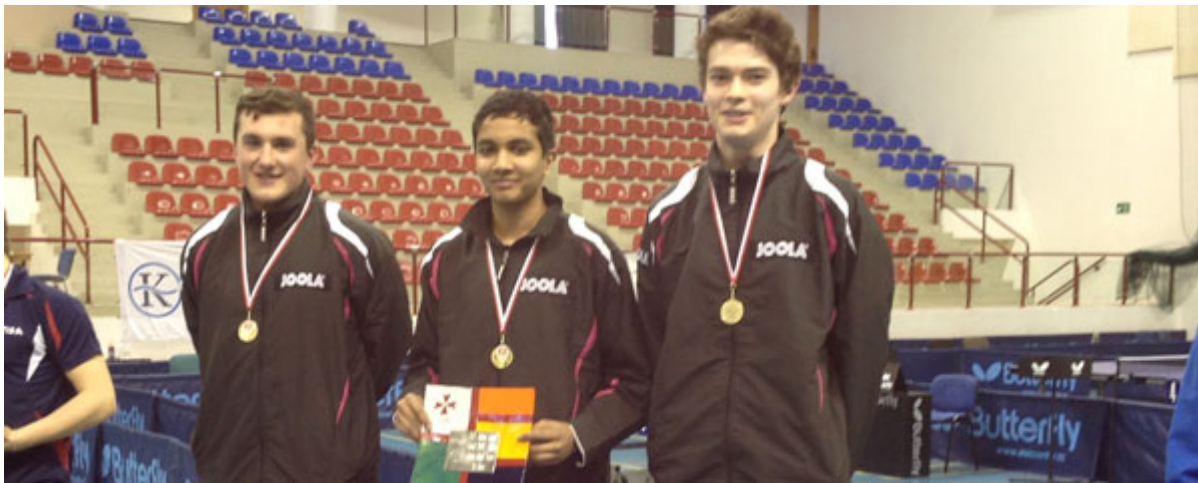


Walker unstoppable as England pick up titles

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Sam Walker moved up to third in the ITTF World Junior Circuit standings with a comprehensive performance at the Malta Junior & Cadet Open in Cottonera.

Walker was outstanding in singles play throughout both the Junior Boys Singles and Junior Boys Team event where he dropped just one game in the entire tournament – that in the final against Denmark’s Claus Nielsen.

Alongside Helshan Weerasinghe (semi-finalist in the singles) and George Downing (quarter-finalists) Walker was also triumphant in the team event where England beat Norway 3-1 in the final.

There were also English titles in the Junior Girls Team event with Tin-Tin Ho, Maria Tsaptsinos and Lois Peake emerging with the win, while the Junior Boys Doubles and Junior Girls Doubles also saw English winners through Walker and Weerasinghe while Tin-Tin partnered Wales’ Charlotte Carey.



It wasn't to be Tin-Tin's day in the Cadet or Junior Singles as she lost in both to Poland's Katarzyna Galus. She eventually made the semi-final in the Junior Girls Singles – only to lose to Carey 4-2 (22-24, 11-1, 11-6, 11-7, 11-13, 14-12).

In the final, the Welsh girl also beat Maria Tsaptsinos 4-1 to claim Wales' first-ever ITTF Junior Circuit title.

Tom Jarvis and Marcus Giles were also in action in the cadet boys. While the pair were knocked out of the team event in the quarter-finals by Belarus and in the semi-finals of the doubles by a Greek pairing, Jarvis did manage to reach the final of the singles event.

Surprising second seed Aliaksandr Khanin (BLR) in the process, Jarvis was only halted by Abdulrahman Al-Naggar (QAT) in the final after a great run from the eighth seed.

