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BACKGROUND

**Meet Alisha, just a local girl from West Berkshire.
But an extremely talented tennis player.**

Alisha has a WTA (Women's Tennis Association) ranking of 1304 - that means she is ranked as one of the top women's tennis players in the world.

Alisha found her love for tennis at an early age and quickly progressed into becoming a talented player. As a junior she was ranked in the top 10 players in Great Britain as an under 18. This led to her gaining a full tennis scholarship to the University of Memphis.

In her final year at university in America, the team won the American Athletic Conference Championship which was a first in the programme history. This earned recognition from WTA scouts and now Alisha is considered a 'pro' in the sport.

Going to university in America can be expensive for native's, let alone Brits! The funding from Legacy Leisure is to assist Alisha in fledging into a pro tennis career. This can mean helping with the expenses involved in attending university in America to purchasing equipment needed for games or travel.

One thing that Alisha likes to pride herself on is not forgetting her roots. She's very proud of where she's from, having grown up in West Berkshire her whole life and has been part of the local tennis club scene since she started playing.

Alisha often talks to younger players at various clubs about her experiences to date, to give something back to the community. She may be killing it out in America, but she's still the local girl from West Berkshire.