

## Rothestay International Eastbourne – Wednesday 25 June 2024

### Centre Court Match 2

#### Katie Boulter (GBR) v Jelena Ostapenko (LAT)

Head to head: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

Katie Boulter biography [HERE](#)

#### Career highlights:

- Became British No.1 for the first time after the 2023 Lexus Surbiton Trophy.
- Won her first WTA Tour title at the [2023 Rothestay Nottingham Open](#), beating fellow Britain Jodie Burrage in the first all-British WTA final since 1977 San Francisco (Barker d. Wade).
- Beat Harriet Dart in the quarter-finals of last year's Rothestay Open Nottingham. Statistics from that match [HERE](#)
- Won her first WTA Tour 500 title in [San Diego in March 2024](#) and rose to a highest career-high ranking of No.27 later that month.
- Retained her Rothestay Open Nottingham title earlier this month [with a win against Karolina Pliskova in the final](#).
- Boulter played five sets on the final day of a rain-affected tournament in Nottingham, defeating Britain's Emma Raducanu in the semi-finals and then Pliskova to become the first woman since Virginia Wade in 1978 to defend a WTA singles title.
- Best ranking win of 2024 came against world No.5 Jessica Pegula in the United Cup on January 1<sup>st</sup> (57 64 64).

Jelana Ostapenko biography [HERE](#)

- Won her first Grand Slam title at the 2017 French Open.
- Defending Rothestay Classic Birmingham champion after her win in the final against Barbora Krejckikova in last year's final.
- Confirmed her prowess on grass courts by reaching the 2018 Wimbledon semi-finals, losing against Germany's eventual champion Angelique Kerber.
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.5 in March 2018.
- Has won 8 WTA Tour titles, with the most recent coming in February 2024 at the Ladies Linz tournament in Austria, beating Ekaterina Alexandrova in the final.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.15 Daria Kasatkina in Adelaide in January.

#### Did you know:

- Favourite shots are serve and backhand and favourite surfaces are grass and hard and her favourite tournament is Wimbledon.
- Speaks Russian, Latvian and English.
- Tennis idol is Serena Williams.

## Centre Court Match 3

### Jessica Pegula (USA) vs Emma Raducanu (GBR)

**Head to head:** Pegula leads 1-0

**Previous meeting:** 2022 WTA 1000 Cincinnati, Last-16 (Hard). Pegula won [75 64](#).

**Emma Raducanu biography** [HERE](#)

#### Career Highlights:

- In the summer of 2021, she made her Grand Slam debut at Wimbledon, where she reached the fourth round - [becoming the youngest British woman to progress to the last 16 of The Championships in the Open Era](#). She's the first British female winner at Flushing Meadows since Virginia Wade in 1968, and the first qualifier in the Open era to win a Slam.
- In September 2021, [Raducanu made history by becoming the first qualifier and youngest British player to win a Grand Slam title at the US Open](#).
- In 2024, pulled off a comeback win against world No.49 Diane Parry to win 46 61 76(1) to defeat France 3-1 and send GB to the Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Seville.
- Making her third appearance at the Rothesay Open Nottingham and she is looking for her first win in the tournament.
- The highest-ranking win of her career came against world No.11 Belinda Bencic during her run to the 2021 US Open title.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.23 Caroline Garcia in the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers on April 12 (36 63 62).

#### Did you know:

- Born in Toronto but living in the UK from the age of two, Emma first started playing tennis at the age of five and has long been regarded as one of the brightest talents in British tennis.
- Emma is an ambassador for [LTA Youth](#) - the new and innovative junior programme to help more children aged 4-18 enjoy tennis.

**Jessica Pegula biography** [HERE](#)

#### Career highlights:

- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.3 in October 2022.
- She has reached the quarter-finals of all four Grand Slams.
- Has won five WTA Tour titles, with her most recent coming on grass in Berlin last week.
- Saved five match points in the final of that tournament against Anna Kalinskya to secure her first grass court title.
- Pegula has a record of 11 wins and just 2 defeats in her 13 matches against British players.
- Her best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.2 Coco Gauff in Berlin last week.

#### Did you know:

- Parents are Terrence (works in oil and gas) and Kim (business owner); her parents are principal owners of the Buffalo Bills (NFL). He also owns hockey team the Buffalo Sabres (NHL)
- Brothers are Michael and Matthew, sisters are Laura and Kelly; also has three pets - Laura played Division I college tennis at the University of Pittsburgh  
Introduced to tennis by family at age 7.
- Married Taylor Gahagen in October 2021 and she is passionate about new charity with her husband called A Lending Paw.