

Czech Open 2023 – Round Two

Baltayan - Maas 11/3, 6/11, 11/5, 11/9

Baltayan:

I'm very happy to get the win today and I'm looking forward for tomorrows match.

Maas:

I did not know what to expect from her. Obviously, she is a very talented squash player. It is a shame I could not be consisted enough to take it at least to a fifth game.



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Ali - Čepová 11/3, 11/8, 11/8

Ali:

It wasn't easy game at all, its first time playing each others so it was a bit tricky first but i glad that i could get the win against one of home favorites her in czech

Čepová:

I really enjoyed the match. It was a great experience for me. It's a pity I couldn't have won the third game. My opponent played really well. Considering I've only been training for 2 months after a break, I think I performed well. I had a great time at the tournament.



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Loke - Permentier 11/6, 8/11, 11/2, 11/7

Loke:

Juliette played some great tight squash. In the first and second games both of us hit a few loose balls and there were a lot of decisions from the referee which meant the game was not very flowing. I was pleased to regroup for the third and fourth games to overcome an improving young player and reach the quarters.

Permentier:

Think I played some good squash. Ali put my loose balls away like the experienced player she is. It was a good match in my opinion.



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Sluis - Nunes 11/2, 11/2, 11/6

Sluis:

I am happy to be back here in Brno, it's my third year playing here and I really enjoy it. It was the first time playing against Caterina and It was a nice, enjoyable match. She had great shots and I had to make sure not to give her any opportunities. Happy with my 3-0 win and looking forward for the quarters.

Nunes:

Sad for the loss but happy with how I played. I knew she was a strong opponent but I wouldn't let her take the win without giving a fight and doing my best on court. I had a lot of fun playing with Tessa and I am looking forward to play against her again and maybe with a better result for me.



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Harris - Šrámková 11/6, 11/7, 11/6

Harris:

Really happy to get through my first round match in 3 today after a tough week last week in switzerland, I can't wait to see what this tournament holds for me.

Šrámková:

Sad with the loss but I enjoyed these two matches there and I gained a lot of experience. It is a great tournament with a fantastic atmosphere.



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Barbeau - Wells 13/11, 11/6, 11/9

Barbeau:

Really happy to win in 3 today, I wasn't feeling my best but happy overall about how I managed to win in the crucial moment. I played her before covid so it was quite a while ago, I knew this would be tough. Now my focus is in the next one.

Wells:

Gutted to lose in 3 with having game ball in the first and being up in the third. Overall I thought I played well. All credit to Lea and good luck to her for the rest of the competition.



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Serme - Byrtus 11/8, 11/9, 11/4

Serme:

Obviously very happy to win this match 3/0, that is always what you want when you step on court for a competitive match.

Viky knows me well, we regularly train together, and he can be smart on court and very "squash knowledgeable". So I knew I would not surprise him, instead I really tried to focus on the quality of my shots and extending the rallies, as I knew I could probably last longer than him physically. I am very pleased with how it went and with the way I handled the game today.

Byrtus:

Gutted to lose those first two close games, I felt a bit better on the court but couldn't convert my chances in important moments. Lucas was very solid and didn't give me any cheap points.. Overall not bad as far as squash goes but not the result i was hoping for.



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Mueller - Wilhelmi 11/7, 13/11, 11/4

Mueller:

That second game was crucial, i was leading 10-8 and tinned out a few times, but glad i managed to get over the line. It's definitely helpful being 2-0 up, so I could relax a bit more in the third. Obviously he has improved a lot in the last year, it's good for the Swiss team, as it will make our team even more competitive...

Wilhelmi:

Tough match against Nici. Played well but just could not really stick to my tactics. Anyway it was a good match to learn again and move on.



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James - Taylor 11/7, 11/3, 13/11

James:

Really happy to get the win in 3 today. Me and Owain train together in Nottingham so know each others games really well and so I knew what to expect and that it would be a tough run. Played really well in the 2nd to put a good run of points together and then the 3rd was tight from the 2nd half so glad to close it out at the end.

