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in Monte-Carlo

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Lucy Turmel

BACK TO DEFEND HER TITLE

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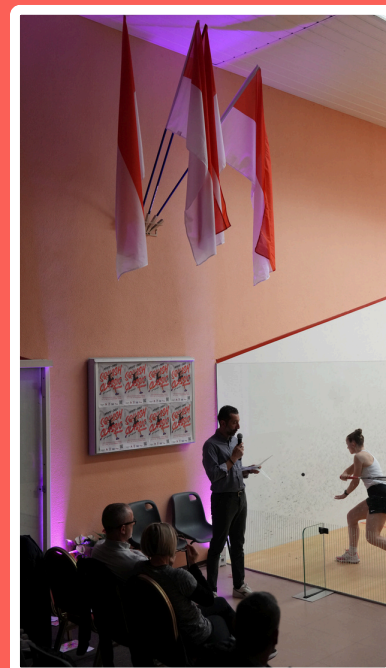
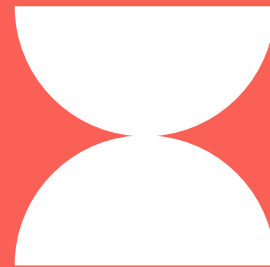


LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

When we think about Monte Carlo, we have in mind all its sporting events, first and foremost the tennis tournament and the F1 Grand Prix. Even if it is not a major tournament on the World Tour, the Monte Carlo Squash Classic has been part of its history for more than 25 years and is very popular among players.

If you don't believe me just look at the winners' list, filled with former world No. 1 and world champions. With 4 players belonging to the world top 25 featuring this year, including the two most recent winners Mélissa Alves and Lucy Turmel, we can't wait for this 27th Classic to get going!

Jerôme Elhaik



 Fersenn Sherkan

With 4 players belonging to the world top 25 in the draw, this 27th Classic should be a great one.

A WORD FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



A former professional player, Yves Tastet has been the Monte Carlo Squash Classic director since 2016.

“We are delighted to have such a draw, with the last two winners Mélissa Alves and Lucy Turmel. They are the main contenders for the title with Sarah-Jane Perry and Tesni Murphy and the potential semifinal lineup looks great, having said that

we could have some upsets earlier! The increase in prize money, which allows us to be part of the PSA Squash Tour, was possible thanks to our partners: the French Federation, the PSA and above all the Government of the Principality who’s been an unwavering support since the creation of the tournament. Let’s not forget our long-standing hotel

partner Marriott as well as Laboratoires Asepta, who are offering the gift packages, always very popular among the players. The Monte Carlo Squash Classic is the event we are all waiting for during the year at the club, and we hope that the stands will be full all week. As far as the youngsters from our academy go, they are generally around the courts from start to finish! Two of them are part of our daily training program, Elias Delabre and Nicolas Lanza - who's been starting to travel to international tournaments. Their results are a source of motivation for the others. Let's get the party started!



The Government of the Principality has been supporting the organizers since the creation of the event almost 30 years ago.



Fersenn Sherkan



The kids clinics with professional players are a tradition at the Monte Carlo Squash Classic.

SQUASH IN MONTE CARLO

A LONG HISTORY

It began almost
100 years ago!

1925 Two courts are built at the Monte Carlo Country Club,
before squash appeared in France

1969 The Monte Carlo Squash Rackets Club Association is
created, spearheaded by Prince Rainier III. Mélanie Flachaire
has been president since 2016



1978 The Fédération Monégasque de Squash Rackets is
created, Bruno Fissore has been president for almost 3 decades

1985 The association moves to the new Louis II stadium - 4
courts including one with one side glass wall

70s & 80s The association hosts a men's international
tournament

THE CLASSIC A PRESTIGIOUS EVENT

The tournament hosted a handful of squash legends since it started.



Natalie Grinham

Following Andrew Shelley's advice, the association decided to organize a World Tour ladies event and the Monte Carlo Squash Classic was born in 1996

Aussie Sarah Fitz-Gerald won the first two Classics

The winners' list include more players who've been World No. 1 and world champions: Vanessa Atkinson, Laura Massaro and Nouran Gohar

Natalie Grinham is the player who won the most titles - 2006, 2007, 2011 and 2012



Nouran Gohar

THE CONTENDERS

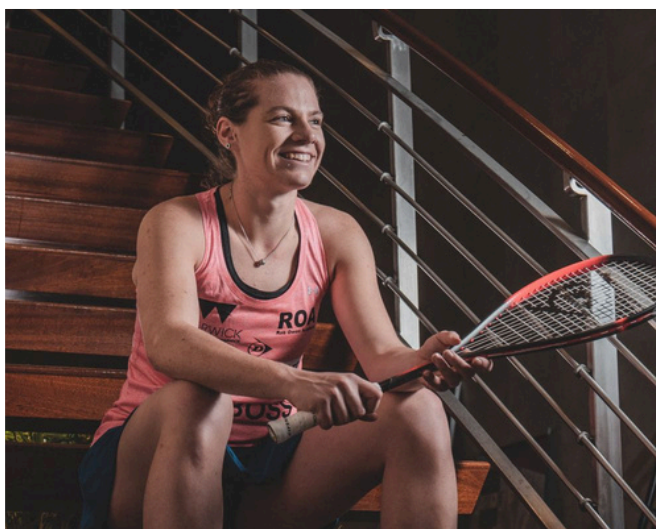
4 former winners or runner-ups,
who belong to the world top 25

Sarah-Jane Perry

At 34 y.o., 2015 runner-up may not be playing at the level she displayed during her years in the top 5, but she will rely on her attacking skills to try and grab her first title in 4 years.

