

Rothsay International Eastbourne – Friday 27 June 2024

Centre Court Match 1 Billy Harris (GBR) v Max Purcell (AUS)

Head to head: Harris leads 1-0

Previous meeting: 2023 Les Franqueses del Valles ATP Challenger in Spain, SF (Hard). Billy Harris won 7-6(3) 7-6(4)

Billy Harris biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- 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.
- His best rankings win of 2024 came against Australia's world No.32 Tomas Martin Etcheverry in the cinch Championships at Queen's Club last week. It was also the best rankings win of his career.
- His run to the quarter-finals at Queen's has propelled Harris up the ATP rankings to a new career high of No.139.
- This is his first appearance in an ATP Tour semi-final and his run in Eastbourne has taken Harris up to No.116 in the live rankings.
- Harris has been awarded a wildcard into the main draw at Wimbledon and he will become the first player from the Isle of Man to play in the men's singles draw at the All England Club next week.

Did you know:

- Was selected as one of 10 British players to feature in the LTA's tennis documentary series, [Beyond the Baseline](#), presented by Lexus.

Max Purcell biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.40 in October 2023.
- Best performance in an ATP 1000 event came with a run to the quarter-finals of the 2023 Cincinnati Masters.
- He was a doubles specialist in the early phase of his career and won the 2022 Wimbledon doubles title with fellow Aussie Matthew Ebden. He also reached the final of the Australian Open doubles in 2020 and 2022.
- Reached his first Reached 1st ATP Tour singles semi-final at Eastbourne in 2021, as he made the most of his opportunity as a lucky loser in the draw. His run in that tournament included a win against Gael Monfils.

- Has reached the semi-finals in Eastbourne for a second time after coming through qualifying. Overall, he has a career record of 6 wins from 7 matches at this tournament.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.41 Matteo Arnaldi from Italy.

Did you know:

- Grew up playing on synthetic grass and considers grass to be his best and favourite surface.
- Favourite shot is slice backhand, favourite tournament is Wimbledon and city on tour is Shanghai.
- His tennis idol is Roger Federer.