



1. Australian Open

Please indulge me.

There I was looking forward to covering the Australian Open on-site for a 28th year in Melbourne.



Having missed the 2024 edition, plus two Covid years and by choice missing the 2013 Championship - my energies were pointed to not just covering the tennis but the beautiful gardens of such a wonderful city - sitting on a bench and enjoying the sun.

And also I had planned my annual pilgrimage to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

As the England women got thrashed perhaps it wasn't such a bad miss after all.

But still going to the MCG is a wonderful day to enjoy.



Let's be clear I did make it to Melbourne. I covered the week of qualifying and the opening Sunday. So I was as happy as a lark.

Unfortunately I ended up in hospital on that night and I missed the whole of the Championship.

However I did watch all the main matches. Thank goodness for the TV coverage.



And just like the players who have reached the finals of these grand events and the speeches that follow thanking the sponsors, organisers, ball boys etc - I too would like to thank the ambulance people, the fantastic nurses, the hospital, the care and loving by all, the tournament and the broadcasters who visited me. Much gratitude.



Now more good news – as they say – from my trusty advisors. I'm going to stay in Melbourne for several weeks. So somewhere down the road I will be sitting on several benches in beautiful gardens, head out to the Yarra Valley – a wonderful wine-growing region within an hour of Melbourne and see again all my wonderful friends that have kindly visited me – friends that I've made over so many years.



And what is truly delightful not only a British player won another Grand Slam but we do cover a wonderful sport.



2. Subscriptions

This year's subscriptions will be £40 for full members and £20 for associates. It's many years since subscriptions increased. This was confirmed by members at last year's AGM at Wimbledon.



3. The Bulletin Award – Early Winter – Henry Patten

The unofficial early winter bulletin award has to go to doubles specialist Henry Patten.

The 28 year old, 6 foot 6 inches, world No.3, from Colchester, is now a double Grand Slam champion both with Finland's Harri Heliövaara. He won Wimbledon last July and now he has clinched the Australian Open in Melbourne.



This follows the end of season Tour Finals when he reached the semi-final.

The left-handed Patten has won five career doubles titles and also 13 ATP Challenger titles – 11 with Julian Cash. Ten of those Challenger titles came in 2022 – a record for the most Challenger titles won in a season



He played collegiate tennis for the University of North Carolina and became the No.1 ranked NCAA doubles player. He continued his postgraduate studies at Durham University.

During two of his university summer breaks he worked for IBM as a courtside statistician at Wimbledon. He is also a chess enthusiast.



4. Top 100

Britain has 20 players in the top 100 - singles (7) (3 men, 4 women) and doubles (13) (8 men, 5 women).



5. Other Brits – Live Singles

BTJA player of the year award winner **Jack Draper** is world ranked 16, **Cameron Norrie** (WR63) and **Jacob Fearnley** (WR78).

Katie Boulter is at (WR24), **Emma Raducanu** (WR56), **Sony Kartal** (WR91) and **Harriet Dart** (WR100).



6. Other Brits – Live Doubles

Henry Patten is at (WR3). There are five British players in the top 25 – **Patten**, **Neal Skupski** (WR16), **Lloyd Glasspool** (WR19), **Julian Cash** (WR23). **Jamie Murray** (WR25).

There are also **Joe Salisbury** (WR43), **Luke Johnson** (WR52) and **Marcus Willis** (WR97), making it 8 Brits in the top 100.



There are also five British women in their top 100. **Olivia Nicholls** (WR41), **Harriet Dart** (WR61), **Maia Lumsden** (WR73), **Heather Watson** (WR80), and **Emily Appleton** (WR87)



7. BTJA Committee Meetings and the AELTC

The next BTJA committee meeting - there are three a year - will be at Wimbledon in 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. davidluddy@aol.com



The full BTJA committee is **Stuart Fraser** (chair) (*The Times*), **Tumaini Carayol** (vice-chair and secretary) (*The Guardian*), **Chris Bowers** (treasurer) (*TV/Radio*), **April Tod** (social secretary) (*Freelance*), **David Luddy** (bulletins) (*TV/Radio*), **Simon Briggs** (*The Telegraph*), **Clive Brunskill** (*Getty Images*), **Eleanor Crooks** (*Press Association*), **Russell Fuller** (*BBC TV/Radio*), **Karthi Gnanasegaram** (*TV/Radio*), **Chris Jones** (*Freelance*), and **Neil McLeman** (*Daily Mirror*).



