennis and padel.

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

Nominations for the LTA Awards 2027 are now open until November. Know a tennis or padel hero? Scan the QR code to submit a nomination.



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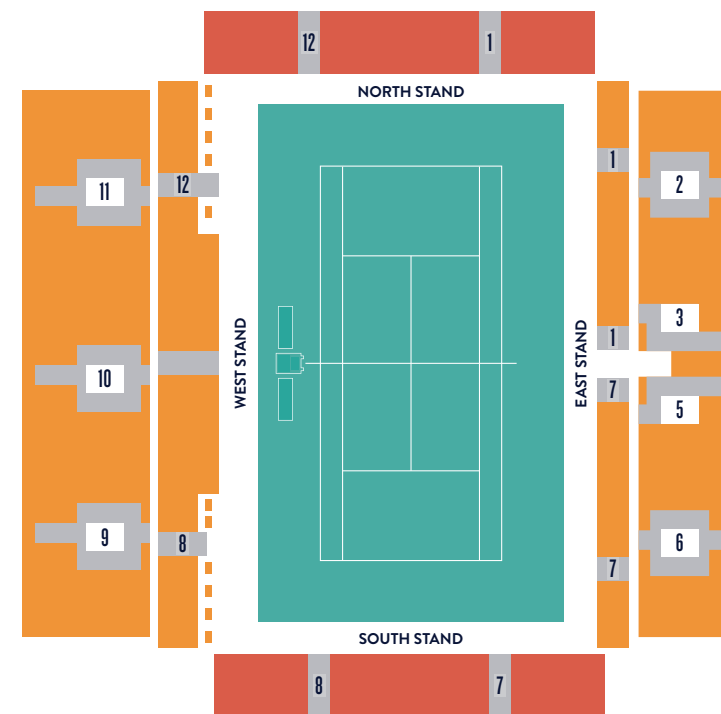
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CHALLENGER TOUR



In 2025, the ATP and WTA introduced a new approach to Free Fan Movement across all tour events around the world. Along with all other events, the LTA's Grass Court Season needs to follow these tour rules – so here is what you need to know:

Free Fan Movement gives you the freedom to enjoy the tennis with greater access in and out of certain areas of the stands while matches are being played.

Depending on where you're sat, you will have either Restricted, Limited or Free movement during matches to enter and leave the stadium.

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around the grounds explaining what this means and when you can move in and out of your seating area.

In all cases please be respectful to the players and those seated around you.

If you're unsure of what area you are in, or what the rules are, you can also ask any of our event Stewards and Volunteers, who will be happy to help you.

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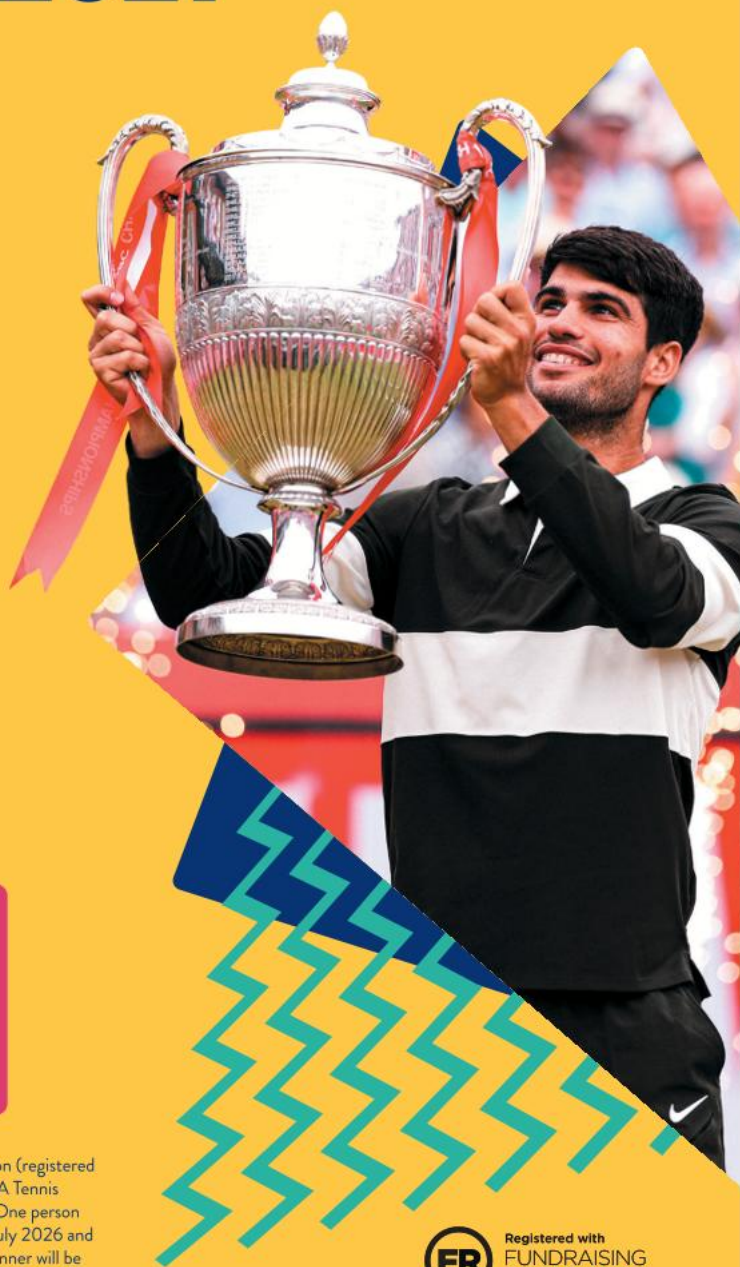
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