

Lexus Nottingham Open – Thursday, June 19, 2025

- If Xu wins will be 5th time in last 7 editions there are multiple British women in Nottingham QF, after 2018 (2), 2021 (2), 2023 (4) and 2024 (3).
- Since men's event has been a Challenger event (2011-14 and 2017-present), it's 1st time all men's quarter-finalists are inside the world's top 170.

Centre Court - Match 1

[6] Magda Linette (WR31 – POL) v [WC] Mingge Xu (WR350 – GBR)

Head to Head: First meeting.

MAGDA LINETTE

- Bids to reach 38th WTA QF, 4th of 2025, and 1st ever on grass.
- Bids to become 3rd Polish woman to reach Nottingham QF, after A. Radwanska (2015) and Frech (2023, 2024)
- Finalist at ITF event at Ilkley on grass in 2015.
- Won 3 WTA Tour titles – 2019 New York, 2020 Hua Hin, 2024 Prague.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 19 in March 2023.
- Best result at Grand Slams in SF at 2023 Australian Open.
- 4-1 win-loss record against Brits on grass at all levels - only defeat, against Jodie Burrage at this stage here at Nottingham in 2023.
- Last defeat against player ranked as low as Xu was to No. 389 Iva Jovic at last year's US Open.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

MINGGE XU

- Defeated Volynets in R1 on what was WTA Tour main draw debut.
- Bids to reach maiden WTA Tour QF and become 7th different Brit to reach WTA QF since 2024, after Boulter, Burrage, Dart, Jones, Kartal and Raducanu.
- Bids to become youngest ever Brit to reach WTA Tour QF (Annabel Croft was slightly older when reached maiden QF in 1984).
- 1st ever match against top 50 player. 2-0 win-loss record against top 100 players - defeated WR-52 Parks at Birmingham and then WR-96 Volynets here this week.
- QF at Birmingham – 1st ever QF above ITF level.
- Won Under-18 singles title at the LTA Junior National Championships in 2022 (as a 14-year-old) and again in 2024, defeating Hannah Klugman in the final. Also won Under-16 title in 2022.
- Reached girls' doubles final at 2024 Wimbledon alongside partner Mika Stojisavljevic.

- Reached girls' singles semi-finals at the 2024 US Open, falling to Wakana Sonobe.
- Won one ITF singles title, at Aldershot last year.
- Handed wild card in Wimbledon qualifying last year, but lost in R1.
- Currently at career-high ranking of No. 350.
- Supported by the LTA's elite Pro Scholarship Programme.

Centre Court - Match 2

Sonay Kartal (WR50 – GBR) v [8] Katie Boulter (WR39 – GBR)

Head to Head: Boulter leads 1-0

2023 Surbiton (ITF)

Grass

R16

Boulter 36 63 64

SONAY KARTAL

- Bids to reach just 2nd WTA Tour QF, after 2024 Monastir.
- Won last 14 matches at all levels against Brits. Last defeat was against Boulter, 2023 Surbiton.
- 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 2024 Monastir, 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](#)

KATIE BOULTER

- Bids to reach 5th QF at Nottingham, which would set new record for event (currently level on 4 with Barty and Konta).
- Bids to reach 11th WTA Tour QF, and 1st of 2025.
- Bids to reach 7th WTA Tour QF on grass.
- Bids to win back-to-back matches on WTA Tour for just 2nd time this season (United Cup).
- Won 11 of last 12 matches at all levels against Brits. Lost last one though, against Dart at Wimbledon last year.
- 7-0 win-loss record against Brits at Nottingham.
- Currently on 11-match win streak at Nottingham.
- 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.
- 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 [HERE](#)

Centre Court - Match 3

Anna Blinkova (WR71) v [2] Clara Tauson (WR23 – DEN)

Head to Head: Tauson leads 1-0

2025 Linz

Hard

QF

Tauson 64 63

ANNA BLINKOVA

- Bids to reach 13th WTA Tour QF, and 3rd of 2025.
- Bids to reach 3rd WTA QF on grass (2023 & 2024 Bad Honburg).
- Won one WTA Tour title, at 2022 Cluj-Napoca on clay, where as qualifier defeated Paolini in final.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 35 in July 2023.
- Finalist in girls' singles at 2015 Wimbledon, falling to Sofya Zhuk in final.
- Won 11 matches against player ranked as high as Tauson, with best victories against WR-3 Rybakina at 2024 Australian Open, WR-5 Pegula at 2024 Indian Wells and WR-5 Garcia at 2023 Roland Garros.
- Took part in longest-ever tie-break in women's major in Open Era, defeating Rybakina 22-20 in final set at 2024 Australian Open, saving six match points.
- WTA biography [HERE](#)

CLARA TAUSON

- In R1 victory over Birrell, recorded 1st ever WTA main draw win on grass (at 6th attempt).
- Bids to reach 11th WTA Tour QF, 3rd of 2025, and 1st on grass.
- Bids to become 1st ever Danish woman into Nottingham QF.
- Debut at Nottingham.
- 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 Andrejeva – defeated Aryna Sabalenka along way. Also reached SF at WTA 500 in Linz this year.
- 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 12 of last 13 matches against players ranked outside top 50.
- WTA Tour biography [HERE](#)

Centre Court - Match 4

[6] Tomas Barrios Vera (WR112 – CHI) v [2] Marin Cilic (WR101 – CRO)

Head to Head: First meeting.

TOMAS BARRIOS VERA

- 44th ATP Challenger Tour QF, 6th of 2025, and 1st on grass.
- 1st ever QF on grass at any level.
- 2nd Chilean man to reach Nottingham QF, after Jaime Filliol, who reached final in 1977. Final against Tim Gullikson that year not played due to rain.
- Bids to reach 26th ATP Challenger Tour SF, and 4th of 2025.
- Won 5 ATP Challenger Tour titles, including one this year, at Campinas, Brazil on clay in April.
- Recorded one main draw win at Grand Slams, against Baez, 2023 Wimbledon.
- Achieved career-high ranking of No. 93 in January 2024.
- ATP Tour biography [HERE](#)

MARIN CILIC

- 11th ATP Challenger Tour QF, 3rd of 2025, and 1st on grass.
- 1st QF on grass at any level since 2022 Queen's, when reached SF.
- 1st Croatian man into Nottingham QF since himself and Ivo Karlovic in 2008.
- Bids to reach 5th ATP Challenger Tour SF, and 3rd of 2025.
- Bids to become 1st Croatian man into Nottingham SF since himself and Karlovic 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. Cameron Norrie was top seed in this event last year.
- ATP biography [HERE](#)