



## Romania victory not enough for England

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England picked up a good win over Romania, but it was not enough to make it through to the knockout stage of the Junior Boys' Team event at the Hungarian Junior & Cadet Open.

The trio of Sam Wilson, David Gofton and Thomas Rayner came from 1-0 and 2-1 down to defeat Romania, with Wilson winning his two matches and Rayner picking up the decisive victory, withstanding a comeback to defeat Matei Dumitrescu 3-2 (11-4, 11-5, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9).

Earlier, the team had been defeated 3-0 by both the USA and eventual silver medallists France, though there were a couple of close matches, notably Wilson losing 13-11 in the fifth against USA's Michael Minh Tran.

Rayner also competed in the Cadet Boys' Singles and was hampered by a hip injury in the group stage, losing his first two matches. After some treatment, he recovered to win his final tie against Kerim Fazlic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, but it was not enough to advance to the knockouts.

## Results

### Junior Boys' Team

#### Group 5

#### USA 3 England 0

Michael Minh Tran bt Sam Wilson 3-2 (11-5, 3-11, 8-11, 11-6, 13-11)

Nikhil Kumar bt Thomas Rayner 3-0 (11-8, 11-6, 11-4)

Kai Zarehbin bt Gofton 3-1 (10-12, 11-8, 11-9, 12-10)

#### France 3 England 0

Fabio Rakotoarimanana bt Wilson 3-1 (11-6, 11-5, 9-11, 13-11)

Alexis Lebrun bt Rayner 3-0 (11-6, 11-5, 11-3)

Jules Cavaille bt Gofton 3-0 (11-3, 11-6, 11-7)

### **England 3 Romania 2**

Andrei Tomica bt Rayner 3-1 (10-12, 11-8, 11-2, 11-9)

Wilson bt Matei Dumitrescu 3-0 (11-9, 12-10, 11-3)

Mihai Rosca bt Gofton 3-0 (11-7, 13-11, 11-5)

Wilson bt Tomica 3-0 (14-12, 12-10, 12-10)

Rayner bt Dumitrescu 3-2 (11-4, 11-5, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9)

### **Cadet Boys' Singles**

#### **Group 18**

Huang Sikai (SGP) bt Thomas Rayner 3-1 (10-12, 11-6, 11-9, 11-7)

Lee Hoyun (KOR) bt Rayner 3-0 (11-6, 11-4, 11-7)

Rayner bt Kerim Fazlic (BIH) 3-1 (10-12, 11-2, 11-5, 11-8)

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