

Tom and Helshan lose out to top seeds in semis

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Tom and Helshan (right) on the podium in Italy (ITTF picture)

Helshan Weerasinghe and Tom Jarvis performed above their seeding to reach the semi-finals of the Junior Boys' Doubles at the Italian Cadet & Junior Open.

The pair, who are the National Junior Doubles champions, were seeded 9th but defeated the fourth seeds in the last 16 and the eighth seeds in the quarter-finals to earn a crack at the top seeds, Nolan Givone and Romain Ruiz.

That was where their run ended as the French pair proved too strong, winning in three straight.

Marcus Giles and his doubles partner Tom Hoffman of Luxembourg, ranked 40th, were beaten by 18th seeds Matteo Mutti and Carlo Rossi of the host nation in the last 64.



Marcus Giles in action in Lignano (ITTF picture)

The English trio were also competing in the singles in Lignano, with Jarvis and Weerasinghe advancing to the knockout stages.

Both reach the last 32, where 15-year-old Jarvis was eliminated by fourth seed Aliaksandr Khanin of Belarus, while 11th seed Weerasinghe, 17, was upset by 29th ranked Spaniard Carlos Vedriel.

Giles was eliminated in the groups but won through a round of the consolation event before being knocked out in the last 32 by Croatia's Marko Vidacek.

In the team event, England were eliminated from Group D despite beating Switzerland. Germany won the group to advance to the knockout stage.

Results

Singles

Group 3

Helshan Weerasinghe lost to Adam Brat (SVK) 1-3 (6-11, 8-11, 11-4, 9-11)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Nicholas Frigiolini (ITA) 3-0 (12-10, 12-10, 11-6)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Tom Hoffman (LUX) 3-0 (11-5, 11-5, 11-4)

Group 11

Marcus Giles lost to Matteo Mutti (ITA) 0-3 (5-11, 2-11, 7-11)

Marcus Giles lost to Ignacio Riback (ARG) 1-3 (9-11, 10-12, 11-7, 7-11)

Marcus Giles lost to Thibaut Darcis (BEL) 0-3 (7-11, 10-12, 9-11)

Group 19

Tom Jarvis bt Nicolas Simonet (SUI) 3-0 (11-6, 11-7, 11-6)

Tom Jarvis lost to Thomas Grininger (AUT) 1-3 (9-11, 11-5, 12-14, 10-12)

Tom Jarvis bt Valentin Pieraert (BEL) 3-0 (11-3, 12-10, 11-5)

Round of 64

Tom Jarvis bt Enrico Puppo (ITA) 4-0 (11-8, 11-1, 11-0, 14-12)

Round of 32

Helshan Weerasinghe lost to Carlos Vedriel (ESP) 1-4 (6-11, 9-11, 9-11, 11-9, 9-11)

Tom Jarvis lost to Aliaksandr Khanin (BLR) 1-4 (11-8, 2-11, 10-12, 2-11, 8-11)

Consolation singles

Round of 64

Marcus Giles bt Dimitrije Levajac (SRB) 3-0 (11-2, 11-1, 11-7)

Round of 32

Marcus Giles lost to Marko Vidacek (CRO) 1-3 (7-11, 8-11, 11-9, 6-11)

Doubles

Round of 64

Marcus Giles & Tom Hoffman (LUX) lost to Matteo Mutti & Carlo Rossi (ITA) 0-3 (8-11, 9-11, 7-11)

Round of 32

Helshan Weerasinghe & Tom Jarvis bt Filip Karin (SUI) & Daniel Mijatovic (CRO) 3-0 (11-7, 11-1, 16-14)

Round of 16

Helshan Weerasinghe & Tom Jarvis bt Konstantin Chernov & Maksim Kiselev (RUS) 3-1 (11-6, 6-11, 11-6, 12-10) 4th SEEDS

Quarter-finals

Helshan Weerasinghe & Tom Jarvis bt Gerrit Engemann & Dennis Klein (GER) 3-2 (11-5, 10-12, 5-11, 11-6, 11-8)

Semi-finals

Helshan Weerasinghe & Tom Jarvis lost to Nolan Givone & Romain Ruiz (FRA) 0-3 (5-11, 6-11, 5-11)

Team

Group D

England 3-2 Switzerland

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Filip Karan 3-1 (11-9, 11-7, 10-12, 11-5)

Tom Jarvis bt Nicolas Simonet 3-1 (11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 13-11)

Marcus Giles lost to Dimitri Brunner 2-3 (11-6, 4-11, 11-7, 6-11, 5-11)

Tom Jarvis lost to Filip Karan 1-3 (11-9, 9-11, 7-11, 9-11)

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Nicolas Simonet 3-0 (11-6, 11-4, 11-9)

England 0-3 Germany

Tom Jarvis lost to Dennis Klein 2-3 (12-10, 6-11, 11-4, 4-11, 7-11)

Helshan Weerasinghe lost to Gerrit Engemann 1-3 (2-11, 8-11, 13-11, 7-11)

Marcus Giles lost to Nils Hohmeier 1-3 (11-7, 9-11, 2-11, 9-11)

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