

Chan's impressive medal haul in Ghana

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Ruby Chan added doubles gold and singles and doubles silvers to the <u>team gold she had already won</u> at the Ghana Junior & Cadet Open.

The Harrogate player teamed up with India's Ananya Chande, as she had in the Cadet Girls' Team event, to take gold in the Cadet Girls' Doubles, beating Judith Acheampong & Diana Ekua Opoku of the host nation 3-0 in the final.

The pair also reached the final of the Junior Girls' Doubles, where they were defeated 3-2 by Diya Parag Chitale of India & Nandeshwaree Jalimof Mauritius, the top seeds.

In the Cadet Girls' Singles, team-mates became rivals in the final as Chan faced Chande. The English girl took the first game, but the Indian came back to win 3-1.

The only event in which Chan did not win a medal was the Junior Girls' Singles. She reached the quarter-finals, where she lost to India's Diya Parag Chitale, the top seed and eventual champion.

The only other English player competing in Accra was James Smith. He reached the knockout stage of the Junior Boys' Singles but was defeated in the last 16 by Nigeria's Azeez Solanke, who went on to win the gold medal.

In the doubles, Smith & Alfredo Sanchez of Costa Rica were defeated in the quarter-finals by eventual silver medallists Emmanuel Augustine & Taiwo Mati of Nigeria.

Results

Junior Boys' Singles Group 2 James Smith bt Samuel Hagan (GHA) 3-0 (11-6, 12-10, 12-10) Salem Alsuwailem (KSA) bt Smith 3-1 (11-13, 11-7, 11-7, 11-8)

Round of 16

Azeez Solanke (NGR) bt Smith 4-1 (11-4, 11-8, 11-6, 14-16, 11-7)

Junior Girls' Singles

Group 5 Ruby Chan bt Rofiat Jimoh (NGR) 3-0 (11-3, 11-9, 11-5) Chan bt Malwine Akator (GHA) 3-0 W/O

Chan bt Davina Luzolo (COD) 3-0 (11-4, 11-3, 11-6)

Round of 16

Chan bt Iyanu Oluwa Falana (NGR) 4-0 (11-9, 11-3, 11-6, 11-8)

Quarter-finals

Diya Parag Chitale (IND) bt Chan 4-0 (12-10, 11-5, 11-5, 11-9)

Cadet Girls' Singles

Group 1 Ruby Chan bt Gloria Dianda (COD) 3-0 (11-5, 11-3, 11-3) Chan bt Judith Acheampong (GHA) 3-0 (11-7, 11-7, 11-5)

Semi-finals

Chan bt Sukurat Aiyelbegan (NGR) 3-2 (6-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-7, 11-8)

Final

Ananya Chande (IND) bt Chan 3-1 (9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-6)

Junior Boys' Doubles

Quarter-finals

Emmanuel Augustine & Taiwo Mati (NGR) bt James Smith & Alfredo Sanchez (CRC) 3-2 (11-8, 7-11, 12-10, 9-11, 11-7)

Junior Girls' Doubles

Quarter-finals

Ruby Chan & Ananya Chande (IND) bt Iyanu Oluwa Falana & Vivian Oku (NGR) 3-1 (11-7, 0-11, 11-7, 11-9)

Semi-finals

Chan & Chande bt Lily Dinanga & Julie Kayembe (COD) 3-0 (11-3, 11-7, 11-7)

Final

Diya Parag Chitale (IND) & Nandeshwaree Jalim (MRI) bt Chan & Chande 3-2 (11-7, 11-6, 8-11, 12-14, 11-5)

Cadet Girls' Doubles

Semi-finals

Ruby Chan & Ananya Chande (IND) bt Sukurat Aiyelbegan & Sadiat Alimat Akeem (NGR) 3-0 (11-5, 11-8, 11-6)

Final

Chan & Chande bt Judith Acheampong & Diana Ekua Opoku (GHA) 3-0 (11-2, 11-9, 11-4)

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