Taylor:

Disappointing result for me tonight was hoping to give a better show of how I've been playing recently. All credit to Dec though as he didn't allow me to play well or settle at any time throughout the match and he used his experience well in the points that mattered.



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Kandra - Poleshchuk 11/3, 11/8, 13/15, 11/5

Kandra:

Released that the match is over. Fair match until the end of the second. Very nasty third game and difficult situations to handle. Solid fourth game again... looking forward to tomorrow's match against Declan, good to see him back on tour.

Poleshchuk:

Overall happy with my game today, I had a chance to take the second game after having a good lead, many positives to take from this match and looking forward to playing this event next year.



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Serme - Zrashevskaja 4/11, 3/11, 2/11

Serme:

It is my first match after a year long break and four months after giving birth so I didn't really know what to expect. My goal was to finish and not give up so in the end I am happy. Of course my competitive nature wanted to do better, but realistically there was not much more I could do. However, it is very motivating to be able to play again and I can't wait to go back to training.

Zhrashevskaja:

Really happy with the way I played my 2nd round here. It is always nice to meet on court such an experienced player like Anna. Glad to be able to compete further in this tournament and looking forward to playing the quarterfinals here tomorrow.



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Thomson - Pita 11/7, 11/5, 11/6

Thomson:

I know Pita likes to take it on the volley a lot so I had to make sure I hit my targets in the back and the front and away from the middle. She's got good shots but had to concentrate on sticking to my game plan. happy to win 3-0 and on to the next one.

Pita:

Really nerious play from me but gave all I could. Thomson played well and was the better player. A lot of positives to take from this and a lot to learn.



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Farkas - Jenkins 9/11, 11/2, 11/6, 11/4

Farkas:

It was a really hard working match.

I didn't find my targets in the first game and made a couple errors as well.

After I started hitting better lines and I found my targets at the back corners.

Started moving better after the first game I played without errors.

I am so happy how I was able to win the match and I can't wait to play again tomorrow.

Jenkins:

Ran away too quickly after the first. Did not manage to get him out of his rhythm

enough and the error count was too high. Few things to go away and work on. He was the better player today.



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Rooney - Solnický 11/8, 13/11, 11/5

Rooney:

Tricky first round opponent, he countered my loose short balls well and I became aware of that so I was trying to hold him on the T alot. Although i wasn't hitting as accurately to the back as i wanted to, i thought this tactic paid off and managed to win in 3. he dug in well at times so i'm glad i stayed solid enough to keep him from taking a game, he is a skillful and honest player to play against and overall it was a great match. smoke it ange

Solnický:

One of the best matches of my career. So happy how I played in the first two games. Almost got a game as I came back from 7:10 to 11:10 in the second game. Very clean and fair game as we have only one decision in the match! Lots of positive things to take from this match for upcoming tournaments. I wish Patrick best of luck for the tournament. Thanks to the Viktoria Brno crew for amazing tournaments and see you next year.



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Elnawasany - Chileshe L. 12/10, 11/7, 11/5

Elnawasany:

I feel so happy today after the win and my performance. I think I played some good squash which I was struggling to find in the past few tournaments. Lwamba is also a great player and I was surprised by how skilled and fast he is on court because this is the first time we play together and I hope I can play well tomorrow and get to the semi finals

Chileshe L.:

Mixed emotions today. I had no pressure in this match and I felt I played above my usual level for a majority of the match which I was very happy with, but in the end his pace and clinical finishes were what made the difference. Very happy with my overall performance and I got a lot out of the match so now it's back to the drawing board and onto the next tournament!



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Soares - Peach 8/11, 11/4, 11/4, 11/7

Soares:

It was a good match I thought. James is a very dangerous player and takes the ball in short short very well. In the beginning I was struggling to get my length right and he was finishing the points really well. After I found my length in the second game I got more confident taking the ball in short. Looking forward to play my next round tomorrow.

Peach:

I enjoyed the match, Rui played well and I unfortunately couldn't respond well enough. I enjoyed the tournament and look forward to coming back at some point.



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