

# **Rothesay International Eastbourne – Saturday 28 June 2024**

## Centre Court Match 1 Leylah Fernandez (CAN) v Daria Kasatkina

**Head to head:** Kasatkina leads 2-0 **Previous meeting:** 2022 San Diego Open, 1<sup>st</sup> round (Hard). Kasatkina won 62 62

### Leylah Fernandez biography <u>HERE</u>

#### Career highlights:

- Best performance at a Grand Slam came at the 2021 US Open, where she reached the final and lost against Great Britain's Emma Raducanu.
- Has won 3 WTA Tour titles, with the most recent coming in the Hong Kong Open in October 2023.
- Played a central role in Canada's Billie Jean Cup Finals win in Seville last November.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022.
- This is her first appearance in a grass court final and a first appearance in a WTA Tour final since her Hong Kong Open win last year.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.7 Qinwen Zheng in Doha in February.

#### Did you know:

- Born in Montreal, and resides and trains in Miami, Florida with her mother Irene, father Jorge and younger sister, Bianca Jolie, who also plays tennis.
- Hobbies include taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; loves to solve puzzles and Rubik's cubes during match rain delays or in her free time.

#### Daria Kasatkina biography HERE

#### Career highlights:

- Best run in a Grand Slam came with an appearance in the 2022 French Open semi-finals.
- Showed her prowess on grass courts with a run to the quarter-finals of Wimbledon in 2018.
- Best run at a WTA 1000 event came with an appearance in the 2018 Indian Wells final, where she lost against Japan's Naomi Osaka.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No.8 in October 2022.
- Has won 6 WTA Tour finals, with the most recent coming at Championnats de Granby in Canada in August 2022.
- This is Kasatkina's third grass court final of her career, where she is seeking her first career title on the surface.
- She was a runner-up in last year's Eastbourne final, losing against Madison Keys.
- Best rankings win of 2024 came against world No.5 Jessica Pegula in Adelaide in January.

#### Did you know:



- Best tennis memory is winning French Open Junior title in 2014.
  A baseliner whose favourite surface is clay and whose favourite shot is forehand.

