

Joshna Chinappa

WINS FOR HER MONTE CARLO DEBUT

Top seeds start their campaign

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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Even if Monaco is a nation in its own right, and has been a member of the International Olympic Committee since 1985 - Prince Albert featured in 5 Winter Olympics in bobsleigh - its ties with France are very strong. Especially when it comes to sport: in many of them, including squash, its teams participate in the French championships.

Even if they had little success on Day 1, the French players feel at home in Monte-Carlo, and Camille Serme and Mélissa Alves have their names in the winners' list. After lifting the trophy in 2022, the lady from French Guiana starts her campaign on Tuesday against Joshna Chinappa.







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### TOP STORY

## CHINAPPA'S DEBUT WIN

At 38 y.o., the former World No.10 is playing her first ever MC Classic



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India's Joshna Chinappa belonged to the world top 16 for 7 years (between 2015 and 2022), and is also a star in her country thanks to all the silverware she got wearing the national jersey - above all the gold in doubles at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. After a knee injury which kept her away for a year, she is attempting a comeback on the world tour, at 38 years old. For her second tournament back, Chinappa, who's using a pegged ranking, made it through round 1 against German Katerina Tycova.



chinappa

"It's my first time in
Monaco, it's crazy that I
waited until the end of my
career to come to such a
fancy place! We are treated
like queens here, big thanks
to the organizers for all
what they're doing for us.
The match was harder than
it looked. Katerina played
well, I was lucky to get a few
winners at some key
moments.

When you've been playing on the tour for a while and bouncing from one tournament to another, the joy can sometimes go away. I am more relaxed these days, and since I came back from injury my priority has been to enjoy myself on court. I have some goals in my mind but they are rather short-term ones, it's too early to think about the Olympics..."

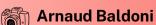
### THE OTHER MATCHES

# TOMLINSON CONTINUES

2016 runner-up goes through in 5 games

A runner-up in the London Open on Sunday, World No.58 Millie Tomlinson arrived in Monaco a few hours before her first round. She still had some gas in the tank, and managed to get the better of Singapore's Wai Yhann Au Yeong (WR 99) after being 2-1 down. "No pressure," said the Englishwoman after the match, speaking of her round of 16 clash with defending champion Lucy Turmel.





### No win for he French

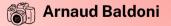
After World No.98 Élise Romba's loss in a match she seemed to have control of in patches against World No.118 Ali Loke, World No.76 Lauren Baltayan (pic) surrendered against India's Tanvi Khanna, whose ranking 240 is deceiving.





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# Roberts

After hitting a few too many tins at the start, Welshwoman Lowri Roberts (ranked 89) gained the upper hand over a resilient Jacqueline Peychar (WR 96) to win in 5 games.

### Elsewhere

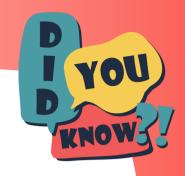
Saskia Beinhard, Hayley Ward and Hana Ismail needed less than 30 minutes to win their first round match.

# Pic of the day

Sometimes squash looks like ballet, like here with Millie Tomlinson and Wai Yhann Au Yeong



# FACTS & FIGURES





A regular at the "majors" for many years, Sarah-Jane Perry had not played a \$30,000 event since the Monte Carlo Classic 2015!

27-year old Hayley Ward made her PSA debut in 2023 after graduating as a qualified chartered accountant.





Among the 24 entrants in Monte-Carlo, 10 players were featuring in the London Open last week, such as Tanvi Khanna.

# OFF COURT

The Monte Carlo Squash Classic takes place at the Stade Louis II, home of Monaco's football and basketball teams. It will host a Euroleague match on Tuesday evening, against Partizan Belgrade.



