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WELCOME



It is with great pleasure and excitement that I welcome you to the Lexus Trophy Series - an event that marks the start of Lexus' official partnership with the LTA.

Here at Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club, we will not only celebrate the start of the hugely exciting summer of British tennis, but also the beginning of our journey as a lead partner of the LTA that spans from the grassroots to the top of the British game.

As a proud partner of the LTA and the Lexus Trophy series, we're delighted to be embarking on this journey, and wish all the players and fans an enjoyable week and summer tennis season in the UK.

Chris Hayes
LEXUS UK DIRECTOR



On behalf of the LTA, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2023 Surbiton Trophy at the Surbiton Racket and Fitness Club.

Surbiton is traditionally the curtain raiser to the British grass court season and I'm sure the club will once again be an excellent host venue for the start of what promises to be an exciting summer.

The event always punches above its weight in attracting big names, and spectators have been lucky enough to see the likes of Andy Murray and Dan Evans in recent years. There is also an opportunity to spot rising stars of the future - with a young Naomi Osaka and Roger Federer both amongst those to have played here in the past.

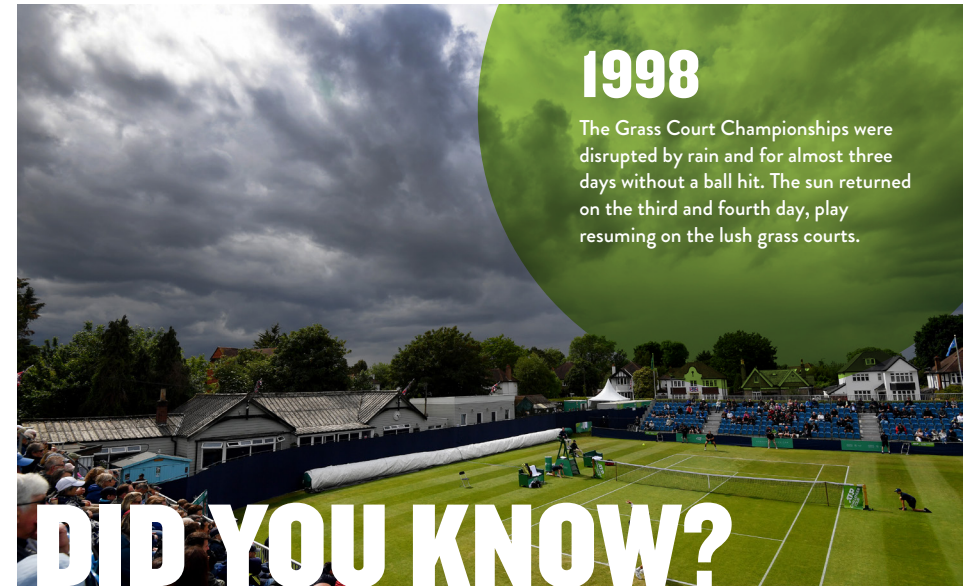
Last year Britain's Henry Patten and Julian Cash took home the men's doubles title and we hope that there will be more home success to cheer this year. I'd like to wish good luck to all the players, from both Britain and overseas, who are playing here this week.

I'd also like to thank those we work with at the ITF and ATP along with our and the club's commercial partners who make the event a reality. I'd particularly like to thank Lexus for their support of this event for the first time as part of a wide-ranging partnership across different aspects of British tennis.

Finally, it's important to recognise the contribution of all the officials, volunteers, staff, and of course fans who do so much to make this a memorable event. If you're inspired by what you've seen today tickets are now on sale for the Davis Cup Group Stages in Manchester in September via the LTA website.

Best wishes

Scott Lloyd
CHIEF EXECUTIVE | LTA



1998

The Grass Court Championships were disrupted by rain and for almost three days without a ball hit. The sun returned on the third and fourth day, play resuming on the lush grass courts.

DID YOU KNOW?

The historic grounds now known as Surbiton Racket and Fitness Club has a long and remarkable history. Here are some of the key moments:

1881

Club was founded and was known as the Berrylands Lawn Tennis Club. There were 200 members and 11 grass courts.

1904

The Surrey Grass Court Championships were inaugurated at the club.

1939-45

Club remained open throughout the war, thanks almost entirely to the efforts of Mr. Leslie Perry, the Honorary Secretary at the time. The lower grass courts were dug up for allotments.



1963

Mr E B Ames, the President, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his membership of the Club. During most of this time, he had served in an official capacity.

1975

Club was re-named Surbiton Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club.

1997

For the first time since 1979, the club once again became host for the Surrey Grass Court Championships. Players from all around the world returned to play on the grass courts of Surbiton. Tim Henman, Boris Becker and Michael Chang played exhibition matches.

2000

Louise Latimer was the last British player to win the women's title at Surbiton 23 years ago.

2005

With the aid of grants and loans from the LTA, the club built an air dome containing two indoor tennis courts, finally guaranteeing tennis in all weathers.

2019

Dan Evans became the first British winner of the Surbiton Trophy of the modern era, beating Serbia's Viktor Troicki in the final.

2022

Two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray played in the tournament at Surbiton, enduring huge global coverage of the event.



Everything you need to know about Surbiton Racket and Fitness Club - www.lta.org.uk/fan-zone/international/surbiton-trophy/event-guide/on-the-day/





MOMENT IN TIME
Greg Rusedski of Great Britain waits to play Todd Reid of Australia at the Surbiton Trophy Tennis Tournament at Surbiton Racket and Fitness Club on June 2, 2004



The presence of three-time major champion Andy Murray on the entry list for last summer's Surbiton Trophy helped to enhance the global spotlight on the tournament.

Murray's decision to begin his preparations for the grass court swing at the Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club ensured there was big interest in all of his matches, with his run to the semi-finals thrilling the sell-out crowds who got to see plenty of the Scot over the course of a compelling week.

THE 2022 CHAMPIONS

Jordan Thompson and Alison Van Uytvanck etched their names in the Surbiton Trophy history books as they rounded off a fantastic week of tennis as the men's and women's singles champions.

Thompson overcame world No.81 Denis Kudla 7-5 6-3 to lift his eighth ATP Challenger title and first career trophy on grass.

The Australian star held Kudla to just 50% points won on first serve throughout the match, breaking his opponent three times in the opening set. Kudla had the chance to serve for the set at 5-4, but Thompson made him pay for missing his chance by taking three games on the spin.

Kudla tried to replicate his semi-final comeback against Murray and even had two break point opportunities early in the second, but Thompson was equal to the challenge. After breaking for 4-2 he held his own to see out his first title since 2018.

"I think grass is one of my favourite surfaces," said Thompson. "My best results have come on grass so I always feel pretty comfortable."

"I feel like I move well on it and serve and return pretty soundly so I'm just happy to be back on the green stuff."



Van Uytvanck won the W100 event after defeating Arina Rodionova 7-6(2) 6-2 on finals day, as she lifted her 20th career singles title in an hour and 39 minutes.

"I wasn't sure whether to come after Roland Garros but I'm so happy I came," said Van Uytvanck. "I love to play on grass, I think it's a really nice centre court. It was close and I needed to bring my best tennis out there today."

Jordan Thompson
Denis Kudla



Andy Murray



Julian Cash and Henry Patten

BRITISH CONTENDERS

Andy Murray and Jodie Burrage both fell short of reaching the singles finals at the Surbiton Trophy.

In a hard fought semi-final against world No.81, Kudla, Murray eventually lost 5-7 7-6(4) 6-3 in two hours and 33 minutes.

There were glimpses of vintage Murray in the first set as the two-time Wimbledon champion took command in the early exchanges, punishing several short balls with textbook winners. But 2021 Nottingham Open finalist Kudla grew into the match and as the match went on, momentum seemed to turn in his favour. Murray had to save five break points in his opening service game in the decider, but Kudla got what would prove to be the decisive break on the seventh time of asking at 3-2.

Britain's Ryan Peniston made it through to the quarter-finals of the men's singles, but he was beaten by Finland's Otto Virtanen.

Meanwhile, British double act Julian Cash and Henry Patten tasted ATP Challenger glory for the first time, as they continued their rapid rise up the ATP doubles rankings.

"We had a lot of support which definitely helped and yeah I don't know about Jules but I was really nervous at the end but luckily managed to pull through and yeah just really, really happy," said Patten.

