

LTA Daily Brit Player Media Notes

Rothesay Open Nottingham - Wednesday

LIAM BROADY (GBR) v SHO SHIMABUKURO (JPN)
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Head to Head: First meeting

Liam Broady biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Broady enjoyed his best run at Wimbledon last summer, reaching the third round at the All England Club.
- Since turning professional in 2014, Broady has achieved a career-high ranking of world No.116.
- He has won two ATP Challenger titles, Biel (Switzerland) in 2021 and in Vilnius (Lithuania) last February.
- Broady kick-started March 2023 with a run to the quarter-final of the Lugano Challenger 75 where he just missed out on a spot in the semi-final to Dominic Stricker - losing 36 63 76(4).
- He made it to the quarter-finals of the Canberra Challenger, having come through the qualifying rounds.
- Broady beat Japan's Rio Noguchi 57 61 62 to make it through to the second round at the Rothesay Nottingham Open.
- His best rankings win of 2023 came against world No.118 Nikoloz Basilashvili in qualifying for the Qatar Open in February.

Sho Shimabukuro biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Shimabukuro has won two ATP Challenger titles in 2023. He was victorious in Thailand in January was also a winner on clay at the Tunis Open in Tunisia last month.
- He has represented Japan in the Davis Cup, with his most recent appearance coming against Uzbekistan last September.
- Shimabukuro achieved a career high ranking of No.177 when the new ATP rankings were released last Monday.
- He is making his debut at the Rothesay Open Nottingham this year and beat No.7 seed Aleksandar Kovacevic 64 16 64 in the first round.
- That win against world No.119 Kovacevic was the biggest rankings win of his career.

DOMINIK KOEPFER (GER) v ARTHUR FERY (GBR)
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Head-to-head: First meeting

Dominic Koepfer biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- This experienced German player is the No.5 seed at this year's Rothesay Open Nottingham.
- His best run in a Grand Slam event came at the 2019 US Open, when he reached the fourth round.
- He has won four ATP Challenger titles, with the most recent coming in Turin, Italy on clay courts last month.
- Koepfer won the LTA's Ilkley Trophy in 2019, beating Austria's Dennis Novak 36 63 76(5) in the final.
- He beat Andy Murray 64 57 76(9) at the 2021 Paris Masters and also has two wins against Britain's Cameron Norrie on his record, with the most recent coming at the San Diego Open in September 2021.

- His biggest rankings win of 2023 came against world No.94 Daniel Elahi Galan in a Turin Challenger last month.

Arthur Fery biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Fery, 20, made an impression on the ITF junior tour, reaching a career high junior world ranking of 12 in March 2020.
- He spent three years in America at Stanford playing college tennis and is now making his first big push to rise the ATP rankings list.
- Fery reached his first ATP Challenger doubles final in November last year with partner Giles Hussey, losing against the British duo of Julian Cash and Henry Patten in Drummondville, Canada.
- He beat former champion Steve Johnson in the first round at the Rothesay Open Nottingham.
- Yesterday's win against world No.203 Johnson was his biggest ranking win of 2023.

HEATHER WATSON (GBR) v TATJANA MARIA (GER)

Head to Head: Maria leads 2-1

Previous meeting: 2022 Toronto, Canada, Qualifying R1 (outdoor hard) - Maria won 61 RET

Heather Watson biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Watson enjoyed a career best run to the fourth round at Wimbledon last summer.
- Some of her best form in 2023 came at the Thailand Open in February, where she made it to the quarter-final. Here, she faced Wang Xinyu in a three-set battle which saw the Brit go down to a narrow 63 76(6) 64 defeat.
- Watson began 2023 by reaching the quarter-final of the W60 Canberra event. Here, she faced fellow Brit Katie Boulter and lost out 61 63.
- One of her career highlights was winning the Wimbledon mixed doubles title with partner Henri Kontinen in 2016.
- She has reached the last 16 at the Rothesay Open Nottingham on three occasions.
- Watson's best ranking win in 2023 was against world No.44 Yulia Putintseva at the Thailand Open in February.

Tatjana Maria (GER) biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Reached the 2022 Wimbledon semi-finals, losing against Ons Jabeur.
- Maria has wins against Garbine Muguruza and Simona Halep on her record.
- Her biggest career win of 2023 came against world No.63 Jasmine Paolini in Indian Wells in March.
- Maria won a WTA Tour singles title on grass at Mallorca Open in 2018.
- She recorded one of the five wins against top ten opponents on grass when beating world No.5 Elina Svitolina at Wimbledon in 2018.
- Maria has two daughters, Charlotte and Cecilia.

MARIA SAKKARI (GRE) v ALIZE CORNET (GBR)

Head to Head: Sakkari leads 3-0

Previous meeting: 2020 St Petersburg, Russia, R2. (Indoor hard) - Sakkari won 62 64

Maria Sakkari biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- World No.8 and top seed at the 2023 Rothesay Open Nottingham.
- Sakkari was a semi-finalists at the 2022 Australian Open and US Open.
- Se achieved a career high ranking of No.3 in March 2022.
- Finished the 2021 season at a career-high ranking of No.6 as she became the first Greek woman to break into the top 10 of the WTA Rankings.
- She is making her fourth appearance in Nottingham and has been a quarter-finalist in the last three editions of the tournament.

- Her biggest ranking win of 2023 came against world No.3 Caroline Garcia in Doha in March.

Alize Cornet biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- She has reached the fourth round or better at each Grand Slam event, with her best run in a major coming at the 2022 Australian Open as she made it through to the last eight.
- Cornet has 24 wins against WTA-ranked top ten players on her record.
- She beat world No.1 Iga Swiatek at Wimbledon last summer.
- Cornet also has three wins against Serena Williams on her record, including a victory against the American at Wimbledon in 2014.
- She beat Great Britain's Emma Raducanu in the first round of the 2022 US Open.
- Her biggest rankings win of 2023 came against world No.95 Tereza Martincova in Rome last month.