8. Did you know - Brits (chasing ranking points@February 3

2025 have won **12** titles with **12** beaten finalists

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2024 won **182** titles with **149** beaten finalists

2023 won **149** titles with **148** beaten finalists

2022 won **147** titles with **118** beaten finalists

2021 won **108** titles with **104** beaten finalists

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2025 so far (in brackets 2024 titles/finalists)

Grand Slams

Won 1 (1) MD-Patten (*Heliovaara*) (*Australian*)

Final 0 (2)

ATP Finals (end of season)

Won 0 (0)



Men's Singles

ATP

Won 0 (2)

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Final 0 (2)

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Challenger

Won 0 (5)

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Final 0 (2)

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ITF

Won 5 (28)

(3) Gray

(1) Crawford
(1) Monday

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Final 5 (21)

(1) Crawford
(1) Hurron
(1) Hussey
(1) Peniston
(1) Stewart



Men's Doubles

ATP

Won 2 (14) (*Brits partnering Brits - count as one title/finalist*)(*Brit partners - in bold*)

(1) Cash (*Glasspool*)
(1) Glasspool (*Cash*)
(1) Johnson (*Arends*)

N.B. Cash/Glasspool - won same title

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Final 0 (10)

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Challenger Doubles

Won 0 (24) (*Brits partnering Brits - count as one title/finalist*)(*Brit partners - in bold*)

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Final 0 (17)

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ITF Doubles

Won 2 (50) (*Brits partnering Brits - count as one title*) (*Brit partners - in brackets*)

(1) Bass (*Story*)
(1) Story (*Bass*)
(1) Stewart

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Final 3 (45) (*Brits partnering Brits - count as one finalist*) (*Brit partners - in brackets*)

(1) Gray
(1) Hussey (*Story*)
(1) Okonkwo
(1) Story (*Hussey*)



Women singles (in brackets 2024 titles/finalists)

WTA

Won 0 (3)

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Final 0 (3)

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ITF

Won 0 (17)

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Final 2 (11)

(1) Appleton
(1) Rajeci



Women's Doubles

WTA

Won 0 (2) (*Brits partnering Brits - count as one title/finalist*)(*Brit partners - in bold*)

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Final 0 (7)

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ITF Doubles

Won 2 (36) (*Brits partnering Brits - count as one title*) (*Brit partners - in brackets*)

(1) Bains
(1) Rajeci

Final 2 (29) (*Brits partnering Brits - count as one finalist*) (*Brit partners - in brackets*)

(1) Adeshina (Allen)

(1) Allen (Adeshina)

(1) Rajecki



9. LIVE WORLD RANKINGS (British)@February 3

▲ ▼ Ranking changes since Jan 1 2025

Men's singles **Age**

16 ▼ 1 Jack Draper	(15)	23 (22/12/01)
63 ▼ 14 Cameron Norrie	(49)	29 (23/08/95)
78 ▲ 21 Jacob Fearnley	(99)	23 (15/07/01)
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129 ▼ 4 Billy Harris	(125)	30 (25/01/95)
173 ▼ 9 Dan Evans	(164)	34 (23/05/90)
198 ▼ 25 Jan Choinski	(173)	28 (10/06/96)
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204 ▼ 19 Paul Jubb	(185)	25 (31/10/99)
266 ▼ 2 Jay Clarke	(264)	26 (27/07/98)
292 ▼ 16 Charles Broom	(276)	26 (24/04/98)
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319 ▲ 52 Johannus Monday	(371)	23 (22/01/02)
377 ▼ 1 Jack Pinnington-Jones	(376)	21 (30/03/03)
380 ▲ 41 Giles Hussey	(421)	27 (26/05/97)
398 ▲ 5 Oliver Crawford	(403)	25 (30/04/99)



Selected Others

Age

402 ▲ 109 Henry Searle	(511)	18 (29/03/06)
415 ▲ 45 Anton Matusевич	(460)	23 (30/05/01)
439 ▼ 11 Ryan Peniston	(428)	29 (10/11/95)
465 ▼ 108 Kyle Edmund	(357)	30 (08/01/95)
468 ▲ 156 Alastair Gray	(624)	26 (22/6/98)
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504 ▼ 26 Aidan McHugh	(478)	24 (09/07/00)
524 ▲ 7 Emile Hudd	(531)	24 (27/05/00)
542 ▼ 106 Felix Gill	(436)	22 (01/06/02)
568 ▲ 11 George Loffhagen	(579)	23 (19/04/01)
578 ▼ 95 Arthur Fery	(483)	22 (12/07/02)
590 ▲ 6 Max Basing	(596)	22 (2/10/02)
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625 ▼ 24 Hamish Stewart	(601)	25 (30/07/99)
644 ▲ 28 Harry Wendelken	(672)	23 (18/12/01)
662 ▼ 7 Ben Jones	(655)	26 (19/05/98)
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748 ▼ 109 Oliver Tarvet	(639)	21 (29/10/03)
773 ▲ 16 James Story	(789)	23 (05/03/01)
774 ▼ 228 Liam Broady	(546)	31 (04/01/94)
861 ▼ 115 Patrick Brady	(746)	20 (14/11/04)



LIVE WORLD RANKINGS (British)@February 3

▲ ▼ Ranking changes since Jan 1 2025

Women's singles **Age**

24 ▲ 00 Katie Boulter	(24)	28 (01/08/96)
56 ▲ 00 Emma Raducanu	(56)	22 (13/11/02)