After lifting his seventh title of a breakthrough year as a doubles pairing, Cash said: "Henry has been away and not practised for two weeks and we also didn't know we were going to be playing, so yeah, we're delighted. Match by match we just got a little bit better. Today was very different, the wind has come in and was really tough to play good tennis but found a way in the second set to steal a break and yeah finished strong."

The USA's Ingrid Neel and Netherlands' Rosalie Van der Hoek were crowned women's doubles champions with a 6-3 6-3 win over Fernanda Contreras Gomez and Catherine Harrison.



Jodie Burrage

SURBITON TROPHY ENTRY LIST 2023

The entry list for this year's Surbiton Trophy features a host of world class talent, with Great Britain's Andy Murray leading the field that will entertain the crowds at this year's event.

ANDY MURRAY

GREAT BRITAIN | BORN: MAY 15 1987

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- US Open champion in 2012
- Two-time Wimbledon former champion, winning the title at the All England Club in 2013 and 2016
- Davis Cup winner with Great Britain in 2015

Back at Surbiton for a second successive year after reaching the semi-finals here last year.

MIKAEL YMER

SWEDEN | BORN: 9.9.98

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Made his Grand Slam main draw debut through qualifying at the 2019 French Open where he recorded his first Major win against fellow qualifier Blaze Rol
- Reached the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time at the 2021 Australian Open
- Beat Andy Murray en-route to the semi-finals at the 2022 Citi Open in Washington
- Made his debut in the top 50 of the ATP rankings in April 2023

MACKENZIE MCDONALD

USA | BORN: 16.4.95

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- In 2013, he became the first unranked teenager to qualify for an ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournament since Sergio Casal in 1995
- He reached the fourth round of Wimbledon in 2018, losing to Milos Raonic in the last-16
- Claimed a career-high ranking of No.48 in August 2022. Beat Rafael Nadal in the second round of the 2023 Australian Open



JORDAN THOMPSON

AUSTRALIA | BORN: 20.4.94

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Beat Andy Murray at the 2017 Queen's Club Championships
- Reached the fourth round at the 2020 US Open
- Beat Casper Rudd and Kei Nishikori to reach the third round at Wimbledon in 2021
- Won last year's Surbiton Trophy, beating Dennis Kulda 7-5 6-3 in the Final

JIRI VESELY

CZECHIA | BORN: 10.7.93

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Career high ranking of No.35 in April 2015
- Reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon in 2016 and 2018.
- Beat Alexander Zverev in the first round of Wimbledon in 2019
- Vesely has beaten Novak Djokovic in both matches he has played against the reigning Wimbledon champion

THANASI KOKKINAKIS

AUSTRALIA | BORN: 10.4.96

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Career high ATP ranking of No.69 in June 2015
- Beat Roger Federer in the 2018 Miami Open
- Lifted the title at the ATP 250 event in Adelaide in January 2022
- Won the 2022 Australian Open doubles title with compatriot Nick Kyrgios

In the W100 draw, some stellar names will be playing on the Surbiton grass courts.

ANHELINA KALININA

UKRAINE | BORN: FEBRUARY 7 1999

- Made her Grand Slam singles debut in 2018 at the US Open
- Beat three-time Grand Slam champion Angelique Kerber at the French Open
- Reached the third round at the 2023 Australian Open
- Achieved her best career result by reaching the final at the WTA 1000 Rome Open last month.

JODIE BURRAGE

GREAT BRITAIN | BORN: MAY 28 1999

- Burrage made her debut on the WTA Tour main-draw debut in the doubles at the 2020 Linz Open, partnering Sabine Lisicki
- At last year's Eastbourne International, she defeated top seed and world No. 4, Paula Badosa
- She has won five titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour, with the most recent coming at Croissy Beaubourg, France in April

MADISON BRENGLE

USA | BORN: APRIL 3 1990

- Upset top seed Serena Williams 6-4 6-7(3) 6-4 at 2017 Auckland right before Williams won the Australian Open
- Reached the fourth round at the Australian Open in 2015
- Made it through to the third round at Wimbledon in 2017 and 2021

ALISON RISKE

USA | BORN: JULY 3 1990

- She has won three WTA singles titles, as well as nine singles titles and one doubles title on the ITF World Tennis Tour
- Reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon in 2019
- Won the Rosmalen Open grass court title in 2019



Jodie Burrage is chasing a big prize as she looks to build momentum during this grass court season.

MATCHING THE BEST



The 23-year old from Kingston Upon Thames is closing in on the British No.1 spot for the first time in her career and winning performances on home soil could see her break into the top 100 of the WTA Rankings.

Burrage, who is supported by the LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme, showed she can match the best on grass courts last summer when she beat Spanish top seed Paula Badosa at the Rothesay International Eastbourne last year.

Badosa was ranked at No.4 in the world when she was beaten 6-4 6-3 by Burrage, who admitted she didn't think about the opponent she was up against in that match and just focused on each point.

"To be honest I took her name and who I was playing out of the equation," said Burrage. "I just played the ball, I didn't play anything else, and that's what I've been doing the last few matches, that's how I got through those tight moments."

"It was the biggest win of my career and you can get confidence when you play a lot of matches in a row, as I did last summer."

Burrage's 2022 grass court campaign started in impressive fashion as she reached the semi-finals at the LTA's Surbiton Trophy, losing to eventual champion Alison Van Uytvanck.

She went on to finish as runner-up at the LTA's Ilkley Trophy, yet the highest profile moment of her summer came at Wimbledon, as she captured the headlines thanks to a moment of compassion.

Burrage may have lost 6-2 6-3 to Ukrainian Lesia Tsurenko, but she won praise for her eagerness to help a ballboy who became unwell during the match.

"He just said he was feeling really faint. He couldn't actually really talk. It was quite distressing to see," she reflected.

"I just tried to get him some sugar and gave him a drink. They managed to find some Percy Pigs somewhere along the line in the crowd, which he got down and then started to feel better.

"I've fainted a few times. I actually had a panic attack once in juniors here, so I've been where he is. I kind of know a little bit how he was feeling. I just tried to help as much as I could."

Burrage lifted the biggest title of her career at the W60 Croissy-Beaubourg event last April, defeating Italian Lucia Bronzetti 3-6 6-4 6-0 in the final to secure her fifth ITF World Tennis Tour singles title.

It was further evidence that her career is moving in an upward trajectory and she will be hoping to continue that forward momentum on grass courts this summer. ■

FIGHTER

Ryan Peniston had to overcome more than most to realise his dreams.

At the age of just one, he was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma cancer, plunging his parents Penny and Paul into a nightmare they feared would never end.

Yet in the summer of 2022, the little boy who was so terribly sick before he knew what was happening to him proved that even the most challenging hurdles can be overcome.

Peniston's run to the quarter-finals of the LTA's cinch Championships at The Queen's Club included a famous victory over world No.5 Casper Ruud.

And he went on to back that up with a victory against rising star Holger Rune in the grass court event at Eastbourne before he won his first singles match in the main draw at Wimbledon.

Peniston's story captured the imagination of a global audience and he admits it was the fairy tale he had always believed could happen.

"It was an amazing summer and when you have had moments like that, it inspires you to push for more," he reflects.

"I had to deal with a lot of press at Queen's, Eastbourne and then Wimbledon, so it was different. But it was cool and I enjoyed it."

Peniston's press briefings often featured questions about his childhood illness and he was proud to direct a spotlight on a subject that is so close to his heart.

"It was obvious that they would ask me about my illness when I was a child and I was fine with it," he continued.



A packed crowd at The Queen's Club watch Ryan Peniston

"Some people might not want to talk about something like that, but if I open up and talk about it, then other people going through the same thing might believe it is possible to come out the other side and to still chase your dreams.

"One of the best parts of my success in the grass court season last summer was the opportunity it gave me to speak about my story and this great charity.

"Hopefully that had a positive impact on people who are in the battle with cancer now.

"I'm an ambassador for the Young Lives vs Cancer charity. They work with families and kids that have been affected by cancer from the age of zero to 25. Being diagnosed with cancer is probably one of the worst days of your life and this charity helps people on so many levels."

