

## Lexus Surbiton Trophy – Wednesday 5 June 2024

### Centre Court Match 1 Harriet Dart (GBR) v Lily Miyazaki (GBR)

Head to Head: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

Harriet Dart biography [HERE](#)

#### Career highlights:

- Dart won her first ITF singles event in 2014 at the \$10k Sharm El Sheikh.
- Finished as Wimbledon mixed doubles runner-up with Joe Salisbury in 2021 (was a semifinalist in mixed with Jay Clarke three years before)
- In January 2022, for the third time in four years, Dart came through all three rounds of the Australian Open qualifying, only dropping one set.
- Cracked the world's top 100 for the first time after coming through qualifiers to make the fourth round at Indian Wells in 2022.
- Earlier this year in January, she reached her first WTA 125 final in Canberra - finishing runner-up to Nuria Parrizas Diaz 64 63.
- In February 2024, Dart made [her first WTA tour-level semi-final at the Transylvania Open](#) where she missed out on a spot in the final to Karolina Pliskova 63 63.
- Her best ranking win of 2024 came against Elisabetta Cocciaretto at the Transylvania Open on February 5<sup>th</sup> (57 75 63).

#### Did you know:

- Started playing at age 7 at Cumberland LTC and was instrumental in helping them win their first national league club champion's title in 2013 and retain in 2014. First memory of tennis is picking up a racket and playing it like a guitar.
- She was a talented cross-country runner and had to choose between that and tennis.
- Dart comes from a tennis family as her parents Susie and Nick met at Harriet's home club, Cumberland LTC.

Lily Miyazaki biography [HERE](#)

#### Career highlights:

- Defeated Mona Barthel 64 75 to lift the W75 Croissy-Beaubourg title at the end of March this year.
- Reached the quarter-final of the W75 Maribor in March.
- Won the biggest title of her career at the W75 Andrezieux-Boutheon where she defeated Jessika Ponchet 36 64 61 in the final in April.
- Best ranking win of 2024 came against world No.75 Oceane Dodin at W75 Croissy-Beaubourg on March 25<sup>th</sup> (62 63).

**Did you know:**

- She first started playing tennis at the age of five in Switzerland, where she went to primary school, moving to the UK at age 10.
- Up until the age of 18, Lily trained at Sutton Tennis Academy and has been a regular competitor in British competitions since the age of 11. She has consistently represented her club and her county, Surrey, since the age of 13
- After moving to the States to compete at the University of Oklahoma, Miyazaki reached No.10 in the ITA singles rankings.
- Her father Yochi works in finance. Mother, Akiko was a pianist.

## Centre Court Match 2

### Dan Evans (GBR) v Adam Walton (AUS) - 1-1 to a finish

**Head to Head:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 [Rothesay Open Nottingham 2022](#), lifting his second trophy to become the joint leading title holder in Nottingham. After defeating Jack Sock in the semi-finals, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> (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.

#### **Did you know:**

- 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 his favourite athlete is Tom Brady.

## Centre Court Match 3

### Fran Jones (GBR) v Greet Minnen (BEL)

**Head to head:** 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

**Fran Jones biography** [HERE](#)

#### **Career highlights:**

- Made her Grand Slam debut in the 2021 Australian Open and went on to play at Wimbledon later that year.
- Reached the biggest final of her career at the San Luis Open in March, where she was edged to the silverware by world No.67 Nadia Podoroska.
- She has won seven titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour and clinched the biggest of her career at the W75 Grado last month after beating Kathinka von Deichmann 61 75 in the final.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.80 Rebeka Masarova at Oeiras 125 in April 2024.

#### **Did you know:**

- Jones was born with a rare genetic condition: Ectodermal Dysplasia (ED) syndrome (missing one finger on each hand and three toes) which has required frequent surgeries over the years, but according to herself, never saw this as something that could prevent her from reaching her dreams.
- At the age of 9, Jones moved to Spain to train at the Sanchez Casal Tennis Academy to further her tennis career.
- At age 16, she moved to Ad-In Tennis Academy (also in Barcelona) where she was based for two years. She also works with the LTA's CMO Jo Larkin and LTA nutritionist Dan Ellis.

**Greet Minnen biography** [HERE](#)

#### **Career highlights:**

- Best performance in a Grand Slam came with runs to the 3rd round at the 2021 and 2023 US Open.
- She reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> round at this year's Miami Open.
- Minnen has won 11 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour, with the most recent coming in the Porto Indoors in February 2023.
- She beat world No.10 and former world No.1 Garbine Muguruza in the opening round of Wimbledon in 2022.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.40 Lesia Tsurenko in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Miami Open in March.

## Centre Court Match 4

### Paul Jubb (GBR) v Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ)

**Head to head:** Jubb leads 1-0

**Previous meeting:** 2023 ATP Challenger Surbiton, R32 (Grass). Jubb won [64 76\(9\)](#)

**Paul Jubb biography** [HERE](#)

**Career highlights:**

- Won his 10th career title at the M25 Nottingham after defeating Britain's Charles Broom 36 62 63 in April.
- Reached his first Challenger final of the year at the Lexus Glasgow Challenger where he was edged to the title by Clement Chidekh 06 64 61.
- Played in the main draw at Wimbledon in 2019 and 2022.
- Reached a career-high ranking of No/196 in September 2022.
- Jubb is supported by the the [LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme](#), 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.
- His best rankings win of 2024 came with a win against world No.60 Alex Michelson, top seed at the 2024 Lexus Surbiton Trophy, on Tuesday.

**Did you know:**

- Jubb trains at the LTA's National Tennis Centre.
- His tennis idols were Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic.
- Born in York, began playing tennis aged 5 and was encouraged to pursue a career in the sport after being spotted by a local coach.

**Mikhail Kukushkin biography** [HERE](#)

- Achieved career-high No.39 after he secured 22 wins in 2019.
- He has won 16 ATP Challenger titles, with the most recent coming in 2024 as he lifted titles in Manama and Tenerife.
- His best run in Grand Slam events came at the 2012 Australian Open and in 2019 at Wimbledon, where he reached the fourth round.
- His best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.100 Cristian Garin from Chile at the Rome Masters last month.

**Did you know:**

- Began playing tennis at age 6 with his father, who coached him until age 17.
- Father, Alexander; mother, Tatiana; sister, Ekaterina.
- Russian-born, he moved to Kazakhstan in 2008.

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## Kyle Edmund (GBR) v Joao Fonseca (BRA)

**Head to head:** 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

**Kyle Edmund biography** [HERE](#)

**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, [beating fellow Brit 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** [HERE](#)

**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.

**Did you know:**

- Mother's name is Roberta and his father is Christiano. Both played several sports as did Joao.
- 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.