

# Smith boldly goes into last four during Spa trek

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James Smith in action in Spa. Picture by Bernard Comeliau/ITTF

James Smith's run to the semi-finals of the consolation singles was the highlight of the Belgium Junior & Cadet Open for the seven-strong English contingent.

Smith beat two Spanish players and one from the host nation before going out to another Belgian, David Comeliau, who went on to win the competition.

Joining Smith in action in the boys' events in Spa were Reece Chamdal and Shayan Siraj.

In the girls' tournaments, Kate Cheer, Denise Payet, Bhavika Mistry and Emily Bolton were in action. Bolton was in the Junior event, while the other six were eligible for both Cadets and Juniors. They played singles, doubles and team events.



Bhavika Mistry in Spa. Picture by Bernard Comeliau/ITTF

Cheer and Payet were the best performing team, making it out of the group stages and losing narrowly in the last 16 to France C.

## Results

### Cadet Boys' Team

#### Group D

#### England 2 Czech Republic B 3

James Smith bt David Prusa 3-2 (9-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-5, 12-10)

Shayan Siraj lost to Tomas Koldas 1-3 (6-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-13)

Smith & Siraj lost to Prusa & Koldas 0-3 (3-11, 13-15, 8-11)

Smith bt Koldas 3-2 (12-10, 6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-8)

Siraj lost to Prusa 2-3 (11-8, 11-6, 6-11, 7-11, 5-11)

#### England 3 Italy 1

Smith bt Mariano Trifiro 3-1 (11-4, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8)

Siraj lost to Alessandro Cicchitti 1-3 (11-1, 9-11, 4-11, 9-11)

Smith & Siraj bt Trifiro & Cicchitti 3-0 (11-6, 11-5, 13-11)

Smith bt Cicchitti 3-1 (12-10, 5-11, 11-4, 11-7)

#### England 0 Belgium A 3

Smith lost to Laurens Devos 1-3 (6-11, 9-11, 11-8, 4-11)

Siraj lost to Romain Gaspar 0-3 (4-11, 6-11, 6-11)

Smith & Siraj lost to Devos & Gaspar 0-3 (3-11, 2-11, 6-11)

### Cadet Girls' Team

#### Group C

#### England 1 France B 3

Denise Payet bt Jeanne Mathieu 3-2 (6-11, 7-11, 11-7, 11-7, 13-11)

Kate Cheer lost to Claire Picard 0-3 (7-11, 9-11, 8-11)

Payet & Cheer lost to Picard & Juliette Gasquez 0-3 (7-11, 6-11, 8-11)

Payet lost to Picard 0-3 (8-11, 9-11, 5-11)

#### England 3 Belgium B 0

Payet bt Maelys Dahy 3-2 (8-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-8, 12-10)  
Cheer bt Morgane Guidon 3-1 (7-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-6)  
Payet & Cheer bt Dahy & Guidon 3-2 (8-11, 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9)

#### **Last 16**

##### **France C 3 England 2**

Payet bt Marose Al Hamra 3-1 (9-11, 11-9, 11-7, 12-10)  
Cheer bt Aline Rocher 3-2 (10-12, 12-10, 7-11, 11-8, 11-8)  
Payet & Cheer lost to Al Hamra & Rocher 0-3 (9-11, 10-12, 8-11)  
Payet lost to Rocher 1-3 (5-11, 5-11, 11-8, 5-11)  
Cheer lost to Al Hamra 1-3 (4-11, 11-9, 11-13, 9-11)

#### **Cadet Boys' Singles**

##### **Group 3**

Reece Chamdal lost to Laurens Devos (BEL) 0-3 (3-11, 5-11, 6-11)  
Chamdal lost to Purit Verakultawan (THA) 0-3 (7-11, 6-11, 4-11)  
Chamdal lost to Matteo Petriccioli (ITA) 1-3 (11-8, 4-11, 9-11, 3-11)

##### **Group 9**

James Smith lost to Romain Gaspar (BEL) 0-3 (7-11, 6-11, 9-11)  
Smith lost to Sergi Grau (ESP) 1-3 (4-11, 6-11, 11-7, 12-14)  
Smith bt Cristian-Stefan Bogdan (ROU) 3-0 (13-11, 11-7, 11-8)

##### **Group 12**

Shayan Siraj lost to David Comeliau (BEL) 1-3 (6-11, 11-7, 9-11, 2-11)  
Siraj lost to John Oyebode (ITA) 1-3 (11-6, 5-11, 4-11, 9-11)  
Siraj lost to David Prusa (CZE) 0-3 (9-11, 11-13, 8-11)

#### **Cadet Boys' Consolation Singles**

##### **Round of 32**

Smith bt Mattias Nacer (BEL) 3-0 (11-7, 12-10, 11-9)  
Chamdal lost to David Comeliau (BEL) 0-3 (9-11, 8-11, 9-11)  
Siraj bt Maksymilian Miastowski (POL) by walkover

##### **Round of 16**

Smith bt Norbert Tauler (ESP) 3-0 (11-5, 14-12, 11-9)  
Siraj lost to Matteo Petriccioli (ITA) 1-3 (6-11, 6-11, 11-9, 8-11)

##### **Quarter-finals**

Smith bt Albert Vilardell (ESP) 3-1 (11-5, 11-7, 8-11, 11-9)

##### **Semi-finals**

Smith lost to David Comeliau (BEL) 1-3 (11-7, 9-11, 12-14, 7-11)

#### **Cadet Girls' Singles**

##### **Group 2**

Denise Payet lost to Maja Miklaszewska (POL) 1-3 (11-7, 11-13, 8-11, 9-11)  
Payet lost to Maria Taylakova (RUS) 0-3 (8-11, 6-11, 8-11)  
Payet bt Irene Favaretto (ITA) 3-1 (11-7, 11-7, 9-11, 11-6)

