

1. Opinion

Should there be more media doubles coverage - tv/radio/print?

Britain has 3 Grand Slam winners (Salisbury, Skupski and Jamie Murray) in the top 18, along with 4 (Glasspool) in the top 34. There are 6 (Cash and Patten) in the top 66 and 7 (Johnson) in the top 96. There are 4 British women in the top 98.

The dramatic scoring system has sudden death at deuce and a final set tie-break to 10 - with two clear - clearly a hit with fans.

Most tennis club members play doubles and relate closely with the professionals.

Many fans of course just want to see the top singles competitors but more doubles coverage will allow our best and world players a higher profile.

Your thoughts? davidluddy@aol.com

2. New Members and subscriptions

A warm welcome to our new associate members Oli Gent (freelance) and Tom Hamilton (ESPN).

A reminder - this year's subscriptions are £40 for full members and £20 for associates. Many of you have paid alongside your Wimbledon tickets. It's many years since subscriptions were increased. This was confirmed by members at last year's AGM at Wimbledon.

3. BTJA Committee Meetings and the AELTC

The next BTJA committee meeting - there are four a year - will be later this month (April). If anyone wishes to raise any constructive points for your committee to consider and our meetings with the AELTC – then please contact me via email.

The 11-strong current committee is Stuart Fraser (chair), Tumaini Carayol (vice-chair and secretary), Chris Bowers (treasurer), April Tod (social secretary), David Luddy (bulletins), Simon Briggs, Clive Brunskill, Eleanor Crooks, Russell Fuller, Karthi Gnanasegaram and Chris Jones.

4. Did you know - Brits ([chasing ranking points](#) @March 31)

2024 have won **44** titles with **43** beaten finalists

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2023 won 150 titles with 157 beaten finalists

2022 won 147 titles with 118 beaten finalists

2021 won 115 titles with 104 beaten finalists

2024 so far (in brackets 2023 titles/finalists)

Grand Slams

Won 0 (2)

Final 1 (0) XD-Skupski (*Krawczyk*);

ATP Finals

Won - (1) end of season;

Men's Singles

ATP

Won 0 (2)

Final 1 (4) Draper (*Adelaide*);

Challenger

Won 0 (7)

Final 1 (5) Chubb;

ITF

Won 6 (23) Edmund (2), Hussey (2), Clarke, Fearnley;

Final 4 (26) Clarke (2); Crawford, Stewart;

Men's Doubles

ATP

Won 4 (8) Glasspool (*Roger*); Salisbury (*Ram*); Cash (*Galloway*); J.Murray (*Venus*);

Final 2 (12) Skupski (2)(*both S.Gonzalez*);

Challenger

Won 6 (17) Willis (3) (*Clarke/Duncan/Harrison*); Johnson (2) (*both Mansouri*); Fery/Paris;

Final 4 (13) Willis (*Kadhe*); Paris (*Escoffier*); Edmund/Searle; Patten (*Hijikata*);

ITF

Won 12 (42) Stevenson (3) (*Davis/Willis/Hudd*); Davis (3) (*Stevenson/Summers/Hussey*); Clarke (2) (*Kopp and Virgili*); Houghton (2) (*Broom/Little*); Fearnley (*Rybakov*); Whitehouse (*Schell*); E. Lumsden (*Fomba*);

N.B. Stevenson/Davis won same title.

Final 13 (42) Stevenson (2) (*Hudd/Broom*); Hudd (2)

(*Stevenson/Harper*); Clarke/Hurriion; Markiewicz/Shaw; Fearnley (*Rybakov*); Parker

(*Paul*); Whitehouse (*Gengel*); Jones (*Henning*); Tyler (*Oetzbach*); McHugh

(*Gadamauri*); Houghton (*Bondoli*);

Wendelken (*Matsuda*);

N.B. Hudd/Stevenson finalist same event.

