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BALTAYAN VS LINCOU
AN ENTICING ALL-FRENCH CLASH

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The 28th Monte Carlo Classic began with a ferocious battle between Yasshmita Jadishkumar and Asia Harris, won 12-10 by the Englishwoman in the fifth game...

ASIA HARRIS TO THE WIRE

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ASIA'S VIEW ON THE MATCH

That was definitely a tough first round, especially since I've played a lot of matches since the start of the season and I am feeling tired physically and mentally. But I am here to do business and I did not want to go half-hearted into it, I focused on the positives and that helped me get over the line. Hats off to her, she is very skillful and when you give her too much time on the ball she can play many different shots. I am expecting a physical match against Millie Tomlinson on Tuesday, so I'll be focusing on my recovery.



BACKING UP

It's my sixth PSA tournament since September, it was my own choice to have such a busy schedule but I guess I was not expecting to do so well and play so many matches...

NEW COACH

I've been working with Miles Jenkins at St George's Hill for about a year, and it's going great. He's an amazing coach, his squash knowledge and attention to detail are second to none. I am still based in Pontefract, where I was born, so I go back and forth between there and London and I have several hitting partners.



**Did You
KNOW?**

On Monday, Asia Harris played her 18th match in PSA since the beginning of September. She's won 15 of them, clinching two Challenger titles in the process.

UPS AND DOWNS

I don't mind talking about it, I've been dealing with some mental health issues, partly because I've lost some loved ones. I am better now, and I want to enjoy my squash. As far as setting goals go, I'd like to return to my highest ranking of 68 in the world I'd reached at the beginning of 2024.



FRENCH CORNER

2 OUT OF 3 FOR FRANCE ON MONDAY

The day got off to a good start with Énora Villard's win over Spain's Sofia Mateos, although it was less straightforward than the 3-0 scoreline implied. "Énora will have nothing to



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lose against Alicia Mead in the round of 16," said Yann Menegaux. According to the national coach, Kara Lincou "did well to close out in 3 games (author's note: against Wai Yhann Au Yeong) otherwise it could have been complicated."



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It could have been three out of three, but Élise Romba lost in four games against Saskia Beinhard. For Yann Menegaux, "there are positives to take away. A lot of things are coming together in her game and it will pay off in the long run."

GERMANY 2 FOR 2



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It was a successful day for the German players, who are with national coach Oliver Pettke in Monaco. As mentioned earlier, Saskia Beinhard defeated Elise Romba, while Katerina Tycova (picture) put in a strong performance to beat Alison Thomson and she will face Torrie Malik in the round of 16.

After the match between Harris and Jadishkumar, there was another five-setter on Monday, with Madison Lyon ultimately prevailing over Tessa Ter Sluis. The Australian will be facing a tough task against #2 seed Zeina Mickawy in the next round.



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OUR ROUND OF 16 PICK

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[WC] Kara LINCOU 🇫🇷 vs [9/16] Lauren BALTAYAN 🇫🇷
🕒 MONDAY, 5:45PM



➡ Memories, memories (picture above)... At the 2021 French U19 Championships, during covid, Lauren Baltayan (aged 14 at the time) won 3-0 in the pool stage, but Kara Lincou got her revenge with the same scoreline in the final.

➡ Their third and most recent encounter took place in a playoff match at the 2022 European U19 Championships, and Lauren retired at 2 games all.

➡ The stakes are high, because the winner will make her first quarter-final appearance on the PSA Squash Tour. Besides, she's likely to face France's number 1 Mélissa Alves.

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➡ This is a highly anticipated match amongst the French squash community, between two players on the rise – even if this does not really reflect in the world rankings for Kara Lincou, who is studying at university in the USA.

➡ French women's team coach Yann Menegaux (in the picture with Lauren after her recent win in Couzeix) is also eager to see the two players battle it out, and for him the key will lie 'in their ability to impose their rhythm on their opponent.' Lauren Baltayan usually plays at a very fast tempo, while Kara Lincou likes to vary the pace.

