

Ukraine's Wimbledon star Elina Svitolina talks about Reece Topley and cricket Sports

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Ukraine's stunning addition to the list of serious contenders at Wimbledon is concentrating on her tennis career – and promoting cricket in Ukraine. That could have something to do with her relationship with Hampshire and England bowler Reece Topley

By Dan King for The Sun, Updated: 3rd July 2017 ELINA SVITOLINA is the No 4 seed in the women's draw at Wimbledon – but she's also the No 1 cricketer in Ukraine.

At least, that's how Svitolina was described in her native country after beginning a relationship with Hampshire and England bowler Reece Topley and then being asked to show off her new skills at an event earlier this year. Svitolina, 22, said: 'We met in a gym in London. I was preparing to play in Montreal last year. 'I spotted him straight away – it wasn't difficult, he is two metres tall and very strong – when I was working out with my fitness coach.

'No one in the Ukraine knew about it [cricket] before I dated him, probably now it will start.

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