



### WORD FROM THE MANAGER



Dear members of the club, dear tennis friends, the restrictions have been softened somewhat and we began the 128<sup>th</sup> season in the I.ČLTK Praha history. And what a beginning it was. In the first week of the season, we organized the combined ATP Challenger and ITF tournament. The tournament has history of its own, after all this year's was its the twenty first year in a row. Sláva Doseděl was the first winner of the tournament in 2001 who coincidentally is the coach of his possible successor at Štvanice, Jonáš Forejtek. Many other Czech players since have reached the final at Štvanice or even won the tournament Honza Hernych three times, Jiří Vaněk, Robin Vik, Dušan Lojda, Lukáš Rosol, Ivo Minář. As for women, their tournament was first held in 2005 and we have since seen at Štvanice the complete Fed Cup Team with no exception. And of course, many current or future stars of world tennis. Sadly, this year's tournament had no Czech player in either final, masks had to be worn and no spectators allowed. Hopefully at least some of the die-hard fans, who are our members, and attended some of the matches despite absurd restrictions and bans have enjoyed it. Let us hope that next year the tournament will be played in more usual conditions and that by then the Czech, in the best case scenario I.ČLTK Praha, players will improve enough to play for the title again and we will have someone to root for. I wish you a pleasant summer season!

*Vladislav Šavřda*, manager of the club

### LOOKING BACK AT PRAGUE OPEN 2021

On the Štvanice island at I.ČLTK Praha the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the international ATP Challenger 80 and ITF W25 tournament took place in 2021. Tallon Griekspoor from the Netherlands and Jule Niemeier from Germany were the respective winners at the I.ČLTK Prague Open 2021 by Moneta Money Bank. The Sunday finals matches were broadcast by O2 TV Sport. Ivo Kaderka, president of the Czech Tennis Association presented the awards to the finalists, as did the tournament directors - Vladislav Šavřda (ATP) and Tomáš Petera (ITF).



### NEWS

#### VÁCLAV KLAUS CELEBRATED HIS JUBILEE AT THE PRAGUE CASTLE



Several hundred guests gathered at the Prague Castle on Saturday 18 June 2021 to celebrate the 80th birthday of the former Czech president Václav Klaus. The ex-president chose the Southern part of the Prague Castle Gardens for his event. Cardinal Dominik Duka, film director Juraj Jakubisko or the manager of I.ČLTK Praha Vladislav Šavřda were among those who came to congratulate to president Klaus as was the current head of state, Miloš Zeman who encouraged president Klaus to return to politics. (Source: Czech News Agency)

#### PARKING STILL RESTRICTED

Until the situation regarding parking under the arches of the Negrelli viaduct is solved, we are forced to close the area. Unfortunately, there has been an increasing number of people being fined for parking there (the so-called area-wide no-stopping in the Prague 7 Zone restriction), as the area is no longer administered by the Railway Administration but by the Prague City Hall. Please, use the space along the courts at Slavoj and on the way to the Czech Tennis Association, but only with the permit provided by the Acton company that you had already received. We will keep you informed about further development.

#### BABOLAT NON PROFI CUP 2021

Like last year, the 2021 all-year singles competition for non-professional players starts with the BABOLAT Non Profi Cup 2021. In the summer months you will have the opportunity to play against other members of the Štvanice club, compare your form and compete for the chance to win the main prize - Babolat Boost France tennis racket.

#### SLINGER BAG TENNIS BALL LAUNCHER

Slinger Bag Tennis Ball Launcher is a machine that is available on the market and since July 2021 you will have an exclusive opportunity to try it on the I.ČLTK Praha courts. It is a de facto multipurpose tennis bag on wheels that can take more than 72 tennis balls. All club members will receive an email with terms and conditions on how to use and operate the machine and how it is possible to rent it. You will find more information at the official web site: <https://slinger.cz>. We would like to than the company RaketSport for cooperation!

## POOL AND COURTS OPERATION DURING SUMMER TROPICAL DAYS

During the summer months, parasols will be available at the entrance in the direction from the restaurant to the reception, to be used freely by the poolside or at courts.

