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Rothesay International Eastbourne - Monday 24 June 2024

Centre Court Match 1 Billy Harris (GBR) v Jacob Fearnley (GBR)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Billy Harris biography HERE

- October 2023 was a month to remember for Harris who made it back-to-back Challenger quarter-finals in Alicante and Malaga. From there, he went on to reach the semi-finals in Hamburg and Ortisei to see the Brit reach a career-high ranking of world No.234.
- In three months he went from outside the 300 to cracking the top 200 for the first time in his career in December of 2023.
- His best rankings win of 2024 came against Australia's world No.32 Tomas Martin Etchevery in the cinch Championships at Queen's Club last week. It was also the best rankings win of his career.
- His run to the quarter-finals at Queen's has propelled Harris up the ATP rankings to a new career high of No.139.
- Harris has been awarded a wildcard into the main draw at Wimbledon and he will become
 the first player from the Isle of Man to play in the men's singles draw at the All England
 Club next week.

Did you know:

- He was the first player from the Isle of Man to win a singles match at Wimbledon (Juniors 2013).
- Was selected as one of 10 British players to feature in the LTA's tennis documentary series, Beyond the Baseline, presented by Lexus.

Jacob Fearnley biography **HERE**

Career highlights:

- Attended US college career at Texas Christian University (TCU) and has an impressive record for the TCU Horned Frogs tennis team.
- Climbed the ATP singles and doubles rankings with outstanding performances in the few tournaments he has competed in outside of his college schedule.
- Won 2023 Rothesay Open Nottingham doubles final with partner Johannus Monday.
- Picked up both singles and doubles titles at M25 Edgbaston in October, beating Kyle Edmund in the final.
- Enjoyed a breakthrough week at the Rothesay Open Nottingham earlier this month as he came through qualifying and won the tournament, beating fellow Brit Charles Broom to succeed Andy Murray as Nottingham champion.
- Best ranking win of 2024 came against world No.96 Juncheng Shang in Nottingham earlier this month. It was his first win against a top 100 player on the senior tour.



Centre Court Match 2 Harriet Dart (GBR) v Marie Bouzkova (CZE)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Harriet Dart biography **HERE**

Career highlights:

- Dart won her first ITF singles event in 2014 at the \$10k Sharm El Sheikh.
- Finished as Wimbledon mixed doubles runner-up with Joe Salisbury in 2021 (was a semifinalist in mixed with Jay Clarke three years before)
- In January 2022, for the third time in four years, Dart came through all three rounds of the Australian Open qualifying, only dropping one set.
- Cracked the world's top 100 for the first time after coming through qualifiers to make the fourth round at Indian Wells in 2022.
- In January of this year, she reached her first WTA 125 final in Canberra finishing runnerup to Nuria Parrizas Diaz 64 63.
- In February 2024, Dart made <u>her first WTA tour-level semi-final at the Transylvania Open</u> where she missed out on a spot in the final to Karolina Pliskova 63 63.
- This is Dart's 8th appearance at Eastbourne and her best performance was a run to the quarter-finals in 2022. She was beaten in the second round by Jelana Ostapenko last year.
- Her best ranking win of 2024 came against Elisabetta Cocciaretto at the Transylvania Open on February 5th (57 75 63).

Did you know:

- Started playing at age 7 at Cumberland LTC and was instrumental in helping them win their first national league club champion's title in 2013 and retain in 2014. Her first memory of tennis is picking up a racket and playing it like a guitar.
- She was a talented cross-country runner and had to choose between that and tennis.
- Dart comes from a tennis family as her parents Susie and Nick met at Harriet's home club, Cumberland LTC.

Marie Bouzkova biography HERE

Career highlights:

- 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.
- She beat Britain's Heather Watson in last week's Rothesay Classic Birmingham, before losing against Diana Shnaider.
- This is her second appearance in Eastbourne and she went out in the first round last year.
- 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.