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Individual results

Junior Boys

Group 1

Sam Walker bt Hannes Iwarsson (SWE) 3-0 (11-9, 11-5, 11-3)

Sam Walker bt Andreas Dilling (DEN) 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 11-7)

Sam Walker bt Luca Minuti (MLT) 3-0 (11-6, 11-3, 11-2)

Group 4

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Mohammed Al-Sulaiti (QAT) 3-0 (11-5, 11-4, 11-4)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Andreas Tsopelas (GRE) 3-1 (11-5, 11-4, 4-11, 11-7)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Alexander Wheeler (SCO) 3-0 (11-3, 11-4, 11-6)

Group 5

George Downing bt William Apelqvist (SWE) 3-0 (11-8, 11-8, 13-11)

George Downing bt Nikolaos Antoniadis (GRE) 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 14-12)

George Downing bt James Camilleri (MLT) 3-0 (11-7, 11-3, 11-5)

Last 16

Sam Walker bt Chris Wheeler (SCO) 4-0 (11-4, 11-9, 11-9, 11-9)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Andreas Dilling (DEN) walkover

George Downing bt Abdulrahman Al-Naggar (QAT) 4-0 (11-5, 11-7, 11-8, 11-7)

Quarter-Final

Sam Walker bt Andreas Tsopelas (GRE) 4-0 (11-3, 11-1, 11-3, 11-1)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Adam Brat (SVK) 4-2 (11-5, 6-11, 11-6, 11-3, 9-11, 11-9)

Claus Nielsen (DEN) bt George Downing 4-1 (11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 14-12, 11-7)

Semi-Final

Sam Walker bt Anders Lind (DEN) 4-0 (11-8, 11-6, 13-11, 11-6)

Claus Nielsen (DEN) bt Helshan Weerasinghe 4-1 (14-12, 7-11, 11-8, 12-10, 11-9)

Final

Sam Walker bt Claus Nielsen (DEN) 4-1 (9-11, 11-8, 11-4, 11-8, 11-9)

Junior Girls

Group 1

Tin-Tin Ho bt Sofie Egeholt (DEN) 3-0 (11-7, 13-11, 11-4)

Katarzyna Galus (POL) bt Tin-Tin Ho 3-1 (4-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-5)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Hedda Egerlid (SWE) 3-0 (11-8, 11-6, 11-6)

Group 2:

Lois Peake bt Sara Pytel (POL) 3-1 (11-9, 7-11, 11-9, 11-7)

Charlotee Carey (WAL) bt Lois Peake 3-0 (11-1, 11-6, 12-10)

Lois Peake bt Amy De Gaetano (MLT) 3-0 (11-3, 11-7, 11-2)

Group 3

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Anette Lundh (SWE) 3-0 (12-10, 13-11, 11-4)

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Veronika Tuslova (CZE) 3-2 (11-3, 8-11, 5-11, 11-4, 11-7)

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Therese Genovese (MLT) 3-0 (11-5, 11-5, 11-1)

Quarter-Final

Katarzyna Galus (POL) bt Lois Peake 4-1 (8-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-5, 11-6)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Anette Lundh (SWE) 4-0 (11-9, 11-8, 11-5, 11-4)

Semi-Final

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Katarzyna Galus (POL) 4-0 (11-9, 11-7, 11-4, 11-8)

Charlotte Carey (WAL) bt Tin-Tin Ho 4-2 (22-24, 11-1, 11-6, 11-7, 11-13, 14-12)

Final

Charlotte Carey (WAL) bt Maria Tsaptsinos 4-1 (11-2, 11-4, 7-11, 11-7, 12-10)

Cadet Boys

Group 5

Marcus Giles bt Jurgen Sammut (MLT) 3-0 (11-9, 11-3, 11-6)

Andreas Tsopelas (GRE) bt Marcus Giles 3-1 (11-4, 11-6, 6-11, 11-8)

Marcus Giels bt Sacha Pace (MLT) 3-0 (11-4, 11-2, 11-7)

Group 8

Tom Jarvis bt Miguel Pullicino (MLT) 3-0 (11-8, 11-1, 11-1)

