

# **LTA Daily Player Media Notes**

# Lexus Nottingham Open - Wednesday, June 18, 2025

### **Centre Court - Match 1**

### Emilio Nava (WR121 – USA) v [WC] Ryan Peniston (WR270 – GBR)

Head to Head: Nava leads 1-0

2020 Castelo Branco (ITF, Portugal) Hard R16 Nava 57 62 63

#### **EMILIO NAVA**

- Bids to reach 26th ATP Challenger Tour QF, and 9th of 2025 (more than anyone else this year).
- Bids to reach 1st grass QF at any level.
- Bids for British double, having defeated Pinnington Jones yesterday, where he was wasted 6 match points in the 2nd set before winning in 3.
- Bids to become 1st American man into Nottingham QF since Sock in 2022.
- 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 34 matches on ATP Challenger Tour in 2025 more than anyone else this year.
- Reached R16 at this event in 2024, falling to Mattia Bellucci.
- 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

#### RYAN PENISTON

- Bids to reach 22nd ATP Challenger Tour QF, and 3rd of 2025.
- Reached QF of this event in 2022.
- Bids to become 6th British man to reach Nottingham QF on multiple occasions, after Evans, Henman, Murray, Parmar and Rusedski.
- Came to prominence when reached QF at Queen's and Eastbourne in 2022 on what were his ATP Tour main draw debuts. Defeated WR-5 Casper Ruud in 1st ever ATP main draw match at 2022 Queen's.
- Also defeated likes of Holger Rune, Francisco Cerundolo and Ugo Humbert on grass.
- Won one ATP Challenger title, at 2023 Winnipeg.
- Won 8 ITF singles titles, including two this year, at Loule and Tbilisi.

- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 123 in July 2022.
  Owns 7-5 win-loss record in ATP Challenger Tour events in 2025, with best result reaching SF at Hersonissos in March.
- ATP biography <u>HERE</u>

### **Centre Court - Match 2**

### Lloyd Harris (WR311 – RSA) v [2] Marin Cilic (WR101 – CRO)

Head to Head: Harris leads 1-0

2025 Roland Garros Clay Q3 Harris 63 46 63

#### **LLOYD HARRIS**

- Bids to reach 33rd ATP Challenger Tour QF, and 2nd this year (Birmingham).
- Bids to become 1st South African man into Nottingham QF since Anderson in 2021.
- Reached two ATP Tour singles finals fell to Andrey Rublev at 2020 Adelaide and to Aslan Karatsev at 2021 Dubai, where became 1st qualifier to reach final in tournament's 30-year history.
- Best Grand Slam result was reaching QF at 2021 US Open, where fell to Alexander Zverev. Last South African player, man or woman, to reach the last 8 at a Grand Slam.
- Best ATP Tour performance on grass was reaching SF at 2023 Mallorca.
- Won 6 ATP Challenger Tour titles, most recently on grass at Surbiton last year.
- Defeated Rafal Nadal at 2021 Washington.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 31 in September 2021.
- Missed 7 months from July 2024 to February 2025 with back injury that required surgery. Also had surgery on wrist in 2022.
- Last ATP Tour main draw match came at Wimbledon last year.
- Played in 5 ATP Tour Challenger events in 2025 with a win-loss record of 5-4.
- ATP Tour biography **HERE**

#### **MARIN CILIC**

- Bids to reach 11th ATP Challenger Tour QF, and 3rd of 2025.
- Bids to reach 1st QF on grass at any level since 2022 Queen's.
- Bids to become 1st Croatian man into Nottingham QF since himself in 2008.
- 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 one 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 HERE

### **Centre Court - Match 3**

### [WC] Francesca Jones (WR132 – GBR) v [7] Linda Noskova (32 – CZE)

Head to Head: First meeting.

#### **FRANCESCA JONES**

- Bids to reach 3rd WTA Tour guarter-final, after 2023 Bogota and 2024 Nottingham
- Bids to become 4th British woman to reach Nottingham QF's in successive years, after Boulter, Dart and Konta.
- Best result on WTA Tour is SF at 2023 Bogota.
- Won 9 ITF singles titles, including two this year.
- Best result on grass is QF at Nottingham last year, where she handed walkover to Emma Raducanu due to 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 2-5 only victories against Mayar Sherif at WTA 500 event at Merida in February, and against Dart yesterday. Lost to McCartney Kessler in R1 at Queen's last week.
- WTA Tour biography <u>HERE</u>

#### **LINDA NOSKOVA**

- Bids to reach 12th WTA Tour QF, 3rd of 2025, and 1st ever on grass.
- Never reached QF on grass at any level.
- Won maiden WTA Tour title at Monterrey last season.
- Reached QF at 2024 Australian Open, defeating WR-1 Swiatek in R3.
- In August 2022 became the youngest player ranked in the world's top 100, and in February 2023 the youngest in the top 50.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 25 in August 2024.
- Won girls' singles at 2021 Roland Garros.
- Saved two match points in R1 against Todoni.
- Last defeat against player ranked as low as Jones was to No. 176 Andreescu and Wimbledon last year.
- WTA Tour biography HERE

### **Centre Court - Match 4**

## [5] Leylah Fernandez (WR30 – CAN) v [LL] Cristina Bucsa (WR101 – ESP)

Head to Head: Fernandez leads 2-0

2024 Olympics R32 Clay Fernandez 76(4) 63 2025 Australian Open R64 Hard Fernandez 36 64 64

#### **LEYLAH FERNANDEZ**

- 2021 US Open runner-up, falling to Raducanu in final.
- Bids to reach 19th WTA Tour QF, 2nd of 2025, and 3rd on grass (Birmingham and Eastbourne last year). Reached final at 2024 Eastbourne, falling to Kasatkina.
- Lost to eventual champion Maria in R1 at Queen's last week.
- Making debut at Nottingham. Bids to become 1st Canadian woman into Nottingham QF since Stephanie Dubois in 2013.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 13 in August 2022.
- Member of Canada's 2023 Billie Jean King Cup winning side.
- WTA Tour biography <u>HERE</u>

#### **CRISTINA BUCSA**

- Lost to Sasnovich in qualifying.
- Bids to reach 3rd WTA Tour QF, after 2024 Abu Dhabi (WTA 500 event as lucky loser) and 2024 Bogota. Never gone beyond last 8.
- Bids to become 2nd women's lucky loser into Nottingham QF, after Tamira Paszek in 2016.
- Bids to become 1st Spanish woman into Nottingham QF.
- Lost to Emma Raducanu at Queen's last week.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 56 in January 2024.
- Best performance on grass in reaching the round of 16 at ITF events at 2021 Nottingham and 2022 Surbiton.
- Reached R2 in last two years at Wimbledon.
- Owns 12-40 win-loss record against top 50 players. Best victory by ranking was against WR-14 Belinda Bencic at 2023 Cincinnati. Also defeated WR-18 Anna Kalinskaya at Doha this year.
- WTA Tour biography HERE