



Knockout line-up complete for Nationals qualifiers!

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Today marked the start of the Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships Qualifying Tournament, with a record number of competitors vying for the chance to compete against the elite in the main competition in March.

There was an incredible 61 years age difference between the youngest and oldest players at the tournament, with 12-year-old Kacper Piwowar winning his first match in a Senior tournament against 14-year-old Joseph Dennison.

See highlights from today's action in the video below or to find out what happened in the Men's Singles and Women's singles carry on reading.

Women's Singles:

34 women participated today which is 19 more than the last qualifying tournament in 2020.

Group 1:

Group 1 predictably saw Scarlett Anders at the top and the rest of the group all going through to the knockout rounds on Sunday.

- 1.Scarlett Anders
- 2.Bethany Ellis
- 3.Eve Witterick

4.Lisa Rinnhofer

5.Stefania Popa

6.Eva Eccles

7.Zoe Castie

Group 2:

Group 2 followed a similar pattern, with highest ranked player Millie Rogove winning all her matches and topping the group. All but Connie Dumelow who finished in 8th automatically qualified. Dumelow played in a round robin to determine one more female place in which she couldn't overcome Fliss Pickard in a very tight match.

1.Millie Rogove

2.Mabel Shute

3.Charlotte Weatherby

4.Rebecca Savage

5.Kirsty Maull

6.Rachel Iles

7.Olivia Fletcher

8.Connie Dumelow

Group 3:

Erin Green won the women's Group 3 winning all matches except against Ella Pashley where she lost (17-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8, 11-4). 62-year-old Doreen Tierney came last in the group and competed in the round robin but was the first to be knocked out, losing both her matches.

1.Erin Green

2.Megan Jones

3.Evelyn Pace

4.Ella Pashley

5.Saskia Key

6.Emily Haskell

7.Doreen Tierney

Group 4:

Anna Green ranked third in her group came through to take the top spot, beating all of her opponents in the group. All of the group have gone through to the knockout rounds on Sunday.

1. Anna Green
2. Mya Sultan
3. Gemma Kerr
4. Isabelle Lacorte
5. Kate Watkinson

Group 5:

A close battle between fifth and 6th seeds Sara Williams and Amy Marriot saw Williams come out on top beating Marriot in a very close match (11-8, 11-9, 11-8). Fliss Pickard finished in seventh and had to earn her spot for Sunday in a round robin which she won.

1. Sara Williams
2. Amy Marriot
3. Jodie Morris
4. Ella Barnard
5. Lauren Loosemore
6. Anna Piercy
7. Fliss Pickard

Men's Singles:

In the men's singles there were a staggering 17 groups with a total of 117 men taking part in the first day of the qualifying tournament.

Group 1:

Andrew Baggaley blitzed through Group 1, only dropping 26 points in five matches. Baggaley will now face Adam Webster in the first knockout round tomorrow.

1. Andrew Baggaley
2. Adam Laws
3. Jared Patel
4. Harry Stevens
5. Darius Xavier
6. Stephen Williams

Group 2:

Second seed Sam Wilson pulled out of the tournament leaving the top spot in Group 2 up for grabs. 69th seed

Howard Onweng jumped at the opportunity and caused a huge upset by topping his group and knocking out the other four in the process.

1.Howard Onweng

2.Robert Hansell

3.Pawel Orzechdwski

James Davies-Stokes

4.Ezra Slater

Group 3:

The top two places in Group 3 followed rankings, however 12 year old Kacper Piwowar made it difficult for Adam Webster, losing (11-9, 11-2, 11-6).

1.Gabriel Achampong

2.Adam Webster

3.Jamal Dennison

4.David McKenzie

5.Kacper Piwowar

6.Joseph Dennison

Group 4:

Lowest ranked in the group Krish Chotai stormed to victory and progressed through to the knockout rounds on Sunday. Adam Dennison followed close behind in second and progressed to the playoffs where he was knocked out by Adam Webster.

