

## Lexus Surbiton Trophy – Monday 3 June 2024

### Centre Court Match 3 Billy Harris (GBR) v Juncheng Shang (CHN)

**Head to head:** Shang leads 2-1

Previous meeting: 2023 ATP Challenger Nottingham. Qualifying 1<sup>st</sup> round (Grass) – Shang won [63](#)

#### Billy Harris biography [HERE](#)

- October 2023 was a month to remember for Harris who made it back-to-back Challenger quarter-finals in Alicante and Malaga. From there, he went on to reach the semi-finals in Hamburg and Ortisei to see the Brit reach a career-high ranking of world No.234.
- In three months he went from outside the 300 to cracking the top 200 for the first time in his career in December of 2023.
- He has enjoyed doubles success in 2024, making the Lexus Nottingham Challenger semi-final with Ryan Peniston and the ATP Challenger semi-final with Australia's Akira Satillan in Thailand.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against Australia's world No.67 Christopher O'Connell in a Manama Challenger in February.

#### Did you know:

- He was the first player from the Isle of Man to win a singles match at Wimbledon (Juniors 2013).
- Was selected as one of 10 British players to feature in the LTA's tennis documentary series, [Beyond the Baseline](#), presented by Lexus.

#### Juncheng Shang biography [HERE](#)

- Reached a career-high ranking of No.89 in May 2024 after some impressive performances on the ATP Challenger Tour.
- Beat Great Britain's world No.67 Dan Evans in an ATP Challenger in Bordeaux last month.
- Achieved his best ranking win of 2024 with a victory against world No.16 Frances Tiafoe in Hong Kong in January.

#### Did you know:

- Nickname is Jerry after the cartoon character. "Tom and Jerry have been around for a long time and I'd say that was my favourite show," says Shang.
- Father, Yi, was a professional football player; mother, Na, was a world champion table tennis player.
- He lists clay as his favourite surface.

## Centre Court Match 4

### Arthur Fery (GBR) v Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ)

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

#### **Arthur Fery biography [HERE](#)**

- In October 2023, Fery clinched the best ranking win of his career over world No.99 David Goffin that week before eventually losing out on the title to Tomas Machac 6-3 6-4 in the final
- The 21-year-old reached his first ATP Challenger singles final at the Mouilleron-le-Captif event in the same month.
- Earlier this year, Arthur reached the semi-final of the Bangkok Open Challenger with three wins without dropping a set but was eventually forced to withdraw.
- He is supported by 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.

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

- He started playing tennis at age 5 and in his spare time, Fery enjoys gaming and playing poker.
- Supports Chelsea FC and he played the piano growing up.
- Mother, Olivia Graveraux, was a former top WTA 210 player
- Arthur studied at Stanford University, majoring in science, technology and society.
- Arthur was selected as one of 10 British players to feature in our new tennis documentary series, [Beyond the Baseline](#), presented by Lexus.

#### **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.