Sporting stars are often hailed as heroes for overcoming adversity, but Peniston's story takes that to the next level. ▣

ANDY MURRAY

SURBITON 2022



WHO IS THE GREATEST GRASS COURT PLAYER OF THE MODERN ERA IN TENNIS?

It is a question that may never have a definitive answer, yet the discussion around how a verdict can be delivered makes for a compelling talking point.

Do you come down on the side of eight-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer, whose elegant brand of tennis enchanted the sporting world for two decades.

Maybe you will always see Martina Navratilova as the ultimate grass court champion, with her record nine Wimbledon singles titles complemented by seven more in the women's doubles event at the All England Club.

Novak Djokovic will look to join Federer by winning his eighth Wimbledon titles this summer, while Bjorn Borg, Steffi Graf, Pete Sampras, John McEnroe and Serena Williams all proved to be unbeatable on grass when they were at their best.

TITLE LEADERS

If title triumphs are the definition of greatness, Navratilova and Federer are in a league of their own.

Navratilova changed the women's game with her brand of athletic majesty on court, winning her first Wimbledon title in 1978 and her ninth and final title in 1990.

In total, Navratilova won a stunning 32 career titles on grass courts, with her 11 titles at the LTA event

in Eastbourne further evidence of her grass court mastery.

Federer's eight Wimbledon titles are complemented by a remarkable overall record on grass courts, as he won 105 matches and lost just 14 on his favourite surface.

Only Jimmy Connors has more career wins on grass than Federer (107) in the open era, but the Swiss maestro trumps the American with his dominance at Wimbledon and his unrivalled haul of singles' titles on his beloved Centre Court.

SEVEN TIME KINGS

Novak Djokovic will be closing in on history when he arrives at Wimbledon this summer defending a stunning unbeaten record on grass courts.

The Serbian is currently in the midst of a 28-match winning run on grass courts, with his Wimbledon win last July adding to his legacy on the surface.

He is a long way short of Federer's remarkable 65-match unbeaten run on grass that started in 2003, while Bjorn Borg won 41 consecutive matches on the surface from 1976.



↳ Martina Navratilova



↳ Roger Federer



↳ Pete Sampras



↳ Serena Williams



↳ Novak Djokovic

Yet Djokovic has a better win percentage on grass than Federer and Swedish great Borg and will look to cement his grass court credentials with another Wimbledon win this summer.

Big-serving American Pete Sampras also has to be in the debate over the greatest grass court players, with his seven Wimbledon titles between 1993 and 2000 a record that was eclipsed by Federer.

Sampras also has the best win percentage on grass of any player in the open era, emerging victorious in 90 per cent of his 63 grass court matches.

SERENA AND STEFFI'S STORY

At their best, Serena Williams and Steffi Graf appeared to be unbeatable on a grass court.

German great Graf has seven Wimbledon titles on her record and a 91 per cent win rate in her 74 matches at the All England Club.

With her rasping forehand and cutting backhand slice so tough for her opponent to manage on court, Graf won five of the six Wimbledon singles' titles between 1991 and 1996.

If Steffi was the dominant grass court player of the 1990s, Serena Williams was her successor as queen of the surface.

Williams boasts an 87 per cent win rate on grass court in a career that included seven Wimbledon titles, as well as a victory on the All England Club grass at the 2012 Olympics.

GREAT RIVALS

The rivalry shared by Borg and McEnroe in the late 1970s and early 80s brought tennis to a new audience around the world.

With the fiery American threatening the dominance of his elegant Swedish rival, matches between these two giants of the game were watched by audiences beyond tennis lovers.



↳ Andy Murray



↳ Steffi Graf



↳ John McEnroe



↳ Bjorn Borg



↳ Chris Evert

Their 1980 Wimbledon Final is considered to be one of the greatest games of all-time, with the fourth set tie break won 18-16 by McEnroe the stuff of legend.

These two great players only played against each other 14 times and shared seven wins each, with Borg's five successive Wimbledon titles from 1976 pushing him ahead of three-time Wimbledon champion McEnroe on grass courts.

FAN FAVOURITES

British fans will always cherish Andy Murray's great moments on grass courts.

His two Wimbledon titles are complemented by a record five titles at the Queen's Club and an Olympic gold medal won on the All England Club's Centre Court in 2012.

If Murray was operating in an era that did not include rivals of the calibre of Federer, Djokovic and Rafael Nadal, he would almost have certainly won more Wimbledon titles.

Chris Evert has a similar story to Murray, as she won three Wimbledon titles (1974, 1976 and 1981), with her grace on the court diluted only by the brilliance of Navratilova as she emerged as the finest grass court player of her era. ▶

CELEBRATING THE LTA TENNIS AWARD WINNERS

The greats of British tennis share the stage with the grassroots heroes of our game in the annual LTA Tennis Awards and worthy winners have been crowned this year.

Eleven British tennis and padel stars claimed the honours in the elite player categories, with Harriet Dart claiming the Women's Player of the Year Award and Cameron Norrie named as Men's Player of the Year.

Doubles Player of the Year was Joe Salisbury, with Alfie Hewett taking the honours in the Wheelchair tennis category.

The four elite players won their respective category following a vote by tennis fans (LTA Advantage members), Colour Holders and Coaches based on their performances in the 2022 calendar year.

While the elite players may grab the headlines in British tennis, it is the workforce at our network of clubs across the country who are the lifeblood of the game.

This year's winners, selected from more than 2,200 nominations across 13 different categories, have been acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to tennis in 2022.

Now in their eighth year, the LTA Tennis Awards celebrate the thousands of individuals involved in tennis – from volunteers to the coaches and officials.

They also highlight the incredible achievements of some 22,000 schools, 13,000 LTA registered venues and more than 9,000 LTA-approved tournaments in helping to grow tennis around the country.

The ultimate winners will be revealed at a ceremony on 4 July at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton, which will also mark the achievements of the elite players.

"The LTA Tennis Awards acknowledge the extraordinary contribution of the individuals and venues that help us open tennis up,




bringing new fans and players to the game," said Scott Lloyd, Chief Executive of the LTA.

"The contributions the nominees have made to the sport are tremendously positive. We are delighted to celebrate their amazing dedication to the game and all they do for their communities.

"I'd like to congratulate all of this year's regional winners and extend my thanks to each and every one of them for all that they do for tennis around the country."

Sandi Procter has overseen the awards in her first year as President of the LTA and she believes recognising tennis heroes at all levels of the game is vital for the sport.

"I've always loved my involvement in grassroots tennis, and I am passionate about supporting and recognising the vast community of volunteers and coaches.

"The LTA Tennis Awards are a real celebration of the people that make our sport thrive." 

LTA AWARD WINNERS 2023

CENTRAL AND EAST

Club of the Year
East Bergholt Tennis Club
Competition of the Year
Framlingham Tennis Tournament
Connecting Communities Award
Hacro
Development Coach of the Year
Ian Haigs
Performance Coach of the Year
Neil Plaskett
Lifetime Achievement Award
Les Mellor
Official of the Year
Selena Coburn
Park Venue of the Year Award
Premier Tennis at Florence Park
Rising Star
Lily Butwright
School of the Year
Bradfield College
University of the Year
Oxford University LTC
Tennis For All Award
Tennis Able
The Cathie Sabin Volunteer of the Year Award
Simon Spalter

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST

Club of the Year
Uxbridge
Competition of the Year
BJK Festival Team Challenge
Connecting Communities Award
Tennis For All (Finsbury Park)
Development Coach of the Year
Zane Cheeseman
Performance Coach of the Year
Ben Reeves
Lifetime Achievement Award
Valerie Willoughby
Official of the Year
Emily McGuinness
Park Venue of the Year Award
Tennis In Elmbridge
Rising Star
Lola-Juliet Omran
School of the Year
The North School
University of the Year
King's College London
Tennis For All Award
Whitstable LTC
The Cathie Sabin Volunteer of the Year Award
Paula White

MIDLANDS

Club of the Year
The Park Tennis Club
Competition of the Year
ITF World Tour
Connecting Communities Award
Henry Broadhurst
Development Coach of the Year
Phil Harris
Performance Coach of the Year
Thomas Kisiel
Lifetime Achievement Award
Lesley Paris
Official of the Year
Kelly Thomson
Park Venue of the Year Award
Lido Park Tennis
Rising Star
Amy Dannatt
School of the Year
John of Rolleston
University of the Year
Loughborough University
Tennis For All Award
Carolle and Iman Tennis
The Cathie Sabin Volunteer of the Year Award
Emma Mastin

