

LTA Daily Brit Player Media Notes

Rothesay Open Nottingham – Thursday 13 June 2024

Centre Court Match 1 Emma Raducanu (GBR) v Daria Snigur (UKR)

Head to head: 1st meeting

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 <u>becoming the youngest British woman to progress to the last 16 of The Championships in the Open Era</u>. 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, she won her first match on grass after 713-day break away from playing on the surface when she beat Ena Shibahara 61 64 in the opening round.
- Missed the entire British grass court season last summer due to injury as she underwent surgery on both wrists and her ankle.
- 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 <u>LTA Youth</u> the new and innovative junior programme to help more children aged 4-18 enjoy tennis.

Daria Snigur biography HERE

Career highlights:

- Confirmed her prowess on grass courts in 2019 by winning the <u>Wimbledon Girls' Singles</u> title.
- Has won nine singles titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour, with the most recent coming in Calvi, France, in April.
- Beat No.7 seed Simona Halep in the opening round of the 2022 US Open.
- Recorded a win against No.2 seed Beatriz Haddad Maia in the 1st round of the Rothesay Open Nottingham last year and she also knocked out the No.2 seed this year with a win against No.2 seed Marta Kostyuk, which was her best rankings win of 2024.



- Born in Kyiv but currently living in Warsaw, Poland.
- Father Sergiy used to play football. Mother Viktoria works in science.
- Her favourite surface is grass and her favourite tournament is Wimbledon.



Centre Court Match 3 Francesca Jones (GBR) v Ashlyn Krueger (USA)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Fran Jones biography **HERE**

Career highlights:

- Made her Grand Slam debut in the 2021 Australian Open and went on to play at Wimbledon later that year.
- Reached the biggest final of her career at the San Luis Open in March, where she was edged to the silverware by world No.67 Nadia Podoroska.
- She has won seven titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour and clinched the biggest of her career at the W75 Grado last month after beating Kathinka von Deichmann 61 75 in the final
- Coached by Carlos Martinez, who also worked with world No.14 Daria Kasatkina.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world world No.58 Caroline Dolehide in the opening round of the 2024 Rothesay Open Nottinggam and she is aiming to beat her second top 100 player in back-to-back matches for the first time in her career against Krueger.

Did you know:

- Jones was born with a rare genetic condition: Ectodermal Dysplasia (ED) syndrome (missing one finger on each hand and three toes) which has required frequent surgeries over the years, but according to herself, never saw this as something that could prevent her from reaching her dreams.
- She was on the <u>LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme until 2023</u>, the highest level of support offered to developing players by the LTA. It is offered to players aged between 16 and 24 with the best chance of reaching the ATP/WTA top 100 singles within five years.

Ashlyn Kruger biography HERE

Career highlights:

- Won her first WTA Tour title at the Japan Women's Open last September, beating China's Zhu Lin in the final. She did not drop a set en-route to winning the title. Her success in Japan saw her make a debut in the top 100 of the WTA rankings for the first time.
- She won a grass court title on grass last June, taking the W125 Gaiba title in Italy.
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.65 last month.
- Best career result on grass is quarter-final in s-Hertogenbosch last year.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.70 Ekaterina Alexandrova on clay in Madrid in April.

- Favourite players growing up were Kim Clijsters and Maria Sharapova
- She likes to draw and read poetry to relax away from tennis.



Centre Court Match 3 Ons Jabeur (TUN) v Linda Fruhvirtova (CZE)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Ons Jabeur biography **HERE**

Career highlights:

- Reached a career-high WTA ranking of No.2 in June 2022.
- Runner-up at Wimbledon for the last two years and she was also runner-up at the 2022 US Open.
- Won her first WTA Tour final at <u>2021 Rothesay Classic Birmingham</u>, beating Daria Kasatkina in the final.
- Most recent WTA Tour title win came at the Ningo Open in China in September.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.10 Jelana Ostapenko at the Madrid Open in April.

Did you know:

- Mother's name is Samira and father's name is Ridha, She has two brothers (Hatem and Marwen) and one sister (Yasmine).
- Currently coached by Issam Jellali, with fitness trainer Karim Kammoun.
- Started playing tennis at age 3 as her mother loved playing the sport and would take her with her to tennis club.