Women singles

WTA

Won 1 (1) Boulter (*San Diego*);

Final 2 (1) Dart (*Canberra*); Jones (*Mexico*);

ITF

Won 4 (6) Miyazaki (2); Kartal; Banks;

Final 2 (19) Watson; Jones;

Women's Doubles

WTA

Won 2 (4) Nicholls (2)(*both Gadecki*);

Final 3 (7) Watson (2) (*Minnen/Noskova*); Dart (*Mihalikova*);

ITF

Won 9 (37) McDonald (2) (*Hovde/Hietaranta*); Christie (2) (*Appleton/Sharan*);

Hutchinson (2) (*Boehner/Belgraver*); Grey/Nicholls; Xu (*Zelnickova*); Silva (*Tikhonova*);

Final 10 (28) Collins (2) (*Miyazaki/Malogina*); Grey (2) (*Barnett/Silva*); Brooks (2)

(*Dunne/Haverlag*); Appleton/Christie; Bains (*Stollar*); Maloney (*Kung*); M. Lumsden (*Ponchet*);

5. WORLD RANKINGS (British) LIVE@March 31

(Jan 1 2023 rankings in brackets)

Men's singles (+/- since then)

30 Cameron Norrie	(14) -16	age 28 (23/8/95)
39 Jack Draper	(42) +3	(22) (22/12/01)
49 Dan Evans	(27) -22	(33) (23/5/90)
56 Andy Murray	(49) -7	(36) (15/5/87)
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144 Liam Broady	(163) +19	(30) (4/1/94)
194 Jan Choinski	(248) +54	(27) (10/6/96)
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203 Oliver Crawford	(322) +119	(24) (30/4/99)
205 Billy Harris	(355) +150	(29) (25/1/95)
209 Ryan Peniston	(167) -42	(28) (10/11/95)
264 Arthur Fery	(473) +209	(21) (12/07/02)
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325 Felix Gill	(472) +147	(21) (01/06/02)
330 Jay Clarke	(240) -90	(25) (27/7/98)
334 Charles Broom	(376) +42	(25) (24/4/98)
360 Aidan McHugh	(372) +12	(23) (9/7/00)
391 Giles Hussey	(536) +145	(26) (26/5/97)
422 Kyle Edmund	(582) +160	(29) (8/1/95)
423 Paul Jubb	(219) -204	(24) (31/10/99)
443 George Loffhagen	(983) +540	(22) (19/04/01)
466 Toby Samuel	(538) +72	(21) (06/09/02)

485 Anton Matusевич (706) +221 (22) (30/05/01)
489 Hamish Stewart (1430) +941 (24) (30/7/99)

Selected Others

512 Jacob Fearnley (No ranking) (22) (15/7/01)
616 Alastair Gray (266) -350 (25) (22/6/98)
665 Harry Wendelken (534) -131 (22) (18/12/01)
731 Oliver Tarvet (1370) +639 (20) (29/10/03)
734 Johannus Monday (554) -180 (22) (22/01/02)
747 Patrick Brady (1052) +305 (19) (14/11/04)
757 Jack Pinnington-Jones (584) -173 (21) (30/03/03)
762 Henry Searle (No ranking) (18) (29/3/06)

Women singles - LIVE@March 31

(Jan 1 2023 rankings in brackets)

(+/- since then)

28 Katie Boulter (136) +108 age 27 (1/8/96)
85 Harriet Dart (98) +13 (27) (28/7/96)
93 Jodie Burrage (131) +38 (24) (24/5/99)

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138 Yuriko Miyazaki (186) +48 (28) (11/11/95)
143 Heather Watson (139) -4 (31) (19/5/92)

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248 Amarni Banks (496) +248 (21) (08/10/02)
253 Sonay Kartal (207) -46 (22) (28/10/01)
299 Francesca Jones (866) +567 (23) (19/9/00)
301 Emma Raducanu (78) -223 (21) (13/11/02)
315 Katy Dunne (1018) +703 (29) (16/2/95)

