

## HSBC Championships – Thursday, June 12, 2025

### Andy Murray Arena - Match 1

#### [5] Diana Shnaider (WR12) v Katie Boulter (WR34 – GBR)

Head to Head: Shnaider leads 1-0

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#### DIANA SHNAIDER highlights

- Bids to reach 14th WTA Tour quarter-final, and 3rd of 2025.
- Bids to reach 3rd WTA Tour quarter-final on grass – reached two last year (Birmingham, Bad Homburg).
- Bids to reach 5th WTA 500 quarter-final. Since Bad Homburg last year, only Emma Navarro (6), Paula Badosa (5) and Daria Kasatkina (5) reached more WTA 500 quarter-finals than her.
- Won 4 WTA Tour titles – all last year – including one on grass (WTA 500 at Bad Homburg).
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 11 in May.
- Won girls' doubles title at 2021 Wimbledon alongside partner Kristina Dmitruk.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

#### KATIE BOULTER highlights

- If loses will relinquish British No. 1 status for 1st time in 2 years.
- Bids to reach 13th WTA Tour quarter-final, and 1st since Hong Kong in early November last year, where fell to Shnaider in final.
- Bids to reach 7th WTA Tour quarter-final on grass, and 4th quarter-final at WTA 500 level.
- If her, Raducanu and Watson all win today will be just 4th WTA Tour event since 1985 to feature 3+ British players in quarter-finals, after 2023 Nottingham (4 players), 2024 Nottingham (3) and 2024 Eastbourne (3).
- If her, Raducanu and Watson all win today will be just 2nd WTA 500 event to feature 3 British players in quarter-finals, after Eastbourne last year (Boulter, Dart, Raducanu).
- Last time multiple British women in Queen's quarter-finals was in 1971, when there were 3 (Virginia Wade, Christine Truman, Jill Cooper).
- Won back-to-back matches on WTA Tour just once this season, at United Cup.
- Lost last 9 matches against top 20 players, with overall win-loss record of 6-26. Won just 3 matches against player ranked as high as Shnaider, most recently against WR-5 Jessica Pegula at 2024 United Cup.
- Last British woman to win at The Queen's Club was Ann Jones in 1969 (also won Wimbledon).

- Captured 1st WTA Tour title at Nottingham in 2023, defeating compatriot Jodie Burrage for title in first all-British Tour level singles final since 1977 San Francisco (Barker d. Wade). Victory catapulted her to British No.1 for first time - a position she has held since then.
- Won 2nd title at San Diego in 2024, becoming just 2nd British woman to win WTA 500 event, after Jo Konta.
- Successfully defended Nottingham title in 2024, defeating Raducanu and Pliskova both on final day. 1st British woman to defend Tour singles title since Wade at 1975 Dewar Cup.
- Reached 4th WTA Tour final last season in Hong Kong, falling to Diana Shnaider.
- At Paris in May became 1st British woman to win a WTA 125 title, and in doing so claimed her 1st clay court title.
- Owns 25-20 win-loss record against lefthanders.
- In 2024 became just 2nd British woman this century to reach three WTA Tour finals in same year, following Konta in 2017, and reached a career-high ranking of No. 23 in November.
- Member of Great Britain team that qualified for Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Shenzhen, China in September. Won decisive doubles match against the Netherlands alongside Jodie Burrage.
- LTA biography [HERE](#)
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

