

Rothsay Classic Birmingham – Tuesday 18 June 2024

Centre Court Match 2

Heather Watson (GBR) v Marie Bouzkova (CZE)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Heather Watson biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Best run at a Grand Slam came as she reached the 4th round at Wimbledon in 2022.
- Represented Team GB at the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games.
- Watson has matched Sue Barker's record for most wins for Great Britain in the Billie Jean King Cup (31).
- She finished runner-up at the W50 Roehampton in February 2024, losing out against Lulu Sun 75 75 in the final.
- This is her 12th appearance in Birmingham and her best run came in 2021, when she reached the semi-final and lost to eventual champion Ons Jabeur.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.16 Veronika Kudermetova in Abu Dhabi on February 5.

Did you know:

- Enjoys fashion, shopping, meeting up with family and friends for a good walk along the beach.
- Her mother is Michelle, father is Ian, brother is Adam and sisters are Stephanie and Julie.

Marie Bouzkova biography [HERE](#)

- Best performance in a Grand Slam came with a run to the quarter-finals of Wimbledon in 2022. That run included a 1st round win against America's Danielle Collins.
- Won her first and so-far only WTA Tour title at the Prague Open in July 2022.
- Has appeared in 5 additional WTA finals, with the most recent coming in April 2024 at the Copa Colsanitas tournament in Colombia, losing against Camila Osorio
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.29 Veronika Kudermetova at the French Open.

Did you know:

- Speaks Czech, English, Spanish and some German
- Favourite music is from Queen, ABBA, Roxette and Beatles and favourite movies are Czech comedy classics.

Centre Court Match 4

Katie Boulter (GBR) v Anhelina Kalinina (UKR)

Head to head: 1st meeting

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 [2023 Rothesay Nottingham Open](#), 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 [San Diego in March 2024](#) and rose to a highest career-high ranking of No.27 later that month.
- Retained her Rothesay Open Nottingham title on Sunday [with a win against Karolina Pliskova in the final.](#)
- Boulter played five sets on the final day of a rain-affected tournament in Nottingham, defeating Britain's Emma Raducanu in the semi-finals and then Pliskova to become the first woman since Virginia Wade in 1978 to defend a WTA singles title.
- Making her 6th appearance in Birmingham, with a quarter-final appearance in 2022 her best performance at this tournament.
- 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 [LTA Pro Scholarship Programme](#), 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.

Anhelina Kalinina biography [HERE](#)

- Best Grand Slam performance came with a run to the 3rd round of the 2023 Australian Open.
- Achieved her best career ranking of No.25 in May 2023.
- Reached the final of the W1000 tournament in Rome last year, losing against Elena Rybakina.
- Has won 15 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour, with the most recent coming at the Nantes Open in November 2021.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.2 Aryna Sabalenka at the Miami Open in March.

Did you know:

- Formerly trained in Trnava, Slovakia at the Empire Academy, under the tutelage of Vladimir Platenik. She has also worked with Dinara Safina.
- Started playing tennis aged 6 and her favourite surface is hard.