## JAN PECHA GUEST OF VICTORIA VSC MŠMT PODCAST

University sports center of the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports launched a podcast in March 2021 called „Nejen o vítězství, aneb hloupý Honza medaile nevozí“ as a part of the 30-year anniversary of its founding celebrations. Tomáš Verner, the host of the podcast, a former figure skater and European Champion in 2008, talks with his guests about sport, education or healthy lifestyle. Karolína Muchová was his guest in the 6<sup>th</sup> episode and now for the 14<sup>th</sup> episode Tomáš invited Jan Pecha, member of the board of the club, tennis school head coach and methodology specialist. You can listen to new episodes on Wednesday at all platforms such as Spotify, Apple podcasts, Google podcasts and Anchor, or directly at the link [here](#).

## TRANSLATOR OF OUR NEWSLETTER IS A PRESENTER AT CZECH RADIO

Karel Janů who is responsible for the English version of our newsletter is a presenter at the new digital radio station Radiožurnál Sport. Karel is a Charles University graduate with majors in Czech language and literature and translation studies – English. He started working at Eurosport as a sports commentator during his studies and from the decade there he has brought unforgettable experiences not just from many grand slam finals. We wish Karel good luck and we encourage our members to give Radiožurnál Sport a listen!

## TENNIS SCHOOL IS PREPARING FOR SUMMER CAMPS AND TOURNAMENTS

The Tennis School I.ČTK Praha organizes 7 camps for kids over the summer, 1 tournament on the mid-court and 3 babytenis tournaments with the final Masters. In connection to the current situation and the gradual easing of the restrictions in the Czech Republic we have decided to organize camps and tournaments throughout the whole summer. (Camps take place Monday – Friday 8:30 – 16:30). “The main reason behind the decision is to provide for parents watching over kids connected with training of young tennis players over July and August. We would also like to ask parents to apply as soon as possible because based on the current restrictions, the maximum number of kids allowed on one camp is still limited.” says Jan Pecha, Tennis school head coach. You will find more information on our web site [www.cltk.cz](http://www.cltk.cz), section Tennis School.

## EVENTS IN JULY AND AUGUST

25 – 27 June	Babolat ATTour Tournament
2 – 6 July	Babolat ATTour Tournament
7 – 30 July	Summer Camps for kids 1 – 4
9 – 10 July	Babolat ATTour Tournament
11 July	U9 Tournament
16 July	Babolat ATTour Tournament
17 July	U8 Tournament
18 July	U9 Tournament
23 – 24 July	Babolat ATTour Tournament
24 July	Oktagon MMA
25 July	U9 Tournament
30 – 31 July	Babolat ATTour Tournament
1 August	Babolat ATTour Tournament
2 – 27 August	Summer Camp for kids 5 - 8
6 – 8 August	Babolat ATTour Tournament
13 – 14 August	Babolat ATTour Tournament
15 August	U9 Masters Tournament
16 – 22 August	International ITF Juniors G3 Tourn.
22 August	Babolat ATTour Tournament
27 – 29 August	Babolat ATTour Tournament

(subject to change)

## COMPETITIVE TENNIS

### TEREZA MARTINCOVÁ IN TOP 100 WTA RANKING

Tereza Martincová is rising in the WTA ranking and is currently the world number 87. In her first Grand Slam tournament Tereza reached the second round at Roland Garros where she lost to Jessica Pegula from USA 3/6 3/6. At subsequent WTA 250 tournaments in Birmingham and Nottingham Tereza reached quarterfinals.

### LUCIE HRADECKÁ WON THE DOUBLES TITLE IN BIRMINGHAM

Lucie Hradecká with her partner Marie Bouzková won the doubles at WTA International in Birmingham after defeating the pair from Tunisia and Australia Jabeur – Perez 6/4 2/6 10/8 in the finals. Lucie currently sits at number 28 in the doubles WTA ranking.



Behind the success of our players are also our partners! Thank you for your support!

