



## Smith and Kwan advance in Italy

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James Smith and Sam Kwan reached the main draw at the Italian Junior & Cadet Open in Lignano.

Kwan won two group matches out of three, while Smith went through second in a three-man group to get into the last 64.

Smith then gave 13<sup>th</sup> seed Vitor Amorim of Portugal a mighty battle, eventually going down 11-9 in the deciding seventh set. Meanwhile, Kwan was beaten in five by 12<sup>th</sup> seed Fanbo Meng of Germany.

Matthew Daish and Shayan Siraj went out in the group stage, though Daish picked up a superb comeback win from 2-0 down against Danon Soh of Singapore, winning 11-9 in the decider, while Siraj was just edged out by the group's top seed Daniel Orac, 11-8 in the fifth.

In the doubles, Kwan & Daish were involved in another close match, coming out on the right side of a 12-10 scoreline in the fifth against French opponents.

It led to another meeting in the last 32 for Kwan and Meng, who was partnered by compatriot Jannik Xu, and it was a 3-0 win for the 12<sup>th</sup>-seeded German pair.

## Results

### Junior Boys' Singles

#### Qualifying Group 1

Tiago Li (POR) bt James Smith 3-0 (11-8, 11-9, 11-7)

Smith bt Florian Fenyvesi (SRB) 3-1 (12-10, 9-11, 11-9, 11-4)

**Group 6**

Gabriele Piciulin (ITA) bt Matthew Daish 3-0 (11-5, 11-8, 11-5)

Daish bt Danon Soh (SGP) 3-2 (12-14, 9-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-9)

Elias Hardmeier (SUI) bt Daish 3-1 (10-12, 11-7, 11-6, 11-8)

**Group 10**

Daniel Orac (SVK) bt Shayan Siraj 3-2 (8-11, 11-6, 15-13, 8-11, 11-8)

Siraj bt Gerasimos Chatzilygeroudis 3-1 (12-10, 6-11, 12-10, 11-9)

Andrea Puppo (ITA) bt Siraj 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 11-9)

**Group 20**

Sam Kwan bt Mattias Mongiusti (SMR) 3-0 (11-2, 11-7, 11-5)

Adrien Rassenfosse (BEL) bt Kwan 3-1 (11-6, 7-11, 11-8, 11-9)

Kwan bt Nicholas Chong (SGP) 3-1 (14-12, 11-7, 6-11, 11-5)

**Round of 64**

Vitor Amorim (POR) bt Smith 4-3 (8-11, 11-8, 4-11, 11-3, 12-10, 10-12, 11-9)

Fanbo Meng (GER) bt Kwan 4-1 (11-5, 11-5, 11-4, 11-13, 11-4)

**Junior Boys' Doubles****Round of 64**

David Molnar & Norbert Terek (HUN) bt Shayan Siraj & James Smith 3-1 (11-7, 11-5, 8-11, 12-10)

Sam Kwan & Matthew Daish bt Guillaume Alcayde & Matteo Orsini (FRA) 3-2 (11-5, 11-9, 8-11, 3-11, 12-10)

**Round of 32**

Fanbo Meng & Jannik Xu (GER) bt Kwan & Daish 3-0 (11-5, 11-6, 11-4)

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