NORTH

Club of the Year
Rawdon Golf & Ltc
Competition of the Year
Northumberland & Durham League Youth Fun Festivals
Connecting Communities Award
Doncaster Community Tennis Programme
Development Coach of the Year
Allan Morton
Performance Coach of the Year
Joshua Gledden
Lifetime Achievement Award
Pam Dodds
Official of the Year
David Paterson
Park Venue of the Year Award
Upton by Chester Pavilion
Rising Star
Lydia Maud
School of the Year
Ashville College
University of the Year
Leeds Beckett University Tennis
Tennis For All Award
Tony Knappett
The Cathie Sabin Volunteer of the Year Award
Jamie Blake

SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST

Club of the Year
Tavistock Tennis Club
Competition of the Year
Devon County Wheelchair Open
Connecting Communities Award
Somer Valley Tennis
Development Coach of the Year
James Aburrow
Performance Coach of the Year
Martin Bray
Lifetime Achievement Award
Helen Abbott
Official of the Year
Kris Dymond
Park Venue of the Year Award
Branksome Park
Rising Star
Isaac Robinson
School of the Year
St Nicholas C of E Primary
University of the Year
University of Exeter
Tennis For All Award
Jonny Fenner
The Cathie Sabin Volunteer of the Year Award
Claire Nutt

SCOTLAND

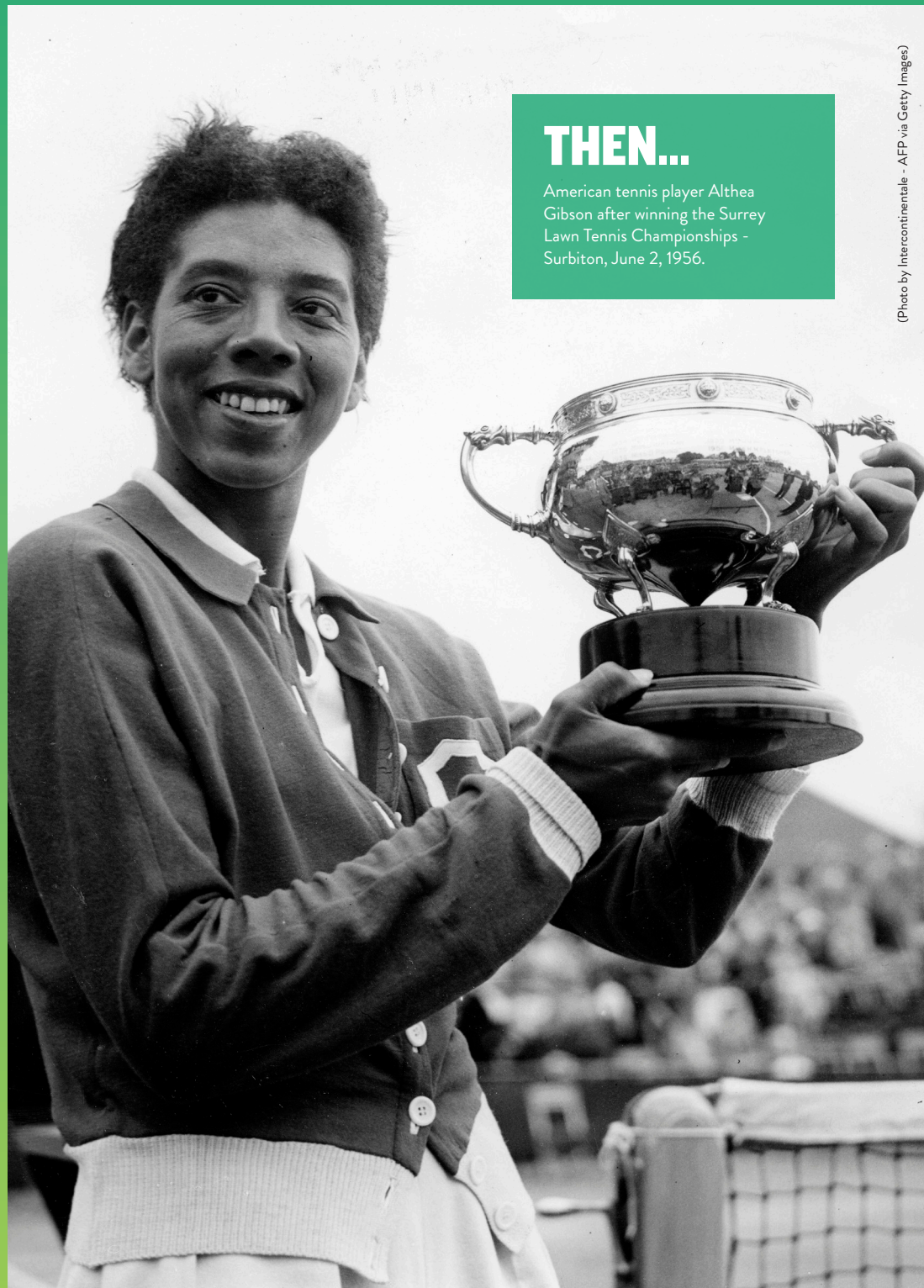
Volunteer of the Year:
Teresa Tait
Rising Star:
Euan Donegan
Development Coach of the Year:
Alessia Palmieri
Performance Coach of the Year:
Joe Gill
Communities and Park:
Promoting Inclusion Through Sport
University of the Year:
University of St Andrews
School of the Year:
Dollar Academy
Tennis For All:
Accessible Tennis Cic
Official of the Year:
Lucy Davies
Competition of the Year:
East Lothian Open
Team of the Year:
Prestwick Academy Girls' Team
Club of the Year:
Abercorn LTC
Senior Veteran Player of the Year:
Sarah McFadyen

Junior Player of the Year:
Charlie Robertson
Senior Player of the Year:
Jacob Fearnley
International Player of the Year:
Ali Collins
Lifetime Achievement Award:
Ken Revie

WALES

Adult Player of the Year
James Story
Junior Player of the Year
Mimi Xu
Performance Coach of the Year
Luke Simeone
Team of the Year
South Wales Boys Under-14'S
Club Team of the Year
Cardiff Ltc Men's 1st
Club of the Year
Bangor Tennis Club
Official of the Year
Ben Coates
Dragon Signs Development Coach of the Year
Mark Thomas
Competition of the Year:
Newport Tennis Centre Regional Disability Competitions
Volunteer of the Year Award:
John Denton
Rising Star Award
Gethin Williams
Tennis For All Award
Caerphilly Tennis Club
School of the Year Award
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Connecting Communities Award
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Lifetime Achievement
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American tennis player Althea Gibson after winning the Surrey Lawn Tennis Championships - Surbiton, June 2, 1956.

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...AND NOW

Alison van Uytvanck of Belgium poses with the trophy after winning the 2022 Surbiton Trophy Women's Singles Final



Great Britain will take on Australia, France and Switzerland in Group B at the 2023 Davis Cup Finals Group Stages, with the AO Arena in Manchester providing the stage for some compelling ties later this year.

The event, widely regarded as the men's 'World Cup of Tennis', will give fans the chance to see some of the world's best players in action, with Britain to take on three other nations from 12-17 September 2023.

Britain secured their place in the prestigious Davis Cup Finals Group Stages with a battling win against Colombia at the Pueblo Viejo Country Club in Bogota in February.

Two victories for British No.1 Norrie over Nicolas Mejia and Nicolas Barrientos, accompanied by an all-important doubles win for Dan Evans and Neal Skupski against a former world No.1 duo, secured Britain's place in the Group Stages.

"The feelings are one of immense pride for what the boys have done and the support team as well," said Great Britain Davis Cup captain, Leon Smith.

"There's a lot of work the players have done to adapt in a short period of time and they went out and fought really hard.

It never had to be the highest quality of tennis because the conditions don't allow for that but it needed a lot of grit and determination. The important thing is we got the win and it gives us the chance to keep being successful this year.

"Now we can look forward to playing at home in the Finals Group Stages. It's a really

competitive group with four big nations that all have strength in depth. We've got great belief in our team, the players are hungry and can't wait to make the most of playing at home in Manchester."

