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Hana Ismail
crashes the party

A thriller in Monaco

CHINAPPA BEATS ALVES IN 5

A strong British
presence

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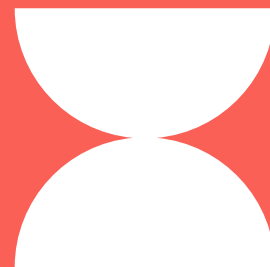
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Age is just a number.

In recent years, many athletes have shown that it's possible to perform after turning 35, if not 40: Roger Federer in tennis and Gianluigi Buffon in football, while LeBron James made basketball history after featuring in an NBA match alongside his son.

Squash is also in the mix, with Miguel Angel Rodriguez still in the world top 20 at 40 years old, and Joshna Chinappa back after a serious knee injury at the age of 38. On Tuesday, the Indian star clinched a significant victory over 2022 winner Mélissa Alves. Can she keep going? We'll find out in the next couple of days.

Jerome Elhaik



 Fersenn Sherkan

Age is just a
number and
Joshna
Chinappa
proved it on
Tuesday.

TOP STORY

A BIG WIN FOR CHINAPPA

The Indian upset an in-form Mélissa Alves.



A former top 10, Joshna Chinappa caused the first massive upset of the tournament ousting World No.23 Mélissa Alves. Ranked 314 this week, the Indian made the main draw in Monaco thanks to a pegged ranking after being sidelined for a year due to a knee injury. We thought she might break down when the Frenchwoman levelled after a fierce 4th game, on the contrary she was rock solid in the business end. In the quarters, Chinappa will face World No.44 Alicia Mead from England.



Fersenn Sherkan



We caught with a very emotional Joshna Chinappa a few minutes after her win over France's Mélissa Alves.



Fersenn Sherkan

**Joshna
Chinappa**

“I am so happy, it means a lot to me to win such a match after being out for more than a year. As I said before Mélissa is a very solid player, she's had some great results these last few months and recently won my comeback tournament. I think what made the difference today is that I had no expectations whatsoever.

I just wanted to enjoy myself on court. I managed to hang in there and I won some long rallies, which made me believe I could win. I am much more relaxed than I was a few years ago, now I am taking a couple of days off after an event so I can visit the place. I guess I've finally become wiser!”

THE OTHER MATCHES

A MATCH OF TWO HALVES

Egyptian youngster
Hana Ismail prevailed
over a stubborn Énora
Villard.

World No.81 Hana Ismail had the upper hand at the start, but World No.60 Énora Villard drastically upped her level and was close to take the young Egyptian to a 5th game. Ismail was able to close it in 4 and carried the momentum: she's played a lot of events in 2024/25 so far because very soon her schedule will be busy with her studies at the University of Birmingham. Meanwhile, she is in the quarters for her first appearance on the PSA Squash Tour.



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Evans in control

Sarah-Jane Perry and Tesni Murphy, seeded 1 and 3, had not come back to Monte Carlo since they made the final, in 2015 and 2018 respectively. .



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Perry drops a game

The two British ladies started their campaign with a win on Tuesday, although 'SJ' had to overcome a brave resistance from World No.118 Ali Loke.

Elsewhere

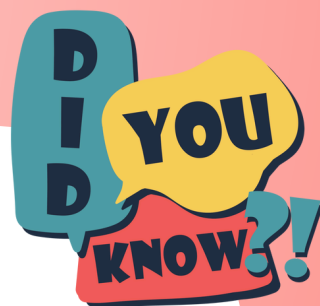
The 4 other seeds - defending champion Lucy Turmel, Hana Ramadan, Alicia Mead and Emilia Soini - all won in straight games in the round of 16.

Pic of the day

The match may have been fierce but there was a nice embrace at the end between Énora Villard and Hana Ismail.



FACTS & FIGURES



There will not be a French player in the quarters, and it hadn't happened in Monaco since 2017.

Lengthy ending between Mélissa Alves and Joshna Chinappa: at 10-7 in the fifth, referee Nicolas Barbeau gave 4 lets before the Indian closed it after a 4-minute point.



Like many Egyptian players, Hana Ramadan went to French high school and is fluent in French while she rarely has the opportunity to speak.

OFF COURT

In a professional tournament, there are obviously the matches but also many things happening on the side. On Tuesday, amateur players from local companies as well as some volunteers from the organization had a hit with two of the players, Germany's Katerina Tycova and Singapore's Wai Yhann Au Yeong.