Tesni Murphy

Also a runner-up at the Classic - in 2018 - the Welshwoman is coming off a great event in Canada. Surprisingly, the former world No. 9 has only won one title in her whole career.



 Dunlop



 Karakal

Mélissa Alves

After a tough start this season, the 2022 winner will land in Monte Carlo full of confidence after a superb run in North America, including a major win over World No.5 Nele Coll.



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Lucy Turmel

Her history at Monte Carlo has been eventful, having to retire through injury in 2022 and then winning without playing the final last year. She just clinched her biggest win against World No.8 Rowan Elaraby in Qatar.

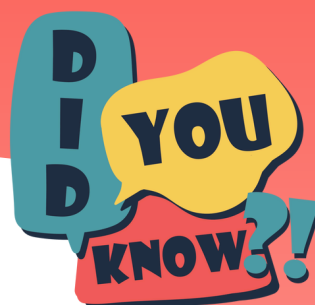


Fersenn Sherkan

The underdogs

Egypt's Hana Ramadan, who's been in the top 30 for a while now, and lefty Alicia Mead from England, in constant rise in the rankings over the years.

FACTS & FIGURES



The Classic is the 7th biggest PSA women's tournament of the season in Europe.

It's the first time the title holder is back since Camille Serme in 2014.



The 5 continents are represented, especially thanks to Barbados' Margot Prow.

France's Énora Villard and Élise Romba will feature in the event for the 7th time.



SCHEDULE



MONTE-CARLO SQUASH CLASSIC



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

ROUND OF 32, SCHEDULE

C O U R T 1	Ali LOKE (WAL)	5pm	[9/16] Élise ROMBA (FRA)
	[9/16] Alison THOMSON (SCO)	5:45pm	Hayley WARD (RSA)
	Jacqueline PEYCHÄR (AUT)	6:45pm	[9/16] Lowri ROBERTS (WAL)
	[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND)	7:30pm	Katerina TYCOVA (GER)
C O U R T 3	Sophie FADAELY (AUS)	5:15pm	[9/16] Saskia BEINHARD (GER)
	[9/16] Lauren BALTAYAN (FRA)	6pm	Tanvi KHANNA (IND)
	Margot PROW (BAR)	7pm	[9/16] Hana ISMAIL (EGY)
	[9/16] Millie TOMLINSON (ENG)	7:45pm	Au Yeong WAI YHANN (SGP)

FIRST ROUND PICKS


Baltayan Khanna

It should be a close one between French prospect Lauren Baltayan (ranked 76 in the world at only 17 years old) and India's Tanvi Khanna, who's back after a year out and whose ranking 288 does not do justice to her level.



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 Indian Squash Professionals

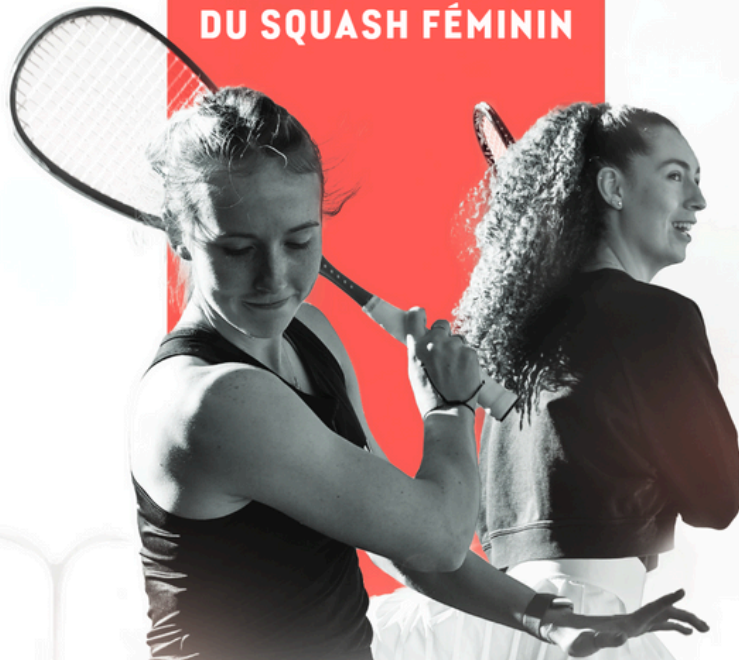
Chinappa Tycova

At 38, Indian Joshna Chinappa is attempting a comeback after a knee surgery with the Olympics in her sights. The former world No. 10 will face German Katerina Tycova (WR 105), featuring in MC for the 3rd time in a row.

MONTE CARLO CLASSIC 2024 - THE DRAW



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