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Rothesay Open Nottingham - Sunday 16 June 2024

Centre Court Match 1 Karolina Pliskova (CZE) v Diane Parry (FRA)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Karolina Pliskova biography HERE

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.
- 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.10 in the quarter-finals of the Rothesay Open Nottingham.

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.

Diane Parry biography HERE

Career highlights:

- Her best performance at a Grand Slam came with runs to the 3rd round at the 2024 Australian Open and at the 2022 French Open and Wimbledon.
- In 2022, she lifted the WTA 125 Paris title she also broke into the top 100 of the WTA ranking for the first time in February of that year.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.49 in April 2024. She will improve on that if she wins
 the title in Nottingham this week.
- She is aiming to reach a WTA 250 final for the first time in her career.
- Beat Britain's Katie Boulter in the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers in April before losing her second singles match of that tie against Emma Raducanu.

Did you know:

- She started playing tennis when she was 5.
- Her Current Coach is Martin Vilar.



Centre Court Match 2

Katie Boulter (GBR) vs Emma Raducanu (GBR) - Raducanu leads 76(15-13) to be finished.

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 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 <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 HERE
- Won her first WTA Tour 500 title in <u>San Diego in March 2024</u> and rose to a highest career-high 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
 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 this year, she won her first match on grass after 713-day break away from playing on the surface when she beat Ena Shibahara 61 64 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.

