



## Rayner double as Cadet Boys earn top-20 finish

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England's Cadet Boys' team are guaranteed a top-20 finish at the European Youth Championships, but the Junior Girls have narrowly missed out.

The boys today defeated Estonia 3-1, with Thomas Rayner winning two singles and combining with Louis Price in the doubles. It meant they topped their second-stage group and will now play Denmark tomorrow in the first of two play-offs for positions 17-20.

England's Junior Girls started well in their group match against Lithuania, Denise Payet winning the opening match, but they missed out 3-1 overall as Kornelija Riliskyte won her two singles.

The girls then beat Bulgaria 3-1 in the first play-off for positions 21-24 – they will face Croatia on Thursday to decide who will finish 21st.

The Cadet Girls will play Bulgaria to decide 23rd and 24th places after they lost 3-1 to Ireland in the first match in the 21st-24th bracket.

The Junior Boys had two good 3-1 wins over Bulgaria and Netherlands today, Shayan Siraj taking a double in both matches. Their final test is against Bosnia-Herzegovina for 29th place.

## Results

### Junior Boys' Team

#### Group O

#### England 3 Bulgaria 1

Ethan Walsh bt Martin Petrov 3-2 (11-9, 11-9, 8-11, 7-11, 11-4)

Shayan Siraj bt Hristo Hristev 3-0 (11-8, 12-10, 11-5)

Radoslav Kotev bt Ben Piggott 3-2 (11-3, 11-7, 12-14, 9-11, 11-7)  
Siraj bt Petrov 3-1 (10-12, 11-8, 11-7, 11-9)

#### **Positions 29-32**

##### **England 3 Netherlands 1**

Siraj bt Barry Berben 3-2 (9-11, 7-11, 11-7, 11-8, 13-11)  
Lode Hulshof bt Walsh 3-0 (11-8, 11-9, 11-5)  
Piggott bt Floris Zur Muhlen 3-1 (11-8, 7-11, 11-8, 11-8)  
Siraj bt Hulshof 3-1 (6-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-8)

#### **Junior Girls' Team**

##### **Group L**

##### **Lithuania 3 England 1**

Denise Payet bt Emilija Riliskyte 3-0 (12-10, 11-6, 11-8)  
Kornelija Riliskyte bt Charlotte Bardsley 3-0 (11-9, 11-7, 11-9)  
Auguste Melaikaite bt Mollie Patterson 3-1 (12-10, 7-11, 11-4, 11-5)  
Kornelija Riliskyte bt Payet 3-1 (11-9, 11-5, 5-11, 11-9)

#### **Positions 21-24**

##### **England 3 Bulgaria 1**

Bardsley bt Kalina Hristova 3-0 (11-9, 11-6, 11-7)  
Ivet Ilieva bt Payet 3-0 (11-7, 11-6, 11-8)  
Megan Gidney bt Gabriela Ivanova 3-0 (11-5, 12-10, 11-4)  
Payet bt Hristova 3-2 (11-3, 11-6, 6-11, 9-11, 11-8)

#### **Cadet Boys' Team**

##### **Group M**

##### **England 3 Estonia 1**

Rayner bt Markkos Pukk 3-0 (11-6, 11-4, 14-12)  
Madis Moos bt Boonyaprapa 3-2 (11-8, 3-11, 11-6, 11-13, 17-15)  
Rayner & Price bt Moos & Pukk 3-0 (12-10, 11-7, 11-6)  
Rayner bt Moos 3-0 (11-6, 11-7, 11-9)

#### **Cadet Girls' Team**

##### **Positions 21-24**

##### **Ireland 3 England 1**

Sophie Earley bt Baldwin 3-0 (12-10, 11-3, 11-8)  
Rogove bt Lucy McIvor 3-0 (11-5, 11-8, 11-5)  
Earley & Silke Heinen bt Baldwin & Chan 3-0 (11-9, 14-12, 11-7)  
Earley bt Rogove 3-0 (11-5, 11-3, 11-5)

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