Lucas Prandi (BRA) bt Tom Jarvis 3-0 (11-7, 11-6, 11-7)

Tom Jarvis bt Callum Evans 3-0 (11-7, 11-3, 13-11)

Last 16

Jassim Al-Sanadi (QAT) bt Marcus Giles 3-0 (11-6, 11-9, 14-12)

Tom Jarvis bt Nikolaos Antoniadis (GRE) 3-1 (11-6, 11-7, 8-11, 13-11)

Quarter-Final

Tom Jarvis bt Aliaksandr Khanin (BLR) 3-2 (10-12, 14-12, 11-4, 7-11, 11-7)

Semi-Final

Tom Jarvis bt William Apelqvist (SWE) 3-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-4)

Final

Abdulrahman Al-Naggar (QAT) bt Tom Jarvis 3-1 (11-4, 11-4, 11-13, 11-5)

Cadet Girls

Round-robin group

Katarzyna Galus (POL) bt Tin-Tin Ho 3-1 (12-10, 8-11, 11-6, 11-8)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Veronika Tuslova (CZE) 3-0 (11-9, 11-7, 11-7)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Sascha Genovese (MLT) 3-0 (11-6, 11-5, 11-3)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Sara Pytel (POL) 3-0 (11-7, 14-12, 11-9)

Team results

Junior Boys

Group 1

England 3-0 Qatar

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Mohammed Al-Sulaiti 3-0 (11-5, 11-5, 11-6)

Sam Walker bt Mohammed Al-Haddad 3-0 (11-8, 11-1, 11-2)

Walker/Downing bt Al-Sulaiti/Al-Haddad 3-0 (11-6, 11-4, 11-1)

England 3-0 Sweden

Sam Walker bt Johan Hesselgren 3-0 (11-4, 11-9, 11-4)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Hannes Iwarsson 3-0 (11-0, 11-4, 12-10)

Walker/Downing bt Hesselgren/Iwarsson 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-6)

England 3-0 Malta A

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Andrea Portelli 3-0 (11-4, 11-5, 11-6)

George Downing bt James Camilleri 3-0 (11-9, 11-2, 11-4)

Walker/Weerasinghe bt Portelli/Camilleri 3-0 (11-4, 14-12, 11-2)

Semi-Final:

England 3-0 Slovakia

Sam Walker bt Adam Brat 3-0 (11-5, 11-8, 11-8)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Tomas Kopanyi 3-1 (5-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-9)

Walker/Weerasinghe bt Brat/Kopanyi 3-2 (11-5, 11-5, 5-11, 7-11, 11-9)

Final

England 3-1 Norway

Sam Walker bt Espen Flaglien 3-0 (11-8, 11-8, 11-6)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Eskild Jorgensen 3-2 (9-11, 11-8, 6-11, 11-5, 13-11)

Flaglien/Jorgensen bt Downing/Walker 3-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-8)

Sam Walker bt Eskild Jorgensen 3-0 (11-5, 11-4, 11-7)

Junior Girls

England 3-0 Malta

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Therese Genovese 3-0 (11-8, 11-2, 11-3)

Lois Peake bt Amy De Gaetano 3-0 (11-2, 11-6, 11-7)

Tsaptsinos/Ho bt Genovese/De Gaetano 3-0 (11-4, 11-5, 11-8)

England 3-1 Poland

Katarzyna Galus bt Maria Tsaptsinos 3-1 (11-7, 9-11, 11-4, 11-4)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Sara Pytel 3-0 (14-12, 11-9, 11-2)

Tsaptsinos/Ho bt Galus/Pytel 3-0 (11-6, 11-4, 11-7)

Tin-Tin Ho bt Katarzyna Galus 3-1 (10-12, 11-8, 11-6, 11-4)

England 3-0 DEN-CZE

Tin-Tin Ho bt Sofie Egeholt 3-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-5)

