

## Rothsay Classic Birmingham – Saturday 23 June 2024

### Centre Court Match 1

#### Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS) v Yulia Putintseva (KAZ)

**Head to head:** 4-1 Putintseva

**Previous meeting:** 2202 Tennis Championship Istanbul, quarter-final (Clay). Putintseva won 57 62 64

**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 7<sup>th</sup> appearance in Birmingham and this is her first appearance in the final.
- 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.

**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 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.