

Rothesay Classic Birmingham – Monday 17 June 2024

Centre Court Match 2 Jelena Ostapenko (TUN) v Elisabetta Cocciaretto (ITA)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Jelana Ostapenko biography <u>HERE</u>

- Won her first and so far only Grand Slam title at the 2017 French Open.
- Defending Rothesay Classic Birmingham champion after her win in the final against Barbora Krejcikova in last year's final.
- Confirmed her prowess on grass courts by reaching the 2018 Wimbledon semi-finals, losing against Germany's eventual champion Angelique Kerber.
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.5 in March 2018.
- Has won 8 WTA Tour titles, with the most recent coming in February 2024 at the Ladies Linz tournament in Austria, beating Ekaterina Alexandrova in the final.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.15 Daria Kasatkina in Adelaide in January.

Did you know:

- Favourite shots are serve and backhand and favourite surfaces are grass and hard. Favourite tournament is Wimbledon.
- Speaks Russian, Latvian and English.
- Tennis idol is Serena Williams.
- Enjoys spending time with parents and dog, listening to music and going out with friends.
- She is a big fan of ballroom dancing.

Elisabetta Cocciaretto biography HERE

- Won her first WTA singles title in 2023 at Lausanne in July after she reached her first WTA career singles final at Hobart in January of last year.
- Secured a career-high ranking of No.29 in August 2023.
- Enjoyed her best run at a Grand Slam at the 2024 French Open, as she reached the 4th round before losing against Coco Gauff.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.14 Beatriz Haddad Maia at this year's French Open.

Did you know:

- Trains at Italian Tennis Federation at Formia.
- Born in Ancona, Italy, went to school on the opposite coast in Cecina and now resides in nearby Fermo.
- Mother is Jessica, father is Piero and younger brother is Alessandro.
- Introduced to tennis at the age of six by her parents.



Centre Court Match 4 Leylah Fernandez (CAN) v Sara Sorribes Tormo (ESP)

Head to head: Fernandez leads 2-1

Previous meeting: 2023 Billie Jean King Cup Finals. Group C. (Indoor Hard). Fernandez won 76(8) 76(7)

Leylah Fernandez biography <u>HERE</u>

Career highlights:

- Best performance at a Grand Slam came at the 2021 US Open, where she reached the final and lost against Great Britain's Emma Raducanu.
- Has won 3 WTA Tour titles, with the most recent coming in the Hong King Open in Ocrober 2023.
- Played a central role in Canada's Billie Jean Cup Finals win in Seville last November.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.7 Qinwen Zheng in Doha in February.

Did you know:

- Born in Montreal, and resides and trains in Miami, Florida with her mother Irene, father Jorge and younger sister, Bianca Jolie, who also plays tennis.
- Hobbies include taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; loves to solve puzzles and Rubiks Cubes during match rain delays or in her free time.
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake.

Sara Sorribes Tormo biography HERE

- Best Grand Slam performance came with a run to the 4th round of the 2023 French Open.
- Achieved her best career ranking of No.32 in February 2022.
- Has won the two WTA Tour finals she has played in, with the most recent coming in Cleveland in August 2023.
- Posted first top-50 finish in 2021 at No.36 after her breakout season, winning her maiden WTA singles title at Guadalajara.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.18 Elina Svitolina at the Madrid Open in April.

Did you know:

- Mother owns a souvenir shop and was formerly a tennis coach. Father works in real estate and used to play professional soccer.
- Introduced to tennis at age 6 by mother.
- Favourite shot is volley; favourite surface is clay; favourite tournament is Roland Garros
- Tennis idol growing up was Justine Henin, Sara Errani and David Ferrer,