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Veronika Tuslova 3-2 (11-5, 5-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-9)

Peake/Ho bt Tuslova/Egeholt 3-0 (11-3, 11-4, 11-4)

England 3-0 Sweden

Tin-Tin Ho bt Anette Lundh 3-0 (11-6, 11-4, 11-5)

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Hedda Egerlid 3-1 (9-11, 11-9, 11-7, 11-9)

Ho/Peake bt Lundh/Egerlid 3-1 (11-4, 9-11, 11-8, 11-6)

Cadet Boys

Group 3:

England 3-0 Sweden B

Marcus Giles bt Martin Friis 3-1 (9-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-9)

Tom Jarvis bt Truis Moregard 3-1 (11-9, 12-10, 9-11, 11-8)

Giles/Jarvis bt Friis/Moregard 3-2 (7-11, 12-10, 11-7, 4-11, 11-9)

Greece 3-1 England

Tom Jarvis bt Nikolaos Antoniadis 3-1 (13-15, 12-10, 11-6, 11-7)

Andreas Tsopelas bt Marcus Giles 3-2 (9-11, 11-5, 15-13, 11-13, 12-10)

Antoniadis/Tsopelas bt Giles/Jarvis 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-7)

Nikolaos Antoniadis bt Marcus Giles 3-1 (8-11, 11-7, 11-9, 11-9)

England 3-0 Malta C

Marcus Giles bt Ryan Camilleri 3-0 (11-3, 11-4, 11-3)

Tom Jarvis bt Sacha Pace 3-0 (11-3, 11-3, 11-4)

Giles/Jarvis bt Camilleri/Pace 3-0 (11-4, 11-5, 11-9)

Quarter-Final:

Belarus 3-1 England

Tom Jarvis bt Valentin Henin 3-1 (11-9, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5)

Aliaksandr Khanin bt Marcus Giles 3-0 (12-10, 11-8, 11-3)

Khanin/Henin bt Giles/Jarvis 3-0 (12-10, 11-7, 11-7)

Aliaksandr Khanin bt Tom Jarvis 3-1 (11-9, 11-8, 4-11, 12-10)

Doubles Events

Junior Boys

Quarter-Final

Sam Walker/Helshan Weerasinghe bt Alex Wheeler/Chris Wheeler (SCO) 3-0 (11-5, 11-6, 11-6)

George Downing/Claus Nielsen (DEN) bt James Camilleri/Andrea Portelli (MLT) 3-0 (11-2, 11-4, 11-3)

Semi-Final

Sam Walker/Helshan Weerasinghe bt Adam Brat/Tomas Kopanyi (SVK) 3-0 (11-5, 11-5, 11-4)

George Downing/Claus Nielsen (DEN) bt Johan Hesselgren/Hannes Iwarsson (SWE) 3-0 (11-7, 12-10, 11-5)

Final

Sam Walker/Helshan Weerasinghe bt George Downing/Claus Nielsen (DEN) 3-0 (12-10, 11-6, 11-9)

Junior Girls

Semi-Final

Tin-Tin Ho/Charlotte Carey (WAL) bt Katarzyna Galus/Sara Pytel (POL) 3-0 (11-4, 12-10, 11-7)

Lois Peake/Maria Tsaptsinos bt Hedda Egerlid/Anette Lundh (SWE) 3-2 (11-2, 11-7, 2-11, 9-11, 11-5)

Final

Tin-Tin Ho/Charlotte Carey (WAL) bt Lois Peake/Maria Tsapsinos 3-1 (11-8, 9-11, 11-7, 11-7)

Cadet Boys**Quarter-Final**

Marcus Giles/Tom Jarvis bt Andreas Dilling/Nicolai De Voss (DEN) walkover

Semi-Final

Nikolaos Antoniadis/Andreas Tsopelas (GRE) bt Marcus Giles/Tom Jarvis 3-1 (11-9, 7-11, 11-7, 11-5)

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