



Chan's victory puts England through

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Ruby Chan kept her cool to steer England's Cadet Girls' team to a last-gasp victory over Greece to top their group at the European Youth Championships.

Chan saw her opponent Daniela Grammatopoulou come from 2-0 down to level in the deciding match of the tie, but the Harrogate player took the fifth 11-7 to seal the overall result and set up a tie against Ukraine in the knockout stage on Tuesday.

Earlier, the doubles proved crucial as Chan & Jasmin Wong won 11-9 in the fifth against Grammatopoulou & Malamatenia Papadimitriou – who won both her singles matches to keep Greece in the tie, while Wong also beat Grammatopoulou.

The Cadet Boys squad picked up a 3-0 victory over Finland in their second group match at the tournament in Romania, with singles wins for Amirul Hussain and Josh Weatherby and doubles success for Weatherby & Louis Price.

However, despite Hussain giving them the lead in their final group match against Slovenia, they ended up with a 3-1 defeat and finished second in the group.



Josh Weatherby & Louis Price talk tactics against Finland. © FOTO: Dan Porcutan / www.frtmromania.ro

The Junior Girls – Charlotte Bardsley, Denise Payet and Megan Gidney, lost their final group match 3-0 to Sweden and also ended up second in the group.

The next opponents for the Cadet Boys and Junior Girls, in the positional play-off matches, are as yet undecided.

Results

Junior Girls' Team

Group G

Sweden 3 England 0

Christina Kallberg bt Charlotte Bardsley 3-0 (11-6, 11-4, 11-5)

Ellen Homsten bt Denise Payet 3-1 (11-9, 5-11, 11-9, 12-10)

Jennie Edvinsson bt Megan Gidney 3-0 (11-3, 11-5, 11-9)

Cadet Boys' Team

Group I

England 3 Finland 0

Josh Weatherby bt Aleks Rasanen 3-1 (9-11, 11-7, 11-5, 11-6)

Amirul Hussain bt Sam Khosravi 3-1 (11-13, 11-6, 13-11, 11-5)

Weatherby & Louis Price bt Rasanen & Khosravi 3-1 (10-12, 11-9, 11-7, 12-10)

Slovenia 3 England 1

Hussain bt Aljaz Godec 3-0 (11-7, 11-9, 11-9)

Mitja Omerzel bt Weatherby 3-1 (9-11, 11-4, 11-7, 11-7)

Godec & Omerzel bt Hussain & Price 3-1 (10-12, 11-8, 11-6, 11-8)

Omerzel bt Hussain 3-0 (13-11, 11-4, 11-8)

Cadet Girls' Team

Group G

England 3 Switzerland 0

Jasmin Wong bt Nina Tullii 3-1 (9-11, 11-9, 11-5, 11-9)

Ruby Chan bt Melanie Bernet 3-0 (11-6, 11-1, 11-5)

Wong & Chan bt Tullii & Bernet 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-9)

England 3 Greece 2

Malamatenia Papadimitriou bt Chan 3-0 (11-6, 11-6, 11-6)

Wong bt Daniela Grammatopoulou 3-1 (11-4, 11-7, 7-11, 11-7)

Chan & Wong bt Papadimitriou & Grammatopoulou 3-2 (9-11, 11-7, 8-11, 12-10, 11-9)

Papadimitriou bt Wong 3-1 (11-7, 11-6, 8-11, 11-8)

Chan bt Grammatopoulou 3-2 (11-9, 11-8, 8-11, 7-11, 11-7)

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