##### **Group 8**

Bhavika Mistry lost to Claire Picard (FRA) 1-3 (5-11, 11-8, 3-11, 7-11)  
Mistry lost to Lisa Bressan (ITA) 2-3 (12-10, 3-11, 11-9, 3-11, 7-11)  
Mistry lost to Barbora Polivkova (CZE) 0-3 (4-11, 7-11, 5-11)

##### **Group 9**

Kate Cheer lost to Arina Slautina (RUS) 1-3 (6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 5-11)  
Cheer beat Camille Lutz (FRA) 3-1 (5-11, 13-11, 13-11, 11-6)

Cheer lost to Maelys Dahy (BEL) 1-3 (11-5, 10-12, 5-11, 12-14)

### **Cadet Girls' Consolation Singles**

#### **Round of 32**

Cheer bt Larissa Gales (LUX) 3-0 (13-11, 11-1, 11-9)

Mistry lost to Laura Everard (BEL) 2-3 (8-11, 7-11, 11-7, 13-11, 6-11)

Payet – bye

#### **Round of 16**

Cheer lost to Jamila Laurenti (ITA) 0-3 (4-11, 3-11, 8-11)

Payet lost to Laura Everard (BEL) 1-3 (13-11, 8-11, 4-11, 9-11)

### **Junior Boys' Singles**

#### **Group 6**

Reece Chamdal lost to Andrei Putuntica (MDA) 0-3 (4-11, 5-11, 1-11)

Chamdal lost to Sergi Grau (ESP) 0-3 (9-11, 3-11, 6-11)

Chamdal lost to Mihai Zamfir (ROU) 0-3 (7-11, 1-11, 2-11)

#### **Group 9**

Shayan Siraj lost to Florian Cnudde (BEL) 0-3 (12-14, 3-11, 8-11)

Siraj lost to Alan Walsh (IRL) 2-3 (12-10, 8-11, 12-10, 7-11, 8-11)

Siraj lost to Antoine Doyen (FRA) 0-3 (6-11, 9-11, 4-11)

#### **Group 12**

James Smith lost to Sharon Alguetti (USA) 1-3 (6-11, 11-9, 6-11, 8-11)

Smith lost to Albert Vilardell (ESP) 1-3 (10-12, 6-11, 11-9, 9-11)

Smith lost to Jan Valenta (CZE) 0-3 (6-11, 5-11, 5-11)

### **Junior Boys' Consolation Singles**

#### **Round of 32**

Siraj bt Tom Hoffman (LUX) 3-0 (11-7, 11-7, 11-8)

Smith lost to Sergi Grau (ESP) 2-3 (11-8, 11-7, 9-11, 9-11, 9-11)

Chamdal lost to Albert Vilardell (ESP) 1-3 (8-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-13)

#### **Round of 16**

Siraj lost to Petr Zakharikov (BUL) 2-3 (11-7, 8-11, 11-7, 3-11, 6-11)

### **Junior Girls' Singles**

#### **Group 3**

Kate Cheer lost to Maria Taylakova (RS) 0-3 (8-11, 8-11, 2-11)

Cheer lost to Berenice Marteau (FRA) 0-3 (9-11, 9-11, 7-11)

#### **Group 4**

Bhavika Mistry lost to Anna Matejovska (CZE) 0-3 (6-11, 4-11, 4-11)

Mistry lost to Ekaterina Zironova (RUS) 0-3 (6-11, 6-11, 8-11)

Mistry lost to Arina Singeorzan (ROU) 0-3 (1-11, 3-11, 3-11)

#### **Group 7**

Emily Bolton lost to Nikita Petrovova (CZE) 1-3 (9-11, 8-11, 11-9, 5-11)

Bolton lost to Marose Al Hamra (FRA) 1-3 (11-9, 9-11, 8-11, 10-12)

Bolton lost to Lauranne Hackemack (BEL) 2-3 (11-8, 3-11, 7-11, 11-7, 3-11)

#### **Group 9**

Denise Payet lost to Luisa Sager (GER) 1-3 (3-11, 3-11, 11-9, 7-11)

Payet lost to Iuliia Liubushkina (RUS) 2-3 (11-5, 14-12, 10-12, 7-11, 8-11)

Payet lost to Camille Lutz (FRA) 0-3 (9-11, 4-11, 7-11)

### **Junior Girls' Consolation Singles**

**Round of 32**

Mistry lost to Marose Al Hamra (FRA) 0-3 (8-11, 3-11, 8-11)

Bolton lost to Stanislava Sleazakova (CZE) 1-3 (4-11, 9-11, 11-3, 9-11)

Payet lost to Tereza Pytlikova (CZE) 2-3 (11-2, 8-11, 11-8, 9-11, 10-12)

Cheer – bye

**Round of 16**

Cheer lost to Marketa Sevcikova (CZE) 1-3 (5-11, 6-11, 11-9, 9-11)

**Junior Boys' Doubles****Round of 32**

Shayan Siraj & James Smith lost to Cristian-Stefan Bogdan & Mihai Zamfir (ROU) 2-3 (13-11, 6-11, 7-11, 11-6, 7-11)

Reece Chamdal & Jan Zandacki (POL) lost to Basil Ayaou & Matthew Lehmann (BEL) 1-3 (11-5, 1-11, 9-11, 4-11)

**Junior Girls' Doubles****Round of 32**

Kate Cheer & Denise Payet lost to Iuliia Liubushkina & Natalia Malinina (RUS) 1-3 (6-11, 11-9, 7-11, 6-11)

Emily Bolton & Bhavika Mistry lost to Jeanne Mathieu & Claire Picard (FRA) 1-3 (8-11, 11-9, 4-11, 4-11)

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