

LTA Daily Brit Player Media Notes

Lexus Birmingham Open - Sunday, 8 June, 2025

Ann Jones Centre Court

Linda Fruhvirtova (WR152 - CZE) v Greet Minnen (WR77 – BEL)

Head to Head: First meeting

LINDA FRUHVIRTOVA highlights:

- Defeated Alexandra Eala <u>75 67(5) 61</u>, Jodie Burrage <u>60 64</u>, Lucrezia Stefanini <u>64 63</u> and Jessika Ponchet 62 06 64.
- Reached 2nd final at this level, after Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in March.
- Herself and Sara Bejlek at Makarska this week are 1st Czechs to reach multiple finals in WTA 125 history.
- Bids to win 1st title at this level fell to Jacqueline Cristian in Mexico.
- Bids to become 5th Czech to win WTA 125 title, after Kristyna Pliskova, Tereza Smitkova, Katerina Siniakova and Sara Bejlek.
- 1st Czech woman to reach final on grass since Barbora Krejcikova won Wimbledon last year.
- Won maiden WTA Tour title as 17-year-old at 2022 Chennai, defeating Magda Linette in final.
- As 16-year-old reached last 16 at WTA 1000 Miami in 2022, becoming youngest to reach that stage of the tournament since Tatiana Golovin in 2004.
- Former quarter-finalist at Birmingham in 2023 when it was WTA Tour event defeated recent Roland Garros quarter-finalist Elina Svitolina and then Bernarda Pera before falling to Krejcikova.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 49 in June 2023.
- WTA Tour biography HERE

GREET MINNEN highlights:

- Defeated Arianne Hartono <u>64 62</u>, Tereza Martincova <u>36 76(5) 63</u>, Kimberly Birrell <u>63 57 63</u> and Rebeka Masarova <u>36 76(7) 76(3)</u>, saving match point in second set tie-break.
- Reached 3rd WTA 125 final, and 1st since 2023 St Malo. 0-2 in finals at this level.
- Bids to win 1st title at this level, and 1st title on grass.
- Never reached singles final on WTA Tour, but won two doubles titles.
- Best performance on WTA Tour is four semi-finals, most recently at Austin in February, falling to McCartney Kessler.
- Best performance at Grand Slams is reaching round three at 2021 and 2023 US Opens (2021 as a lucky loser, 2023 as a qualifier).
- Just second WTA 125 event this year fell in round one at St Malo in April.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 59 in October 2023.
- Before this week best performances on grass were reaching quarter-finals at WTA Tour event in s'Hertogenbosh in 2019 and last year. Also reached last 8 at ITF events at 2021 Nottingham and 2024 Surbiton.
- WTA biography <u>HERE</u>