

Cadet girls reach semis in Poland

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The English cadet girls again showed their strength on the international scene as Tin-Tin Ho and Maria Tsaptsinos reached the team semi-final at the Polish Open over the weekend.

In their competition they battled to reach the last four after group victories over Austria A, a mixed team and Poland B. In the last 16 they cruised 3-0 past Poland C before beating Romania 3-1 thanks due to a double from Ho over Arina-Dora Singeorzan and Bianca Crisan.

However, they stumbled at the next hurdle as they were beaten 3-0 by Germany A with Wan Yuan and Alena Lemmer inflicting the defeats.

The cadet boys, short of number 1 Helshan Weerasinghe, did still manage to reach the last 16 after they beat Slovakia B 3-1 in their group to progress. Daniel Lawrence won twice in that match but he was powerless in the next round as Poland A, the eventual winners, won through 3-0.

After the singles and doubles had finished early for the junior boys from England they made sure they progressed from their team group as runners-up. They shook off a 3-0 defeat at the hands of eventual winners Germany A to record a 3-1 victory against Poland B with two wins for Sam Walker and one for George Downing.

Unfortunately, they then met a strong Czech Republic side for which they had no answer although both Walker and Downing could rue losing tight five-game matches in both of their ties.

In the singles competition all eyes were on Tin-Tin after her victories in Portugal and France but this time it was not to be. Despite reaching the quarter-final she was then defeated by Romanian Adina Diaconu 3-1 (6-11, 13-11, 11-7, 11-8).

Both Tsaptsinos and Sam Mabey reached the last 64 in the singles before they were knocked-out while Lawrence went one better by reaching the last 32.

The doubles didn't pull up any big results although Mabey and Lawrence can be proud of their fightback from 2-0 down to win a dramatic five-setter in the round of 64. The last two games were decisively claimed by the English pair 14-12 and 15-13.

Some of the players will now head to the Netherlands for the Six Nations while some will return home for the U11-14s National Championships in Walsall. Full results from Poland can be seen below.

Junior Boys Team:

Group A:

Germany A 3-0 England

Benedikt Duda bt Sam Walker 3-2 (11-8, 11-13, 11-8, 14-16, 11-4)

Qiu Liang bt Lewis Gray 3-0 (11-7, 11-6, 11-4)

Frederick Jost bt George Downing 3-0 (11-6, 11-5, 11-7)

England 3-1 Poland B

Adrian Wiecek bt Lewis Gray 3-1 (11-9, 11-8, 9-11, 11-8)

Sam Walker bt Antoni Witkowski 3-0 (13-11, 11-6, 14-12)

George Downing bt Jakub Folwarski 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 11-6)

Sam Walker bt Adrian Wiecek 3-0 (12-10, 11-4, 11-9)

Last 16:

Czech Rep A 3-0 England

Michal Benes bt Sam Walker 3-2 (9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 9-11, 11-5)

Ondrej Bajger bt Lewis Gray 3-0 (11-7, 11-6, 11-4)

Jakub Seibert bt George Downing 3-2 (14-16, 11-6, 11-5, 9-11, 11-4)

Cadet Boys Team:

Group F:

Poland B 3-0 England

Marek Badowski bt Sam Mabey 3-0 (11-7, 11-9, 11-7)

Adrian Dugiel bt Daniel Lawrence 3-1 (11-2, 11-7, 8-11, 14-12)

Badowski/Dugiel bt Mabey/Lawrence 3-1 (11-4, 11-5, 9-11, 11-2)

England 3-0 Hungary (bye)

England 3-1 Slovakia B

Daniel Lawrence bt Matus Diko 3-1 (7-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9)

Andrej Kassay bt Sam Mabey 3-0 (16-14, 13-11, 11-3)

Mabey/Lawrence bt Diko/Kassay 3-1 (11-9, 11-5, 9-11, 11-7)

Daniel Lawrence bt Andrej Kassay 3-1 (11-8, 11-7, 5-11, 11-5)

Last 16:

Poland A 3-0 England

Aleksander Werekci bt Daniel Lawrence 3-0 (11-5, 11-6, 11-6)

Patryk Zadowka bt Sam Mabey 3-1 (9-11, 11-4, 12-10, 11-4)

Werekci/Zadowka bt Mabey/Lawrence 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 14-12)

Cadet Girls Team:

Group D:

England 3-1 Austria A

Tin-Tin Ho bt Lisa Storer 3-0 (11-8, 11-6, 11-4)

Karoline Mischek bt Maria Tsaptsinos 3-1 (11-13, 11-9, 11-1, 11-6)

Ho/Tsaptsinos bt Storer/Mischek 3-1 (10-12, 11-7, 11-6, 12-10)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Karoline Mischek 3-1 (11-6, 5-11, 11-3, 11-5)

