

## Watch: Liam's awesome shots go viral!

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How's this for imagination and dexterity in the heat of battle?

England's Liam Pitchford played not just one but two amazing behind-the-back shots during his last-32 clash with Jun Mizutani in the Austrian Open. Not surprisingly, the magic moments were chosen as the ITTF's Stiga Point of the Day and have caused a sensation on social media.

The first was a clean winner, leaving his bemused Japanese opponent flat-footed as the ball sped across court before he could react.

The second saw Mizutani return the ball long, bringing up a match point for Pitchford. He didn't take that chance but <u>went on to win 4-3 to set up a clash with European champion Timo Boll</u> in the last 16.

Liam said: "I didn't plan it. I think it's the first time I've ever done it on camera. There were two in one match, so I don't know what to say. Did you get them on video? That's going viral that one. I don't really practise it but I have long arms so it's a bit easier."

Will Pitchford produce more awesome shots against the legendary German? We can all find out by watching live at 5.40pm UK time by <u>clicking here</u>

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