

# Wimbledon 2025



Get your strawberries and cream ready – Wimbledon is back for another year, and we can hardly wait! For two weeks this summer, you'll find us glued to the action of the oldest and most prestigious tennis championships around the world. This is the event that all tennis professionals dream of winning, and since Andy Murray retired in 2024, all eyes on Jack Draper, to see if he has what it takes to replace him as the nation's tennis sweetheart.

With that in mind, let's take a look at the players who will be tearing up the tennis courts this summer.

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### Jack Draper

Jack has been playing tennis since before he could walk, when he surprised his family by hitting a ball with a racquet at just one year old. Now only 23 years old, Jack has plenty of time to prove himself on the courts and he certainly has the energy and enthusiasm to take him to success.

At the time of writing, Jack was ranked as the 4th best tennis player in the world, making him the only British tennis star in the top 75 of the ATP Rankings. Wimbledon could give him the chance to move up the board even further. Could he be the UK's next big tennis star?



### Jannik Sinner

The 23-year-old Italian was a star of the tennis scene last year and is currently the number one men's player in the world, but he has yet to win a Wimbledon Championship. The prize will surely be in his sights this year after reaching the quarter finals last year, and the semis the year before.

He is the first Italian to reach the number one position on the ATP Rankings, but he wasn't a natural-born tennis player like many of his contemporaries. He didn't really start to find his feet in the sport until his teens, but he continues to practice and improve, so we definitely haven't seen the best from Jannik yet.

### Novak Djokovic

Once ranked as the number one tennis player in the world, Novak currently sits at 6th place in the ATP Rankings. But that doesn't mean you can rule him out just yet. The Serbian took home a gold medal in the 2024 Olympics, the oldest player to ever win the top award, so he is still a formidable competitor on the court.

That said, Novak has said he will be scaling back his tennis commitments this year, preferring to focus on family life instead. So, it remains to be seen whether we will see him at Wimbledon at all. We're keeping our fingers crossed, because any match he's in is one worth watching.



### Carlos Alcaraz

This Spanish tennis pro is 2nd in the world, so he's already proven that he can compete with the best of them. He's also won the men's singles event at Wimbledon for the past two years in a row, so he must have his eye on a hat-trick.

He might be 2nd at the time of writing, but he's been top of the ATP Rankings in the past. In fact, in 2022, he was the youngest tennis pro to ever top the Rankings at just 19 years old. With such skill so young, you can only imagine what this passionate player will be capable of with more experience. Carlos is not just one to watch at Wimbledon, he's one to watch for many years to come!





### Aryna Sabalenka

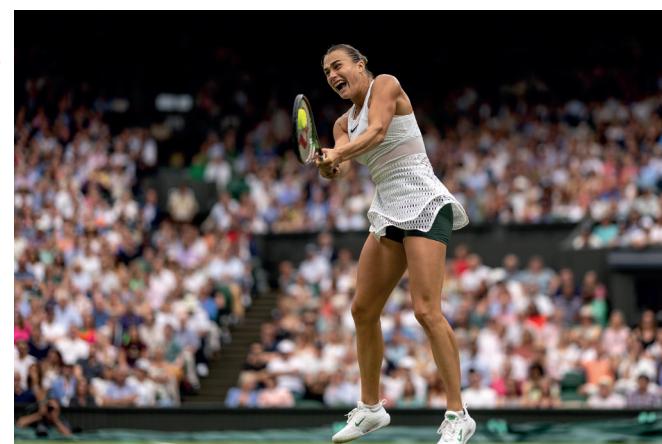
Currently sat at the top of the WTA Rankings, Aryna surely has a Wimbledon trophy in her sights, especially as she was forced out of the competition last year with a shoulder injury. She has already won a couple of Australian and US Opens.

The well-known Belarusian will be the woman all the other players will be looking to beat on the court. She has an aggressive playing style and will be defending her Number One World Title for all she's worth – make sure you tune in to watch any match she's in!

### Elena Rybakina

This 25-year-old has been making an impression at Wimbledon for the past few years and won the women's singles competition in 2022. She hasn't managed to retain that title, however, and will be keen to add another win to her CV this year.

She is currently in 11th place on the WTA Rankings as a Kazakhstani national, but Elena's career actually began in Russia, where she was born. She started playing at the age of six and played her first professional match when she was 15. She has been plagued with medical issues in the past, so here's hoping for an injury-free season where we can see this talented player shine!



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### Barbora Krejcikova

Sitting at 15th on the WTA Rankings, Barbora surprised the world last year when she took Wimbledon by storm. Nobody had expected her to do well, but she held her own against those with far more tournament experience and took home the biggest prize. She'll be looking to hold onto that trophy again this year, but she'll be under far more pressure with the eyes of the world on her.

Something tells us this won't bother the Czech player though, who has been hitting tennis balls since she was six years old. She even has a couple of Olympic medals to her name, so expect more great things from Barbora this year.



### Coco Gauff

She may be young, but Coco is certainly making an impression on the tennis world. The American is 2nd on the WTA Rankings, having won a Grand Slam and proving more than a match for other more experienced players. Many have compared her to Serena Williams, who also achieved similar success at a similar age, so let's hope she brings as much excitement to the court.

At age 15, she was the youngest player to ever qualify for Wimbledon, so she's no stranger to these courts. Her parents both have a sporting background, but gave up their own aspirations to help their daughter become a tennis pro. Their hard work certainly seems to have paid off!



Of course, this is only a few of the tennis pros hoping to make an impression on the Wimbledon court this summer. You'll also want to keep an eye on skilled players such as Jasmine Paolini, Marketa Vondrousova, Ons Jabeur, Daniil Medvedev and Cam Norrie is expected to be on the court too. **Wimbledon 2025 starts on the Monday 30th June and all the action will be available to watch on the BBC and iPlayer. Make sure you've got your best seat lined up in front of the television!** (Rankings correct as of 27 May 2025)