## Andy Murray Arena - Match 2

### [Q] Heather Watson (WR164 – GBR) v [4] Elena Rybakina (WR11 – KAZ)

Head to Head: Rybakina leads 1-0

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#### HEATHER WATSON

- Defeated Yulia Putintseva on Tuesday to record 1st WTA main draw win in 9 months.
- Bids to win back-to-back WTA Tour main draw matches for 1st time in 2 years.
- Bids to reach 23rd WTA Tour quarter-final, and 1st since Warsaw in July 2023. Only Konta (34) reached more WTA Tour quarter-finals amongst British women this century.
- Bids to reach 5th WTA Tour quarter-final on grass (2 at Eastbourne, 1 at Birmingham and 1 at Nottingham).
- Bids to reach 3rd WTA 500 quarter-final (2014 & 2017 Eastbourne).
- If her, Boulter and Raducanu all win today will be just 4th WTA Tour event since 1985 to feature 3+ British players in quarter-finals, after 2023 Nottingham (4 players), 2024 Nottingham (3) and 2024 Eastbourne (3).
- If her, Boulter and Raducanu all win today will be just 2nd WTA 500 event to feature 3 British players in quarter-finals, after Eastbourne last year (Boulter, Dart, Raducanu).
- Last time multiple British women in Queen's quarter-finals was in 1971, when there were 3 (Virginia Wade, Christine Truman, Jill Cooper).
- Bids to become 2nd lowest ranked player ever to reach WTA 500 quarter-final on grass, after WR-168 Raducanu reached last 8 at Eastbourne last year.
- Owns 11-44 win-loss against top 20 players. Last victory against player ranked as high as Rybakina was against WR-9 Dominika Cibulkova at 2017 Eastbourne.
- Won just 2 matches against player ranked as high as Rybakina – Cibulkova and against WR-8 Agnieszka Radwanska at 2015 Indian Wells.
- Won 4 WTA Tour titles – 2012 Osaka, 2015 Hobart, 2016 Monterrey, 2020 Acapulco.
- One of just 4 British women to win 4 or more WTA Tour titles in Open Era, following Wade (55 titles), Barker (15) and Konta (4).
- Won mixed doubles title at 2016 Wimbledon alongside partner Henri Kontinen.
- Won girls' singles title at 2009 US Open, defeating Yana Buchina in the final.
- Won 8 ITF singles titles, most recently at Nottingham last year on hard court.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 38 in January 2015.
- Best result in the Grand Slams was reaching round of 16 at 2022 Wimbledon. It was her 43rd Grand Slam appearance at the time, breaking record for most Grand Slam appearances to make debut round of 16 appearance.
- Semi-finalist at Birmingham when it was WTA Tour event in 2021, falling to Ons Jabeur.
- Best result on grass is four semi-finals, at 2014 and 2017 Eastbourne, 2021 Birmingham and 2023 Nottingham, falling to compatriot Boulter.
- LTA biography [HERE](#)
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

## ELENA RYBAKINA

- Bids to reach 50th WTA Tour quarter-final, and 5th of 2025.
- Bids to reach 7th WTA Tour quarter-final on grass.
- Bids to reach 19th WTA 500 quarter-final.
- 2022 Wimbledon champion, defeating Ons Jabeur in final.
- Won 9 WTA Tour titles, including 4 at WTA 500 level.
- Won one title this year, at WTA 500 Strasbourg on clay last month.
- Since 2024 no one won more WTA 500 titles than her (4).
- Not lost to player ranked as low as Watson since defeated by WR-430 Maria Lourdes Carle in Bille Jean King Cup in 2021.
- Owns 11-0 win-loss record against British players.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

## Andy Murray Arena - Match 3

### [WC] Emma Raducanu (WR37 – GBR) v Rebecca Sramkova (WR41 – SVK)

#### Head to Head: First meeting

#### EMMA RADUCANU highlights

- Ahead of Boulter in live WTA rankings (No. 37 to No. 39). If Boulter loses will be British Number One again for 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2 years.
- Bids to reach 11th WTA Tour quarter-final, and 2nd of 2025 (Miami).
- Bids to reach 3rd WTA Tour quarter-final on grass, after Nottingham and Eastbourne last year.
- Bids to reach 6th WTA 500 quarter-final – only Konta (8) reached more amongst Brits.
- If her, Boulter and Watson all win today will be just 4th WTA Tour event since 1985 to feature 3+ British players in quarter-finals, after 2023 Nottingham (4 players), 2024 Nottingham (3) and 2024 Eastbourne (3).
- If her, Boulter and Watson all win today will be just 2nd WTA 500 event to feature 3 British players in quarter-finals, after Eastbourne last year (Boulter, Dart, Raducanu).
- Last time multiple British women in Queen's quarter-finals was in 1971, when there were 3 (Virginia Wade, Christine Truman, Jill Cooper).
- Last British woman to win at The Queen's Club was Ann Jones in 1969 (also won Wimbledon).
- Won 2021 US Open singles title without dropping a set, becoming 1st qualifier to win Grand Slam singles title, and the 1st British woman to win major singles title since Virginia Wade at 1977 Wimbledon.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 10 in July 2022, becoming 5th British woman to achieve this feat, after Wade, Barker, Durie and Konta.
- Since 2021 US Open her best performances have been reaching two WTA Tour semi-finals, at 2022 Seoul and 2024 Nottingham, where she fell to compatriot Katie Boulter.
- In 2021 became youngest British woman to reach R16 of Wimbledon in Open Era.
- Out for nine months from April 2023 to January 2024 following surgery on both wrists and left ankle.
- LTA biography [HERE](#)
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

