

Rothsay Open Nottingham – Monday 10 June 2024

Centre Court Match 1 Heather Watson (GBR) v Kayla Day (USA)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Heather Watson biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Watson has represented Team GB at the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games. Watson is also a Wimbledon mixed doubles champion, having won the title in 2016.
- Reaching the third round at Wimbledon on 3 occasions (2012, 2015 (had 2GPs on serve for 4-0 and twice was two points serving for the match at 5-4 final set against eventual champion Serena Williams), 2017), she reached a career-best [fourth round at the All England Club in 2022](#).
- A career highlight for Heather was winning Wimbledon with doubles partner Henri Kontinen in 2016.
- Watson matched Sue Barker's record for most wins for Great Britain in the Billie Jean King Cup (31), to enter the top 5.
- She finished runner-up at the W50 Roehampton in February 2024, losing out against Lulu Sun 75 75 in the final.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.16 Veronika Kudermetova in Dhabhi on February 5.

Did you know:

- Heather enjoys fashion, shopping, meeting up with family and friends for a good walk along the beach.
- Her mother is Michelle, father is Ian, brother is Adam and sisters are Stephanie and Julie.

Kayla Day biography [HERE](#)

- Best run at a Grand Slam came at last year's French Open as she reached the third round.
- In July 2023 made her top 100 debut in the WTA Rankings and she achieved a career-high ranking of No.84 in April 2024.
- Has won five titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour, with the most recent coming at 2023 Championnats Banque Nationale de Granby in July 2023.
- Enjoyed a stellar junior career that included a victory at the 2016 US Open doubles and a run to the semi-finals of the Girls' Singles at Wimbledon in 2014.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.119 Alycia Parks in qualifying for Indian Wells in March.

Did you know:

- Mother is Dana; father is Andrew

- Started playing tennis aged 8 after watching her mother play
- Favourite surface is clay, her favourite shot is forehand

Centre Court Match 2

Katie Boulter (GBR) v Harriet Dart (GBR)

Head to head: Boulter leads 5-1

Previous meeting: 2024 Paris WTA125, R32 (Clay). Boulter won [60 64](#)

Katie Boulter biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Became British No.1 for the first time after the 2023 Lexus Surbiton Trophy.
- Won her first WTA Tour title at the [2023 Rothesay Nottingham Open](#), beating fellow Britain Jodie Burrage in the first all-British WTA final since 1977 San Francisco (Barker d. Wade).
- Beat Harriet Dart in the quarter-finals of last year's Rothesay Open Nottingham. Statistics from that match [HERE](#)
- Won her first WTA Tour 500 title in [San Diego in March 2024](#) and rose to a highest career-high of World No.27 later that month.
- Recorded the biggest clay court win of her career against Clara Burel at the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers, where she defeated the French star 75 60 to help guide Great Britain to the 2024 Finals.
- Best ranking win of 2024 came against world No.5 Jessica Pegula in the United Cup on January 1st (57 64 64).

Did you know:

- She began playing tennis when she was five years old and lists her tennis idol as Serena Williams
- Boulter is a graduate of the [LTA Pro Scholarship Programme](#), the highest level of support offered to developing players aged between 16 and 24 with the best chance of reaching the ATP/WTA top 100 singles.
- Born in Leicester, she is a fan of Leicester City FC.

Harriet Dart biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Dart won her first ITF singles event in 2014 at the \$10k Sharm El Sheikh.
- Finished as Wimbledon mixed doubles runner-up with Joe Salisbury in 2021 (was a semi-finalist in mixed with Jay Clarke three years before)
- In January 2022, for the third time in four years, Dart came through all three rounds of the Australian Open qualifying, only dropping one set.
- Cracked the world's top 100 for the first time after coming through qualifiers to make the fourth round at Indian Wells in 2022.
- Earlier this year in January, she reached her first WTA 125 final in Canberra - finishing runner-up to Nuria Parrizas Diaz 64 63.
- In February 2024, Dart made [her first WTA tour-level semi-final at the Transylvania Open](#) where she missed out on a spot in the final to Karolina Pliskova 63 63.
- Her only win in six matches against Boulter came in Japan on a hard court in 2018.
- Her best ranking win of 2024 came against Elisabetta Cocciaretto at the Transylvania Open on February 5th (57 75 63).

