

Lexus Surbiton Trophy – Friday 7 June 2024

Centre Court Match 1 Emily Appleton (GBR) v Alison van Uytvanck (BEL)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Emily Appleton biography <u>HERE</u>

Career highlights:

- She is a former top 10 junior player and current doubles world No.143.
- Has won three singles titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour, with the most recent coming in Loughborough in October 2022.
- Appleton has won 19 doubles titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour, with the most recent coming in Carlottesville, USA, alongside partner Quinn Gleason in April 2024.
- Her current WTA singles ranking is No.399 and she is set to achieve a new career high next week after this run to the quarter-finals at the Lexus Surbiton Trophy.
- She lost against British No.1 Katie Boulter after coming through qualifying for last year's Rothesay Open Nottingham.
- Beat highly rated teenager Linda Fruhvirtova and Australia's Taylah Preston to reach the quarter-finals of this tournament.
- Her best ranking win of 2024 came against world No.142 Fiona Farro from France in W75 Andrezieux-Boutheon in January.
- Read a profile on Emily Appleton <u>HERE</u>

Alison van Uytvanck biography <u>HERE</u>

Career highlights:

- Won the 2022 Lexus Surbiton Trophy, beating Australian's Arina Rodionova in the final.
- A winner of five WTA singles titles, with the most recent coming at the Astana Open in Kazakhstan in October 2021.
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.37 in August 2018.
- Has wins on her record against Iga Swiatek, Venus Williams and Naomi Osaka on her record.
- Beat British No.2 Harriet Dart in the second round of the Lexus Surbiton Trophy on Thursday.
- Her best rankings win for 2024 came against world No.80 Clara Tauson at W75 Altenkirchen in February.

Did you know:

• She is a baseliner whose lists her favourite shot as her serve and her favourite surface as grass and she speaks Dutch, English, French and some German.



Centre Court Match 3 Billy Harris (GBR) v Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ)

Head to head: Kukushkin leads 1-0

Previous meeting: 2024 ATP Challenger Lugano, Switzerland. R16 (Indoor hard) – Kukushkin won 26 63 61

Billy Harris biography <u>HERE</u>

- 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.
- 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, <u>Beyond the Baseline</u>, 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.