91 ▼7	Sonay Kartal	(84)	23 (28/10/01)
100 ▼4	Harriet Dart	(104)	28 (28/07/96)
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154 ▼2	Francesca Jones	(152)	24 (19/09/00)
159 ▲3	Heather Watson	(162)	32 (19/05/92)
191 ▼12	Jodie Burrage	(179)	25 (24/05/99)
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208 ▼26	Yuriko Miyazaki	(182)	29 (11/11/95)
265 ▼9	Amarni Banks	(256)	22 (08/10/02)



Selected Others Age

394 ▲00	Ella McDonald	(394)	19 (04/08/05)
416 ▼1	Emily Appleton	(415)	25 (01/09/99)
473 ▲69	Amelia Rajecki	(542)	22 (03/06/02)
481 ▲36	Mingge Xu	(517)	17 (02/10/07)
575 ▼5	Hannah Klugman	(570)	15 (18/02/09)
597 ▼53	Ranah Stoiber	(544)	19 (25/05/05)
673 ▲3	Mika Stojisavljevic	(676)	16 (15/12/08)
798 ▲10	Katherine Barnes	(808)	23 (29/8/01)
831 ▲3	Kristina Paskauskas	(834)	20 (12/06/04)
842 ▲2	Hephzibah Oluwadare	(844)	17 (31/10/07)
862 ▲4	Sarah Tatu	(866)	20 (07/11/04)



LIVE Men's doubles (minimum top 300)@February 3

▲ ▼ Ranking changes since Jan 1 2025



3 ▲11	Henry Patten	(14)	(with Harri Heliovaara)
16 ▲2	Neal Skupski	(18)	(with Joe Salisbury)
19 ▲4	Lloyd Glasspool	(23)	(with Julian Cash)
23 ▲14	Julian Cash	(37)	(with Lloyd Glasspool)
25 ▲2	Jamie Murray	(27)	
43 ▼10	Joe Salisbury	(33)	(with Neal Skupski)
52 ▲6	Luke Johnson	(58)	(with Sander Arends)
98 ▼9	Marcus Willis	(89)	

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133 ▼3	David Stevenson	(130)	
140 ▼4	Joshua Paris	(144)	
160 ▼4	Charles Broom	(156)	

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216 ▼16	Scott Duncan	(200)	
218 ▼4	Ben Jones	(214)	
256 ▼6	Jack Draper	(250)	
279 ▼11	James Davis	(268)	
317 ▼83	Arthur Fery	(234)	
320 ▼4	Emile Hudd	(316)	



Selected Others

336 ▼2	Harry Wendelken	(338)	
343 ▲00	James Mackinlay	(343)	
368 ▼79	Jay Clarke	(289)	
392 ▲35	Johannus Monday	(427)	



LIVE Women's doubles (minimum top 300)@February 3

▲ ▼ Ranking changes since Jan 1 2025



42 ▼ 3 Olivia Nicholls (39) *(with Mihalikova)*
 61 ▲ 00 Harriet Dart (61)
 73 ▲ 8 Maia Lumsden (81)
 80 ▼ 14 Heather Watson (66)
 87 ▲ 7 Emily Appleton (94)

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112 ▼ 16 Samantha Murray-Sharan (96)
 114 ▲ 00 Eden Silva (114)
 127 ▲ 2 Madeleine Brooks (129)
 149 ▲ 7 Naiktha Bains (156)
 170 ▼ 21 Sarah Beth Grey (149)
 181 ▼ 7 Freya Christie (174)

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205 ▼ 1 Alicia Barnett (204)
 229 ▲ 38 Tara Moore (267)
 247 ▼ 5 Jodie Burrage (242)
 256 ▲ 34 Amelia Rajecki (300)
 265 ▲ 28 Mingge Xu (293)
 278 ▼ 28 Ella McDonald (250)
 285 ▼ 7 Katie Boulter (278)
 287 ▲ 8 Holly Hutchinson (295)
 291 ▲ 25 Yuriko Miyazaki (316)



10. Podcasts

On our website www.btja.co.uk are some amazing stories from our more 'experienced' members. The initial idea came from Mike Dickson.

The podcasts include top photographer Clive Brunskill, April Tod, organiser of our annual lunches for over two decades, recollections from Nigel Clarke, who reveals all on the infamous nine-man brawl in the Wimbledon press room, plus from John Barrett, Ron Atkin, Richard Evans and Barry Flatman.

Chris Jones is the presenter and producer of our podcasts.



11. 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.



12. Contact Details

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13. BTJA development

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



14. Bulletins

There are six bulletins a year. The next official bulletin will be at the end of March (35), May (36), July (37), September (38), early December (39) and at the end of January (40) 2026.

If you want anything included do email me.



15. Finally

Hope to see some of you on the tour during this spring and summer.

I can be contacted anytime by email.

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Best wishes



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