

Rothesay Open Nottingham – Saturday 15 June 2024

Centre Court Match 1

Ons Jabeur (TUN) v Karolina Pliskova (CZE)

Head to head: Pliskova leads 2-1

Previous meeting: 2021 Qatar Open, 2nd round (Hard). Pliskova won <u>64 46 75</u>

Ons Jabeur biography <u>HERE</u>

Career highlights:

- Reached a career-high WTA ranking of No.2 in June 2022.
- Runner-up at Wimbledon for the last two years and she was also runner-up at the 2022 US Open.
- Won her first WTA Tour final at <u>2021 Rothesay Classic Birmingham</u>, beating Daria Kasatkina in the final.
- Most recent WTA Tour title win came at the Ningo Open in China in September.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.10 Jelana Ostapenko at the Madrid Open in April.

Did you know:

- Mother's name is Samira and father's name is Ridha, She has two brothers (Hatem and Marwen) and one sister (Yasmine).
- Currently coached by Issam Jellali, with fitness trainer Karim Kammoun.
- Started playing tennis at age 3 as her mother loved playing the sport and would take her with her to the local tennis club.

Karolina Pliskova biography <u>HERE</u>

Career highlights:

- Two-time Grand Slam finalist at the 2016 US Open and 2021 Wimbledon.
- Reached world No.1 ranking for the first time in July 2017
- Best run on grass at Wimbledon came with runs to the 4th round in 2018 and 2019.
- Won her first title on grass courts at the LTA's Birmingham Classic in 2015
- She is also a two-time champion at the LTA's Eastbourne International (2017, 2019)
- Best rankings win for 2024 came against world No.28 Linda Noskova in Doha in February.

Did you know:

- She married Michal Hrdlicka after 2018 Wimbledon.
- Away from the court, she enjoys fresh-water fishing, as well as contributing to her foundation which benefits various causes, including paediatric oncology and children battling cancer in her native Czech Republic.

Centre Court Match 2 Katie Boulter (GBR) vs Emma Raducanu (GBR)

Head to head with Raducanu: Boulter leads 1-0 **Previous meeting:** 2019 W25 Solapur, India. 2nd round (Hard). Boulter won 62 61.

Katie Boulter biography <u>HERE</u>

Career highlights:

- Became British No.1 for the first time after the 2023 Lexus Surbiton Trophy.
- Won her first WTA Tour title at the <u>2023 Rothesay Nottingham Open</u>, 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 <u>HERE</u>
- Won her first WTA Tour 500 title in <u>San Diego in March 2024</u> and rose to a highest careerhigh of World No.27 later that month.
- Has now won eight games in a row at the Rothesay Open Nottingham after her win in this tournament last year.
- 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:

- Boulter is a graduate of the <u>LTA Pro Scholarship Programme</u>, 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.

Emma Raducanu biography <u>HERE</u> Career Highlights:

- In the summer of 2021, Raducanu made her Grand Slam debut at Wimbledon, where she reached the fourth round - <u>becoming the youngest British woman to progress to the last 16 of</u> <u>The Championships in the Open Era</u>. She's the first British female winner at Flushing Meadows since Virginia Wade in 1968, and the first qualifier in the Open era to win a Slam.
- In September 2021, <u>Raducanu made history by becoming the first qualifier and youngest</u> British player to win a Grand Slam title at the US Open.
- In 2024, pulled off a comeback win against world No.49 Diane Parry to win 46 61 76(1) to defeat France 3-1 and send GB to the Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Seville.
- Making her third appearance at the Rothesay Open Nottingham, she won her first match on grass after 713-day break away from playing on the surface when she beat Ena Shibahara <u>61</u> <u>64</u> in the opening round.
- Missed the entire British grass court season last summer due to injury as she underwent surgery on both wrists and her ankle.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.23 Caroline Garcia in the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers on April 12 (36 63 62).

Did you know:

- Born in Toronto and has lived in Britain from the age of two. Started playing tennis at the age of five and has long been regarded as one of the brightest talents in British tennis.
- Emma is an ambassador for <u>LTA Youth</u> the innovative junior programme to help more children aged 4-18 enjoy tennis.

Court 1 Match 2 Dan Evans (GBR) v Charles Broom (GBR)

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 doubles in 2021.
- Was unranked in April 2018 before becoming ranked GB's No.1 British male in October 2019.
- Evans made history at the <u>Rothesay Open Nottingham 2022</u>, lifting his second trophy to become the joint leading title holder in Nottingham. After defeating Jack Sock in the semifinals, 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.
- His best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.38 Roman Safiullin in Los Cabos on February 19th (<u>62 64</u>).

Charles Broom biography HERE

Career highlights:

- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.283 coming into the Rothesay Open Nottingham and it is set to rise again following his run to the quarter-finals.
- Won an ITF M25 event at the Nottingham Tennis Centre in April, beating Britain's 2023 Wimbledon Boys' Singles winner Henry Searle in the final.
- He also reached the final of another ITF M25 event the week before his win, losing against fellow Brit Paul Jubb in the final.
- Reached the semi-finals of an ITF M25 tournament in Calabasas, United States, in March.
- Won an ATP Challenger Tour doubles title alongside partner Ben Jones in Georgia, USA, in May.
- Lifted an ITF M25 doubles title with partner Daniel Little at the Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre in April.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came in the 2nd round of the 2024 Rothesay Open, as he beat world No.98 and newly crowned Lexus Surbiton Trophy champion Lloyd Harris.