



Young trio dig deep to reach knockout stages

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Alex Ramsden, Ethan Walsh and Denise Payet all reached the last 32 of the Cadet Singles at the Hungarian Junior & Cadet Open in Szombathely.

Ramsden, aged 15 and from Northampton, won his group with a 100% record and then saw off Radek Skala of the Czech Republic in the first knockout round.

Meanwhile, Stevenage player Walsh, 13, won two matches out of three in the group including, crucially, coming from 2-0 down to beat Switzerland's Dorian Girod and then received a walkover in the first round.

It put both into the last 32, but they had tough tasks as Ramsden took on top seed Yukiya Uda of Japan and Walsh tackled Cristian Chirita of Romania, the fourth seed.

And although neither were outclassed – indeed, Ramsden took the first set – that was where their runs ended.



Joe Clark in action in Hungary (ITTF picture)

James Smith and Joe Clark were eliminated in the group stages, although both won one match.

Payet, aged 14, won two of her three qualifying group matches and then defeated Luiza Popescu of Romania in the first round. But she was defeated by sixth seed Pei-Ling Su of Taipei in four sets in the last 32.

Charlotte Bardsley and Mollie Patterson were both knocked out in the group stages.

In the Boys' Doubles, Smith & Walsh were eliminated in the first round by a pair from the host nation, while Ramsden & Clark, having received a bye to the last 32, were unfortunate to come up against the second seeds, Aoto Asazu of Japan and France's Bilal Hamache.

Payet & Bardsley were also knocked out in the first round, as were Patterson and her partner, Gabriela Stepanova of the Czech Republic.

In the team events, both England line-ups were eliminated in the group stages, although the boys did win one fixture, against a Belarus-Poland combination, in thrilling fashion as four of the five matches went the distance. And it was Walsh who sealed the overall victory, coming from 2-1 down and holding his nerve in protracted decider, which he took 17-15.

Results

Cadet Boys' Team

Qualifying Group D

England 3 Belarus-Poland 2

James Smith bt Jakub Jankowski 3-2 (5-11, 11-8, 5-11, 12-10, 11-3)

Pavel Daunarovich bt Ethan Walsh 3-1 (11-4, 9-11, 12-10, 11-8)

Smith & Walsh bt Jankowski & Daunarovich 3-2 (7-11, 11-4, 11-8, 8-11, 11-7)

Daunarovich bt Smith 3-2 (9-11, 11-8, 11-9, 7-11, 11-6)

Walsh bt Jankowski 3-2 (11-8, 11-13, 4-11, 11-7, 17-15)

France A 3 England 0

Vincent Picard bt Walsh 3-0 (11-5, 11-8, 11-7)

Antoine Doyen bt Smith 3-0 (15-13, 11-6, 11-4)

Picard & Doyen bt Walsh & Smith 3-1 (11-5, 9-11, 11-4, 11-8)

Cadet Girls' Team

Qualifying Group G

Romania B 3 England 0

Andreea Hudusan bt Mollie Patterson 3-0 (15-13, 11-6, 11-8)

Luiza Popescu bt Charlotte Bardsley 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-8)

Hudusan & Popescu bt Patterson & Bardsley 3-2 (9-11, 11-5, 11-9, 6-11, 11-3)

Hungary A 3 England 0

Fanni Harasztovich bt Bardsley 3-0 (11-9, 11-8, 11-6)

Marta Nagypal bt Patterson 3-1 (11-7, 7-11, 11-6, 11-5)

Harasztovich & Nagypal bt Bardsley & Patterson 3-1 (5-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9)

Serbia B 3 England 1

Andjela Menger bt Patterson 3-0 (11-5, 11-1, 11-9)

Bardsley bt Reka Bezeg 3-1 (11-6, 4-11, 11-5, 11-2)

Menger & Bezeg bt Patterson & Bardsley 3-1 (11-4, 8-11, 11-8, 11-6)

Menger bt Bardsley 3-2 (11-7, 6-11, 11-4, 9-11, 11-5)

Cadet Boys' Singles

Qualifying Group 4

James Smith bt Hristo Hristev (BUL) 3-2 (8-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-8, 14-12)

Antoine Doyen (FRA) bt Smith 3-2 (11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-4)

Petar Filipovic (SRB) bt Smith 3-1 (11-8, 11-8, 7-11, 11-9)

Group 6

David Rozsa (HUN) bt Joe Clark 3-1 (11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 11-8)

Martin Friis (SWE) bt Clark 3-0 (11-7, 11-7, 11-8)

Clark bt Todor Skeledzija (SRB) 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-9)

Group 11

Ethan Walsh bt Dorian Girod (SUI) 3-2 (5-11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-7)

Walsh bt Mate Ocsai (HUN) 3-0 (11-5, 11-6, 13-11)

Melker Nilsson (SWE) bt Walsh 3-1 (9-11, 11-7, 11-6, 11-9)

Group 15

Alex Ramsden bt Marc Gutierrez (ESP) 3-0 (11-4, 11-5, 11-6)

Ramsden bt Alex Naumi (FIN) 3-1 (11-13, 11-4, 11-9, 12-10)

Ramsden bt Artur Paris (HUN) 3-0 (11-9, 11-9, 11-7)

Round of 64

Ramsden bt Radek Skala (CZE) 3-1 (11-8, 11-5, 6-11, 11-6)

Walsh bt Csaba Andras (HUN) by walkover

Round of 32

Yukiya Uda (JPN) bt Ramsden 3-1 (9-11, 11-1, 11-6, 11-5)

Cristian Chirita (ROM) bt Walsh 3-0 (11-6, 11-7, 11-5)

Cadet Boys' Doubles

Round of 64

David Molnar & David Rozsa (HUN) bt James Smith & Ethan Walsh 3-1 (8-11, 13-11, 11-8, 11-8)

Round of 32

Aoto Asazu (JPN) & Bilal Hamache (FRA) bt Joe Clark & Alex Ramsden 3-0 (11-2, 11-6, 11-6)

Cadet Girls' Singles

Qualifying Group 1

Anna Wegrzyn (POL) bt Charlotte Bardsley 3-0 (14-12, 11-3, 11-4)

Carmen Henares (ESP) bt Bardsley 3-2 (11-6, 12-10, 4-11, 8-11, 4-11)

Group 7

Denise Payet bt Lara Opeka (SLO) 3-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-5)

Jamila Laurenti (ITA) bt Payet 3-0 (11-9, 11-4, 11-5)

Payet bt Anna Fejos (SRB) 3-0 (11-6, 11-3, 11-6)

Group 8

Elisa Armanini (ITA) bt Mollie Patterson 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-5)

Viola Phan (HUN) bt Patterson 3-1 (12-10, 11-2, 9-11, 11-9)

Katarina Strazar (SLO) bt Patterson 3-0 (11-7, 11-3, 11-5)

Round of 64

Denise Payet bt Luiza Popescu (ROM) 3-0 (11-7, 11-9, 11-9)

Round of 32

Pei-Ling Su (TPE) bt Payet 3-1 (11-3, 11-9, 13-15, 13-11)

Cadet Girls' Doubles

Round of 32

Tania Plaian & Krisztina Varga (ROM) bt Mollie Patterson & Gabriela Stepanova (CZE) 3-0 (11-8, 11-7, 12-10)

Anita Drabant & Viola Phan (HUN) bt Charlotte Bardsley & Denise Payet 3-1 (11-6, 11-9, 3-11, 14-12)

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