1.Krish Chotai

2.Adam Dennison

3.Jack Bennett

4.Matt Evans

5.Zayd Mauthoor

6.Shae Thakker

Group 5:

Group 5 finished in order of rank with Joe Cope finishing top. Nahom Goitom went into a playoff against Robert Hansell in which he won a thrilling five game match (11-9, 9-11, 11-13, 11-9, 11-5).

1.Joe Cope

2.Nahom Goitom

3.Chris Cockburn

4.Ed Slot

5.Rowan Jones

6.Taiwo Adedayo

Group 6:

In group 6 another shock result as Joseph Hunter ranked the lowest in his group finished top, with Ethan Walsh coming in at second, and Paralympic medallist Will Bayley left in third and knocked out of the tournament.

1.Joseph Hunter

2.Ethan Walsh

3.William Bayley

4.Samuel Cooper

5.Awais Muhammed

6.Dipak Kuchhadua

Group 7:

Top ranked Shayan Siraj finished top of the group, qualifying for Sunday, but a shock second place for Aaron Geung who was ranked bottom of the group means he will join Siraj tomorrow.

Shayan Siraj

Aaron Geung

Alex Pringle

Luke Walsh

Jacob Evans

Bertie Kelly

Group 8:

In Group 8 top ranked Joshua Weatherby went through in first place without dropping a set, with Olly Tyndall following in second.

1.Joshua Weatherby

2.Olly Tyndall

3.Vitor Marquiori

4.Liam Rowson

5.Sean Murray

Group 9:

England pathway player Rhys Davies topped his group as Felix Thomis finished second – both through to the knockout rounds on Sunday.

Rhys Davies

Felix Thomis

Luke Davies-Stokes

David Ramsey

Joshua Amanor

Helmuth Osborne

Group 10:

Group 10 didn't follow ranks as David Gofton topped Group 10, followed by Jamar McGlashan in second place.

1.David Gofton

2.Jamar McGlashan

3.Alim Hirji

4.Veton Zeqiri

5.Frederick Jones

6.Joseph Marlor

7.Adam Alibhai

Group 11:

Graeme Barella won all five games in a tough group as James Hamblett came in second after losing to third place Sammy Kaye.

1.Graeme Barella

2.James Hamblett

3.Sammy Kaye

4.Robert Pelc

5.Jake Haygarth

6.Joshua Yarrow

Group 12:

Umair Mauthoor qualified in top place with England pathway player Max Stevens coming in at second to go

through to the knockouts.

1.Umair Mauthoor

2.Max Stevens

3.David Harvey

Hawley Ellicott

4.William Avery

5.James Harvey

6.Max Gonpot

Group 13:

In Group 13 there were no surprises as Naphat Boonyaprapa took first. With two competitors pulling out from this group, only Boonyaprapa has gone through to the knockouts tomorrow.

1.Naphat Boonyaprapa

2.Adam Jepson

3.Owen Brown

4.Daniel Allen

5.Craig Allen

Group 14:

Another standard format group, with the top two ranked players going through in first and second place.

1.Shaquille Webb-Dixon

2.Oliver Cornish

3.Joshua Bruce

4.Aleander Attew

5.Joshua Cooper

6.Vasi Kazakov

Group 15:

Group 15 saw on form Connor Green tear through his opposition, not losing a set. Thomas Rayner progresses through to the knockout in second place.

1.Connor Green

2.Thomas Rayner

3.Ryszard Pelc

4.Harry Yip

5.Josh Bromley

Group 16:

England pathway star Ben Piggot blazed through his group with Larry Trumpauskas finishing second to join him in the knockout rounds on Sunday.

1.Benjamin Piggot

2.Larry Trumpauskas

3.Nathaniel Saunders

4.Gregory Fray

5.Adedapo Onakomaya

6.Richard Solly

Group 17:

Lastly, Naphong Boonyaprapa and Toby Ellis both put in some excellent performances to finish first and second and progress to the next stage.

1.Naphong Boonyaprapa

2.Toby Ellis

3.Zachary Martillo

4.Isaac Kingham

5.Dale Campbell

6.Benjamin Greve

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