



## A word from the club manager



Dear club members, dear tennis fans,

The beginning of the year surprised us with several weeks of severe frost, resulting in record gas bills. However, if we want to maintain the high quality of winter play, we must deal with this situation and keep the playing conditions in our halls at an appropriate level. Training and rentals continue without any problems, and at the beginning of February, our competitive season kicked off with the ITF 75 women's tournament, which, however, only occupied the hard court and center court, so it did not seriously affect the normal operation of the club. We were very pleased with the performance of I.ČLTK player Tereza Martincová, who made it from the qualifiers to victory in the singles!

The 2026 Australian Open brought our club joy in the form of excellent results from our women. Karolína Muchová advanced to the round of 16, and Niki Bartůňková defeated two world-class players, Kasatkina and Bencic (WTA ranking 10), in her Grand Slam debut. Denisa Žoldáková joined them by reaching the junior doubles final.

Karolína Muchová celebrated the greatest success of her career so far at the beginning of the year when she won her second title on the highest circuit at the WTA 1000 tournament in Doha, Qatar.

A few days ago, we signed a cooperation agreement with TK Sparta for the organization of the WTA 250 Livesport Prague Open 2026 international tournament. This tournament will be played from July 20 to 26 on hard courts, i.e., courts 7 to 9 and the association's large center. The clay courts in the main complex will continue to be used for competitive tennis, while courts behind the Negrelli Viaduct will be available for our recreational players. Only access to the changing rooms and interior areas of the building will be restricted. I think we will all welcome the return of world tennis to the center court after a long absence, among other activities.

By the start of the summer season, the renovation of the restaurant terrace and swimming pool will be completed, so we should be able to start the 133rd year of the I.ČLTK Praha in full splendor.

*Vladislav Šavrla*, club manager

## Jan Kodeš's 80th birthday

Wimbledon winner and honorary member of I.ČLTK Prague Jan Kodeš will celebrate his 80th birthday at Štvanice on Sunday, March 1, 2026. A long line of well-wishers will surely come to the Tiebreak club restaurant, not only from among the members, but also former teammates and other invited guests.

Jan Kodeš (born March 1, 1946) is a winner of Wimbledon (1973) and the French Open (1970, 1971) and a finalist at the US Open (1971, 1973) in singles. He was a member of the winning Czechoslovak Davis Cup team in 1980. He was named Czechoslovak Athlete of the Year in 1973. In total, he won eight singles tournaments and was a finalist in 18 others. In doubles, he won 17 tournaments and was a finalist 24 times. From 1994 to 1998, he served as president of the Czech Tennis Association. In 2013, he received a fair play award for his lifelong attitude.

We wish Jan Kodeš all the best for the years to come, especially good health and an active life.



## Events calendar March - April 2026

February 28 - March 3 ... ČTS "B" Tournament U12  
March 7 ... ČTS Tennis Tournament U9 - I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat - Masters  
March 13 - 17 ... ČTS "A" Tournament U12  
March 21 - ČTS Tournament U7 - I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat

## Karolína Muchová wins WTA 1000 tournament in Doha



**Karolína Muchová** celebrates a great success! At the prestigious WTA 1000 tournament in Doha, Qatar, where she played her seventh final on the WTA Tour and third final in the thousand category, she won the second and most significant title of her career to date.

Karolína first celebrated a tournament victory at a WTA event seven years ago in Seoul. She had to wait until last Saturday for her second trophy, when she ended her long wait with a triumph in Doha! The 29-year-old player from I. ČTK Praha was tested in the final by the talented Canadian Victoria Mboko, who already made a name for herself last season. In the summer, she triumphed at the tournament in Montreal and added another title at a smaller event in Hong Kong. Muchová got off to a great start. In the first set, she dominated on serve, did not allow a single break point, and needed only one break in the seventh game to win the set. The second set offered a much more balanced spectacle. Just when it seemed that the spectators would see a tiebreak, Muchová managed to break in the eleventh game after a dramatic exchange and ended the match with a clean game on serve in the following game. Thanks to this triumph, Karolína is now much closer to returning to the top ten in the world rankings. She is now ranked 13th in the new rankings.

## Tereza Martincová dominates the Conseq Prague Open

**Tereza Martincová** advanced from the qualifiers to triumph at the ITF W75 tournament on home soil, with prize money of \$60,000. In the final, she gave the top-seeded Austrian Sinja Kraus no chance.

The Conseq Prague Open tournament in Štvanice culminated last Sunday with the singles final, and the title stayed at home! The experienced Tereza Martincová, who fought her way to the final after three long years, managed to defeat the top-seeded Austrian Sinja Kraus (WTA ranking 106) 6:3, 6:4 in an hour and a half and won her first tournament trophy since 2019!

Winning the title helped Tereza Martincová make an important move up the world rankings. In the current edition, Tereza is ranked 291st.



## Australian Open 2026

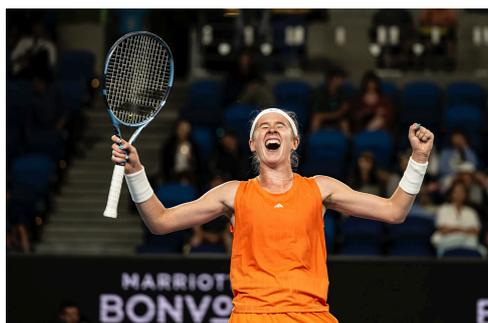
Nikola Bartůňková had a dream debut at the Australian Open, Karolína Muchová advanced to the round of 16, and Denisa Žoldáková reached the junior doubles final.

**Nikola Bartůňková** (WTA ranking 107) successfully passed the demanding qualifiers despite an illness that limited her before the start of the tournament. In the main competition, there were moments that made her debut a sensation. First, she defeated home favorite Daria Kasatkina, a world-class player, and then added another stunning scalp when she eliminated Olympic champion and tenth seed Belinda Bencic. It was not until the third round that she was stopped by the in-form Belgian Elise Mertens.

**Karolína Muchová** (WTA ranking 13) recorded another quality Grand Slam performance, confirming her role as one of the leading Czech players. In the first round, she defeated Romania's Cristian 6-3, 7-6, then went on to beat American Alycia Parks, coming back from a set down to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. In the third round, she left nothing to chance and easily eliminated Poland's Magda Linette 6-1, 6-1. It was not until the round of 16 that world number three Coco Gauff ended her run in the tournament. In a dramatic duel, the young American had more strength and won 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

**Denisa Žoldáková** (ITF Juniors ranking 24) did well in the junior section of the season's opening Grand Slam. The 18-year-old, newly signed player, advanced to the round of 16 in singles and, alongside Tereza Heřmanová, also to the doubles final. There, they lost to another Czech pair, the top-seeded Jana and Alena Kovačková.

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