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Lexus Surbiton Trophy – Tuesday 4 June 2024

Centre Court Match 1 Naiktha Bains (GBR) v Viktorija Golubic (SUI)

Head to Head: Golubic leads 2-0

Previous meeting: 2023 Wimbledon Qualifying R2 (Grass). Golubic won 63 36 62

Naiktha Bains Career highlights:

- Broke into the top 200 of the WTA Rankings in singles for the first time in January 2020.
- Last summer, Bains and partner Maia Lumsden became the first British women's doubles pair to reach the quarter-finals of The Championships since 1983 after dispatching Slovakia's Viktoria Hruncakova and Tereza Mihalikova 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-3.
- Alongside Lumsden, she played in her first WTA Tour doubles final in the Open de Rouen, in France in April of this year.

Did you know:

- Baines moved to Brisbane age 8 for her dad's work, still has friends in Leeds and travels back and forth regularly.
- Mum's name is Harjit Bains and father is Gurnake Bains. The family moved to Brisbane when Naiktha was 8 for her dad's work. Also has an older brother named Gurpaal who works as a music producer.
- She loves watching football with her dad and supports Leeds Football Club, cars, cooking with her mum and spending time with family and friends.

Viktorija Golubic

Career highlights:

- Enjoyed her best run in a Grand Slam event as she reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon in 2021.
- Won her first WTA Tour at the 2016 Swiss Open, beating Kiki Bertens in the final.
- Won a silver medal in the 2020 Olympic Games, alongside partner Belinda Bencic.
- Achieved a career-high WTA Ranking of No.35 in February 2022.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.17 Veronika Kudermetova at the Australian Open in January.

- Her mother Vucica was born in Serbia and her father Ignacije was born in Croatia; both are now Swiss nationals.
- Speaks German, English, Serbian and Croatian.
- Practiced Kung Fu for a while; also enjoys Harry Potter books.



Centre Court Match 2 Katy Dunne (GBR) v Carol Zhao (CAN)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Katy Dunne biography <u>HERE</u> Career highlights:

- Made her WTA Tour main-draw debut at the 2014 Birmingham Classic.
- Played her first Grand Slam main draw match at Wimbledon in 2018.
- She has won 9 singles titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour, with the most recent coming in August 2023 at Foxhills, part of the LTA's Performance Competitions Calendar.
- Her best ranking win of 2024 came against Hungary's Anna Bodnar at W50 Roehampton in February.

Did you know:

- She likes Hockey, cooking and gymnastics.
- Dunne started playing tennis at the age of 5 and lives in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Carol Zhao biography HERE

Career highlights:

- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.157 Valeria Savinykh in Australian Open qualifying R1 in January.
- Made her debut in a Grand Slam main draw at Wimbledon last July.
- In 2023, she reached WTA Tour main draws on four occasions including at Bogota and s'Hertongenbosch.
- In 2022, played main draw at Rabat, Toronto and Chennai.

- Mother's name is Lily and her father's name is Ping.
- Started playing tennis at the age of 5 and at the age of 7, she emigrated to Canada.
- Played college tennis at Stamford University.



Centre Court Match 3 Dan Evans (GBR) v Adam Walton (AUS)

Head to Head: 1st meeting

Dan Evans biography **HERE**

Career highlights:

- Since turning pro in 2008, Evans has steadily climbed up the ATP rankings, achieving a career-high of world No.21 in singles in 2023 and world No.52 in the doubles in 2021.
- Dan was unranked in April 2018 before becoming ranked GB's No.1 British male in October 2019.
- Evans made history at the <u>Rothesay Open Nottingham 2022</u>, lifting his second trophy to become the joint leading title holder in Nottingham. After defeating Jack Sock in the semifinals, Evans claimed a 64 64 win at the ATP Challenger event over Jordan Thompson to wrap up the title without dropping a set.
- He was the 11th British male to win an ATP Tour singles title in 2021 Melbourne
- Evans has picked up one ATP 500 title in Washington, one ATP 250 title in Melbourne, nine ATP Challenger titles and 13 ITF Future titles throughout his singles career.
- His best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.38 Roman Safiullin in Los Cabos on February 19th (62 64).

Did you know:

- Father David is an electrician and mother Bernadette is a nurse.
- He started playing squash first before playing tennis at 7-years-old with his father.

Adam Walton biography HERE

Career highlights:

- Walton made his ATP Tour debut at 2024 Adelaide (losing to Jiri Lehecka) and went on to make his Grand Slam debut at 2024 Australian Open, losing against Matteo Arnaldi.
- Earned biggest win of career over No. 72 Cachin at 2024 Adelaide qualifying.
- Qualified for his first ATP Masters 1000 tournament at Indian Wells in March, losing against Felix Auger-Aliassime.
- He started 2024 at No.176 in the ATP Rankings and broke into Top 100 last month after going 30-11 on the Challenger run on the ATP Challenger Tour, highlighted by titles in Burnie and Taipei.

- His parents are Sherry and Ashley and he has one brother, Jack.
- Played college tennis at the University of Tennessee for five years from 2017. Credits college tennis with improving both his tennis and his physique.
- His tennis idol is Novak Djokovic and favourite athlete is Tom Brady.



Centre Court Match 4 Kyle Edmund (GBR) v Joao Fonseca (BRA)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Kyle Edmund biography <u>HERE</u> Career highlights:

- Member of the 2015 Davis Cup winning team first player since Feliciano Lopez in 2003 to make Davis Cup debut in final.
- Kyle first broke into the Top 100 ranked players in the summer of 2015. This was the same year Great Britain won for the first time since 1936.
- Other career highlights include two junior Grand Slam doubles titles and being part of the 2015 BBC Sports Personality Team of the Year Award.
- Playing in the main draw at Surbiton after coming through qualifying, <u>beating fellow Brit</u> Ryan Peniston on Monday.
- His highest career ranking was in No.14 in October 2018 and his best ranking win of 2024 came against world No.180 Denis Yevseyev in a Hamburg Challenger in March.

Did you know:

- Dad Steven was born in Wales, mum Denise is South African, and a former sprinter. Sister is called Kelly.
- Moved to North Yorkshire from South Africa at age 3 and took to tennis from a young age, starting at ten years old and quickly honing his skills in his teenage years, with it becoming a full-time commitment around the age of 14, where he received LTA support in the form of coaching, trips and funding towards his development.
- Struggled with left knee injury in 2018-20 and underwent surgeries in November 2020, March 2021 and May 2022.
- Hobbies include riding his Yamaha Rhino 4x4, listening to music and playing golf. Follows Formula 1 and loves sports cars. He is a lifelong fan of Liverpool FC.

Joao Fonseca biography <u>HERE</u> Career highlights:

- One of the most talked about young players in tennis, he won last year's US Open junior title.
- Reached the quarter-finals of Junior Wimbledon last year, where he was beaten by eventual champion, Great Britain's Henry Searle.
- Became the first player born in 2006 to win an ATP Tour match when he won his first round against Arthur Fils at the Rio Open in February and he went on to reach his first ATP Challenger final in Paraguay the following month.

- Mother's name is Roberta and his father is Christiano. Both played several sports as did...
- He grew up 10 minutes away from the site of the Rio Open and watch Rafael Nadal from front-row seats in Rio de Janeiro in 2014, when the Spaniard won the title.
- Invited to the 2023 ATP finals as a hitting partner and trained with Carlos Alcaraz, Daniil Medvedev and Jannik Sinner among others.

