

England teams named for Euro Stage 2 ties

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England have named strong teams for their European Team Championships Stage 2 matches next month.

Liam Pitchford, Sam Walker, Paul Drinkhall and Tom Jarvis will travel to Estonia for matches against the host nation, Ukraine and Italy over the weekend of May 17-18.

At the same time, England women will face Spain and Belgium at BATTS TTC in Harlow with a squad of Tin-Tin Ho, Maria Tsaptsinos, Denise Payet and Charlotte Bardsley.

The top two teams in each group will qualify for the final stages of the championships in Nantes, France, from September 3-8.

Both England teams would have had to compete at this stage regardless of the results during Stage 1, when the women won their group and the men finished second.

The Stage 2 England matches will be as follows:

Men England v Ukraine – Saturday May 18 (2pm) England v Estonia – Saturday May 18 (7pm) England v Italy – Sunday May 19 (11am)

Women England v Spain – Saturday May 18 (7pm) England v Belgium – Sunday May 19 (11am)

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