

Solid start in singles for England

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Sam Mabey was eliminated in seven sets. ETTU picture

There were four wins out of five for England as the singles main draw got under way at the European Youth Championships in Bratislava on Thursday.

Helshan Weerasinghe, Tom Jarvis, Alex Ramsden and Harry Dai all made it safely into the last 64, although Sam Mabey saw a 3-1 lead evaporate as he was beaten by Russia's Nikita Yarushin, ranked No 63 in the world Under-18 rankings.

In the doubles, Weerasinghe & Jarvis and Ramsden & Dai also made it through to the next round in their respective competitions, but Weerasinghe and Tin-Tin Ho were beaten in the mixed.

Results

Junior Boys' Singles

Round of 128

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Mate Bruckner (HUN) 4-2 (11-5, 7-11, 7-11, 11-7, 6-11, 11-4, 11-8)

Tom Jarvis bt Goncalo Amorim (POR) 4-0 (11-4, 11-8, 11-4, 11-4)

Nikita Yarushin (RUS) bt Sam Mabey 4-3 (7-11, 11-6, 9-11, 5-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-7)

Cadet Boys Singles

Round of 128

Alex Ramsden bt Rok Trtnik (SLO) 4-0 (13-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-8)

Harry Dai bt Peter Svenningsen (DEN) 4-2 (11-13, 11-6, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 11-7)

Junior Mixed Doubles

Round of 64

Abdullah Talha Yigenler & Simay Kulakceken (TUR) bt Weerasinghe & Tin-Tin Ho 3-0 (11-8, 14-12, 11-6)

Junior Boys' Doubles

Round of 64

Weerasinghe & Jarvis bt Arthur Bilas (BEL) & Samuel Kaluzny (SVK) 3-2 (11-8, 5-11, 12-10, 9-11, 11-1)

Cadet Boys' Doubles

Round of 64

Ramsden & Dai bt Alja Frelj & Rok Trtnik (SLO) 3-1 (10-12, 11-9, 11-8, 11-9)

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