England 3-0 NZ/Czech

Tin-Tin Ho bt Dagmar Penkavova 3-1 (11-5, 8-11, 11-1, 13-11)

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Ola Ratka 3-1 (11-8, 10-12, 12-10, 11-5)

Ho/Tsaptsinos bt Penkavova/Ratka 3-0 (11-3, 11-7, 11-6)

England 3-2 Poland B

Tin-Tin Ho bt Klaudia Nawrocka 3-0 (11-6, 11-6, 11-4)

Zuzanna Wozniak bt Maria Tsaptsinos 3-1 (11-4, 11-1, 7-11, 15-13)

Nawrocka/Wozniak bt Ho/Tsaptsinos 3-1 (11-9, 7-11, 11-4, 11-4)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Zuzanna Wozniak 3-1 (6-11, 18-16, 11-6, 11-8)

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Klaudia Nawrocka 3-1 (11-7, 11-9, 6-11, 13-11)

Last 16:

England 3-0 Poland C

Tin-Tin Ho bt Katarzyna Galus 3-1 (11-3, 11-6, 9-11, 11-5)

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Karolina Lalak 3-2 (12-10, 11-5, 4-11, 6-11, 16-14)

Ho/Tsaptsinos bt Stacheka/Galus 3-1 (8-11, 11-9, 13-11, 11-3)

Last 8:

England 3-1 Romania B

Bianca Crisan bt Maria Tsaptsinos 3-0 (11-5, 11-5, 11-8)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Arina-Dora Singeorzan 3-1 (11-7, 11-8, 6-11, 11-9)

Ho/Tsaptsinos bt Singeorzan/Crisan 3-2 (8-11, 11-8, 11-6, 13-15, 15-13)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Bianca Crisan 3-2 (7-11, 11-6, 10-12, 11-9, 11-5)

Semi-final:

Germany A 3-0 England

Alena Lemmer bt Tin-Tin Ho 3-0 (11-8, 11-5, 11-6)

Wan Yuan bt Maria Tsaptsinos 3-0 (11-3, 11-9, 11-8)

Lemmer/Yuan bt Ho/Tsaptsinos 3-1 (11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 11-1)

Cadet Boys Singles:

Qualifying Group 6:

Yuki Matsuyama (JPN) bt Daniel Lawrence 3-0 (11-9, 11-2, 11-8)

Daniel Lawrence bt Romualdas Franckaitis (LTU) 3-0 (11-5, 11-4, 13-11)

Qualifying Group 9:

Nils Hohmeier (GER) bt Sam Mabey 3-0 (11-6, 11-7, 11-4)

Sam Mabey bt Rimantas Lesiv 3-1 (4-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-3)

Round of 64:

Daniel Lawrence bt Gabor Bohm 3-2 (9-11, 11-9, 15-13, 9-11, 11-8)

Samuel Kaluzny (SVK) bt Sam Mabey 3-0 (11-9, 11-6, 11-9)

Round of 32:

Anton Kallberg (SWE) bt Daniel Lawrence 3-1 (8-11, 11-6, 11-2, 11-9)

Cadet Girls Singles:

Qualifying Group 2:

Tin-Tin Ho bt Kristina Kazlauskaitė (LTU) 3-0 (13-11, 12-10, 11-7)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Raquel Andrade (POR) 3-1 (11-8, 9-11, 11-7, 11-6)

Group 21:

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Katarzyna Wegrzyn (POL) 3-0 (11-9, 11-9, 11-4)

Veronika Kmetova (CZE) bt Maria Tsaptsinos 3-1 (11-6, 11-4, 11-13, 11-3)

Round of 64:

Jolita Sokolovskytė (LTU) bt Maria Tsaptsinos 3-0 (11-4, 11-9, 13-11)

Round of 32:

Tin-Tin Ho bt Anna Kiritchenko (FIN) 3-2 (9-11, 6-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-8)

Round of 16:

Tin-Tin Ho bt Lejla Imre (HUN) 3-0 (11-8, 11-9, 11-9)

Round of 8:

Adina Diaconu (ROM) bt Tin-Tin Ho 3-1 (6-11, 13-11, 11-7, 11-8)

Cadet Boys Doubles:

Round of 64:

Mabey/Lawrence bt Misztal/Gierach (POL) 3-2 (7-11, 9-11, 11-5, 14-12, 15-13)

Round of 32:

Matsuyama/Kizukuri (JPN) bt Mabey/Lawrence 3-2 (7-11, 12-10, 11-6, 7-11, 11-6)

Cadet Girls Doubles:

Round of 32:

Kazlauskaitė/Rimkeviciute (LTU) bt Ho/Tsaptsinos 3-0 (11-7, 12-10, 11-5)

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