

LTA Daily Player Media Notes

Lexus Eastbourne Open – Thursday, June 25, 2026

Centre Court – Match 1

[3] Jelena Ostapenko (WR35 – LAT) v [Q] Zeynep Sonmez (WR54 – TUR)

Head to Head: First meeting

JELENA OSTAPENKO

- Defeated Francesca Jones [62 62](#) in R1 and Panna Udvardy [36 61 62](#) in R1.
- 10th appearance at Eastbourne (played in every edition since 2016). Champion in 2021, defeating Anett Kontaveit in the final, and runner-up in 2022, falling to Petra Kvitova in the final.
- One of 4 former Eastbourne champions in draw (Joint, Kasatkina, Keys). One of 22 women to reach multiple finals in tournament history.
- Has a 21-8 win-loss record at Eastbourne.
- 50th WTA Tour QF, 4th of 2026 (only reached 2 last year), and 11th on grass.
- Has a 29-20 win-loss record in WTA Tour QF's, and a 4-6 win-loss record in WTA QF's on grass.
- 5th QF at Eastbourne – most amongst active players. 2-2 win-loss record in Eastbourne QF's – had to retire after 1st set in last one, against Camila Giorgi in 2023.
- Bids to reach 30th WTA Tour SF, 2nd of 2026 (Doha), 5th on grass, and 1st on grass since Birmingham in 2023.
- Bids to reach 3rd SF at Eastbourne.
- Won 9 WTA Tour titles, including 2 on grass (at Eastbourne in 2021 and at Birmingham in 2023).
- 2017 Roland Garros champion. Best result at Wimbledon is SF in 2018, falling to eventual champion Angelique Kerber.
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 5 in March 2018.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

ZEYNEP SONMEZ

- Defeated Harriet Dart [46 62 75](#) in R1 and received a walkover against Sara Bejlek in R2.
- Main draw debut at Eastbourne – fell in qualifying to eventual finalist Alexandra Eala last year.
- 6th WTA Tour QF (most ever by Turks), 3rd of 2026 (personal record of most ever QF's in a season), and 2nd on grass.
- Reached maiden WTA Tour QF on grass at s'Hertogenbosch two weeks ago, falling to Magda Linette – 1st ever Turk to reach WTA Tour QF on grass.
- 23rd occasion a women's qualifier reached Eastbourne QF.
- Has a 1-4 win-loss record in WTA Tour QF's, losing the last 3.
- Bids to reach 2nd WTA Tour SF.
- Bids to become 1st Turk to reach multiple WTA Tour SF's, and 1st ever Turk to reach WTA Tour SF on grass.
- If wins will be 9th occasion a women's qualifier reached Eastbourne SF.
- Won maiden WTA Tour title at Merida in 2024, becoming 1st player from Turkey to win WTA Tour title since Çağla Büyükakçay at Istanbul in 2016, and only 2nd overall.
- Best result at the Grand Slams is reaching R3 at Wimbledon last year and at the Australian Open this year.
- At Wimbledon last year, she become 1st player from Turkey to reach R3 at a Grand Slam in the Open Era, and at the Australian Open this year became 1st Turkish woman to record a main draw match win at the Australian Open in the Open Era.
- Currently at a career-high ranking of No. 54. Has a good chance of achieving another new career-high ranking by the end of the week. The highest-ranked Turkish woman in history.
- Won last 2 matches against top 50 players on grass – both recently – against No. 27 Anastasia Potapova at s'Hertogenbosch and against No. 22 Leylah Fernandez at Nottingham.
- Lost both matches against Grand Slam champions – both on grass – falling to Bianca Andreescu at s'Hertogenbosch in 2023 and to Victoria Azarenka at Berlin in 2024.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

Centre Court – Match 2

[7] McCartney Kessler (WR62 – USA) v [2] Madison Keys (WR27 – USA)

Head to Head: Keys leads 1-0

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Keys 64 63

1st all-American women's QF at Eastbourne since Coco Gauff defeated Jessica Pegula in 2023.

