

42ND PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX – SUMMARY DAY 1

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Top class and exciting duels in the #Porsche Arena

Stuttgart. The 42nd Porsche #tennis Grand Prix has begun with exciting, hard-fought qualifying matches. Three Germans are still in with a chance of being a part of the main draw at the long-standing Stuttgart tournament: #annazaja, Antonia Lottner and Anna- Lena Friedsam all won their first-round qualifying matches on Saturday. The draw for the tournament proper at the same time promises many top class and exciting duels in the #Porsche Arena.

Qualification: Anna-Lena Friedsam causes a surprise

The qualifying tournament at the 42nd Porsche #tennis Grand Prix started with three German wins: local hero #annazaja from the TEC Waldau Stuttgart club won in two hard-fought sets against Valentini Grammatikopoulou (Greece) 7-6 (3), 7-6 (8). Her next opponent in the second round on Sunday will be Bernarda Pera (USA). Compatriot Antonia Lottner had little trouble in beating Paula Ormaechea (Argentina) 6-1, 6-1 and will now meet Anna-Lena Friedsam, a #Porsche Team Germany teammate. Friedsam won her first match 7-5, 6-2 against Ekaterina Alexandrova to cause a surprise as the Russian, the world No. 57, was the highest ranked player in qualifying.

Porsche Team Germany's Sabine Lisicki dug deep against Isabella Shinikova (Bulgaria) but eventually succumbed after a tough three-setter – 3-6, 6-3 7-6(8). Lena Ru?ffer, another player from the local Stuttgart club, lost to Mandy Minella (Luxembourg) 6-0, 6-3. Fellow German, Mina Hodzic was defeated 6-2, 6-4 by Magdalena Frech (Poland) and Tamara Korpatsch was downed by Sara Sorribes Tormo (Spain). The second round of qualifying also includes a former Top 10 player in Vera Zvonareva who also reached the 2010 Wimbledon and US Open finals. The Russian overcame Anastasia Zarycka (Czech Republic) 6-4, 6-4.

The main draw: two Grand Slam winners go head-to-head

The drawing of the #Porschetennisgrandprix main draw promises high-tension in the first round. Four #Porsche Team Germany players will have their work cut immediately in their opening matches. The reigning Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber will face Donna Vekic (Croatia)

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and Julia Goerges has been drawn to play the Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. Wild card holder Laura Siegemund will meet Lesia Tsurenko (Ukraine) for a place in the last 16. A qualifier awaits Andrea Petkovic. High tension in particular is promised by the duel between two Grand Slam winners and former world No. 1s – Garbiñe Muguruza (Spain) versus Victoria Azarenka (Belarus).