

Czech Open 2023 – Round One

Ross - Maas: 9/11, 5/11, 7/11

Ross:

Tough draw playing Fleur in the first round, she's a lot stronger than her ranking. I have played her before and I lost in 4 tight games, I was hoping to do better this time but it wasn't to be. I didn't hit my targets and she's so skillful around the middle that I was under a lot of pressure.

Maas:

I am super happy to have won my first match 3-0. It is my first time playing a 9k tournament and my first time here in Brno. So in the beginning I was a bit nervous, but I just tried to focus on my game plan and to stay positive. And I am glad that it all worked out in the end. I am excited for my next match tomorrow.



Čepová - Clark: 11/9, 11/9, 8/11, 11/8

Čepová:

I am happy to have won my first match, it was physically tough and my opponent played really well. I was a little bit nervous, because it was my first match on the PSA tour after a long break. I am glad to play here.

Clark:

I'm really disappointed to lose in four games to Michaela but credit to my opponent who made the rallies really tough and played really well.



Permentier - Mijas: 11/4, 11/8, 11/5

Permentier:

Happy to be back. I was a bit nervous at the start, but handled it well. It was a good match to get into the tournament. Looking forward to play tomorrow.

Mijas:

A bit disappointed to lose so fast after coming from so far away. Lesson learned though, get here two days earlier to get used to the change of time zones and rest well before the match. But I am happy to know so many people and so thankful to be able to play in this venue, where the organizers have been so friendly and welcoming.



Dutina - Nunes: 5/11, 3/11, 5/11

Dutina:

Today was not my day unfortunately. I guess it's a mix of tiredness, a lot of travelling and being sick lately. But all credit to Nunes, she is a powerful player. Super happy I managed to come to Brno, it's my first time here. So far organisers did an amazing job. I hope I will come back next year.

Nunes:

Really happy for the win on my first 9k on the Challenger Tour. I didn't know Jelena so I entered as always to do my best and to have fun playing squash.



Byrtus - Prott: 11/5, 9/11, 7/11, 11/4, 11/1

Byrtus: Happy to get through this one, after sleeping for 3 hours today iam quite happy with the way i moved and fought. The games I lost were too easy from me and i didnt have enough fight spirit in me. Good atmosphere here in Brno.

Prott:

Tough loss to take after being 2-1 up. I wasnt hitting my targets as well in the last 2 games and Byrtus punished me around the middle for that.



Rehman - Wilhelmi: 5/11, 6/11, 8/11

Rehman:

Yannick is hard to beat, he moves very well and puts a lot of pressure on with his shots. I made many mistakes and played too lose. I tried to attack as well, but I was not good enough to really hurt him, especially towards the end of the games.

Wilhelmi:

Happy with the way I played today and to get the 3/0 win. Never easy to play Aqeel but my tactic was right and I was able to play how I wanted to. Overall a good performance for me and looking forward to the next round.



Pita - Alexová: 11/3, 11/13, 11/8, 11/9

Pita: Really happy to get through the first round. such a great battle between the both of us putting in some really good rallies. feeling pumped to play tomorrow.

Alexová:

I was really excited to play here in Brno as it's my home club. The atmosphere was awesome and I'm quite happy with my performance although I still have a lot to learn. My opponent was better today, but it was a great experience.



Zrashevská - Holzbauerová: 8/11, 11/6, 6/11, 11/2, 11/9

Zrashevská:

I am super excited to play my first PSA tournament here in Brno. And I was really happy to win the first round even though it was a 5 games match. Enjoying every minute of participation in such a great event and hope to learn a lot here.

Holzbauerová:

It was a very hard match, because Sofia is a very good player. I lost 9:11 in the fifth game, so it was very close, but I am quite happy with my performance today and I am happy I could get a new experience in this match.



Taylor - Švec: 12/10, 11/5, 11/5

Taylor:

It was a good win against Martin today. I knew it was going to be tough plazing him here at his home club, so I'm really happy to get through in three games. im looking forward to getting stuck in against Declan james tomorrow

Švec:

Not meant to be today, body and mind were not there today. All credit to Owain who played well and didnt let me build my way into the match. Anyhow thanks to the organization team and all the people who came to cheer me on. Hopefully I can give them a better show next year.



Poleshchuk - Filipowski: 11/5, 11/3, 11/2

Poleshchuk:

Happy to get through the first round with a solid performance. I know Dariusz from Poland is a good player and always happy to play with him. Tomorrow is a different day and I hope to continue with my form.

Filipowski:

I thought it would be very difficult, Daniel is a very fast player and catches a lot of balls. The pace of the game was very fast and Daniel was constantly putting a lot of pressure on. Still, I'm glad I started the fight.

I'm very happy that I could play in Brno for the second time in a row with a wild card. I like coming here because there is always a nice atmosphere and the organization is at the highest level. At the same time, I would like to wish Daniel good luck in his next matches.



Mekbib - Solnický: 11/5, 11/5 scr.

Mekbib:

Unfortunately I rolled my ankle last week during PSA in France, I thought I recovered, but I didnt. I am disappointed that I couldnt perform 100% in front home fans. Hope to get myself together for my last PSA in London in 2 weeks.

Sonický:

Really unfortunate, you never want to win this way, I hope to see him on court soon. I am very happy with my squash today, kept my length and width and then I was able to finish the ball very well. Looking forward to play a great match tomorrow against Patrick!



Jenkins - Coleman: 11/6, 11/7, 11/7

Jenkins:

Happy with my performance today. Found my length early on and my straight line hitting was good. Looking forward to the next round against Farkas.

Coleman:

Not the level required to compete today. Congrats to Miles but for me I was not where I need to be. Will try to improve for the next one.



Jones - Šrámková: 6/11, 11/6, 11/6, 14/12

Jones:
My opponent played well and the crowd created a good atmosphere. I'm disappointed to have lost but feel I played well in some parts of the game.

Šrámková: I am very happy that I could win this match, there is a great atmosphere here and fantastic experience to play here. In the first set, I couldn't get into the game, but afterward, I am pleased with how I played.



Wells - Taghavi: 4/11, 11/9, 11/9, 6/11, 11/8

Wells:
I am pleased to get through this match. Was a battle the whole way through and happy with how I dug in in the fifth when I was down. Good match for me to win and looking forward to tomorrows match.

Taghavi:
I think I played well. 6-2 up in the 5th game and then all of the sudden everything changed mentally from that point for me. Happy with my attitude and reaction after the match. At the end I think humanity is something else that we need it more in our great sport.



Peach - Vorlíček: 11/6, 11/9, 11/9

Peach:

I enjoyed the match today, the court was interesting to play on because of the glass side wall but advantageous if you can get the ball running down the line which is what I tried to do most of the time. I was happy with the result and how I played overall.

Vorlíček: I am not really happy with the result today but I cannot say that I didn't enjoy playing here. James was much more accurate with his shots and made me move all the time. I am really pleased with the opportunity to play my second 30k PSA and already looking forward to the next tournament.



Chileshe T. - Chileshe L.: 4/11, 7/11, 4/11

Chileshe T.:

It was a tough match for me today. It is always tough playing against him because we know each others games very well. He played well today and I am happy for him to go through. Unfortunately i didnt play my best but hopefully i can play better at the nex event.

Chileshe L.:

I can't say I fully enjoyed my match today as I unfortunately had to match up against my brother. It's always a weird dynamic playing him because I always want the best for him but I also hate losing to him so I'm currently feeling mixed emotions, obviously happy to have won but it's a shame one of us had to get knocked out of the tournament!