MCCARTNEY KESSLER

- Defeated 2024 champion Daria Kasatkina [63 76\(3\)](#) in R1 and Anhelina Kalinina [64 63](#) in R2.
- Debut at Eastbourne.
- Fell to Karolina Pliskova in R1 at Queen's two weeks ago, and to Katie Volynets in R1 at Nottingham last week in defence of title, so came into this event on a 3-match losing streak.
- 8th WTA Tour QF, 3rd of 2026, and 2nd on grass (Nottingham last year, when won title).
- Has a 4-3 win-loss record in WTA Tour QF's – won first 4 but lost last 3.
- Bids to reach 5th WTA Tour SF, and 1st since Nottingham last year.
- Bids to become 28th different player representing USA to reach Eastbourne SF.
- Won 3 WTA Tour titles, at Cleveland in 2024, and at Hobart and at Nottingham last year.
- Lost in R1 in both previous Wimbledon main draw appearances (2024, 2025).
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 30 in June 2025. Currently USA's No. 10.
- Has a 1-7 win-loss record against top 30 players in 2026, defeating No. 25 Leylah Fernandez at Abu Dhabi.
- Lost only previous match against a Grand Slam champion on grass, falling to Marketa Vondrousova at Wimbledon last year.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

MADISON KEYS

- Defeated Talia Gibson [64 64](#) in R1 and Jessica Bouzas Maneiro [60 61](#) in R2.
- 6th main draw appearance at Eastbourne. Two-time champion. In 2014, as a 19-year-old, defeated Angelique Kerber in final (1st WTA Tour title), and in 2023 defeated Daria Kasatkina in final. SF in last appearance here (2024), falling to Leylah Fernandez.
- One of 8 women to win multiple Eastbourne titles, after Martina Navratilova (11), Chris Evert (3), Tracy Austin (2), Justine Henin (2), Karolina Pliskova (2), Chanda Rubin (2) and Caroline Wozniacki (2).
- One of 4 former Eastbourne champions in draw (Joint, Kasatkina, Ostapenko). One of 22 women to reach multiple finals in tournament history.
- Has a 14-3 win-loss record in main draw matches at Eastbourne.
- 61st WTA Tour QF, 5th of 2026, and 11th on grass. Reached 2 QF's on grass in the same season for 2nd time (2023).
- Has a 33-27 win-loss record in WTA QF's, and a 5-5 win-loss record in WTA QF's on grass.
- 4th Eastbourne QF – amongst American women only Navratilova (12 representing America), Evert (6), Mary Joe Fernandez (6) and Rubin (5) reached more. Most Eastbourne QF's by active players are Jelena Ostapenko (5), followed by Karolina Pliskova, Daria Kasatkina and herself (4).
- Oldest American woman to reach Eastbourne QF since Lori McNeil in 1995.
- 3-0 win-loss in Eastbourne QF's – last one was a walkover over Karolina Muchova in 2024.
- Bids to reach 34th WTA Tour SF, 2nd of 2026 (Charleston) and 6th on grass.
- Bids to reach 4th Eastbourne SF – amongst American women only Navratilova (11 representing America), Evert (6) and Rubin (5) would have reached more. Would be the most Eastbourne SF's amongst active players if wins.
- Bids to become oldest woman representing America to reach Eastbourne SF since Navratilova (36 in 1993), and oldest 'American' since Evert (32 in 1987).
- Won Australian Open title last year – maiden Grand Slam title. Defeated World No. 1 (Sabalenka) and No. 2 (Swiatek).
- Won 10 WTA Tour titles, including 3 on grass (2014, 2023 Eastbourne and 2016 Birmingham).
- Last WTA Tour title (and final) was at 2025 Australian Open.
- Best performance at Wimbledon are two QF's (2015, 2023).
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 5 in February 2025, when cracked top 10 for 1st time since August 2019. Currently USA's No. 6.
- Has a 6-0 win-loss record in main draw matches against players ranked outside top 50 at Eastbourne.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)