



## Helshan misses out on quarters in Croatia

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Helshan Weerasinghe lived up to his seeding as he reached the last 16 of the Croatia Youth Open – and just failed to advance to the quarter-finals.

The 18-year-old Tonbridge player was seeded ninth and met the man one place above him – Alexandru Manole of Romania – for a place in the last eight.

But despite storming into a 2-0 lead, the Englishman saw his opponent hit back to level and, after again moving in front, saw his hope evaporate as Manole levelled once more and then took the decider.

Tom Jarvis, seeded 17<sup>th</sup>, reached the same stage but was well beaten by fourth seed Deni Kozul of Slovenia.

Luke Savill, Sam Mabey and Emily Bolton were also in action in Varazdin and Savill partnered Jarvis into the quarter-finals of the doubles. Weerasinghe and partner Tom Sfiligoj of Slovenia also reached the last eight.



Emily Bolton in action in Varazdin. Picture: ITTF/Andrej Svoger

### Results

#### Junior Boys' Singles

##### Qualifying Group 1

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Luka Martinek (CRO) 3-2 (11-4, 11-7, 9-11, 9-11, 13-11)

Weerasinghe bt Luke Tonghioiu (ROM) 3-1 (9-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-5)

##### Group 9

Tom Jarvis bt Dimitrije Levajac (SRB) 3-1 (11-5, 8-11, 11-9, 11-8)

Jarvis bt Erik Paulin (SLO) 3-1 (7-11, 11-8, 11-4, 11-8)

Jarvis bt Mariano Trifiro (ITA) 3-0 (11-9, 11-6, 11-8)

##### Group 12

Luke Savill bt Mohammed Al-Haddad (QAT) 3-1 (11-7, 8-11, 11-2, 11-9)

Ioannis Sgouropoulos (GRE) bt Savill 3-2 (11-9, 9-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-7)

Savill bt Mihai Zamfir (ROM) 3-1 (13-11, 13-15, 11-9, 11-5)

##### Group 16

Sam Mabey bt Tomas Koldas (CZE) 3-0 (11-9, 11-9, 15-13)

Lev Katsman (RUS) bt Mabey 3-1 (11-7, 11-8, 11-13, 11-2)

Mabey bt Teodor Lipan (ROM) 3-1 (11-5, 9-11, 11-7, 11-7)

#### **Round of 64**

Stefan Tonghioiu (ROM) bt Savill 4-2 (11-6, 8-11, 6-11, 11-3, 11-9, 11-7)

Istvan Molnar (HUN) bt Mabey 4-3 (7-11, 11-8, 5-11, 8-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-8)

#### **Round of 32**

Jarvis bt Thomas Grininger (AUT) 4-2 (8-11, 12-10, 12-10, 11-9, 7-11, 11-6)

Weerasinghe bt Mate Bruckner (HUN) 4-1 (9-11, 11-9, 11-3, 13-11, 11-9)

#### **Round of 16**

Deni Kozul (SLO) bt Jarvis 4-0 (11-5, 11-7, 11-5, 11-5)

Alexandru Manole (ROM) bt Weerasinghe 4-3 (7-11, 2-11, 12-10, 11-9, 6-11, 11-5, 11-6)

#### **Girls' singles**

##### **Group 6**

Arina Singeorzan (ROM) bt Emily Bolton 3-0 (11-6, 11-2, 12-10)

Ana Aleksandric (SRB) bt Bolton 3-2 (9-11, 11-9, 11-13, 14-12, 11-8)

Nikita Petrovova (CZE) bt Bolton 3-1 (13-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9)

#### **Consolation singles**

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

Kitti Korda (HUN) bt Bolton 3-1 (9-11, 11-6, 11-9, 13-11)

#### **Boys' doubles**

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

Tom Jarvis & Luke Savill bt Samuel Kulczycki & Jan Zandecki (POL) 3-0 (11-9, 11-8, 13-11)

Tom Sfiligoj (SLO) & Helshan Weerasinghe bt Paul Mladin & Florin Spelbus (ROM) 3-1 (7-11, 12-10, 11-7, 12-10)

Erik Paulin (SLO) & Ioannis Sgouropoulos (GRE) bt Sam Mabey & Tobias Pindura (SVK) 3-0 (11-5, 11-3, 11-7)

#### **Round of 16**

Jarvis & Savill bt Thomas Grininger & Andreas Levenko (AUT) 3-1 (11-5, 11-9, 3-11, 11-4)

Sfiligoj & Weerasinghe bt Christian Friedrich (AUT) & Stefan Peko (SVK) 3-1 (4-11, 11-4, 11-3, 13-11)

#### **Quarter-finals**

Patrik Klos & Jiri Martinko (CZE) bt Jarvis & Savill 3-0 (11-8, 11-8, 11-2)

Balazs Hutter & Jonah Schlie (GER) bt Sfiligoj & Weerasinghe 3-2 (11-7, 12-10, 5-11, 9-11, 11-6)

#### **Girls' doubles**

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

Fanni Gondor & Kitti Korda (HUN) bt Emily Bolton & Paula Cermakova (SVK) 3-1 (11-6, 4-11, 11-4, 11-6)



Luke Savill in action in Varazdin. Picture: ITTF/Andrej Svoger

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