

## **LTA Daily Player Media Notes**

## **Lexus Nottingham Open – Monday, June 16, 2025**

## **Centre Court - Match 1**

# [4] Yulia Putintseva (WR27 – KAZ) v [WC] Hannah Klugman (WR577 – GBR) Head to Head: First meeting.

#### YULIA PUTINTSEVA

- Won 3 WTA Tour titles 2019 Nuremberg (clay), 2021 Budapest (clay) and on grass at Birmingham last year, where defeated Ajla Tomljanovic in final.
- Fell to Brit Heather Watson in R1 at Queen's last week.
- Best result in 2025 is SF at Adelaide at start of year.
- Recorded best result at Wimbledon last year by reaching R16, defeating then WR-1 Iga Swiatek in R3.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 20 in January.
- Last defeat to player ranked as low as Klugman was to WR-934 Sloane Stephens at 2017
   Toronto. Stephens went on to win US Open the following month.
- Debut at Nottingham.
- WTA biography HERE

#### **HANNAH KLUGMAN**

- Making WTA Tour main draw debut today.
- Aged just 13-years-old, won ITF Junior title at the J3 event at Loughborough in 2022, becoming youngest ever British winner of a J3 event, eclipsing Emma Raducanu.
- Won Junior National Under-16 title in 2023.
- Won Under-18 Orange Bowl in Florida in 2023 as 14-year-old.
- Runner-up in Roland Garros girls' singles this year, becoming 1st girls' finalist in Paris since
  Michelle Tyler in 1976. Also beaten finalist in girls' doubles final at 2023 Wimbledon alongside
  partner Isabelle Lacy and in girl's doubles final at this year's Australian Open alongside partner
  Emerson Jones.
- Lost in final round of Wimbledon qualifying last year.
- Reached maiden ITF singles SF this year, at Terrassa, Spain, on clay in March.
- WTA biography <u>HERE</u>

## **Centre Court - Match 2**

## Kimberly Birrell (WR79 – AUS) v [2] Clara Tauson (WR23 – DEN)

Head to Head: First meeting.

#### KIMBERLY BIRRELL

- Reached one WTA Tour semi-final, at Osaka in October last year, falling to Suzan Lamens in final.
- Reached SF on grass at Ilkley last year when it was ITF event, falling to eventual champion Rebecca Marino.
- Reached QF at recent WTA 125 event in Birmingham, falling to eventual champion Greet Minnen
- Reached QF at Nottingham last year, falling to Diane Parry.
- Won 5 ITF singles titles, most recently at Brisbane in February.
- Reached mixed doubles final at this year's Australian Open alongside compatriot John-Patrick Smith, falling lost to fellow Aussies Olivia Gadecki and John Peers.
- Current Australian No. 3 behind Daria Kasatkina and Maya Joint. Achieved career-high ranking of No. 60 in May.
- Owns 5-12 win-loss record against top 30 players.
- Born in Dusseldorf, Germany.
- WTA Tour biography HERE

#### **CLARA TAUSON**

- Won 3 WTA Tour titles 2021 Lyon (as qualifier), 2021 Luxembourg and Auckland this year.
- Reached maiden WTA 1000 final at Dubai this year, falling to Mirra Andreeva defeated Aryna Sabalenka along way. Also reached SF at WTA 500 in Linz this year.
- Yet to win WTA main draw match on grass (0-5 win-loss record).
- Best result at Grand Slams is round of 16 at 2024 Roland Garros.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 21 in March. This time last year was ranked No. 65.
- Won girls' title at 2019 Australian Open.
- Won 11 of last 12 matches against players ranked outside top 50.
- Debut at Nottingham.
- WTA Tour biography HERE

## **Centre Court - Match 3**

## [Q] Hugo Grenier (WR178 – FRA) v [2] Marin Cilic (WR101 – CRO)

Head to Head: First meeting.

#### **HUGO GRENIER**

- Best results on ATP Tour are three R16 appearances, most recently at Marseille in February this year.
- Won 5 ATP Challenger Tour titles, with last coming in 2023.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 95 in September 2022.
- Played in 11 ATP Challenger Tour events in 2025 with win-loss record of 10-11. Best result is SF at Morelia in March.
- ATP biography HERE

#### **MARIN CILIC**

- 2014 US Open champion, defeating Kei Nishikori in final. Also runner-up at 2017 Wimbledon (lost to Federer) and 2018 Australian Open (lost to Federer again).
- Won 21 ATP Tour finals, most recently at Hangzhou last September. Ranked No. 777 at the time, became lowest ranked player to win title in ATP Tour history.
- One of four active players to win 20+ ATP Tour titles, after Zverev, Medvedev and Alcaraz.
- Won 1 Masters title (2016 Cincinnati).
- Won 3 ATP Tour titles on grass (2012 & 2018 Queen's, 2021 Stuttgart).
- Played 931 main draw matches on ATP Tour only Djokovic played more amongst active players.
- Reached SF in last appearance at Nottingham, when it was an ATP Tour event in 2008, falling to Fernando Verdasco. Was 19-years-old at time
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 3 in January 2018.
- Won 3 ATP Challenger Tour titles all on clay. Won title at Girona in March 17 years and 10 months after his last title at this level (2007 Girona).
- Top seed here this week after No. 1 Luca Nardi withdrew. Top seed lost opening match in last 2
  ATP Challenger Tour events at Nottingham (Choinski in 2024 and Shelbyh this year both on
  hard court). Cameron Norrie was top seed in this event last year.
- ATP biography <u>HERE</u>

## **Centre Court - Match 4**

## [Q] James McCabe (WR183 – AUS) v [WC] George Loffhagen (WR303 – GBR)

Head to Head: McCabe leads 1-0

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#### **JAMES McCABE**

- Never reached ATP Challenger Tour final, but reached five SF's.
- Won 2 ITF singles titles both in England at **Nottingham** and Roehampton last year.
- Wild card at this year's Australian Open, winning 1st ever main draw match at a major (and his 1st ever ATP Tour main draw match win), defeating Martin Landaluce.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 186 in April.
- Played in 12 ATP Challenger Tour events in 2025 with win-loss record of 12-12. Best result is SF at Bengaluru in February.
- ATP Tour biography **HERE**

#### **GEORGE LOFFHAGEN**

- Won 7 ITF singles titles 3 this year, including 2 in Portugal (Quinto do Lago & Vale do Lobo) plus at **Nottingham** on hard court in May.
- Won two ITF singles titles at Nottingham (2023 & 2025, both on hard court), as well as losing final in 2024 to McCabe.
- Best results at ATP Challenger Tour level is reaching two QF's, at **Nottingham** on grass in 2023 (fell to Dominik Koepfer) and at Tbilisi, Georgia on hard court last month.
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2023 Wimbledon, where as wild card fell to Holger Rune.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 298 earlier this month.
- Played in just one ATP Challenger Tour event in 2025, falling in quarter-finals in Tbilisi.
- ATP biography <u>HERE</u>