

# Newsletter

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# Karolína Muchová in her first Grand Slam semifinal



Karolína Muchová, I.ČLTK Praha player, sensationally made her way to the semifinals of Australian Open. She defeated Jelena Ostapenko from Latvia, Mona Barthel from Germany, world nr. 6 Karolína Plíšková, Elise Mertens from Belgium and the number one player in the world Ashleigh Barty from Australia. Congratulations and many thanks for representing our club so well!

# WORD FROM THE MANAGER



Dear club members,

it is not very easy to write to you in the current situation, with all the restrictions and a very constrained life at Štvanice without even knowing when we will be able to come back to some sort of normalcy.

Hopefully with the summer season approaching will help but unfortunately the restrictions of our government are unpredictable and as far as we know nobody looked into the situation tennis

as an individual sport with very safe parameters is currently in despite numerous letters, petitions, interviews. And if they did, then they did not decide correctly. On more positive note, it has been a great start to 2021 for our best two female players, Markéta Vondroušová a Karolína Muchová. Congratulations! Markéta reached the semifinals of WTA International and was among the best 16 in the Australian Open.

Karolína played the tournament of her life, reaching semifinals in Melbourne and only just losing it to the American, Jennifer Brady.

Right now we have started the process of knocking down some of the inflatable indoor tennis halls and we would like to have the clay courts ready as soon as possible. Again, it all depends on how quickly the rules for outdoor sports will be loosened.

I wish you all the best for the following days and weeks, good health and a bit of optimism we all need right now. Let us believe the summer season will start soon.

Vladislav Šavrda, manager of the club

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2021 ROAD OF KAROLÍNA MUCHOVÁ

The two-hour battle for the final of the first grand slam tournament of the year was in the end decided when Karolína lost her serve at the beginning of the third set. Despite that, the player from Štvanice fought all the way till the end. In the last game of the match Karolína saved four match points but unfortunately did not win any of her three break points either. Brady finally made the most of her fifth opportunity to end the match and won 6/4 3/6 6/4. Karolína rose in the ranking 5 places and currently sits at number 22!

#### Results of Karolína Muchová in Australian Open 2021:

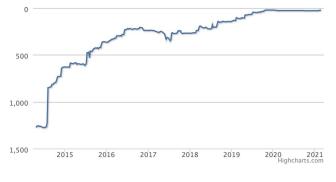
1<sup>st</sup> round Muchová - Ostapenko (LAT) 7/5 6/2 2<sup>nd</sup> round Muchová - Barthel (GER) 6/4 6/1 3<sup>rd</sup> round Muchová - Plíšková (CZE) 7/5 7/5 4<sup>th</sup> round Muchová - Mertens (BEL) 7/6 7/5 quarterfinals Muchová - Barty (AUS) 1/6 6/3 6/2 semifinals Muchová - Brady (USA) 4/6 6/3 4/6

#### ABOUT KAROLÍNA MUCHOVÁ

Karolína Muchová was born on 21 August 1996 in Olomouc. She is right-handed. So far in her professional career Muchová has reached two finals on the WTA Tour, winning one title, the International-level Korea Open in 2019. Since March 2020 she has been coached by David Kotyza and Jaroslav Blažek is her fitness coach. Tomáš Petera is her manager. Her biggest successes in grand slams are the semifinals of 2021 Australian Open and quarterfinals of 2019 Wimbledon. She made her debut in the Czech Fed Cup Team in 2019. Her father, Josef Mucha, is a former professional footballer.

#### WTA RANKING IN A CHART

In November 2019, Karolína reached her highest ranking so far. She was nr. 21 player in the world.



#### SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS

During the summer holidays, there will be six traditional summer camps for kids to the age of 9 at Štvanice. With regards to the current situation in the Czech Republic we are planning to organize camps throughout the whole summer (Monday – Friday 8:30 – 16:30). You can find application and more information at the club website – section Tennis school.

# MARKÉTA VONDROUŠOVÁ HAS HAD A SENSATIONAL START OF 2021

Markéta Vondroušová (WTA 20), also had a successful Australian Open. She reached the 4<sup>th</sup> round and unfortunately lost ther to the Taiwanese veteran Su-wej Sie. The 21-year-old Czech lost to the same player at the beginning of the year in Abú Zabí.



Markéta's success at the first grand slam tournament of the year was a great follow-up to the semifinal she reached at the previous tournament, WTA International v Melbourne, where she beat Gracheva and Zvonareva from Russia, Podorska from Argentina and only lost to Muguruza (WTA 15) from Spain.

## **RESULTS OF OUR PLAYERS**

**Tereza Martincová (WTA 129)** reached quarterfinals of the 25 000 USD ITF Tournament in Grenoble, there she lost to Golubic 6/4 2/6 2/6.

**Jan Šátral (ATP 360)** reached the finals of the 15 000 USD Tournament in Sharm El Sheikh. Honza lost the title to his compatriot Gengel 2/6 2/6.

**Vojtěch Petr (ITF 58)** reached semifinals of the junior ITF Category 1 Tournament in Ukraine. He lost the semifinal match to Lajala from Estonia 4/6 2/6.

**Nikola Bartůňková (ITF 138)** reached semifinals of the junior ITF Category 3 Tournament in Manacor, Spain. She lost to the number two seed Laki from Greece 2/6 3/6.

#### **EVENTS IN SPRING/SUMMER**

3 – 9 May	ATP Challenger Prague Open 2021
7 – 30 July	Summer Camps for kids 1 – 4
24 July	Octagon MMA
2 – 27 August	Summer Camps for kids 5 – 8
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### Behind the successes of our players are also our partners. Thank you for your support!

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