

HARRIS VS. RIEDI ON CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

The grass-court season kicks off in style at the Lexus Surbiton Trophy, with Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club playing host to the 19th edition of the prestigious ATP Challenger Tour event.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

- **Lloyd Harris (RSA) [Age: 27; Rank: 132]** – The hottest player on the ATP Challenger Tour has made a seamless transition to start the grass-court season. Harris claimed his 15th win in his last 16 matches on the Challenger circuit (15-1 run), with a straight-set victory over namesake Billy Harris in the Surbiton semi-finals. The former World No. 31, who underwent wrist surgery in 2022, is on the road back to the Top 100 of the PIF ATP Rankings. Champion on the hard courts of Gwangju and Shenzhen, in April, he is seeking his third title of the year.

The South African is appearing in his first career grass-court final and would become the first from his country to win a Challenger title on the surface since 2003, when Wesley Moodie lifted the trophy right here in Surbiton.

- **Leandro Riedi (SUI) [Age: 22; Rank: 151]** – Riedi is bidding for a slice of history of his own on Sunday, seeking to become the first player from Switzerland to lift a grass-court singles trophy on the ATP Challenger Tour. In fact, the 22-year-old would join Roger Federer and Marc Rosset as the only Swiss players to win a professional title on grass.

Riedi has been a force on the lawns of Surbiton this week, dropping serve just three times and earning his third Top 100 win of the year with a semi-final victory over sixth-seed Brandon Nakashima. Also the champion on the hard courts of Oeiras, Portugal and Ottignies, Belgium, and runner-up on clay in Madrid, he has successfully reached a Challenger final on all three surfaces in 2024. It marks the third straight year in which a player has achieved the feat, following Zizou Bergs in 2022 and Sebastian Ofner in 2023.

PIF ATP Rankings Update – Harris, who peaked at No. 31 in 2021, will return to the Top 100 with a title, rising to No. 98. A title for Riedi would ensure the Swiss eclipses his previous career high of No. 126, soaring to No. 119 in the world.

Head-to-Head – This is their first meeting.

Past Finals – Riedi is appearing in his 10th Challenger final (4-5 finals record; 2-2 this year), while Harris is appearing in his 8th Challenger final (5-2 finals record; 2-0 this year).

Stat of the Day

Harris and Riedi are both two-time Challenger champions in 2024. Sunday's winner is guaranteed to join France's Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard and Monaco's Valentin Vacherot atop the title leaderboard, as the only three-time winners this year.

2024 Challenger Singles Titles

3 – Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard
3 – Valentin Vacherot
2 – *Lloyd Harris*
2 – *Leandro Riedi*




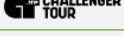
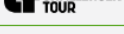
2024 Challenger Match Wins

30 – Adam Walton
26 – Brandon Nakashima
24 – Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard
23 – *Leandro Riedi*

WHAT IS THE ATP CHALLENGER TOUR?

The ATP Challenger Tour is the second-highest level of men's professional tennis in the world. Since its inception in 1978, competition on the tour has been intense, with players fighting for critical ATP Rankings points and prize money. These tournaments (more than 180 events in 40 countries) give fans the excitement of watching world class tennis in a smaller, more intimate setting.

The purpose of the ATP Challenger Tour is to provide opportunities for players to develop their talents and skills from a young age, while gaining valuable experience against strong competition. The circuit has been the first step for the sport's most accomplished stars, including Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. Regardless of talent and potential, every player must work their way up the ATP Rankings, as they strive to reach the Top 100 and compete on the ATP Tour and in Grand Slam tournaments.

TOURNAMENT LEVEL		WINNER	FINALIST
Grand Slam		2000	1200
ATP Masters 1000		1000	600
ATP 500		500	300
ATP 250		250	150
Challenger 175		175	100
Challenger 125		125	75
Challenger 100		100	60
Challenger 75		75	50
Challenger 50		50	30