

Walker's Far East trip ends in disappointment

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Sam Walker in action in the doubles in Kobe, alongside Enzo Angles (ITTF picture)

Sam Walker suffered disappointment at the Japan Open in Kobe, being beaten in the first round of all three competitions he entered.

In the Men's Singles, a fine comeback from 3-0 down could not prevent him being beaten 4-2 by Russia's Alexey Liventsov (7-11, 7-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-5, 7-11).

In the under-21s, Walker again saw a fightback snuffed out, this time by Shodai Sakane of the host country, who won 3-2 (11-7, 11-3, 3-11, 8-11, 11-7).

And in the doubles, Walker and partner Enzo Angles of France were defeated 3-0 by Ahmet Li of Turkey and Eugene Wang of Canada (5-11, 8-11, 9-11).

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