

Czech Open Brno 2023 – Semifinals

[1] Haya Ali (Egy) 3-0 [wc] Sofi Zrazhevská (Pol) 11/5, 11/3, 11/2

Ali:

I'm so happy with my performance today and that I could win this match and now I am focusing on tomorrow's match.

Zrazhevská:

Unfortunately I didn't handle the pressure of this round but in general happy to finish the tournament in that stage.

Now it is time to learn my lessons and work even harder for upcoming events.



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[2] Asia Harris (Eng) 3-0 [3] Tessa ter Sluis (Ned) 12/10, 11/4, 14/12

Sluis:

Shame I couldn't get a game with two tiebreaks. Never played against Asia and it was a good match.

I feel like I played better than yesterday, but still many shots were too easy and Asia could put me under a lot of pressure. Not quite happy with my performance, but didn't have the best preparation before this tournament.

So I am taking the positives out of these matches. Thank you Brno and organisation.

Harris:

This being my second final in 2 weeks, my body is definitely feeling it but I'm more than determined to get stuck in tomorrow and try and pull through.

Lots of credit to Tessa today she never gave up and gave me something to work for.



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[4] Raphael Kandra (Fer) 3-1 [1] Nicolas Mueller (Sui) 11/4, 11/7, 11/1

Mueller:

The better player won today. I gave it all I had, unfortunately wasn't much to give today. I turned up, tried everything I could, that's all you can do sometimes.

Kandra:

We have been rivals for many years and played a lot of matches against each other. So mentally I knew I had to stay strong. My gameplan worked well today and my shots were hitting the targets.

Sometimes it doesnt need more. Probably a Nici not his very best but I am glad I am in the final. One more push tomorrow...



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[2] Patrick Rooney (Eng) 3-2 [3] Yahta Elnawasany (Egy) 11-8, 4-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-7

Elnawasany:

Really happy with the way I played. It is a pity that I did not get the win in the end. All credit to Patrick he was really solid but I am glad with the way I fought and a lot of positives to take on from this match.

Rooney:

Really happy to be through to my first 30k final.

That was a tough attacking match from both of us I thought and we both were digging deep mid way through. I played him two weeks ago in Bundesliga and the game scores went the exact same way so maybe that gave me a good idea of how to play him today, the purple aki tactic as I like to call it where I try to squeeze him as much as I can down the walls.

Looking forward to tomorrows final to try and take the title. Yeno da



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