Journées Européennes du patrimoine Monaco



### MONTE-CARLO DUASH CLASSIC



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 **ROUND OF 32. RESULTS** 

Ali LOKE (WAL)

11-9, 11-9, 11-4

[9/16] Élise ROMBA (FRA)

Hayley WARD (RSA)

11-9, 11-5, 11-4

[9/16] Alison THOMSON (SCO)

[9/16] Lowri ROBERTS (WAL)

7-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-2, 11-5

Jacqueline PEYCHÄR (AUT)

Katerina TYCOVA (GER)

Sophie FADAELY (AUS)

[9/16] Lauren BALTAYAN (FRA)

Margot PROW (BAR)

Au Yeong WAI YHANN (SGP)

[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND)

[9/16] Saskia BEINHARD (GER)

11-8, 11-4, 11-5

11-2, 11-4, 11-9

Tanvi KHANNA (IND)

11-9, 11-7, 12-10

[9/16] Hana ISMAIL (EGY)

11-4, 11-5, 11-9

[9/16] Millie TOMLINSON (ENG)

11-6, 9-11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5



# MONTE-CARLO



### **MARDI 12 NOVEMBRE**

1/8 EMES DE FINALE, PROGRAMME

C 0 u [6] Alicia MEAD (ENG)

17h

[9/16] Lowri ROBERTS (WAL)

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[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND)

17h45

[4] Mélissa ALVES (FRA)

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Hayley WARD (RSA)

[7] Emilia SOINI (FIN)

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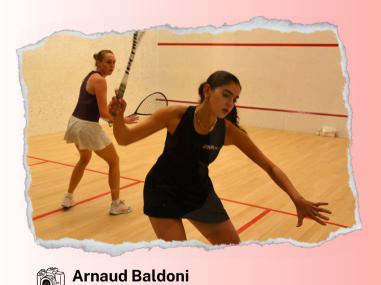
# ROUND OF 16

### **PICKS**

### Ward Soini

South Africa's Hayley Ward (pic), world ranked 108, was convincing in round 1 and will fancy her chances against World No.55 Emilia Soini, a player with a peculiar game and who hasn't won many PSA matches this season.





# **Villard Ismail**

World No. 60 Énora Villard went down to hungry young, Egyptians a few times recently, and has an opportunity to set the record straight against in-form Hana Ismail (pic), ranked 81.

### **MONTE CARLO CLASSIC 2024 - THE DRAW**

Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarterfinals (13 nov)	Semifinals	Final (15 nov)
	[1] Sarah-Jane PERRY (ENG)			
	7:15pm, ct 1			
Ali LOKE (WAL) 11-9, 11-9, 11-4 [9/16] Élise ROMBA (FRA)	Ali LOKE (WAL)			
[9/16] Alison THOMSON (SCO)		7pm, ct 1		
11-9, 11-5, 11-4 Hayley WARD (RSA)	Hayley WARD (RSA)			
	6:30pm, ct 1			
	[7] Emilia SOINI (FIN)		7pm, ct 1	
	[6] Alicia MEAD (ENG)			
	5pm, ct 1			
Jacqueline PEYCHÄR (AUT) 7-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-2, 11-5 [9/16] Lowri ROBERTS (WAL)	[9/16] Lowri ROBERTS (WAL)			
[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND)		7:45pm, ct 1		
11-8, 11-4, 11-5  Katerina TYCOVA (GER)	[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA (IND)			<b>CF-9</b>
	5:45pm, ct 1			
	[4] Mélissa ALVES (FRA)			Winner
	[3] Tesni MURPHY (WAL)			Community Commun
Sophie FADAELY (AUS)	5:45pm, ct 3			6pm, ct 1
11-2, 11-4, 11-9 [9/16] Saskia BEINHARD (GER)	[9/16] Saskia BEINHARD (GER)			
[9/16] Lauren BALTAYAN (FRA)		5pm, ct 1		
11-9, 11-7, 12-10 Tanvi KHANNA (IND)	Tanvi KHANNA (IND)			
	5pm, ct 3 [5] Hana RAMADAN			
	(EGY)		6pm, ct 1	
	[8] Énora VILLARD			
	(FRA) 7:15pm, ct 3			
Margot PROW (BAR) 11-4, 11-5, 11-9	[9/16] Hana ISMAIL			
[9/16] Hana ISMAIL (EGY)	(EGY)	- 4-		
[9/16] Millie TOMLINSON (ENG)	[9/16] Millie	5:45pm, ct 1		
11-6, 9-11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5 Au Yeong WAI YHANN (SGP)	TOMLINSON (ENG)			
	6:30pm, ct 3			
	[2] Lucy TURMEL (ENG)			



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