Did you know:



- Started playing at age 7 at Cumberland LTC and was instrumental in helping them win their first national league club champion's title in 2013 and retain in 2014. Her first memory of tennis is picking up a racket and playing it like a guitar.
- She was a talented cross-country runner and had to choose between that and tennis.
- Dart comes from a tennis family as her parents Susie and Nick met at Harriet's home club, Cumberland LTC.

Centre Court Match 3

Dan Evans (GBR) v Dominic Stricker (SUI)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Dan Evans biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Since turning pro in 2008, Evans has steadily climbed up the ATP rankings, achieving a career-high of world No.21 in singles in 2023 and world No.52 in the doubles in 2021.
- Dan was unranked in April 2018 before becoming ranked GB's No.1 British male in October 2019.
- Evans made history at the [Rothesay Open Nottingham 2022](#), lifting his second trophy to become the joint leading title holder in Nottingham. After defeating Jack Sock in the semi-finals, Evans claimed a 64 64 win at the ATP Challenger event over Jordan Thompson to wrap up the title without dropping a set.
- He was the 11th British male to win an ATP Tour singles title in when he lifted an ATP250 title in Melbourne in February 2021.
- Evans has picked up one ATP 500 title in Washington, one ATP 250 title in Melbourne, nine ATP Challenger titles and 13 ITF Future titles throughout his singles career.
- A two-time champion in Nottingham, with his most recent win coming in 2022 with full details [HERE](#)
- His best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.38 Roman Safiullin in Los Cabos on February 19th (62 64).

Did you know:

- Father David is an electrician and mother Bernadette is a nurse.
- He started playing squash first before playing tennis at 7-years-old with his father.

Dominic Stricker biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Best run at a Grand Slam came at last year's US Open, as he reached the 3rd round, beating No.7 in that run in New York.
- Achieved a career-high ATP ranking of No.88 in October 2023.
- Also wins against Casper Ruud, Marin Cilic and Hubert Hubert on his record.
- Won a Junior Grand Slam title at the 2020 French Open, beating compatriot Leandro Reidi in the final.
- He played his first tournament of the year at last week's Lexus Surbiton Trophy as he has been sidelined by a back problem.

Did you know:

- Father's name is Stephan. He is a policeman and former table tennis champion and in charge of his son's management; mother, Sabine; sister, Michele.
- He began playing tennis at the age of five in Heimberg, Switzerland.
- Left home aged 14 to train at the Swiss Federation in Biel. Becoming a tennis professional was and is his dream job.
- Supports BSC Young Boys (football) and SC Bern (ice hockey). Also enjoys playing golf.
- Tennis idol is Roger Federer.

Centre Court Match 4

Paul Jubb (GBR) v Dule Ajdukovic (CRO)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Paul Jubb biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Played in the main draw at Wimbledon in 2019 and 2022.
- Pushed Australia's Nick Kyrgios to five sets at Wimbledon in the second of those appearances at the All England Club, with Kyrgios going on to reach the final of that tournament.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.196 in September 2022.
- Won his first ATP Challenger title on clay in Bolivia in March 2022.
- Won his 10th career title at the M25 Nottingham in April after defeating Britain's Charles Broom 3-6 6-2 6-3.
- Jubb has struggled with injury problems over the last year, but he is eager to bounce back in this grass court season. Full story [HERE](#)
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against America's world No.60 Alex Michelsen at last week's Lexus Surbiton Trophy.

Did you know:

- Jubb enrolled at the University of South Carolina soon after his 17th birthday and played three seasons of college tennis from 2017 to 2019, winning the 2019 NCAA singles championship.
- Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic were his favourite players growing up.
- Favourite shot is forehand, his surface is clay and his favourite tournament is Wimbledon.
- A fan of Liverpool FC.

Duje Ajdukovic biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Made his ATP main draw debut at the 2021 Croatia Open Umag after receiving a wildcard into the singles and doubles main draws.
- In August 2023, Ajdukovic won his first ATP Challenger tournament in Lüdenscheid, Germany after beating Hugo Dellien in the final.
- Won his second ATP Challenger in Kobe, Japan last November.
- Qualified for the ATP 500 tournament in Barcelona in April
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.115 in April 2024.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.123 Maxime Cressy in an ATP Challenger in France in January.

Did you know:

- Father, Romeo; mother, Drazana; sisters, Karla and Lana.
- Followed in sister's footsteps and started playing tennis at age 5.
- Tennis idol growing up was David Nalbandian and his favourite surface is clay.