

LTA Daily Player Media Notes

Lexus Nottingham Open – Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Centre Court - Match 1

Sonay Kartal (WR50 – GBR) v [Q] Leolia Jeanjean (WR94 – FRA)

Head to Head: Jeanjean leads 1-0

2023 Caldas da Rainha (ITF, Portugal) Hard QF Jeanjean 57 63 62

SONAY KARTAL

- Reached R2 at Queen's last week recorded best win by ranking when defeated WR-16 Kasatkina in R1 – fell to WR-15 Anisimova in R2.
- Won maiden WTA Tour title at Monastir in 2024, becoming 5th different British woman to win Tour-level title since 2012, after Konta, Watson, Raducanu and Boulter - previously there was a 24 year drought between 1988 and 2012
- Recorded best Grand Slam result last year, reaching R3 at Wimbledon as qualifier, becoming 1st British qualifier to reach R3 at SW19 since Karen Cross in 1997.
- Member of Great Britain team that has qualified for Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Shenzhen, China in September, defeating Germany's Jule Niemeier and the Netherlands' Eva Vedder in the qualifiers in April in what was her debut in that event.
- Reached R16 at Indian Wells this year as lucky loser, falling to WR-1 Aryna Sabalenka. Became
 just 10th lucky loser to reach R16 at WTA 1000 event.
- Currently at career-high ranking of No. 50. This marks 1st time since February 1986 that three British women are in top 50 (Croft, Durie, Hobbs). This time last year was ranked at No. 271.
- LTA biography HERE
- WTA Tour biography HERE

LEOLIA JEANJEAN

- Reached maiden QF on WTA Tour earlier this year at Bogota on clay.
- Won 4 ITF singles titles.
- Best result at Grand Slams in R3 at 2022 Roland Garros as wild card. Ranked No. 227, defeated Karolina Pliskova in R2 to become lowest ranked female to win match against Top 10 opponent at event since Conchita Martinez defeated Lori McNeil in 1988.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 92 last week. Currently French No. 2 behind Lois Boisson.
- Yet to win WTA main draw match on grass (0-2 win-loss record).
- Defeated Brit Watson in qualifying this week.
- WTA Tour biography <u>HERE</u>

Centre Court - Match 2

Lulu Sun (WR44 – NZL) v [8] Katie Boulter (WR39 – GBR)

Head to Head: First meeting.

LULU SUN

- Came to prominence at Wimbledon last year, when as qualifier on main draw debut at SW19 reached QF, defeating Zheng and Raducanu along the way before falling to Vekic.
- In doing so became 1st women's qualifier to reach last 8 at Wimbledon in 14 years, 1st ever woman from New Zealand to reach QF of event, and 1st from New Zealand to reach major QF since Belinda Cordwell, 1989 Australian Open.
- Reached maiden WTA Tour final last year at Monterrey, falling to Noskova.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 39 in September 2024.
- Won last 6 matches against Brits at all levels.
- WTA biography HERE

KATIE BOULTER

- Bids for 3-peat at Nottingham this week.
- Just once before has defending Nottingham champion lost opening match (Haddad Maia in 2023).
- Last week relinquished British No. 1 status for 1st time in 2 years. Fell to Shnaider in R2.
- Captured 1st WTA Tour title at Nottingham in 2023, defeating compatriot Burrage for title in 1st all-British Tour level singles final since 1977 San Francisco (Barker d. Wade). Victory catapulted her to British No.1 for first time.
- 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 Shnaider.
- 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 that year.
- At Paris in May became 1st British woman to win a WTA 125 title, and in doing so claimed 1st clay court title.
- Won back-to-back matches on WTA Tour just once this season, at United Cup.
- Owns 25-21 win-loss record against lefthanders. Lost to Shnaider at Queen's last week.
- 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 <u>HERE</u>

Centre Court - Match 3

[WC] Jack Pinnington Jones (WR282 - GBR) v Emilio Nava (WR121 – USA)

Head to Head: Pinnington Jones leads 1-0

2024 Lincoln CH Hard R32 Pinnington Jones 64 62

JACK PINNINGTON JONES

- Reached maiden ATP Challenger Tour final at Ilkley on Sunday, falling to Tristan Schoolkate.
- Won 5 ITF singles titles.
- Reached QF at this event last year, defeating Cameron Norrie in R16 before falling to Mattia Bellucci.
- Also reached final of ITF event at Nottingham last year on hard court.
- Reached boys' singles QF at 2021 Wimbledon.
- ATP Tour biography HERE

