

Tin-Tin's in the top 100!

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Tin-Tin Ho has cemented her position as England No 1 by breaking into the top 100 in the world, while Denise Payet has rocketed up by more than 300 places in the rankings.

The London teenager is No 96 in the latest list published by the ITTF following the World Team Championships in Sweden, which finished on Sunday. She went into the tournament ranked at No 114 but seven wins out of 10 helped her to break through into double digits.

All three women in the England squad have risen to career highs, with Maria Tsaptsinos up from 288 to 267. But the biggest climber is 16-year-old Payet, who had three wins against higher-ranked players and, with the advantage of not having points from the last Worlds to defend, leaps from 631 to 309.

Ho said:

I'm incredibly happy to break the top 100 as it has been my goal for a while. I had been around 200 for a few years so I'm glad my hard work is paying off.

I don't have any specific aims but to keep climbing the ranking by getting good results in competitions – although it would be really cool if I could eventually break the top 50!

The three men who were in action for England in Sweden have not moved much, though Liam Pitchford's scintillating run of eight wins out of nine has seen him climb from 65 to 58. Sam Walker is up two places to No 94, while Paul Drinkhall drops one place to 53.

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