Linda Fruhvirtova biography HERE

Career highlights:

- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.49 in June 2023. Currently ranked at No.139.
- Best run at a Grand Slam came in the 2023 Australian Open, where she reached the 4th round.
- Won here first and so far only WTA Tour title at the Chennai Open in India in September 2022
- Will be looking for a first win against a player ranked in the top 10 when she takes on Jabeur.

- Younger sister Brenda is also making her mark on the WTA Tour.
- She is a big fan of US TV show Suits.
- Went to see Harry Styles in what she describes as 'her first big concert' last summer.



Centre Court Match 4 Billy Harris (GBR) v Joao Fonseca (BRA)

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.
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.181 last month and he will go past that if he wins this next match in Nottingham.
- He has enjoyed doubles success in 2024, making the Lexus Nottingham Challenger semifinal with Ryan Peniston in February and the ATP Challenger semi-final with Australia's Akira Satillan in Thailand.
- Best singles rankings win of 2024 came against Australia's world No.67 Christopher O'Connell in a Manama Challenger in February.

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.

Joao Fonseca biography <u>HERE</u> Career highlights:

- One of the most talked about young players in tennis, he won last year's Junior US Open title.
- Reached the quarter-finals of Junior Wimbledon last year, where he was beaten by eventual champion, Great Britain's Henry Searle.
- Became the first player born in 2006 to win an ATP Tour match when he won his first round against Arthur Fils at the Rio Open in February and he went on to reach his first ATP Challenger final in Paraguay the following month.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.36 Arthur Fils on clay in Rio in February.

- Mother's name is Roberta and his father is Christiano. Both played several sports as did Joao.
- He grew up 10 minutes away from the site of the Rio Open and watch Rafael Nadal from front-row seats in Rio de Janeiro in 2014, when the Spaniard won the title.
- Invited to the 2023 ATP finals as a hitting partner and trained with Carlos Alcaraz, Daniil Medvedev and Jannik Sinner among others.



Court 1 Match 1 Cameron Norrie (GBR) v Jack Pinnington Jones (GBR)

Head to head: 1st meeting

Cameron Norrie biography HERE

Career highlights:

- Claimed his first ATP singles title in Los Cabos in 2021.
- Became the first British player to win the ATP 1000 event in Indian Wells in 2021.
- Won ATP 250 singles titles in Delray Beach and Lyon in 2022.
- Made the semi-finals of Wimbledon in 2022, beating Belgium's Davis Goffin in the quarter-finals before losing against eventual champion Novak Djokovic.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.8 in September 2022.
- In total Norrie has picked up five ATP singles titles, one ATP doubles title and seven ITF titles throughout his career.
- In January 2024, Norrie reached the fourth round of the Australian Open for the first time with his biggest ranking win at a Grand Slam over Casper Ruud.
- Most recent ATP title came in the Rio Open as he beat Carlos Alcaraz <u>57 64 75</u> in the final.
 Norrie has won two of his last three matches against newly crowned French Open champion Alcaraz.
- His best career ranking of 2024 came against world No.11 Casper Ruud at the Australian Open in January.

Did you know:

- Father David is Scottish and mother Helen is Welsh. Both were born in Great Britain and played squash up to university level before moving to New Zealand. His sister is called Bronwen.
- Norrie has followed a gluten-free diet in recent years.
- He grew up in New Zealand and began playing tennis in his driveway at age six, after his mum introduced him to the sport.

Jack Pinnington Jones biography HERE

Career highlights:

- Pinnington Jones came back to beat fellow Brit Arthur Fery 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the opening round of the 2024 Rothesay Open Nottingham.
- Has been developing his tennis career in America as part of <u>the NCAA collegiate</u> <u>programme</u> at Texas Christian University (TCU).
- Looking to follow in the footsteps of his Texas Christian University (TCU) Jacob Fearnley by securing a place in the quarter-finals.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.228 Ryan Peniston in qualifying for the Rothesay Open Nottingham.
- Read an interview with Jack Pinnington Jones <u>HERE</u>

- Born in Kingston Upon Thames in London.
- Named 2024 NCAA Championships Most Outstanding Player.