Great Britain last took on France in 2021, where they came out on top in a 2-1 win after Dan Evans and Cameron Norrie clinched victories against Adrian Mannarino and Arthur Rinderknech respectively.

Australia will be looking to go one step further in this year's Davis Cup after missing out on the title to Canada in the 2022 final. The last time Great Britain faced Australia was at the 2015 semi-finals - a tie which saw the Brits claim a 3-2 victory and later go on to lift their first Davis Cup trophy in 79 years.

Last year, Britain was chosen as one of four nations to host the Group Stages of the Finals. Each nation will play three times over the six-day competition.

The top two nations from each of the four groups will advance to a quarter-final 'Final 8' knock-out competition held in Malaga between 21-26 November. ■



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 or scan the QR code



Great Britain will take on Sweden at home at the 2023 Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs in November.

Following their 3-1 defeat to France at the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers in April, Great Britain missed out on the chance to qualify for the 2023 Billie Jean King Cup Finals and will instead, head to the Play-offs.

Play-off matches will take place on either 10-11 or 11-12 November, with home nations having the choice of which dates to play. The winning nations will then advance to the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers in 2024, while losing nations will compete in regional Group I events.

The Play-offs will follow the same format as the Qualifiers, with each tie consisting of five rubbers - two singles matches on the first day and two singles match and a doubles match on the second.

Sweden are four-time Billie Jean King Cup quarter-finalists, having

reached the last eight of the competition in 1970, 1977, 1980 and 1988.

The two nations have gone head-to-head six times, with the tie currently being level at 3-3. Their most recent meeting at the 2012 Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs saw Sweden storm to a 4-1 victory over a British team that comprised of Laura Robson, Heather Watson, Elena Baltacha and current Great Britain Billie Jean King Cup Captain, Anne Keothavong.

The Brits were defeated by the narrowest of margins, having lost four of five tie-break sets in six hours of play on the opening day and then two more three-set epics to see out the win for France.

"These weeks are always tough and you win some, you lose some - but I am so proud of this team," said Great Britain's captain, Anne Keothavong.



"They left it all out there on the court. It's great to finish on a positive and to get one rubber on the board, because this team deserves it, but ultimately the better team won and I'd like to congratulate France.

"I want to finish up by thanking everyone who came out today and yesterday to support. This competition isn't what it is without the fans and it means so much to us that you come out and support and our players, so thank you so much." ■



PARK LIFE

A revolution is underway across Britain as the LTA spearheads the Park Tennis Project aimed at breathing fresh life into tennis courts.

With demand for courts rising at a rapid pace, multi-million pound investment from the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation is set to transform park courts in need of renovation.

This is an unprecedented investment that will transform tennis facilities for people from the South Coast to the North of Scotland and it couldn't be taking place at a better time.

Adult participation soared from 3.3 million in 2021 to 4.7 million last year, highlighting the appetite to play tennis and the opportunity in front of us to open up our sport to even more people.

At the core of the project are the insights and research undertaken to understand barriers to participation and how they can be overcome.

Many of us pick up a racket for the first time at our local park courts, so it's vital to ensure that quality facilities are available across the country.

Park courts are the most popular venue for women to play after they have left education and are particularly important for engaging people from lower socio-economic communities in tennis.

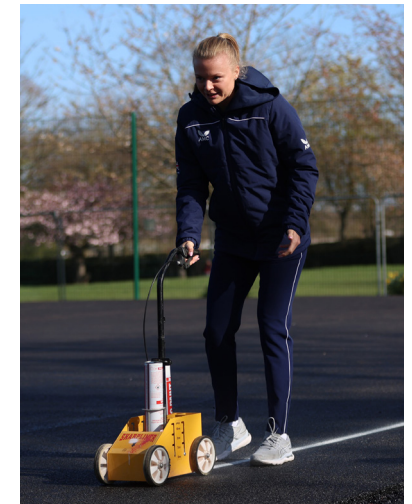
So in association with local councils, the LTA has identified the park courts that are most in need of renovation, ensuring the locations selected will have the biggest impact on participation.

With work well underway to renovate tennis courts in parks across the country, LTA Chief Operating Officer Julie Porter explains how the project will transform grassroots tennis.

"For too long, many park tennis courts across Britain have been in a state of disrepair, limiting opportunities to pick up a racket and get on court," said Julie. "People want the ability to find and book a court before they leave the house."

"Since funding for the project was announced in 2021, our team have been working with hundreds of local authorities to create and implement bespoke plans for each area, engaging and working with councils to develop a pipeline of projects."

"Alongside renovating courts, our online booking system is making it easier than ever to book a court, find someone to play with, or register for a tennis session led by a coach or volunteer, whatever their age



Alicia Barnett of Great Britain visits Stanley Park in Coventry, where courts have been revived

Harriet Dart of Great Britain players visit Stanley Park in Coventry, where courts have been renovated

or ability. At parks where booking systems have been in place for 12 months, we have seen a 47% increase in participation.

"We also want to create more innovative ways for people to play and are working with local authorities and tennis providers to ensure that each area receiving investment delivers a weekly free park tennis session where equipment is provided."

"It's our vision that Free Park Tennis will be our sport's equivalent to Park Run - free community-run sessions for players of any age or ability delivered by local volunteers on weekends."

"This will be great for players who don't have a partner or want to play for the first time or those who want to hit a ball after some time out of the game."

The LTA's Local Tennis Leagues project has fuelled the demand for park tennis facilities and the aim of the renovation programme is to increase annual participation in parks by over 500,000 players in the coming years.

"We know that this 500,000 target is ambitious, but we are confident that we can achieve this uplift," added Julie.

"None of this would have been possible without the support of the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation, as well as the tireless work of the LTA's Parks Investment Delivery Team and counterparts at local authorities."

"Alongside this, a public procurement process has taken place to appoint contractors to deliver works, ensuring that we meet the requirements of spending public money and achieving best value."

"Whilst there is still much to do, everyone at the LTA is very excited about the transformation of parks tennis that is underway, which will help many more people pick up a racket, get active, and enjoy all the physical and mental health benefits that our sport provides."



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 Liam Broady wearing rainbow laces

LTA PRIDE



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With June marking Pride Month, tennis is eager to encourage all those who attend our major events to join in those celebrations.

Tennis has a proud record of leading the way on LGBTQ+ inclusion and advocacy and through a partnership with the UK LGBTQ+ tennis network, Pride in Tennis, Friday Pride Days will help to further build relations with LGBTQ+ communities across the country and show that tennis is a safe space for all.

As part of the days, on-court furniture will receive a splash of colour, Pride and Progress flags will fly proudly above the stands of all major events

Fans, coaches, volunteers, players and officials are all invited to show support for the Pride movement, by dressing as brightly and colourfully as possible.

Rainbow laces and sweatbands will be available from Pride in Tennis volunteers at the events, and we'd love as many people as possible to post themselves showing support for Pride on social media, with British tennis stars Liam Broady and Lucy Shuker among those supporting the campaign. Last year, Liam Broady helped put Pride in the spotlight by wearing rainbow laces at the Australian Open and he is keen to ensure all players feel comfortable in tennis.

"I've seen questions before about why there aren't any openly gay men on the tour, and I just wanted to kind of voice my support in that general area," said Broady.

"I have had a lot of support from the the LGBTQ community throughout my career and have been there since day one, so I kind of wanted to give a thank you in my own sort of way." □



The LTA's 'Friday Pride Days' form a key component of our broader LGBTQ+ inclusion work, formed of three key objectives:

- Enhance Tennis and the LTA's reputations as being proudly LGBTQ+ inclusive.
- Ensure venues and the wider tennis workforce are well educated in running safe spaces for LGBTQ+ players and have the tools to do so
- Improve our understanding of the wants and needs of the LGBTQ+ community looking to build opportunities to learn from and support each other through the sharing of lived experience



For more information on Pride in Tennis visit www.lta.org.uk/news/lgbt-history-month-celebrating-one-year-of-pride-in-tennis/



THE WTA HITS 50



The Women's Tennis Association (WTA) was founded at a meeting of players called by Billie Jean King on June 21, 1973, on the eve of the Wimbledon Championships.

Frustrated by entrenched sexism in the sport's establishment, which ultimately resulted in competing circuits and a divided talent pool, King recognized the need for the women to formally join forces to take control of their destiny.

