Czech Open 2025 – Day 1

Christiansen – Feřteková 11/6 11/0 11/5 (17 min)

Christiansen: It was really nice to play my first match here at the Czech Open. I have never played this tournament before, but I have heard so many good things about it, so it's great to finally get the chance to play here. I really enjoyed the match against Eva and I'm happy I got the win and a good start to the tournament.

Feřteková: Was nice to have a chance to play a PSA tournament again, it’s been a while since I was on the tour. Good luck to Caroline in the next rounds.



Sinkule – Gobbi 1/11 7/11 4/11 (17 min)

Sinkule: It was a great experience. Diego was TOP100, now he is I think 115 in the world, so a great opponent. In the first set I lost 1:11 but in the second I started good and hit some shots and the score was 7all, but then he showed me the level and won 11:7. But overall it was a good experience, maybe my last tournament on the tour I don’t know now and I'm happy that I put my 100% into the match.

Gobbi: Good start of tournament to myself. Especially when we consider the size and the quality of all players. I am really happy to be in the next round. Got a really good boost of confidence. And I am here to show the quality of player I am and go for my goals on the season. I also wanna thank everyone from Brno for all the attention and kindness to the players. We feel very welcome here.



Široká – Holzbauerová 12/10 4/11 10/12 11/9 8/11 (63 min)

Široká: Tough match. My opponent was really physical today, so I had to stay mentally strong. I did, but it wasn't enough. I was hoping for a bit more fair play. I am proud of myself of how I handled that match, even though I lost.

Holzbauerová: Match was mentally though, because there was a lot of contact and it was really long too, but great experience. I am happy with my performance, I get into the game what I was training. My opponent was playing good and didn't get me any points for free.



Pelikánová – Thomson 2/11 1/11 3/11 (15 min)

Pelikánová: My opponent was clearly the better player today and deserved the win. It was evident just how many matches she has played on the professional circuit –over 300 in total. I could tell, especially by the way she played every rally safely to the back, maintained a high pace, and punished every mistake I made.

In the first set, I was visibly very nervous and couldn't play to my full potential. However, in the second and third sets, I managed to get into the rallies more often and even succeeded in putting her under pressure a few times. Those moments gave me a real confidence boost. Even in tricky situations, though, she always stayed in control and ultimately won the match quite comfortably.

Still, I feel good about this match. It was a fantastic experience to play against someone at such a high level and to see firsthand what the kind of squash I aspire to play actually looks like. You simply can’t replicate an experience like this in training. Losing is never fun, of course, but I’m using it as motivation. Moving from the junior ranks to the senior level is a major step, and matches like this are exactly what help me prepare for it.

Thomson: It's always nice to play someone new and that she was a local player. Happy to win 3-0. And looking forward for my match tomorrow.



Kiss-Máté – Merson 9/11 8/11 9/11 (30 min)

Kiss-Máté: I would like to enjoy the match and do my best and I think I accomplished that purpose. This tournament is amazing, everything is perfect. Thanks a lot and I hope I can join next year.

Merson: Happy to get through my first round 3/0, it is always exciting playing new people overseas since I am from NZ, thoroughly enjoying it and looking forward to my match tomorrow.



El Sherbiny – Molinaro 9/11 8/11 11/6 5/11 (61 min)

El Sherbiny: I had a late start today. I didn't feel like I adapted quickly to the conditions today, by the time I did I was 2,0 down already, then found my grip in the match until 2=2 then Dylan played better and took his chances to attack better than me. All credit to him.
First time in Czechia, a bit disaoppinted in my performance but enjoying the city and the people so far, would love to come back again next year.

Molinaro: Very happy with my win today! Though we both played well in different patches of the match. Pleased with the way I reset for the fifth and looking forward to my match tomorrow.



Labib – Omlor 2/11 13/11 8/11 8/11 (55 min)

Labib: It's my end time here in Brno. I was really looking forward to this tournament but unfortunatly I lost today to Yannick. The match was very hard for me mentally I couldn't hold the pressure in my head and lost my focus many times during the match. In the end I want to say that I enjoyed my time in the tournament this year and I hope I can come again stronger next time.

Omlor: Happy to have won the match. I was starting well, but then Khaled started to attack really well in the second and caught me off guard. Game 3 and 4 were then tough games with a bit better end for me. Overall enjoyed the match and looking forward to tomorrow.



van Drongelen – Csokasi 11/7 12/10 11/13 10/12 8/11 (51 min)

Csokasi: I came to this tournament as I just want to play well, enjoy the match, and focus less on the result.
After two close games, I was down 0–2, but I felt I was gradually finding my rhythm and playing better and better. I stayed calm throughout, and even when I started coming back, I didn't focus on the score but on playing smart. In the end, I managed to turn it around and win 3–2.



