

## Simon Pender - LPDC Head Coach

### LTA Accredited+ Level 5 Master Performance Coach



I have been coaching for 20 years, both within Great Britain and internationally.

Most recently, I worked for 12 years in the LTA's National Performance Team and oversaw operations across the South West and South Wales. During this time, I implemented an innovative talent ID system that captured approximately 1000 players per year into a programme of progressive tennis opportunities. This programme led to more players being offered more opportunities at regional/national and international training camps. It was during this time that I oversaw the development of notable international players such as Katie Swan and Gabriella Taylor. In addition to my daily duties, I was captain to several GB teams which included players such as Kyle Edmund, Jay Clarke and Liam Broady.

Before my coaching career, I was an ATP ranked tennis player and a member of the Junior Davis Cup team. As a junior, I played at the French Open event and Wimbledon on multiple occasions as well as winning a Junior Olympic medal for GB tennis.

Favourite tennis shot: Inside-out forehand

Favourite tennis player: Mats Wilander/Roger Federer

Favourite film: Back to the Future

Three dinner guests: Elvis Presley, Winston Churchill, Bruce Springsteen