EMILIO NAVA

- Won 7 ATP Challenger Tour titles, including 3 in 2025 only Borna Coric (4) won more titles at this level this year.
- Reached 4 finals at this level this year joint most finals at this level in 2025, along with Coric, Liam Draxl and Valentin Royer.
- Won 33 matches on ATP Challenger Tour in 2025 more than anyone else this year (joint top of list with Royer).
- Reached R16 at this event in 2024, falling to Mattia Bellucci (just like Pinnington Jones!).
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 119 earlier this month.
- Played just one ATP Tour main draw match on grass, falling to Brandon Nakashima, 2024
 Newport.
- Lost to Andy Murray in R2 at 2022 US Open.
- ATP Tour biography HERE

Centre Court - Match 4

[1] Beatriz Haddad Maia (WR21 – BRA) v McCartney Kessler (WR42 – USA)

Head to Head: Kessler leads 1-0

2024 Cleveland Hard Final Kessler 16 61 75

BEATRIZ HADDAD MAIA

- Fell to Emma Navarro in R2 at Queen's last week.
- Won 4 WTA Tour titles, including two on British grass in 2022, at Birmingham and Nottingham.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 10 in June 2023, becoming 1st Brazilian woman in history to crack top 10.
- Semi-finalist at 2023 Roland Garros, falling to Iga Swiatek 1st Brazilian woman to reach last 4 at Grand Slam since Maria Bueno at 1968 US Open.
- Reached round of 16 at 2023 Wimbledon, becoming 1st Brazilian woman to reach that stage at SW19 since Bueno in 1976.
- Just once before has No. 1 seed lost opening match at Nottingham Misaki Doi in 2013.
- WTA biography <u>HERE</u>

McCartney Kessler

- Recorded 1st ever WTA Tour main draw victory on grass last week at Queen's, defeating Fran Jones in R1. Lost to eventual finalist Qinwen Zheng in R2.
- Just 4th WTA Tour main draw match on grass 2 at Queen's last week, and qualified for Wimbledon last year but fell to Maria Sakkari in R1.
- 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.
- Currently at career-high ranking of No. 42. This time last year was ranked No. 123.
- Won last 7 matches against lefthanders at all levels.
- WTA Tour biography HERE

Court One - Match 1

[WC] Francesca Jones (WR132 – GBR) v [WC] Harriet Dart (WR118 – GBR)

Head to Head: First meeting.

FRANCESCA JONES

- Best result on WTA Tour is SF at 2023 Bogota on clay.
- Won 9 ITF singles title, including two this year.
- Best result on grass is QF at **Nottingham** last year, where she handed walkover to Emma Raducanu due to a shoulder injury.
- Received wild card at Wimbledon last year but lost to Petra Martic in R1.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 113 in May.
- WTA main draw win-loss record in 2025 is 1-5 only victory against Mayar Sherif at WTA 500 event at Merida in February. Lost to McCartney Kessler in R1 at Queen's last week.
- WTA Tour biography HERE

HARRIET DART

- Last year made 1st WTA Tour SF at Cluj-Napoca. Also in 2024 equalled best Grand Slam result with R3 at Wimbledon, and made QF at Eastbourne.
- Always plays well at home on grass with 5 of 6 WTA Tour QF's coming here at 2022 & 2023
 Nottingham, 2022 & 2024 Eastbourne and 2023 Birmingham.
- Since 2022, no one reached more WTA Tour QF's on grass than her (5 level with Ons Jabeur) and since 2022 no one reached more WTA Tour QF's in UK than her (5). However lost all 5.
- Member of Great Britain team that has qualified for the Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Shenzhen,
 China in September. Lost doubles match alongside Olivia Nicholls against Germany in qualifiers in April.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 70 in September 2024.
- 2021 Wimbledon mixed doubles runner-up with Joe Salisbury in 2021.
- WTA Tour main draw win-loss record in 2025 is 1-4 only victory against Jana Fett at Australian Open.
- Lost to Diane Parry in R16 at Ilkley last week.
- Lost to eventual champion and fellow Brit Katie Boulter in QF and R1 in last two years last year. Defeated Emma Raducanu in R1 in 2021.
- Overall WTA Tour main draw win-loss record on grass is 22-23.
- Owns a 14-9 record in opening WTA Tour main draw matches on grass, winning 10 of last 12.
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