Selected Others

328 Katie Swan (145) -183 (25) (24/3/99)
391 Emily Appleton (518) +127 (24) (1/9/99)
622 Hannah Klugman (No ranking) (15) (18/2/09)
633 Ranah Stoiber (847) +214 (18) (25/05/05)
679 Mingge Xu (1040) +361 (16) (2/10/07)
680 Isabelle Lacy (859) +179 (17) (01/07/06)
687 Matilda Mutavdzic (628) -59 (19) (17/06/04)
782 Amelia Rajecki (1054) +272 (21) (3/6/02)
875 Mika Stojisavljevic (No ranking) (15) (15/12/08)
974 Talia Nelson Gatenby (552) -422 (18) (28/09/05)
1033 Sarah Tatu (1237) +204 (19) (7/11/04)
1066 Ella McDonald (926) -140 (18) (04/08/05)
1115 Kristina Paskauskas (973) -142 (19) (12/06/04)
1178 Hephzibah Oluwadare (No ranking) (16) (31/10/07)
1186 Jasmine Conway (599) - 587 (19) (21/12/04)

Men's doubles (minimum top 300) LIVE@March31

(Jan 1 2023 rankings in brackets)

(+/- since then)

8 Joe Salisbury (4) -4 (with Ram)
10 Neal Skupski (1) -9 (now with Santiago Gonzalez)
18 Jamie Murray (36) +18 (with Venus)
34 Lloyd Glasspool (12) -22 (now with Rojer)
50 Julian Cash (70) +20 (mainly with Galloway)
66 Henry Patten (69) +3
96 Luke Johnson (215) +119 (mainly with Mansouri)
126 Marcus Willis (447) +321
172 Joshua Paris (342) +170
174 Scot Duncan (355) +181
186 Cameron Norrie (158) -28
192 Johannus Monday (524) +332
211 Charles Broom (213) +2

212 Dan Evans	(74)	-138
217 Ben Jones	(358)	+141
225 Liam Broady	(1071)	+846
244 Jacob Fearnley	(No ranking)	
247 Toby Samuel	(1057)	+810
266 Jonny O'Mara	(95)	-171
289 Connor Thomson	(No ranking)	

Women's doubles (minimum top 200) LIVE@March 31
(Jan 1 2023 rankings in brackets)

	<u>(+/- since then)</u>	
45 Heather Watson	(126)	+81
74 Maia Lumsden	(219)	+145
75 Olivia Nicholls	(60)	-15 (<i>with Gadecki</i>)
98 Naiktha Bains	(198)	+100
113 Alicia Barnett	(60)	-53
125 Emily Appleton	(187)	+62
128 Harriet Dart	(120)	-8
130 Freya Christie	(171)	+41
154 Jodie Burrage	(391)	+237
155 Sarah Beth Grey	(262)	+107
160 Eden Silva	(408)	+248
180 Ali Collins	(165)	-15

6. Podcasts

Don't forget our trip down memory lane which includes amazing stories from our more 'experienced' members.

The presenter and producer of these five podcasts is Chris Jones following the initial idea from Mike Dickson.

They can all be found on our website.

www.btja.co.uk

There are recollections from Nigel Clarke, who reveals all on the infamous nine-man brawl in the Wimbledon press room, plus recollections from John Barrett, Ron Atkin, Richard Evans and Barry Flatman.

7. Website editor/social media duties/BTJA articles request

The website editor is James Buddell.

The website address is www.btja.co.uk

We would be delighted to receive old or new articles for our website that you would like published. Please contact me by email.

8. Contact Details

You are welcome to send any updated information ASAP (email, postal address and mobile number) to our secretary Tumaini Carayol.

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9. BTJA development

We would like to hear from you re: the future development of the Association.

10. Bulletins

There are six bulletins a year. The next official bulletin will be at the end of May (*number 30*), July (*31*), September (*32*), early December (*33*), and in 2025 January (*34*), March (*35*) and May (*36*).

If you want anything included do email me.

11. Finally

Hope to see some of you somewhere on the tour during this Spring and Summer.

I can be contacted anytime by email.

Best wishes

David Luddy
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