Walsh – Gerrits 11/5 11/3 11/3 (27 min)

Walsh: I played a good match. Nice start to the tournament getting through in 3 games. I am looking forward and will be ready to compete tomorrow in round 2 vs Jeremias. We've played a lot and he's one of my main training partners. So let the best player on the day win.

Gerrits: Happy to get a last minute opportunity to play my first Copper event! Yesterday evening, I was still playing league in the Netherlands, and today I was on court against the world No. 66.

A great match against a great opponent. I struggled to find my way into the match, but eventually managed to slow the game down a bit more. Unfortunately, the level was just too high today.

Props to Tom, and best of luck for the rest of the tournament!



Nunes – Sezemská 11/7 11/5 11/6 (22 min)

Nunes: Really happy to be back in Brno and start a win. I didn't know my opponent so I just focused on doing my best and enjoying the most of the match. She is a young player with really good shots in the middle of the court but I could feel that she was rushing to attack and with my eperience I took advantage of it and was prepared for what was coming. Perfect start today and tomorrow the fun continues.

Sezemská: I was happy I could compete in this tournament, but I wish I could play more matches. I was happy with how I played, except for the start of each set, since I wasn't as precise and made more mistakes, but the second half of each set was good, I had better length, was more precise and didn't make as many mistakes. I hope next time I will play well right from the start.



Byrtus – H. Malik 9/11 4/11 3/11 (25 min)

Byrtus: A shameful performance on my part; I couldn't find my rhythm or get into a comfortable flow. My opponent was better prepared. I'll need to step it up in the last two tournaments of the season to turn around what has been a disappointing second half of the year.

Thanks to everyone who came out. It's a shame I won't get to play longer in such a fantastic tournament.



Solnický – Elshafei 7/11 11/3 11/8 10/12 11/7 (54 min)

Solnický: Very good game from me, I felt a bit up and down but I managed to play good squash in the important moments. Glad to be in the second round and have a chance to play more matches in front of home crowd.

Elshafei: First of all, all credit to Jakub, he played well and of course playing against a home player is never easy coz you know the crowd is supporting them but I really enjoyed the atmosphere.



Besant – Dwerri 5/11 14/16 11/7 12/10 11/7 (38 min)

Besant: During the first couple games, I wasn't playing my game and found it hard to get into the match. However, in the third game I started to focus on my shot placement a bit more and played more to my strengths, while also capitalising on my opponent's weaknesses, meaning I managed to take the win 3-2!

Dwerri: Extremely frustrated to lose my match after leading two games to one, especially that I fought in the second game up to sixteen fourteen. However, Olivia had more experience than me. I still have a lot to learn and experience. My love for the game will keep me fighting even if the road is bumpy. And no effort goes to waste. My time sure will come.



Panáček – Martinovský 11/6 8/11 11/5 11/6 (41 min)

Panáček: I feel good about my performance; I managed to adjust a few things that helped me win the match. Tomorrow, I'll be facing the French player Toufik Mekhalfi – we played some of our most intense matches against each other back in our junior days. I'm genuinely looking forward to our clash tomorrow for a spot in the quarterfinals, and I believe I can come out on top.

Martinovský: I'm happy with how I played. It's an honor for me to play in such a big tournament – especially against Mára. Even though I lost 1–3, I'm very satisfied with my performance. I'd like to thank the organizers for granting me a wild card; I truly appreciate it.



Otrzasek – McAlpine 2/11 11/5 5/11 12/10 11/6 (45 min)

Otrzasek: I am really happy with my performance. It is my first 9k and I am glad that I can stay at least one more day here. I will try my best tomorrow.

McAlpine: My post match statement is: Tola played well today. I struggled to find a way to win.



Soares – Hapers 13/11 11/6 12/14 7/11 11/7 (58 min)

Soares: Joeri played very well, he was very relaxed and was hitting some really good shots in the front. I felt a bit flat and really struggled to get going and having a good rhythm, also credit to him that didn't really let me settle into the match. First rounds are also a bit tricky but feeling relieved to get through this. Tomorrow I will have to be a lot better, will have a good rest and push again tomorrow.

Hapers: Happy the way I played, started strong and mentally could push through. Rui played very well, and managed to come back after being 0-2 down.I loved the battle we had on the court. Unfortunately the result dident went my way but it was a good 5 setter. Good luck for Rui tomorrow.

