



WTT Star Contender London 21-26 October 2025

The WTT Star Contender comes to London and is taking place at the iconic Copper Box Arena later this month.

Eleven Olympic medallists, including one champion, head a star-studded entry list for the WTT Star Contender London at the iconic Copper Box Arena next month.

Top-20 world-ranked players from Japan, Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong are heading our way, along with some of Europe's strongest players, including the likes of Bernadette Szocs, Dimitrij Ovtcharov, Darko Jorgic and Anders Lind.

England's top players will also be in action, along with Wales' Anna Hursey – and there is still the chance to put yourself at the heart of the action, with tickets still available for the early days of the competition, which starts on 21 October.

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Who are the mega-stars heading to London?

The Olympic gold medallist heading to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park is Japan's Mima Ito (WR 8), who won the Mixed Doubles title alongside Jun Mizutani in her home nation in the delayed 2020 Olympics.

Ito has no fewer than four Olympic medals, having won Women's Team silver in Paris last year, as well as Women's Singles and Women's Team bronzes in 2020.



She spearheads a world-leading contingent from Japan who are inbound for London, with siblings Tomokazu and Miwa Harimoto likely to be top seeds in the respective Men's Singles and Women's Singles events.

Both are also Olympic medallists – Tomokazu (WR 4) having been in the bronze medal-winning Men's Team in Tokyo and

Miwa (WR 6) in the squad which took Women's Team silver in Paris.

Germany's Dimitrij Ovtcharov is one of the most decorated table tennis athletes of the modern era, having won six Olympic medals overall – team silvers in 2008 and 2020 and bronzes in 2012 and 2016, as well as singles bronzes in both 2012 and 2020. He also has five World Championships medals and a bulging collection of titles at European level, including 10 European Championships golds.



Which home-grown talents are playing?

GB rising star Anna Hursey and a clutch of English athletes will test themselves against some of the best in the world at the WTT Star Contender London.

Hursey, still a teenager, has proved she belongs in stellar company, having recently impressed against world No 1 Sun Yingsha of China on her WTT Champions debut in Macao.



She will be seeded into the main draw – the only British player to automatically be included in that stage after Tom Jarvis just missed the cut-off.

Jarvis is the highest ranked English male player in the field in the absence of the injured Liam Pitchford, and he is joined by Sam Walker, Connor Green and Paul Drinkhall, who will represent England at the European Championships just before the Star Contender.

Tin-Tin Ho leads the English female contingent, which features some exciting young talents keen to grab a chance to shine in exalted company. Tianer Yu, Ella Pashley and Jasmin Wong will feature after first representing England at the Europeans, and they will be joined in London by Sophie Earley, Mari Baldwin and Sienna Jetha.

More English players could still be added to the field, with wildcards yet to be confirmed.

