



England teams open with wins

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All four England teams got off to a winning start at the European Youth Championships in the Czech Republic on Sunday.

Ben Piggott, a late replacement for the injured Sam Wilson in the Junior Boys' Team, won his two matches as England defeated Kosovo and Armenia, both 3-0. Piggott completed the victory over Armenia as he saw off Edgar Rafayelyan 16-14 in a decider. Ethan Walsh and Shayan Siraj also won both matches.

The Junior Girls (Denise Payet, Charlotte Bardsley and Megan Gidney) defeated Greece 3-0 in their only match of the day in Ostrava.

In the Cadet section, the boys started with a 3-0 victory over Scotland, although Naphong Boonyaprapa had to come from 2-0 down to beat Borui Chen in the first match. Thomas Rayner made it 2-0 and then combined with Louis Price to take the doubles.

The Cadet Girls started with a routine 3-0 win over Scotland as Mari Baldwin and Ruby Chan won their singles and then combined for the doubles. However, the girls lost their second match 3-1 to Netherlands, despite Baldwin winning the first tie, as the Dutch won the next three, although every set was tight.

Results

Junior Boys' Team

Group G

England 3 Kosovo 0

Ethan Walsh bt Blend Hajdari 3-0 (11-6, 11-1, 11-3)

Shayan Siraj bt Fatih Karabaxhak 3-1 (11-6, 11-8, 4-11, 11-6)

Ben Piggott bt Kreshnik Mahmuti 3-1 (11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8)

England 3 Armenia 0

Walsh bt Melkon Hovhannisyan 3-1 (11-8, 11-6, 9-11, 11-8)

Siraj bt Avet Vasilyan 3-2 (11-7, 8-11, 2-11, 11-6, 11-3)

Piggott bt Edgar Rafayelyan 3-2 (11-5, 9-11, 11-13, 11-9, 16-14)

Junior Girls' Team

Group G

England 3 Greece 0

Denise Payet bt Ioanna Gerasimatou 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-1)

Charlotte Bardsley bt Daniela Grammatopoulou 3-1 (11-9, 3-11, 11-7, 17-15)

Megan Gidney bt Elisavet Chatzikyrka 3-1 (4-11, 11-3, 11-0, 11-5)

Cadet Boys' Team

Group H

England 3 Scotland 0

Naphong Boonyaprapa bt Borui Chen 3-2 (12-14, 8-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-7)

Thomas Rayner bt Jamie Johnson 3-1 (9-11, 11-5, 11-1, 11-2)

Rayner & Louis Price bt Chen & Johnson 3-0 (11-6, 12-10, 11-5)

Cadet Girls' Team

Group G

England 3 Scotland 0

Ruby Chan bt Holly McNamara 3-0 (11-5, 11-2, 11-5)

Mari Baldwin bt Jessica Hogg 3-0 (11-3, 11-1, 11-9)

Chan & Baldwin bt McNamara & Hogg 3-0 (11-3, 11-4, 11-1)

Netherlands 3 England 1

Baldwin bt Anna Peters 3-1 (12-10, 11-8, 6-11, 11-7)

Fleur Hoogeveen bt Chan 3-0 (11-8, 14-12, 11-9)

Peters & Hoogeveen bt Chan & Baldwin 3-1 (11-6, 11-13, 11-8, 15-13)

Peters bt Chan 3-0 (11-8, 11-9, 11-9)

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