Arnaud Baldoni



MONTE-CARLO SQUASH CLASSIC



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
ROUND OF 16, RESULTS

[6] Alicia MEAD (ENG)	11-4, 12-10, 11-7	[9/16] Lowri ROBERTS (WAL)
[5] Hana RAMADAN (EGY)	11-7, 11-8, 11-5	Tanvi KHANNA (IND)
[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND)	4-11, 11-5, 11-9, 9-11, 11-7	[4] Mélissa ALVES (FRA)
[3] Tesni MURPHY (WAL)	11-5, 11-5, 11-8	[9/16] Saskia BEINHARD (GER)
[7] Emilia SOINI (FIN)	11-5, 11-3, 11-9	Hayley WARD (RSA)
[2] Lucy TURMEL (ENG)	11-6, 11-5, 11-6	[9/16] Millie TOMLINSON (ENG)
[1] Sarah-Jane PERRY (ENG)	11-3, 7-11, 11-6, 11-3	Ali LOKE (WAL)
[9/16] Hana ISMAIL (EGY)	11-6, 11-6, 3-11, 13-11	[7] Énora VILLARD (FRA)

RESULTS



SCHEDULE



MONTE-CARLO SQUASH CLASSIC



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

QUARTER-FINALS

[3] Tesni MURPHY (WAL)	5pm	[5] Hana RAMADAN (EGY)
[9/16] Hana ISMAIL (EGY)	5:45pm	[2] Lucy TURMEL (ENG)
[6] Alicia MEAD (ENG)	7pm	[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND)
[1] Sarah-Jane PERRY (ENG)	7:45pm	[7] Emilia SOINI (FIN)

QUARTERS PICKS


Tesni Murphy Hana Ramadan

Murphy (World No.22) won her sole meeting against World No.30 Ramadan - in Chicago in 2022 - after being 2-love down. It should be an interesting clash of styles, with the flair of the Welshwoman and the energy of the Egyptian.



 Karakal



 Fersenn Sherkan

Lucy Turmel Hana Ismail

After crossing path twice with Rana Ismail in Monaco (she had to retire in 2022 before avenging in 2023), title holder Lucy Turmel (ranked 24) will face her younger sister Hana (WR 81), one of many hungry Egyptian youngsters on tour.

MONTE CARLO CLASSIC 2024 - THE DRAW

Round of 32 (11 nov)	Round of 16 (12 nov)	Quarterfinals (13 nov)	Semifinals (14 nov)	Final (15 nov)
	[1] Sarah-Jane PERRY (ENG) 11-3, 7-11, 11-6, 11-3	[1] Sarah-Jane PERRY (ENG)		
Ali LOKE (WAL) 11-9, 11-9, 11-4	Ali LOKE (WAL)	7pm, ct 1		
[9/16] Élise ROMBA (FRA)				
[9/16] Alison THOMSON (SCO) 11-9, 11-5, 11-4	Hayley WARD (RSA)	[7] Emilia SOINI (FIN)		
Hayley WARD (RSA)	11-5, 11-3, 11-9		7pm, ct 1	
	[7] Emilia SOINI (FIN)			
	[6] Alicia MEAD (ENG) 11-4, 12-10, 11-7	[6] Alicia MEAD (ENG)		
Jacqueline PEYCHÄR (AUT) 7-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-2, 11-5	[9/16] Lowri ROBERTS (WAL)	7:45pm, ct 1		
[9/16] Lowri ROBERTS (WAL)				
[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND) 11-8, 11-4, 11-5	[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND)	[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND)		
Katerina TYCOVA (GER)	4-11, 11-5, 11-9, 9-11, 11-7			
	[4] Mélissa ALVES (FRA)			Winner 
	[3] Tesni MURPHY (WAL) 11-5, 11-5, 11-8	[3] Tesni MURPHY (WAL)		6pm, ct 1
Sophie FADAELY (AUS) 11-2, 11-4, 11-9	[9/16] Saskia BEINHARD (GER)			
[9/16] Saskia BEINHARD (GER)		5pm, ct 1		
[9/16] Lauren BALTAYAN (FRA) 11-9, 11-7, 12-10	Tanvi KHANNA (IND)	[5] Hana RAMADAN (EGY)		
Tanvi KHANNA (IND)	11-7, 11-8, 11-5		6pm, ct 1	
	[5] Hana RAMADAN (EGY)			
	[8] Énora VILLARD (FRA) 11-6, 11-6, 3-11, 13-11	[9/16] Hana ISMAIL (EGY)		
Margot PROW (BAR) 11-4, 11-5, 11-9	[9/16] Hana ISMAIL (EGY)	5:45pm, ct 1		
[9/16] Hana ISMAIL (EGY)				
[9/16] Millie TOMLINSON (ENG) 11-6, 9-11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5	[9/16] Millie TOMLINSON (ENG)	[2] Lucy TURMEL (ENG)		
Au Yeong WAI YHANN (SGP)	11-6, 11-5, 11-6			
	[2] Lucy TURMEL (ENG)			

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