

England's fast start at European Youth Champs

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Alex Ramsden won two singles matches against Georgia

England's three teams have made winning starts at the European Youth Championships in Bratislava today.

The Junior Girls were the first in action, with Tin-Tin Ho, Maria Tsaptsinos and Lois Peake beating Greece 3-0 – though Tsaptsinos was taken to five sets. The girls followed up with a 3-0 victory over Finland.

The Junior Boys' line-up of Helshan Weerasinghe, Tom Jarvis and Sam Mabey swept aside Iceland 3-0 without dropping a set.

And the Cadet Boys' squad of Alex Ramsden and Harry Dai got their campaign off to a winning start, 3-1 against Georgia, being beaten in the doubles.

The Cadets followed up with a 3-0 win over Estonia this evening as James Smith made his first appearance of the tournament alongside Ramsden in the doubles. The pair came from 2-0 down to win 3-2 and seal the tie.

The qualifying groups are completed tomorrow. Also in the England squad in Bratislava is Luke Savill (Junior Boys).

Junior Girls' Team

Qualifying Group F

England 3-0 Greece

Tin-Tin Ho bt Eleni Sofra 3-0 (11-4, 11-8, 11-3)

Maria Tsaptsinos bt Georgia Chatzilygeroudi 3-2 (13-15, 11-3, 12-10, 8-011, 11-7)

Lois Peake bt Ifigeneia Isampaloglou 3-0 (11-8, 11-3, 11-2)

England 3-0 Finland

Ho bt Annika Lundstrom 3-1 (11-3, 11-5, 9-11, 11-3)

Tsaptsinos bt Anna Kirichenko 3-0 (11-4, 11-2, 11-9)

Peake bt Pihla Eriksson 3-0 (11-8, 11-4, 11-5)

Junior Boys' Team

Qualifying Group H

England 3-0 Iceland

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Breki Thordarson 3-0 (11-4, 11-5, 11-9)

Tom Jarvis bt Erlendur Gudmundsson 3-0 (11-5, 11-9, 12-10)

Sam Mabey bt Magnus Johann Hjartarson 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-6)

Cadet Boys' Team

Qualifying Group E

England 3-1 Georgia

Alex Ramsden bt Lasha Lomia 3-0 (11-4, 11-7, 11-2)

Harry Dai bt Levan Pavliashvili 3-2 (12-10, 11-5, 7-11, 5-11, 11-9)

Lomia & Pavliashvili bt Ramsden & Dai 3-0 (11-7, 11-7, 14-12)

Ramsden bt Pavliashvili 3-1 (11-8, 9-11, 11-6, 11-8)

England 3-0 Estonia

Dai bt Maksim Vuhka 3-0 (11-7, 11-1, 11-7)

Ramsden bt Mart Luuk 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 11-5)

Ramsden & James Smith bt Vuhka & Luuk 3-2 (6-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-4)

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