

Rothsay Classic Birmingham – Saturday 22 June 2024

Centre Court Match 1 Elisabetta Cocciaretto (ITA) v Yulia Putintseva (KAZ)

Head to head: 1-0 Putintseva

Previous meeting: 2024 WTA 250 Hobart International, 1st round (Hard). Putintseva won 06 75 76(4)

Elisabetta Cocciaretto biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- 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.
- Won a WTA 125 event in Charleston, USA, in March.
- Enjoyed her best run at a Grand Slam at the 2024 French Open, as she reached the 4th round before losing against Coco Gauff.
- This is her first appearance in a WTA 250 semi-final in 2024.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.13 Jelena Ostapenko in the opening round of this tournament on Monday.

Did you know:

- Trains at Italian Tennis Federation at Formia.
- Born in Ancona, Italy 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.

Yulia Putintseva biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- She is a three-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist; at the 2016 and 2018 French Open and the 2020 US Open.
- Achieved her highest career ranking of No.27 in February 2017.
- Currently ranked at No.41, she will be back in the top 40 of the WTA rankings next week if she wins today.
- Reached the quarter-finals of the Madrid Open in April, losing against Elena Rybakina.
- Also reached the last eight at the Miami Open in March, losing against Viktoria Azarenka.
- This is her first WTA 250 semi-final of 2024 and her best rankings win this year came against world No.11 Daria Kasatkina at the Madrid Open.

Did you know:

- Father's name is Anton; mother's name is Anna; younger brother's name is Ilya (plays ice hockey) and her tennis idols were Martina Hingis and Justine Henin.

Centre Court Match 2

Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS) v Anastasia Potapova

Head-to-head: 2-1 Tomljanovic

Previous meeting: 2022 Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 1st round (Indoor hard). Tomljanovic won 62 57 75

Ajla Tomljanovic biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Two-time Wimbledon quarter-finalist, reaching the last eight at the All England Club in 2021 and 2022.
- Also reached the quarter-finals at the 2022 US Open, in a run that included a victory against Serena Williams in her final match as a professional player.
- Best run in a WTA 1000 tournament came at the 2022 Cincinnati Masters, where she reached the quarter-finals.
- This is her 7th appearance in Birmingham and her current run is her best performance at this tournament.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.33 Leylah Fernandez in the quarter-finals of this tournament on Friday.

Did you know:

- Her father is Ratko, mother is Emina and sister is Hana.
- She started playing tennis at age 7 after being encouraged to try the sport by her sister.
- Her best tennis memory is being in court with Chris Evert for the first time and she has developed a strong friendship with the tennis legend.

Anastasia Potapova biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Achieved her best run at a Grand Slam as she reached the 4th round at the French Open last month.
- Has won two WTA Tour titles, with the most recent coming at the Linz Open in February 2023.
- Reached the quarter-finals at the WTA 1000 Miami Open event in 2023.
- Best rankings win for 2024 came against world No.14 Jasmine Paolini at Indian Wells in March.

Did you know:

- Grandmother, and former Russian national team coach, inspired her to start playing tennis
- Won the 2016 Wimbledon Junior Girls' singles title.