#### REBECCA SRAMKOVA highlights

- Bids to reach 7th WTA Tour quarter-final, and 2nd of 2025 (WTA 500 event at Merida).
- Bids to reach 1st WTA Tour quarter-final on grass, and 1st Slovak to reach last 8 on grass since Viktoria Hrucakova, 2023 s'Hertogenbosch.
- Won one WTA Tour title, at Hua Hin last year.
- Member of Slovakia side that reached Billie Jean King Cup last year, defeating Great Britain in semi-finals (beat Katie Boulter in singles). Lost to Italy in final.
- Reached 3 WTA Tour finals last year – lost to Sonay Kartal at Monastir in one of them.
- Best performance on grass is reaching final at ITF event at 2016 Ilkley.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 36 in March. This time last year was ranked No. 112.
- Won last match against British player, defeating Katie Boulter in Billie Jean Cup semi-finals last year.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

## Andy Murray Arena - Match 4

### [1] Qinwen Zheng (WR5 - CHN) v McCartney Kessler (WR42 – USA)

Head to Head: First meeting

#### QINWEN ZHENG highlights

- Bids to reach 23rd WTA Tour quarter-final, and 6th of 2025.
- Bids to reach 1st ever quarter-final on grass at any level. Last Chinese player to reach WTA Tour quarter-final on grass was Zhu Lin, 2023 Birmingham.
- Won just 3 matches on grass (including 2 at 2022 Wimbledon) with 3-8 win-loss record.
- Bids to reach 6th WTA 500 quarter-final.
- Top seed lost opening match in 4 of last 5 WTA Tour events on grass.
- Won 5 WTA Tour titles, including 1 at WTA 500 level (2024 Tokyo – last time she was No. 1 seed at a tournament before this week).
- Olympic champion last year, defeating Donna Vekic in final.
- Fell to Aryna Sabalenka in 2024 Australian Open final, becoming 2nd Chinese to reach Grand Slam final, after Li Na. Reached final at 2024 WTA finals, losing to Coco Gauff.
- Fell to Aryna Sabalenka in quarter-finals at Roland Garros.
- Currently at career-high ranking of No. 5.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

#### McCARTNEY KESSLER highlights

- Defeated Francesca Jones in round one – 1st ever WTA Tour main draw victory on grass.
- Just 3rd WTA Tour main draw match on grass - qualified for Wimbledon last year but fell to Maria Sakkari in R1.
- Bids to reach 4th WTA Tour quarter-final, and 3rd of 2025.
- Bids to reach 1st ever quarter-final on grass at any level.
- If wins will be 4th American into quarter-finals here. **Last time 4 American women reached quarter-finals of WTA Tour event on grass was 2003 Wimbledon (S. Williams, V. Williams, Capriati, Davenport).** Last time 3 American women reached last eight on grass was at 2023 Eastbourne (Gauff, Keys, Pegula).
- Won 2 WTA Tour titles, at 2024 Cleveland and at Hobart at start of this year.
- Also reached final at Austin this year, falling to Jessica Pegula.
- Owns 1-4 win-loss record against top 10 players. Only victory has come against No. 3 Coco Gauff at Dubai this year.
- Currently at career-high ranking of No. 42. This time last year was ranked No. 123.
- Fell to Elena Gabriela Ruse in R1 at Roland Garros.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)