

LTA Daily Brit Player Media Notes

Rothesay Open Nottingham - Saturday

KATIE BOULTER (GBR) v HEATHER WATSON (GBR)

Head-to-head: Boulter leads 2-1

Previous meeting: 2023 W60 Canberra, Australia. Q/F (Hard) - Boulter won 61 63

Katie Boulter biography [HERE](#)

2023 highlights:

- Boulter kicked off her year by winning the seventh ITF title of her career at the [W60Canberra](#) event.
- She was three points away in the second set tiebreak from scoring her biggest victory of the year in Billie Jean King Cup action in April against world No.5 Caroline Garcia, falling in a marathon 67(2) 76(4) 76(2) lasting 3 hours and 26 minutes.
- Since that match against Garcia, Boulter has won 16 of her last 19 singles outings.
- Boulter blitzed through to the final at the W80 Gifu tournament last month, where she was beaten in the final by Japan's Himeno Sakatsume. It was the biggest singles' final to date in her career. Boulter then made it through to another ITF W60 Final a week later, withdrawing due to injury.
- Boulter made it through to the semi-finals of the LTA's Lexus Surbiton Trophy last week, losing to eventual champion Yanina Wickmayer.
- 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.
- This is her first appearance in a WTA Tour semi-final.
- Her biggest rankings win of 2023 came against world No.111 Diane Parry in the qualifying rounds at Indian Wells in March.

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 bow out of the tournament in a 63 76(6) 64.
- Watson began her year 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.
- This is her first quarter-final appearance in Nottingham in her seventh appearance at this event.
- Watson's best ranking win in 2023 was against world No.44 Yulia Putintseva at the Thailand Open in January.

JODIE BURRAGE (GBR) v ALIZE CORNET (FRA)

Head to Head: First meeting

Jodie Burrage biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Burrage breezed through the opening two rounds at the W60 Croissy-Beaubourg event in April before facing Italy's Lucia Bronzetti in a bid for the title. In the final, Burrage overcame

the Italian 36 64 60 to claim the fifth ITF singles title of her career and take her to a new career-high ranking of world No.109.

- Burrage started her 2023 off with a lengthy run to the final of the W60 Canberra event, where she lost out to fellow Brit, Katie Boulter 36 63 62.
- Burrage 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.
- This is her first appearance in a WTA Tour semi-final.
- Her biggest ranking win of 2023 came against world No.21 Magda Linette in the last-16 of the Rothesay Open Nottingham.

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
- Her biggest rankings win of 2023 came against world No.8 Maria Sakkari in the round of 16 Rothesay Open Nottingham 61 64.

ANDY MURRAY (GBR) v NUNO BORGES (POR)

Head to Head: First meeting

Andy Murray biography [HERE](#)

2023 highlights:

- Murray's first title of 2023 came in the ATP Challenger event in Aix-en-Provence, beating Tommy Paul [26 61 62](#) in May.
- He enjoyed an impressive run to the final of Qatar Open, losing to Daniil Medvedev. Thrilling performances at Australian Open included five-set wins over Matteo Berrettini and Thanasi Kokkinakis.
- Murray won his second ATP Challenger title of the year on Sunday at [the LTA's Lexus Surbiton Trophy](#).
- Murray, 36, became the oldest grass-court winner in ATP Challenger history with his win at Surbiton. The previous oldest was 33-year-old Antony Dupuis at the Nottingham Open in 2006.
- Murray's best ranking win of 2023 came against world No.13 Matteo Berrettini in the Australian Open first round.

Nuno Borges biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- He achieved new career-high ranking 18 times in 2022 before peaking at No. 63 on 10 April 2023.
- Borges has won four ATP Challenger Tour titles, with his most recent coming in Phoenix in March.
- He made the second round of the 2022 US Open after coming through qualifying and beating America's Ben Shelton in the first round.
- Borges beat John Isner in the opening round of the French Open last month to secure his first win at Roland Garros.
- His biggest win of 2023 came against Argentina's world No.38 Diego Schwartzman in an ATP Challenger in Phoenix in March.