



Jarvis leads way into main draw

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Tom Jarvis beat two players ranked above him to take his place in the main draw of the World Championships in Budapest, while Paul Drinkhall, Sam Walker, Maria Tsaptsinos and Tin-Tin Ho all went through.

Jarvis, ranked No 215 in the world, first topped his group by defeating world No 189 Tobias Rasmussen of Denmark 4-2 (11-8, 5-11, 11-6, 3-11, 11-4, 11-8).

Then, in the preliminary round, he overcame Amalraj Anthony of India 4-3 (11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 6-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-3) despite his opponent – the world No 152 – recovering from 2-0 and 3-2 down to twice level the match.

[Click here to watch Jarvis v Anthony.](#)

Jarvis said: "I am a bit in shock making it to the main draw of the World Championships because I did not have any expectation like that. Even when the match was at 3-2, I was just thinking of the tactics and how to win each point. It took my mind away from the outcome of the match.

"So for me playing in the main draw is amazing and I hope to go further from there. I think this is the reward of hard work and late-night training."

Jarvis' reward is a tie in the round of 128 against Japan's Kazuhiro Yoshimura at 1.10pm UK time on Tuesday. Drinkhall, who today beat Tyrese Knight of Barbados, faces Spain's Alvaro Robles at 12.20pm.

Walker staved off a minor crisis when Iran's Amir Hossein Hodaei levelled at a 2-2 – the Englishman won 4-2 in the end – and his opponent is Jon Persson of Sweden at 1.10pm.

Liam Pitchford, seeded to the last 128 as No 15 seed, starts his campaign against Brian Afanador of Puerto Rico at 12.20pm

In the Women's Singles, Maria Tsaptsinos also beat a higher-ranked player, overcoming Yadira Silva of Mexico 4-1 (12-10, 11-6, 11-7, 7-11, 11-8) to top her group. Her opponent, at No 178, is 24 places above Tsaptsinos in the

rankings.

Ho also all won today to finish top of her group and go into the main draw. Tsaptsinos will face Lily Zhang of the USA at 10.40am Uk time, while Ho's opponent is Lin Ye of Singapore at 11.30am.

Pitchford started his doubles campaign alongside Jonathan Groth of Denmark and the pair had a 4-2 victory over Qiu Dang & Bastian Steger of Germany in the round of 64.

They next face Belgian pair Robin Devos & Cedric Nuytinck at 4.25pm on Tuesday in the last 32.

Ho & Tsaptsinos and Drinkhall & Walker went out of their respective doubles competitions at the first hurdles.

[Click here to watch Walker & Drinkhall v Freitas & Apolonia.](#)

Of the other home countries players, Gavin Rumgay of Scotland made it through in the Men's Singles and next plays Sweden's Kristian Karlsson. Charlotte Carey of Wales is also into the Women's Singles main draw and faces Lee Zion of South Korea.



Maria Tsaptsinos & Tin-Tin Ho (ITTF picture)

Results

Men's Singles

Group 6

Sam Walker bt Amir Hossein Hodaei (IRI) 4-2 (11-3, 11-3, 5-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-6)

Group 20

Paul Drinkhall bt Tyrese Knight (BAR) 4-0 (11-7, 11-7, 11-6, 11-5)

Group 74

Tom Jarvis bt Tobias Rasmussen (DEN) 4-2 (11-8, 5-11, 11-6, 3-11, 11-4, 11-8)

Preliminary round 1

Jarvis bt Amalraj Anthony 4-3 (11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 6-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-3)

Women's Singles

Group 26

Tin-Tin Ho bt Karen Lyne (MAS) 4-0 (11-9, 11-8, 11-6, 11-5)

Group 54

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Yadira Silva (MEX) 4-1 (12-10, 11-6, 11-7, 7-11, 11-8)

Men's Doubles

Round of 64

Tiago Apolonia & Joao Monteiro (POR) bt Walker & Drinkhall 4-0 (11-2, 11-9, 12-10, 11-2)

Liam Pitchford & Jonathan Groth (DEN) bt Qiu Dang & Bastian Steger (GER) 4-2 (3-11, 11-6, 11-7, 7-11, 11-9, 11-7)

Women's Doubles

Preliminary round 1

Kim Jin Hyang & Kim I Song (PRK) bt Tin-Tin Ho & Maria Tsaptsinos 3-1 (4-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-7)

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