

Rothestay Classic Birmingham – Friday 21 June 2024

Centre Court Match 2 Barbora Krejcikova (CZE) v Anastasia Potapova

Head-to-head: Tied 1-1

Previous meeting: 2022 Hamburg Open, Quarter-finals (Clay). Potapova won 61 63

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 4th 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 Rothestay 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 Andrejeva at the Australian Open.

Did you know:

- Started playing tennis at age 6 and was coached and mentored by 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.

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.

Centre Court Match 4

Leylah Fernandez (CAN) v Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS)

Head-to-head: 1st meeting

Leylah Fernandez biography [HERE](#)

Career highlights:

- Best performance at a Grand Slam came at the 2021 US Open, where she reached the final and lost against Great Britain's Emma Raducanu.
- Has won 3 WTA Tour titles, with the most recent coming in the Hong Kong Open in October 2023.
- Played a central role in Canada's Billie Jean Cup Finals win in Seville last November.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.7 Qinwen Zheng in Doha in February.

Did you know:

- Born in Montreal, and resides and trains in Miami, Florida with her mother Irene, father Jorge and younger sister, Bianca Jolie.
- Hobbies include taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; loves to solve puzzles and Rubiks Cubes during match rain delays or in her free time.
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake.

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 so at this tournament.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.40 Petra Martic at the Australian Open in January.

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.