



Two medals for Para GB

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Paisley's Martin Perry and Ryan Henry from Ardrossan made it a good day for Scotland on the final day of the PTT Costa Brava Open, with Perry taking silver in the men's class 6 team event with his American partner Ian Seidenfeld and Henry picking up a bronze medal in men's class 8 with the Dutchman Roy Van Der Burg.

After beating Greece and Spain, Perry and Seidenfeld lost 2-1 to the Italian/Korean combination of Matteo Parenzan and Se Ho Lee, Perry losing 3-1 to Lee having earlier come through a tough battle against Marios Chatzikyriakos 11-9 in the fifth in a 2-1 win against Greece.

They clinched the silver medal with a 2-0 win in their final round robin match against Japan, with Perry beating Kazuki Shichino 3-1 to secure the tie.

"It's great to get four medals from two competitions," said Perry. "Ian is a highly ranked player for a reason and I think it showed especially in doubles – he played some great shots."

Henry and Van Der Burg reached the semi-finals with a 2-0 win against Korea/Japan having earlier lost 2-0 to the very experienced Belgian/Italian combination of Marc Ledoux and Samuel De Chiara.

After losing the doubles to Andrianus Van Amerongen and Devin Wassink, Van Der Burg levelled the semi-final with a 3-1 win against Van Amerongen and Wassink was just too strong for 18-year-old Henry in the final singles, taking it 3-1 to send Netherlands into the final.

"I'm happy with how I played throughout the tournament and pleased to win bronze," said Henry. "I had chances to win my last match and my opponent played very well. I feel I've learned a lot from the last few days and know what I need to work on to achieve more in the future."

In men's class 7 Alex Bland and Theo Bishop won their match against the second Spanish team 2-1, with Bland securing the tie with a 3-1 win against Pablo Romero Parreno but 2-0 losses to Brazil and Japan2 left them in third place in their group.

Craig Allen and Hayuma Abe from Japan were beaten 2-0 by Japan, Netherlands and Czech Republic/Brazil but came very close to beating the Dutch combination of Bart Van Der Zanden and Tonnie Heijnen in the doubles, eventually losing out 14-12 in the fifth. Allen beat Joaquin Azcon 3-0 in his final singles match although Spain took the tie 2-1.

Jack Stockdale and Dylan Tynan were beaten 2-0 by a very strong Spanish team in men's class 10 and then after losing the doubles 3-0 pushed Italy/Greece all the way, Stockdale winning the first singles against Alexandros Diakoumakos 3-1 before Lorenzo Cordua clinched the tie and a place in the semi-finals with a 3-1 win against Tynan.

Lee York and his American partner Edward Schneider lost their three men's class 4 group matches 2-0 and Dan Bullen and Cellan Hall also lost both their men's class 5 group matches 2-0 but Bullen showed his promise in a 3-1 loss to Alexandre Delarque, the world No 11 from France.

The full British Squad for the Costa Brava Open is:

Cellan Hall – Class 5 (21, Cardiff)
Daniel Bullen – Class 5 (21, St Neots)
Theo Bishop – Class 7 (15, Bury)
Alex Bland – Class 7 (19, Rotherham)
Ryan Henry – Class 8 (18, Ardrossan)
Craig Allen – Class 9 (24, Bromsgrove)
Jack Stockdale – Class 10 (18, Romford)
Lee York – Class 4 (30, Scunthorpe)
Dylan Tynan – Class 10 (15, Southwark)

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