

## WTA STORYLINES GRASS COURT SWING / JUNE

### Setting The Scene – 2025’s Grass Court WTA Champions

Tournament	Champion	Runner-Up
London	Tatjana Maria (GER)	Amanda Anisimova (USA)
's-Hertogenbosch	Elise Mertens (BEL)	Elena-Gabriela Ruse (ROU)
Berlin	Marketa Vondrousova (CZE)	Wang Xinyu (CHN)
Nottingham	McCartney Kessler (USA)	Dayana Yastremska (UKR)
Bad Homburg	Jessica Pegula (USA)	Iga Swiatek (POL)
Eastbourne	Maya Joint (AUS)	Alexandra Eala (PHI)

### WTA Celebrates Return of Legendary Serena Williams to Global Tennis Stage

- The legendary **Serena Williams** returns to professional tennis this week **nearly four years** after she stepped away from the sport at the 2022 US Open
- The American tennis icon, who was a month shy of her 41st birthday when she said goodbye, will restart her career at the **HSBC Championships at Queen's Club in London**. Williams has been awarded a **doubles Wild Card** and is partnering with Canada’s **Victoria Mboko**
- Serena’s return will also continue in **Berlin** where she will also compete in doubles
- [Click here](#) to access a **media kit** regarding Serena’s return to the WTA Tour and [here](#) to read more about her **incredible career** to date

### WTA Legends Milestones

- **60 years** since **Françoise Dürr** won the **Queen’s** title (defeating Judy Dalton in the final)
- At **'s-Hertogenbosch** it’s been 10 years since **Coco Vandeweghe** won her second title there (triumphing in 2014 and 2016)
- It’s also been **20 years** since **Michaella Krajicek** became the first **Dutch** woman to win the 's-Hertogenbosch title
- At **Berlin** it’s been five years since Liudmila Samsonova won the first grass court staging of event as the WTA returned to Berlin for the first time since 2008 (the tournament was formerly played on clay at the Steffi Graf Stadion)
- It’s been **five years** since **Johanna Konta** won 2021 Nottingham
- At **Bad Homburg** it’s been five years since **Angelique Kerber** won the first staging in 2021
- **Tennis-Club Bad Homburg**, host of the WTA 500 event and site of the first lawn tennis court on continental Europe, is celebrating its **150th anniversary in 2026**
- Lastly it’s been **25 years** since **Lindsay Davenport** won 2001 Eastbourne – the American former World No.1 celebrates her 50th birthday on June 8

### Women Coaches Shining

- Women coaches on the WTA Tour have recently been in the spotlight, with **Conchita Martinez** guiding Roland-Garros champion Mirra Andreeva, **Sandra Zaniewska** coaching

Paris semifinalist Marta Kostyuk and **Patricia Tarabini** working with French Open quarterfinalist Anna Kalinskaya

- Notably all three coaches have also served as mentors within the **WTA Coach Inclusion Program**
- To date, the WTA Coach Inclusion program has supported **44 graduates** from **18 nations**, and through the WTA's 2026 collaborations, a further 39 coaches are expected to join the initiative, which is currently active in 29 nations

### WTA World No.1 Ranking Watch

- Following the completion of Roland-Garros, current PIF WTA World No.1 **Aryna Sabalenka** holds a 947-point lead over No.2 Elena Rybakina as the Tour calendar shifts to the grass court swing
- With Sabalenka **defending 975 points** on grass, compared to Rybakina's 346 points, the No.1 ranking will very likely be on the line at Wimbledon with the lead-up WTA events proving key as **Rybakina looks to narrow the margin**
- It is possible for Rybakina to overtake Sabalenka before Wimbledon, but she would need to win **two WTA 500 titles** with Sabalenka not adding any points
- Should Sabalenka **extend her streak** atop the WTA Rankings through the grass court swing, she will climb to **90-consecutive weeks (98 overall)**

### Grass Court Form

- In the last five years, no player has won three or more singles titles on grass, with **eight players winning two grass court titles** in that span: Jessica Pegula, Ekaterina Alexandrova, Katie Boulter, Jelena Ostapenko, Beatriz Haddad Maia, Liudmila Samsonova, Ons Jabeur and Marketa Vondrousova
- The last time a player **won more than one grass court title** during the grass court swing was 2022, when **Haddad Maia triumphed at WTA 250 events at Nottingham and Birmingham**
- Since 2025, **Amanda Anisimova has the most grass court wins** with 12, closely followed by Iga Swiatek with 10
- Since 2021, **Ons Jabeur owns the most grass court wins** with 36

### Race to the WTA Finals Update

- Following her sensational **debut Grand Slam title** at Roland-Garros, **Mirra Andreeva** overtakes Aryna Sabalenka to move to **No.1 on the Leaderboard**
- Another key mover is **Marta Kostyuk**, whose two clay titles at Rouen and Madrid and her semifinal run in Paris position her at No.7
- Poland's Maja Chwalińska is also closing in on the qualification places following her fairytale run to the final in Paris and sits at No.14

### WTA 125 Snapshot

- The first grass court event of the season got underway last week at the **WTA 125 event in Birmingham**, crowning **Alex Eala as champion**