With Dutch player Betty Stöve standing guard at the door of a packed conference room at London's Gloucester Hotel, King – who had won nine of her 12 Grand Slam singles titles by that time – was determined no-one would leave until definitive agreement had been reached.

She emerged from the meeting triumphant, having been elected President of the new Association, with Britain's Virginia Wade as Vice President.

What started as a player union is now a world-leading member association between athletes and the 50-plus tournaments that make up the Hologic WTA Tour calendar each year.

Heading into 2023, 32 countries were represented in the Top 100 of the WTA Rankings and they will entertain a worldwide audience of more than 900 million.

Alongside compelling tales of victory and defeat, the WTA's five-decade history is punctuated by a string of notable breakthroughs for women's sports.

"When we gathered at the Gloucester Hotel, we were at a point in our history that we needed one strong, unified voice among the players,"

said King, who also managed to capture the triple crown of singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles at Wimbledon, two weeks after founding the WTA. "As women athletes, we needed to create a future based on equality of opportunity, and we could only do that if we presented a united front.

"When we formed the WTA in 1973, we came together and found promoters and sponsors and fans who wanted to be part of the journey – inspired by champions who led by example, on and off court.

"We have come a long way, but there is more to be done and when I look at the current generation of game changers, I feel proud and excited for what's to come."

As part of commemorations, the WTA's logo has been adapted to draw attention to five decades of captivating athleticism on the world stage.



The WTA 50 brand mark will be fully integrated throughout the WTA in 2023, including on-court signage, in television graphics, print materials, tournament branding, advertising, promotion, and digital and social media. ■



■ Gathering of champions after 40 years of the WTA
Billie Jean King with Serena Williams

■ Billie Jean King in talks over equal pay in tennis

LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION



The LTA Tennis Foundation is the new tennis charity that partners with brilliant people and organisations to improve lives through tennis.

The Foundation shares the LTA's wider vision of 'tennis opened up', and was formed when two existing charities, the Tennis Foundation and The LTA Trust, merged.

The Foundation is a grant and loan making charity and opened its first application window at the end of last year. In total, 29 applications were submitted from an incredibly diverse range of organisations and projects including other tennis charities.

Following a rigorous assessment process developed using external expertise and industry best practice, a total of £1.5m in grants was approved across three years.

Both the organisation and the projects proposed were evaluated against key themes of eligibility, assurance, capability, relevance, benefits and value. There will be a second window for grant applications later this year, which will close in September.

"By collaborating with other charities and third sector organisations the Foundation is challenging the status quo, looking for opportunities to invest in new and innovative projects that will make a real difference through tennis," said LTA Tennis Foundation Chair, Tim Lawler MBE.

Some examples of grant recipients in this window include:

The Living Well UK's "Tennis Got Served" project which will receive funding to support children living in temporary accommodation in developing their physical health, and mental well-being as well as increasing their confidence, reducing social isolation, and bringing together people from different backgrounds.



An innovative project from Greenhouse Sports Ltd, to scale up their Greenhouse Gamechangers project so that thousands more young people aged 9 to 16 from communities facing poverty will discover the joy of tennis, is also receiving funding. Over the next three years they will scale up their established tennis coaching and mentoring activities working with partner schools and with expansion outside London in key regional hubs such as Portsmouth and Leicester.

"We are delighted that in the spirit of the partnership this new funding from the LTA Tennis Foundation supports the expansion of Greenhouse's coaching into primary schools so we can work with younger age groups and now provide Greenhouse support through a child's entire school career," enthused Béatrice Butsana-Sita, CEO of Greenhouse Sports.




The Hertfordshire Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders (HACRO) was awarded a grant to introduce a tennis element to their TurnAround project which launched on 1 January 2023 to provide timely support to ex-offenders in their journey to becoming productive members of their communities. The programme provides participants with an individual mentor, formal training in life skills, literacy support and a range of activities designed to enhance their skills and physical and mental well-being.

Birkenhead Wellbeing Camps - aiming to tackle the issue of children going hungry during school holidays around the area of Bidston - will use their funding to operate drop-in tennis sessions during the school holidays at Wirral Tennis Centre for primary school aged children. As well as tennis, participants will be able to enjoy a meal and snacks throughout the afternoon as well as receiving a toiletry bag and access to use the facilities. All sessions will be run by a team of LTA qualified coaches, but they will also be supported by wider youth workers.

Access Sport will create and launch a new disability inclusive tennis offer for children and young people. They will equip and support clubs and venues to embed this offer, building knowledge and confidence through Access Sport's disability inclusion expertise. Initially launching in three target locations across 10 clubs, this one-year test and learn project will enable Access Sport to shape the offer and create a national programme with new resources that will enable them to scale the project nationally.

Access Sport Chief Executive, Helen Rowbotham said, "This is a positive step forward for disabled children and young people looking to get into tennis and we'd be delighted to hear more from those

interested in finding out about the project."  For more information please scan the QR code.



FULL LIST OF GRANTEES

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| Access Sport CIO | Living Well UK | The Change Foundation | Bright Ideas for Tennis | Sport in Mind |
| Action For Children | Birkenhead Wellbeing Camps | The Sport Legacy Foundation | Everton in the Community | Tennis For Free |
| Everyone 4 Sport CIC | Pride in Tennis | Hertfordshire Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders | Give It Your Max | The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust |
| Hinckley Town Tennis Club | Sundridge Park Tennis and Squash Ltd | | Greenhouse Sports Ltd | The Queen's Club Foundation |
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Each week through the grass court season, Sports Presenter Kate Mason will be joined by the top analysts from the LTA Performance team to break down the best moments from the Brits at each event. Whether it's a deep dive on forehand placement or insight into their positioning on the return – the team will show you tennis as you've never seen it before.

Then it's time to put all that analysis into action with the help of our pro-level coaches. They take Kate through a series of tips and drills that you can practice on court – improving your game in no time.

All the previous episodes – including Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup specials – are available to watch now, exclusively for members on LTA Advantage. 



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- Get priority ticket access to LTA events
- Exclusive behind-the-scenes content
- Share and track all your match stats
- Get exclusive discounts with LTA partners
- Manage your court and course bookings
- Enter competitions to win unique experiences

Find out more about Advantage, how you can make the most of your exclusive benefits and watch the latest episodes of 'Inspired by' – visit www.lta.org.uk/advantage/





PREPARING THE PERFECT GRASS COURT

It starts the moment the final ball is struck.

Preparing the perfect grass court is an art perfected by those who develop their knowledge over many years and as soon as the iconic moment when a new champion is crowned, the grounds team are already thinking about the first day of next year's event.

That is the story told by Grounds Manager Graham Kimpton, who works throughout the year to ensure his team provide the best playing surface possible for the cinch Championships at London's prestigious Queen's Club.

"The moment our tournament ends after final days on Sunday and the stands start

being dismantled, we begin the process for the following year," begins Graham, who has been involved on the Queen's Club grounds team since 1984.

"It is a seven week build ahead of the event with the stands and marquees being constructed. Then the tournament week commences, and once the tournament is completed, we have three weeks to return the club back to its normal state.

"Everyone may think our work is done when the Finals are played and we have our Queen's Club champions, but that is not the case.

"It is just amazing to see how the venue changes. Most people who come to Queen's

Club for that week in June would not believe how it looks for the weeks around the event and it is always so exciting to be part of that transformation."

Graham's father was Queen's Club Grounds Manager before him after starting his own career at Queen's Club in 1966 and his son Sam is now on a team that includes deputy Adam Kasperski and five other decorated members whose hard work is on display for a solitary week as the world's top players compete in the ATP 500 event in West London.

Technology and innovations have changed the landscape for Graham and his team since his formative days working on the preparation of grass courts, but he insists the basic principles remain unchanged.

"Certain things have evolved," reflected Graham. "Machinery has advanced and a lot of research has gone into the products we use, but the basic processes that my father worked on remain.

"We are aiming to get the best grass courts possible for the players to perform on and that is the target for all of us working hard to make sure the courts used for the LTA tournaments this summer are of the highest standard.

"Improvements in turf-care products to improve the quality of the grass is a factor, however, the basic processes involved in renovating the courts such as scarification, aeration, feeding and mowing have not changed to a large extent.

