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A Word from the club manager



Dear club members, dear tennis fans,

Today's editorial is dominated by Karolína Muchová's outstanding success at Wimbledon, despite the fact that she lost in three sets to Linda Nosková in what was a historically unprecedented final match for the Czech Republic. We watched the match live in our club restaurant, in the presence of several television crews. After a turnaround in the second set and several match points saved, things began to look promising for Karolína. In the end, she didn't win the title, but she became the top-ranked Czech woman in the current WTA rankings, and sixth place in the world suits her well. We offer her our heartfelt congratulations!

Anyone who had the chance to attend the WTA 250 Livesport Prague Open in July certainly didn't regret it. The entire contingent of Czech players graced the tournament draw, though our dream of seeing Nikola Bartůňková advance to the final rounds unfortunately didn't come true. She lost after leading 5-1 in the third set and facing four match points against Thailand's Tatarudee. Such twists and turns happen in tennis, and Nikola quickly put that unfortunate match behind her at the "1,000" tournament in Toronto, winning two rounds.

The highlights of this major event, organized by TK Sparta and for which we served as contractual co-organizers, were the excellent cooperation, the beautifully decorated venue, and —for the first time in a long while—packed stands. Last but not least, there was the agreed-upon number of free tickets for our members, which we took full advantage of while striving to distribute them fairly among the many more applicants than available tickets.

Our second club day is fast approaching, and we'll be gathering on Sunday, September 6. Once again, we'll play doubles matches in skill-based groups, enjoy an early-evening barbecue, and take part in a pub quiz with "Kalkulátor."

Wishing you a wonderful rest of the summer,

Vladislav Šavrla, club manager

Karolína Muchová in the Wimbledon Final



Karolína Muchová has once again proven that she is one of the greatest players in world tennis today. By advancing to the 2026 Wimbledon final, she built on her previous Grand Slam successes and demonstrated her exceptional ability to compete at the world's biggest tournaments. Her elegant and exceptionally varied playing style has previously taken her to the 2023 Roland Garros final, the 2023 and 2024 US Open semifinals, and the 2021 Australian Open. This year's run in London represents another significant milestone in her career and confirms that she has managed to return to the very top after health complications.

Behind Karolína Muchová's success is also a well-coordinated support team. Experienced Dutch coach Sven Groeneveld, who brings valuable experience from working with the world's top players, plays a significant role in her continued performance growth. Other long-standing members of the team include Jaroslav Blažek, who oversees fitness training, recovery, and physical therapy, as well as former professional tennis player Václav Šafránek, who contributes to her daily tennis training.

The Štvanice Club also had other representatives at this year's most famous tennis tournament in the world. In addition to Karolína Muchová, who reached the singles final, Denisa Žoldáková, a semifinalist in the junior doubles, also made a significant mark in the final rounds. Teaming up with Germany's Ida Wobker, they fell short in the semifinal match against the eventual tournament champions, the Czech pair Jana Kovačková and Kateřina Zajíčková. Nikola Bartůňková then advanced to the third round of the women's singles.

I. ČLTK Praha has thus once again joined the ranks of clubs whose players regularly compete in the world's biggest tennis events. Today's stars are continuing the rich history of I. ČLTK Praha, just as their famous predecessors did. Past Wimbledon champions include Markéta Vondroušová (2023), Jan Kodeš (1973), and Jaroslav Drobný (1954).

After reaching the Wimbledon singles final, Karolína Muchová has climbed to a career-high ranking and will occupy the No. 6 spot in the WTA world rankings.

Congratulations on this great achievement, and thank you for representing the club so well! 🎾



Events Calendar August - September 2026

- 16 - 22 August 2026 ... International Tournament SEKIRA GROUP PRAGUE OPEN by ADVANTAGE CARS (more information [here](#))
- 23 August 2026 ... Tournament U9 I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat - 35. Masters
- 24 - 28 August 2026 ... Kids' Camp VI
- 28 - 31 August 2026 ... Tournament ČTS „B“ U12
- 6 September 2026 ... Club Day
- 11 - 15 September 2026 ... Tournament ČTS „A“ U14

On-line calendar of events in the club [here](#)

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A Look Back at the 2026 Livesport Prague Open



This year's Livesport Prague Open crowned its latest champions at the end of July. Eighteen-year-old Austrian Lilli Tagger claimed her first WTA title by defeating eighth-seeded Darja Snigur in two sets in the final. Winning the Prague title propelled her to a new career-high ranking of 45th in the world.

The final day's program opened with the doubles final. Lucie Havlíčková and Laura Samson were unable to secure victory in their second Prague final, losing to the fourth-seeded pair of Harriet Dart and Maia Lumsden of Great Britain.

At Štvanice, during the ongoing Livesport Prague Open and on the occasion of the opening of the new Czech Tennis Hall of Fame, members of the Czechoslovak team from the 1986 Fed Cup—Helena Suková, Hana Mandlíková, Regina Maršíková, and Andrea Holíková—reunited for the first time in four long decades. More at the [link here](#)

Daria Vidmanova Reaches the Final of the WTA Tournament in Memphis

Darja Vidmanová achieved the greatest success of her career by advancing to the final of the WTA 250 tournament in Memphis. For the 23-year-old Vidmanová, this was her best result to date on the WTA Tour. She reached the final for the first time, defeating Spain's Marina Bassols, Americans Katie Volynets and Sloane Stephens, and Mexico's Renata Zarazua in the semifinals. It wasn't until the final that she was defeated by 16-year-old Kristina Litova of Russia. Darja, who has been training at Štvanice since her junior tennis days, has once again moved into the top 100 of the WTA world rankings following this success and is currently ranked 92nd, joining fellow Štvanice players Karolína Muchová (WTA ranking 6) and Nikola Bartůňková (WTA ranking 42).



Orange Level Festival 2026



The last weekend in June saw a prestigious competition among the youngest tennis talents take place at Štvanice in Prague. The traditional Orange Level Festival—which combines a tennis tournament featuring regional teams with fitness testing for children—was marked this year by extreme summer heat. Young tennis players aged 8 and under had to contend not only with strong competition but also with scorching temperatures. The South Moravian Tennis Association coped best with the challenging conditions; after a dramatic final match against the Prague Tennis Association, it dominated the entire tournament and is taking home gold medals—and not just from the tennis portion of the festival!

This year's festival, organized under the auspices of the Czech Tennis Association (ČTS) and hosted by the I.ČLTk Praha club, will go down in history as one of the most physically demanding editions. Thermometers in the shade showed readings climbing past tropical 30s, which placed enormous demands on the children's physical conditioning. The program was uncompromising—in addition to the matches themselves, all eight children from each team had to complete a series of seven demanding fitness tests, including, for example, shuttle runs, jumping rope, throwing a 1-kg medicine ball, and running around the court.

The closing ceremony was also attended by former Czech national team member Klára Koukalová and Vojtěch Vágr, vice-chairman of the ČTS supervisory board.

Our partners have also played a key role in the history and successes of I.ČLTk Praha. Thank you for your support!



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