



English youngsters reach KO rounds at international events

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Louis Price, Ben Piggott and Joseph Hunter reached the knockout stages in two age groups at the WTT Youth Contender Szombathely in Hungary, with Naphong Boonyaprapa doing so in one age group. Meanwhile, Megan Jones reached the main draw at the WTT Youth Contender Senec in Slovakia.

Price and Piggott both made it out of their groups in the Under-19 and Under-17 Boys' Singles, while Hunter matched at feat at Under-15 and Under-17 levels.

In the Under-19s, Piggott, Price and Naphong Boonyaprapa all went through as group runners-up, while Olly Cornish was unable to progress. The three remaining English players all went out in the last 64, though Piggott and Boonyaprapa took their higher-ranked opponents to deciding games – Boonyaprapa fighting back from 2-0 down including taking the third 17-15.

In the under-17s, Price topped his group thanks to two wins from two, including a terrific 3-2 (5-11, 17-15, 11-13, 11-7, 11-9) victory over Napat Thanmathikom of Thailand, the group's top-ranked player. He was defeated in the last 32 by Vincent Senkbeil of Germany.

Hunter and Piggott went through into the last 64 as group runners-up, Piggott digging in to defeat Giacomo Izzo of Italy 3-2 (11-2, 6-11, 13-15, 11-5, 11-8), while Hunter beat Luxembourg's Gene Wantz in three. Both went out in the last 64 to higher-ranked players.

Boonyaprapa, Cornish and Jakub Piwowar did not make it through the groups.

In the under-15s, Hunter went through as group runner-up but ran into top seed Preyesh Suresh Raj of India in the last 32 and was beaten in three. Piwowar went out in the group stage.

Also on the international youth circuit, Megan Jones, Scarlett Anders and Sienna Jetha have all been competing at the WTT Youth Contender Senec in Slovakia. Only Jones made it into the knockouts, courtesy of a good 3-2

(11-7, 4-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9) win over Magdalene Scibraniova (CZE) in the Under-17 Girls' Singles. She was defeated in the last 32 by Brazil's Guilia Takahashi, who went on to reach the semi-finals.



Scarlett Anders in action in Senec (WTT photo)

Results

WTT Youth Contender Szombathely

Under-19 Boys' Singles

Qualifying group 2

Navid Shams (IRI) bt Naphong Boonyaprapa 3-0 (11-8, 11-6, 11-5)

Boonyaprapa bt Andre Kases (AUT) 3-0 (11-8, 11-9, 11-8)

Qualifying group 11

Napat Thanmathikom (THA) bt Ben Piggott 3-1 (11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 11-8)

Piggott bt Jadriel Villanueva Velez (PUR) 3-1 (11-4, 11-3, 8-11, 14-12)

Qualifying group 20

Louis Price bt Varun Shanker Balusuri (IND) 3-2 (11-8, 6-11, 12-10, 3-11, 11-5)

Nicholas Lum (AUS) bt Price 3-1 (9-11, 11-8, 11-7 11-7)

Qualifying group 23

Jakub Kaucky (CZE) bt Olly Cornish 3-1 (11-4, 12-14, 11-6, 11-2)

Oscar Birriel Rivera (PUR) bt Cornish 3-0 (11-9, 11-4, 11-4)

Round of 64

Oscar Birriel Rivera (PUR) bt Boonyaprapa 3-2 (11-7, 11-6, 15-17, 7-11, 11-7)

Lovro Zovko (CRO) bt Piggott 3-2 (9-11, 11-7, 11-13, 11-9, 11-6)
Matthias Danzer (GER) bt Price 3-0 (11-5, 11-7, 11-3)

Under-17 Boys' Singles

Qualifying group 3

Simon Belik (CZE) bt Joseph Hunter 3-1 (11-4, 7-11, 11-5, 12-10)
Hunter bt Gene Wantz (LUX) 3-0 (11-9, 11-7, 11-4)