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The duration in minutes of the Asia Harris v Yasshmita Jadishkumar battle. We expected a close match, but not in such an extent. As a matter of fact, it's the longest match in their PSA career for both players, as well as the longest match in Monte Carlo since the 2018 semifinal between Tesni Murphy and Millie Tomlinson which lasted 87 minutes.



**When Fersenn Sherkan
has fun with the
reflections on the walls
(in the picture, Kiwi
Kaitlyn Watts), the
outcome is quite
stunning.**



BREANNE FLYNN

Meet the 30-year-old Irishwoman, ranked 116 in the world and who will face #1 seed Mélissa Alves in the round of 16 on Tuesday.

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Flynn got the better of Nadia Pfister in three close games and clinched her maiden win in a Copper event.

I suppose it was in the back of my head... That's probably why I was a little stressed and I was happy to get the job done in three games. Playing Melissa who's a top 20 player is a great opportunity to see where I stand and I'll have absolutely nothing to lose.

Breanne has been playing on the tour full-time only for a year and a half.

Before that, I was working as a physiotherapist but a few people around me were telling me I should give it a go, so I

ended up listening to them. I had a setback with a fracture in my foot last March, but the upside was that I was able to do the physio sessions myself (she laughs). I am fully recovered now, I am fitter than I've ever been in my life and my goal is to break into the top 100 as quickly as possible.

What is the biggest change compared to your previous life?

Without a doubt, the travelling, we are fortunate enough to visit beautiful places like Monaco. During the day before a match,

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I don't really do some sightseeing because I need to prepare for matches, but today I took a stroll around the hotel and it was nice to enjoy the surroundings.

Breanne is one of two Irish ladies on the tour, alongside Hannah Craig who is ranked 68 in the world.

It's true that there aren't many of us, but the talent is there and we are encouraged to go down this path. There are also two men who've been improving, Sam Buckley and Conor Moran, they are younger than me but we started approximately at the same time. I hope it'll inspire some youngsters and that they'll want to follow our example.



MONTE CARLO CLASSIC 2025 (COPPER, \$32,500)

Round of 32 November, 10	Round of 16 November, 11	Quarterfinals November, 12	Semifinals November, 13	Final November, 14
	[1] Mélissa ALVES  5:45pm Breanne FLYNN 			
Breanne FLYNN  11-9, 11-9, 12-10 [9/16] Nadia PFISTER 				
[9/16] Au Yeong WAI YHANN  11-9, 11-9, 13-11 [WC] Kara LINCOU 	[WC] Kara LINCOU  5:45pm [8] Lauren BALTAYAN 			
	[7] Millie TOMLINSON  5pm Asia HARRIS 			
Asia HARRIS  11-9, 11-9, 9-11, 14-16, 12-10 [9/16] Y. JADISHKUMAR 	[9/16] Enora VILLARD  5pm [4] Alicia MEAD 			
[9/16] Enora VILLARD  11-9, 11-9, 11-6 Sofia MATEOS 	[3] Torrie MALIK  7:30pm Katerina TYCOVA 			
Katerina TYCOVA  11-3, 11-8, 12-10 [9/16] Alison THOMSON 	[9/16] Kaitlyn WATTS  7:30pm [5] Emilia SOINI 			
[9/16] Kaitlyn WATTS  11-5, 11-4, 11-5 Sarah CARDWELL 	[6] Jessica VAN DER WALT  6:45pm [9/16] Saskia BEINHARD 			
[WC] Elise ROMBA  8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-8 [9/16] Saskia BEINHARD 	[9/16] Madison LYON  6:45pm [2] Zeina MICKAWY 			
[9/16] Madison LYON  7-11, 13-11, 11-3, 8-11, 11-3 Tessa TER SLUIS 				



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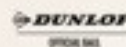
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