

# Jacob climbs the ladder

**Jacob Fearnley, 22, from Dalkeith, claimed what was undoubtedly the biggest scalp of his fledgling pro tennis career when he defeated former world No 14 and 2018 Australian Open semi-finalist Kyle Edmund 6-3, 6-1 in the final of the Edgbaston Priory, Birmingham, \$25,000 ITF tournament.**

Adding to the feat Jacob had to come through qualifying for the event and won a total of 11 matches on his way to the title.

Later, he made it a double when he partnered Paisley's Connor Thomson to win the men's doubles, the pair having forged a partnership at tournaments including Wimbledon this year.

A student at Texas Christian University, Jacob, who trained at the Merchiston Castle tennis academy before heading Stateside, is hoping to carry his fine form over into a similar tournament in Glasgow's Scotstoun sports centre this week.

Regardless, this East of Scotland county player has received a significant ranking boost, up 978 places to 802 in the world for singles. He can also expect to move up from 33<sup>rd</sup> in Great Britain.





Jacob is pictured, left, with Kyle Edmund and also Connor Thomson after winning their first pro doubles title together.