Qualifying group 8

Louis Price bt Napat Thanmathikom (THA) 3-2 (5-11, 17-15, 11-13, 11-7, 11-9)
Price bt Bence Balogh (HUN) 3-0 (11-4, 11-7, 11-6)

Qualifying group 12

Martin Sip (CZE) bt Jakub Piwowar 3-1 (11-9, 12-10, 8-11, 11-4)
Ivan Hencel (CRO) bt Piwowar 3-0 (11-6, 11-7, 11-6)

Qualifying group 15

Leo Vekic (CRO) bt Naphong Boonyaprapa 3-0 (14-12, 11-8, 11-7)
Hugo Urquizar (ESP) bt Boonyaprapa 3-0 (11-9, 11-7, 11-9)

Qualifying group 22

Nicholas Lum (AUS) bt Olly Cornish 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-7)
Johannes Maad (AUT) bt Cornish 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-5)

Qualifying group 27

Vit Kadlec (CZE) bt Ben Piggott 3-0 (11-9, 11-7, 11-6)
Piggott bt Giacomo Izzo (ITA) 3-2 (11-2, 6-11, 13-15, 11-5, 11-8)

Round of 64

Yong Izaac Quek (SGP) bt Piggott 3-0 (11-9, 11-2, 11-2)
Rogelio Castro (MEX) bt Hunter 3-0 (11-8, 11-3, 11-6)

Round of 32

Vincent Senkbeil (GER) bt Price 3-1 (11-9, 11-4, 10-12, 11-7)

Under-15 Boys' Singles

Qualifying group 1

Preyesh Suresh Raj (IND) bt Jakub Piwowar 3-1 (11-7, 13-11, 9-11, 11-5)
Uros Ninkovic (SRB) bt Piwowar 3-1 (11-6, 8-11, 11-9, 11-7)

Qualifying group 12

Martin Froseth (NOR) bt Joseph Hunter 3-1 (9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-9)
Hunter bt Lionel Stift (AUT) 3-0 (11-9, 11-5, 11-8)

Round of 32

Preyesh Suresh Raj (IND) bt Hunter 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-4)

WTT Youth Contender Senec

Under-19 Girls' Singles

Qualifying group 8

Ainhoa Cristobal (ESP) bt Megan Jones 3-0 (11-4, 11-9, 11-7)
Lakshita Narang (IND) bt Jones 3-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-4)

Qualifying group 12

Anna Brzyska (POL) bt Scarlett Anders 3-1 (11-4, 11-5, 3-11, 11-6)
Veronika Drobova (SVK) bt Anders 3-2 (7-11, 11-8, 6-11, 11-9, 11-6)

Jana Vasendova (CZE) bt Anders 3-0 (11-6, 11-3, 11-7)

Under-17 Girls' Singles

Qualifying Group 2

Suhana Saini (IND) bt Megan Jones 3-0 (11-7, 14-12, 11-5)

Jones bt Magdalene Scibraniova (CZE) 3-2 (11-7, 4-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9)

Qualifying group 15

Lakshita Narang (IND) bt Scarlett Anders 3-1 (12-10, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8)

Ema Cincurova (SVK) bt Anders 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 11-5)

Round of 32

Giulia Takahashi (BRA) bt Jones 3-0 (11-3, 11-3, 11-9)

Under-15 Girls' Singles

Qualifying group 8

Adela Sazimova (CZE) bt Sienna Jetha 3-0 (11-3, 11-5, 11-4)

Prisha Goel (IND) bt Jetha 3-0 (11-7, 11-4, 11-5)

Under-13 Girls' Singles

Qualifying group 6

Veronika Polakova (CZE) bt Sienna Jetha 3-1 (9-11, 11-3, 11-3, 11-4)

Vanda Vanisova (SVK) bt Jetha 3-1 (11-6, 11-5, 11-13, 12-10)

Celine Panholzer (AUT) bt Jetha 3-0 (11-5, 11-7, 11-7)

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