

Liu takes the glory in Hungary Mini Cadets

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Jamie Liu with his trophy

Rising star Jamie Liu has won the under-11 boys' singles at the Mini Cadet Open in Budapest, Hungary.

The 10-year-old from the Kingfisher club in Reading won all three of his group matches, against opponents from Slovakia, Austria and Hungary, to advance to the main draw.

He received a bye in the first round and then faced Bogdan Badea in the second. It looked as if his run would end when his Romanian opponent took the first two sets. But Liu battled back to win a tight third before taking the next two to complete a 3-2 (7-11, 4-11, 13-11, 11-6, 11-5) victory.

He faced another Romanian in the quarter-finals and again had to come from behind to win 3-1 (12-14, 11-7, 11-8, 11-5).

In the semi-finals, the host nation's Erik Huzsvar awaited and Liu this time only needed three sets as he booked a place in the final with an 11-9, 11-7, 11-5 triumph.

His final opponent was another Romanian, Calin Drenea, and again Liu conceded the first set before coming back to win 3-1 (11-13, 11-7, 11-5, 12-10) and take the title.



Jamie Liu in action in Budapest

The youngster was also in action in the under-13 team competition, alongside 12-year-old Reece Chamdal from Bicester.

They made it out of the groups thanks to victories over pairs from the Czech Republic (3-2, with Liu winning the deciding singles) and Greece (3-0).

In the last 32 they faced Premji Zaiim and Balint Krebs of Hungary. Liu beat Zaiim in four, and Chamdal then also needed four to see off Krebs. They clinched a 3-0 overall victory in the doubles with a 3-2 (11-4, 13-15, 10-12, 12-10, 11-7) win.

Liu faced Drenea in the first match of the last 16 clash but, unlike his final victory the following day, he lost in three.

Chamdal beat Bogdan Iacob in three and the English pair took the doubles 3-2 (11-7, 11-9, 8-11, 9-11, 11-4). It was then left to Liu to beat Iacob in four to take England through.

Their run ended in the quarter-finals, when they were beaten 3-0 by German pair Lennart Durr and Maximilian Schlicke.

In the under-13 singles, Chamdal won two of his three group matches to reach the main draw, where he was beaten in the first round by Jan Morkejs of the Czech Republic 3-0 (11-6, 12-10, 12-10).

Bristol Academy player Louis Price won two of his three group matches in the under-11 boys' singles to reach the first round, where he was beaten by the host nation's Levente Krebs.

Nicole Scott and Danielle Kelly competed in the under-13 girls' singles but neither was able to make it past the group stage.

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