"Thanks to the modern equipment and materials it is now possible take the whole court up every few years and start afresh and that would not have been feasible without the developments in grass breeding for example. We need to ensure that we keep up with all new technologies and developments.

"Sustainability is also a massive factor now. We are moving on to battery-powered mowers and all our equipment will eventually be electric."

The British weather also plays a role in the grass court preparation and Graham admits that is the one element that is out of his hands.

"The one thing we can't control is the weather and it plays a big part in what we are all aiming to do with our grass courts," adds Graham.



Grounds Manager Graham Kimpton

"We can get balmy, damp, and overcast days at this time of the year. This can cause the courts to become quite slick and your heart is in your mouth as a groundsman because you want the tournament to go smoothly.

"Then a few days later, you can be looking at the same grass court with the sun shining down on it and it would be hard to improve on.

"Grass court tennis lends itself to great drama and the way you play on a court on the opening couple of days is very different to how you will play if you get to a final."

The first sight of a grass court on our TV screens is one of the most joyous sights of an English sporting summer and the heroes who provide the stage for the stars to shine on, play a huge role in this story. □





NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

TENNIS BRITAIN



RISING STARS



The rising stars of British tennis will be looking in on this grass court season with an eye on the future.

This is always the most exciting phase of the season for our homegrown players and the 2023 LTA Junior National champions will be dreaming of continuing their success on the biggest stages of them all.

Surrey's Isabelle Lacy and Warwickshire's Luca Pow secured wild cards into qualifying for this summer's Wimbledon Championships after winning the 18U Junior National Championships at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton.

There was also success for Surrey's Hannah Klugman and Kent's Benjamin Gusic-Wan, as they won the 16U LTA Junior National titles.

"I'm delighted to see the depth we have in the Junior game in Britain and it bodes well for the future," said former British No.1 Katie O'Brien, who is now a Women's National coach.

"It was so impressive to see their mentality and professionalism. I have been in that position and while this is a development phase of a career, every player wants to win. That adds to the pressure and the Girls in the two Junior National competitions dealt with that so well."

Gusic-Wan beat Surrey's Oliver Bonding in the 16U Boys' Final, with both players being helped in their careers as they are supported by the LTA's 16 and under NAGP programme.

Pow, who won the 18U title for a second year in succession, trains at the LTA's National Academy in Loughborough, where he benefits from a high-intensity daily training environment with world-class science and medicine support, working in partnership with a local school, to help them successfully develop into emerging tour professionals.

"The level in the Junior National finals were extremely high," said Martin Weston, National Coach to the LTA Men's Team. "If any country had that as their Boys' under-16 Final they would be very optimistic about the talent coming through the ranks."



"Then in the 18U tournament, the quality was so high and we had a great final between Luca and Oliver. They all have a great chance to have strong careers in the game."

Making the step up from the Junior ranks to senior level is always a challenging task, yet the young British players striving to follow in the footsteps of the likes of Andy Murray, Dan Evans, Emma Raducanu and Jack Draper are showing signs of real promise. ■

Isabelle Lacy 18U Junior National Champion

Oliver Bonding and Benjamin Gusic-Wan 16U Boys' Finalists

Katie O'Brien with Hannah Klugman



FACILITY INVESTMENT

A thriving local tennis club is the heartbeat of a healthy sporting community and with the help of the LTA Quick Access Loan scheme, local communities across the country are enjoying improved facilities.

The LTA Quick Access Loan Scheme provides interest-free loans to help venues deliver projects that will grow the number of people playing tennis and padel.

The scheme is a part of the LTA's mission to grow tennis and padel by making it accessible, welcoming, and enjoyable to all.

To attract new players within local communities, it is critical to have access to quality all year round facilities and given the inclement British weather, the LTA has been prioritising the installation and construction of covered courts.

Flitwick and Ampthill Tennis Club in Bedfordshire is a club that has benefited from this investment, with an air dome now in place above two of their eight courts during the winter months.



As Bedfordshire is a county lacking indoor tennis facilities, the air dome at Flitwick has helped to ensure club social nights and winter tennis events proceeded unhindered, with chairperson Barbara Mabbitt suggesting the investment was a long-term goal for the club.

Drone view of air dome at Flitwick and Ampthill Tennis Club (above)
Air Dome view from club house

"The Committee at Flitwick & Ampthill Lawn Tennis Club has always strived to improve the club's facilities and to enhance the experience for members and the local community alike, with their ultimate long-term ambition to provide indoor facilities," said Barbara.

"Our plans have now come to fruition with a single skin air dome which covers two of our eight courts and offers floodlighting to ensure that play can take place throughout the winter months regardless of the weather conditions.

"For some of our members, playing in an air dome was a first and one that they really enjoyed. In fact, the general feedback we received from our members has been really positive and encouraging, which makes all of the hard work worth while!

"Of course, none of this would have been possible without the support of Central Bedfordshire Council and the LTA and huge thanks must go to them as well as our contractors who did an amazing job and our club members for their fantastic efforts in helping us achieve our goal.

"With our membership at an all-time high, we are looking forward to building on this with even more people playing tennis by increasing the profile of Flitwick & Ampthill Lawn Tennis Club within the area."

Clubs across Britain have benefited from investment in facilities and since 2019,



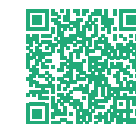
Ladies day at Flitwick & Ampthill Tennis Club

Getting the best tennis experience

there has been £8.9m in loan funding awarded across 87 projects. This figure rises to £9,605,945 when investments in Scotland are taken into account.

This has included 23 indoor tennis courts, 21 covered padel courts, 23 floodlit padel courts, 106 sets of floodlights and 105 new or upgraded outdoor courts.

Over the same period, the LTA has recovered over £6m in capital investment repayments from existing LTA facility venue loans.



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For more information about the LTA's Performance Competitions Calendar, visit www.lta.org.uk/compete/performance/competitions-calendar/



PERFORMANCE MATTERS

WITH MICHAEL BOURNE

With participation numbers rising at grass roots level across British tennis, progress at the performance level of the game in this country has also been evident over the last 12 months.

The successes of some of Britain's elite players in recent months has been complemented by a healthy rise in representation in the ITF junior rankings and Michael Bourne, the LTA's Performance Director, is encouraged by the advances.

"We always want more progress and that is what we are striving for, but we are seeing some really positive signs," said Bourne.

"There has been great progress with our Junior players on the international stage and we are on course to see a lot more gaining direct entry to major events through their ranking. In recent months, we have had 11 players in the top 100 of the junior rankings and that is another sign of progress in our junior programme. The goal now is to build sustainable success and a depth to that talent pool."

To continue making strides in the development of junior players, the LTA worked with Loughborough University to appoint two experienced coaches in Morgan Phillips and Mark Taylor into new gender head roles at the Loughborough University National Tennis Academy (LUNTA).

"By moving to a gender head coaching model it is anticipated the academy team will be able to enhance the level of support to emerging players and cater better to the different development trajectories of female and male junior players.

The LTA's commitment to providing British players with the best opportunity to compete at the highest level is highlighted by the Performance Competitions Calendar,

which ensures ranking points are available on home soil throughout the year.

"We are in the second year of our Performance Competition Calendar and it is helping British players to gain match wins and increase their rankings, so we are happy that initiative is allowing our players to have top level competition," added Bourne.

Behind the scenes, the performance team continue to look at how they can maximise the impact of performance support services on the development of performance players.

"We have made some changes to our performance team, with Mark Taylor coming in as Head of Performance, Science and Medicine.

"Mark previously worked with the LTA and also Tennis Australia and he was also Ash Barty's Strength and Conditioning coach, so he is a great addition and brings a lot of knowledge regarding how performance science and medicine best integrates with coaching to impact what takes place on the match court.

"Another key part of our performance support and inclusion strategies is supporting more female coaches to navigate their way into performance roles.

"So we have introduced female specific performance coach development courses that include on-court skills development and mentoring from more experienced female coaches who have been on that journey before and can help them to find their path towards achieving their coaching goals in performance tennis." ■

■ Loughborough Academy player Luca Pow won the LTA 18U Junior National title for a second year in succession

ENCOURAGING THE NEXT GENERATION



The enduring impact of Emma Raducanu’s remarkable 2021 US Open win is continuing after Amazon Prime Video and the LTA launched a multi-year programme to inspire thousands of girls to pick up a racket and play tennis.

