

## Rothsay Classic Birmingham – Thursday 20 June 2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Centre Court Match 3</b> <b>Harriet Dart (GBR) v Barbora Krejcikova (CZE)</b></p>
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**Head-to-head:** 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

**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 world No.56 Elisabetta Cocciaretto at the Transylvania Open on February 5<sup>th</sup> (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.

**Barbora Krejcikova biography** [HERE](#)

**Career highlights:**

- Best performance in a Grand Slam came as she lifted the 2021 French Open title.
- Her best run at Wimbledon also came in 2021 as she reached the 4<sup>th</sup> round.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.2 in February 2022.
- Won the WTA 1000 event in Dubai in 2023, beating Iga Swiatek in the final.
- She is also a seven-time Grand Slam doubles champion, with the most recent title coming at the 2023 Australian Open alongside Czech partner Katerina Siniakova.
- Returning to the Rothsay Classic Birmingham after reaching the final here last year, where she lost against Jelena Ostapenko.
- Her best ranking win of 2024 came against world No.47 Mirra Andreeva at the Australian Open.

**Did you know:**

- Started playing tennis aged 6 and was later coached and mentored by women's tennis great and 1998 Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna.
- Admits she never believed she could be a professional tennis player when she started playing the sport,
- Says her success in doubles inspired her to take her singles game to the next level.