

## Czech Open 2023 – Quarter-finals

**Ali - Baltayan 7/11, 11/8, 10/12, 11/8, 11/7**

Ali:

It wasn't easy at all, it's first time playing each others so it was very tricky but I am happy that I could won today and I'm focusing now on my next match.

Baltayan:

I don't know how I should feel about this match. I was very close to the victory but it's okay I'm taking all the positive about this match and all credits to her. She deserved it today.



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## Mueller - Serme 11/8, 11/9, 12/10

Mueller:

Tough 3-0 win today... those traditional courts are a bit more bouncy than the glass courts, so it's not really about hitting winners it's more about outmanoever your opponent, I think I managed to do that pretty well. this match could have gone either way, but happy i played my best squash when it mattered in the crucial points.

Serme:

I find it is always both great and horrible to play against Nicki: he is such a nice and fair player which is nice, but he makes me run so much, which is very annoying. Today he really managed to break my movements and always sent me a little bit the wrong way, which made the rallies very physical for me. I am happy with how I managed to reverse the pressure at times, taking the ball short and being overall more attacking. But he came up with a little something extra to win the last few rallies at the end of each game.



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## James - Kandra 11/9, 11/2, 11/8

James:

Credit to Raphi he was too good today. Hard first game and then I was feeling the pace after that. It's good to be back playing these events, I just need more matches at that intensity to get back up to speed. Hopefully the situation improves with each event.

Kandra:

I mean winning in three is always a good sign. declan just came back from a long injury break, and it's good to see him back competing on this level again.

It was a quiet physical first game which I just got more advantage. I made him move a lot to the front and therefore he got a bit tired. Overall a good win.



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## Zrazhevskaja - Thomson 7/11,11/4, 5/11, 11/7, 11/6

Zrazhevskaja:

I am super proud of my today's performance. Alison is a really tough opponent and it cost me a lot of work and patience to make it through. Every match here is an unbelievable experience. Happy to reach the semifinals of this event.

Thomson:

I was not feeling myself and it was very bad day at the office, Sofia played well and got every ball back and i couldn't seem to finish the rally.



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## Rooney - Farkas 11/6, 11/6, 11/5

Rooney:

I know that Balasz is a very dangerous player so I went out to not give him anything cheap and work him hard. I was happy with everything today and feeling positive to take my game onwards in this tournament. I am enjoying my squash so far here in Brno and hoping to keep up this good form.

Farkas:

i think patrik played rally well. he controlled more rallies and put me under pressure more often. So all credit for him. I tried my best and made some good points and played good rallies so I am proud of myself how I fought until I can. I am going home and continue the training. I really enjoyed the time here in Brno.



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## Elnawasany - Soares 11/7, 11/3, 11/6

Elnawasany:

I am extremely happy with my performance today. Rui is a very powerful player and I am glad with how I managed to force my pace and my game throughout the whole match and did not give many cheap points. Looking forward to a great match tomorrow against Patrick and I am looking to play my best squash.

Soares:

Credit to Yahya, he played really well today. The pace was very fast and I struggled to get him under pressure. He was very positive and didnt make many mistakes. I am a bit disappointed with my performance but again, credit to him who didnt let me settle in the game. Great event, really enjoy coming to Brno, will be back next year!



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## Sluis - Loke 11/7, 6/11, 11/9, 11/8

Sluis:

Happy to be through in four. Difficult match today, couldn't find my targets and Ali was very good with her kills. Happy with the way I kept trying in the match and eventually winning the match. Excited for my semi finals tomorrow.

Loke:

This was a closely balanced match and all throughout it was up and down. At the end of the match Tessa played very strongly. I have had a great time here in Brno and thank you all so much for organising a great event.



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## **Barbeau - Harris 2/11, 11/4, 10/12, 11/8, 10/12**

Barbeau:

Gutted to lose in 5, I had my chances today. I played well but she was better today. I enjoyed this match a lot! Now I got to take the positive and move on.

Harris:

Really happy to get through that match, i knew it wasnt going to be straight forward and i would have to keep my concentration but it wasnt so easy out there today, time to relax and recuperate for tomorrow's semi final match.



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