

## **I.Český Lawn-tennis Klub Praha**

### **Newsletter 3/2020 (English version)**

#### **WORD OF THE CLUB MANAGER**

Dear club members, tennis enthusiasts,

the operation of the club has slowly returned the norm after loosening various anti-COVID 19 restrictions. However, the tennis world all around the planet is far from a normal state of things. It means that in our country and even in our club there are many events being held that will help professional and junior players to play competitive matches and be ready to start for real when the time comes. I am fully aware that some restrictions that inevitably accompany these events are inconvenient and sometimes even bothersome for our members. Please be aware that the management of the club is always trying hard to negotiate such conditions as to limit the operation of the club as little as possible.

Hopefully the chance of watching very high quality matches played by professionals who take even these exhibition matches very seriously and prestigiously is at least partly a compensation for any inconvenience. And so we had the chance to watch women's team matches in Tipsport Elite Trophy at Štvanice. Following the example of Laver Cup they brought not only good quality matches but also an attractive model of collective coaching and tennis mastery of world-class players.

The whole team of Karolína Plíšková was full of past and current members of I.ČLTK Praha and came across as very friendly and likable to spectators. The whole marathon of events was started even before with the Live Score Cup. Tereza Martincová was called at the last minute but managed to get to the final.

Another team event called TOP LIGA was organized from the initiative of the Czech Tennis Association so that best junior players and other professionals besides the best female players could play competitive matches. Many of the best Czech players participated in the event that held home and away matches. For September there are plans to organize a week-long tournament at Štvanice for the best 16 male and female players plus the same number of qualifiers if the professional circuit does not start.

As of now, the situation is such that the ATP entrusted the Czech Tennis Association with organising a series of Challenger tournaments in the Czech Republic and the first one will be played at Štvanice between 15 – 22 August. The highest prize money in the Challenger category (EUR 137.500) will be paid by the ATP as well as many other important expenses. Tennis life of our recreational players will not be influenced, the changing rooms will be available, the club restaurant will remain open as well as all courts behind the Negrelli viaduct. Conversely, it is a great opportunity to come and watch many great quality matches because the line-up contains many TOP 100 players already. Enjoy the summer season in good health and good spirit!

Vladislav Šavřda, the manager of the club

## **EVENTS IN AUGUST 2020**

1. – 2. August	Babolat ATTour Tournament
3. – 7. August	Camp 6
6. – 7. August	ČTS Colours for future (teams)
7. – 9. August	Tipsport Elite Trophy
8. August	U9 I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat Tour III
9. August	Babolat ATTour Tournament
10. – 14. August	Camp 7
15. – 22. August	ATP Challenger Prague Open 2020 by Moneta
17. – 21. August	Camp 8
21. August	Babolat ATTour Tournament
23. August	Babolat ATTour Tournament
24. – 28. August	Camp 9
29. August	U9 I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat Tour Masters
30. August	Babolat ATTour Tournament

## **NEWS**

### **SOLIDARITY AND HOPE TROPHY ČTS BY MONETA: JONÁŠ FOREJTEK AND DARJA VIĎMANOVÁ VICTORIOUS**

Jonáš Forejtek, I.ČLTK Praha player won the first two tournaments of the Solidarity and Hope Trophy ČTS By Moneta in Doksy and Prostějov. In Liberec, unfortunately, he did not win his third final in a row and lost to Michael Vrbenský 3/6 4/6.

Darja Vid'manová followed her final in Prostějov by winning the tournament Svijany Open 2020 in Liberec. In the final Darja beat Veronika Vlkovská 2/6 6/3 6/0.

### **TIPSPORT ELITE TROPHY AT ŠTVANICE**

Twice in June and July there was an elite charity event being held at Štvanice where top Czech tennis players competed against each other in two teams. In a series of four encounters, players of the pink and black team played each other during spring and summer. The Pink team was lead by Barbora Strýcová and consisted nr.8 player

of the world Belinda Bencic, TOP 50 player Iga Swiatek of Poland or promising Czech junior player Linda Fruhvirtová. The Black team was represented by the Plíšková sisters and four players from Štvanice - Markéta Vondroušová, Karolína Muchová, Tereza Martincová and Nikola Bartůňková. The final result was 2:2 and the Pink team won in the end thanks to a better score. 547 600 Kč was raised for a good cause.

### **ELIŠKA FOREJTKOVÁ IN THE FINAL OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Eliška Forejtková (right) who plays regularly at Štvanice fought for the singles title at the Czech National Championship for younger juniors. In the final, Eliška lost to Vanessa Dobiášová in three sets 6/0 5/7 4/6. In doubles, Victoria Bervid with Tereza Krejčová also reached the final where they lost to Kovačková – Samsonová 2/6 3/6. Lukas Fojtů reached semi-finals and lost to the eventual winner Jan Raštica 2/6 1/6.

### **NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR U12 TEAM**

Traditionally in mid-July the national team championships for younger juniors took place in Zlín. The I.ČLTK Praha team won bronze medals after beating Přerov 7:2

### **TENNIS SCHOOL: ENROLLMENT OF NEW KIDS FROM SEPTEMBER 2020**

In September the club will be enrolling new players between the ages of 3 and 6 for the tennis school. You can apply at [pecha@cltk.cz](mailto:pecha@cltk.cz).

### **NEWSLETTER**

Dear club members,

this newsletter is also available in Czech and brings you as always up-to-date overview of what happened in the last months and also a brief outline of what is happening in August. The next issue comes out in September.

Best tennis regards from the management of I.ČLTK Praha