The “Prime Video LTA Youth Girls” programme will train coaches across Great Britain to deliver lessons and guidance specifically designed for girls.

The programme will focus on creating an environment that motivates girls and young women to play and stay in tennis. LTA research identified that girls want to play with friends in a fun and pressure-free setting, with relatable coaches who can build confidence and drive enjoyment.

The initiative fulfils Prime Video’s promise to reinvest the funds from sharing the broadcast of the 2021 US Open Final with Channel 4, into British women’s tennis.

The programme runs for two years through to 2024 and will be open to LTA accredited tennis coaches across Great Britain, with a drive to achieve a high number of female coaches to help inspire these new girls to pick up a racket.

Tennis coaches will be able to apply in the autumn, with successful applicants receiving bespoke training and support from the LTA to help them launch their local sessions within the programme.

Prime Video’s seven-figure investment will fund this training for coaches, as well as rewards and training kits, support for hosting

school roadshows, promotional events and more. Also included in Prime Video’s investment is rackets, balls and t-shirts for all girls who sign-up to the programme, to ensure that equipment is not a barrier to participation for families across the UK.

Prime Video LTA Youth Girls is an important part of the LTA’s support for women and girls within tennis, which has focused on driving participation, growing the female workforce and greater visibility for women. Earlier this year the LTA launched its ‘She Rallies’ ambition to encourage more female involvement within the sport at all levels.

“I’m extremely pleased to see the funds generated from the US Open Final go towards this new programme, which is a step in the right direction to bring more young girls into the sport and will continue to support a bright future for women’s tennis in this country, said Raducanu.

“As an ambassador of LTA Youth, it’s great to see a complimentary program take shape and hopefully bring some more success.”



For more information on the Prime Video LTA Youth Girls programme, scan the QR code.



TENNIS IN NUMBERS



8,771 The days between Serena Williams making her first and final Eastbourne appearance last year.



1 Virginia Wade is the only British woman to win the Eastbourne title in its 49-year history.

37 

In May 1975 on the Surbiton grass courts, Anthony Fawcett and Keith Glass played out the longest single game in history with 37 deuces.

6

No player has won more titles at the Queen's Club than Andy Murray, five singles and a doubles title.



5 Martina Navratilova owns the longest title-winning streak held by a man or woman in any British grass court event outside of Wimbledon.

10

The Rothsay Classic has been won ten times by Wimbledon singles champions.

134

From June 1982 to June 1991, Martina Navratilova boasted a record of 134-3 on British grass courts – during the eight-year run in Britain, she won 70-straight matches and amassed 18 titles.



2018 The Queen's Club Championship introduced a wheelchair event for the first time five years ago.

1879

The first courts were laid at Eastbourne's Devonshire Park venue in 1879 and the first stands were built in 1921.

23 

Queen's Club had a British champion for the first 23 years of the tournament's existence until 1905 where American Holcombe Ward won.



13 Martina Navratilova reached 13 Eastbourne International finals, winning 11 of them in a 16-year period.



192 Roger Federer holds the record for most grass court singles wins on the men's tour, winning 192 matches and lifting the title at Wimbledon on eight occasions.

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For the last 40 years, winners of the Rothsay Classic in Birmingham have held aloft Maud Watson's Wimbledon trophy that she won in 1885.



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Pam Shriver holds the record for the most singles titles in at the Birmingham Classic, winning on four consecutive years starting in 1984.

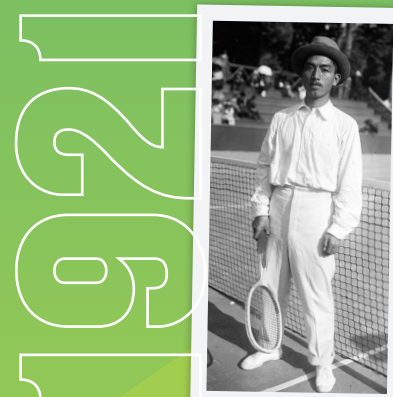
1890

The first time the Queen's Club Championships were held at the Queen's Club having been hosted at Stamford Bridge, the home of Chelsea Football Club, since 1884.



71

In 2009, Andy Murray became the first male British champion at the Queen's Club in 71 years.



21 Japan's Zenzo Shimizu became the first and only East Asian player to win the Queen's Club Championships.



58 Beatriz Haddad Maia's Nottingham and Birmingham double last year meant she became the first Brazilian female to win a title in Britain in 58 years since Maria Bueno's Wimbledon title in 1964.



3 Tim Henman played in three finals at the Queen's Club, losing to Pete Sampras in 1999 and to Lleyton Hewett in 2001 and 2002.



Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia with the trophy after victory against Heather Watson in the 2017 Final

WALL OF CHAMPIONS



Mardy Fish in 2006



Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of Holland won in 2007



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga won in 2007



Marina Erakovic (L) of New Zealand is congratulated on her victory by runner up Anne Keothavong of Great Britain after the Women's Final of 2008



Yuichi Sugita of Japan won in 2017



Jeremy Chardy of France celebrates with the Surbiton Trophy and with volunteers in 2018



Dan Evans in 2019



Jordan Thompson in 2022



Alison van Uytvanck of Belgium in 2022

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MENS' ROLL OF HONOUR

1946	A. Van Swol	1964	D. Phillips	1998	G. Pozzi
1947	C. Lister	1965	J. Lundquist	1999	S. Sargsian
1948	G. Paish / J. Bromwich	1966	K. Wooldridge	2000	W. Arthurs
1949	C. Spychala	1967	R. Taylor	2001	T. Dent
1950	M. Nath	1968	K. Wooldridge	2002	J. Morrison
1951	C. Spychala	1969	G. Battrick	2003	W. Moodie
1952	I. Ayre	1970	R. Maud	2004	K. Beck
1953	G. Worthington	1971	A. Amritraj	2005	D. Bracciali
1954	J. Barry / A. Segal	1972	P. Lall	2006	M. Fish
1955	M. Anderson	1973	O. Davidson	2007	J. Tsonga
1956	I. Vermaak	1974	R. Giltinan	2008	F. Dancevic
1957	R. Becker	1975	P. McNamara	2015	M. Ebden
1958	R. Becker	1976	N. Phillips	2016	Y. Lu
1959	M. Davis	1977	P. Lawler	2017	Y. Sugita
1960	R. Becker	1978	D. Lloyd	2018	J. Chardy
1961	M. Mulligan	1979	V. Amaya	2019	D. Evans
1962	M. Mulligan	1980	B. Gottfield	2022	J. Thompson
1963	R. Taylor	1997	J. Stoltenberg		

WOMENS' ROLL OF HONOUR

1946	K. Menzies	1963	D. Catt	1997	T. Tanasugarn
1947	K. Menzies	1964	P. Jones	2000	L. Latimer
1948	P. Curry / J. Walker-Smith	1965	C. Truman	2001	R. Fujiwara
1949	P. Todd	1966	W. Shaw	2002	J. Lee
1950	J. Walker-Smith	1967	L. Abbes	2003	K. Brandi
1951	H. Fletcher	1968	J. Tegart	2004	A. Morigami
1952	M. Connolly	1969	P. Curtis	2005	K. Brandi
1953	P. Ward	1970	A. Jones	2006	K. Brandi
1954	D. Hart / S. Fry	1971	J. Dalton	2007	B. Schultz-McCarthy
1955	J. Deloford	1972	G. Williams	2008	M. Erakovic
1956	A. Gibson	1973	W. Turnbull	2015	V. Diatchenko
1957	A. Gibson	1974	S. Barker	2016	M. Melnikova
1958	A. Gibson	1975	G. Stevens	2017	M. Rybarikova
1959	S. Moore	1976	S. Hole	2018	A. Riske
1960	A. Mortimer	1977	K. Wooldridge	2019	A. Riske
1961	D. Catt	1978	E. Cawley	2022	A. Van Uytvanck
1962	A. Mortimer	1981	B. Nagelsen		



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SITE MAP

- A Box Office
- B Accreditation
- C First Aid
- D Clubhouse
- E Public Catering
- F Drinking Fountain
- G Disabled Toilets
- H Toilets
- J Marquee Shelter
- K Volunteers Hub & Shelter
- L Volunteers Cabin





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