



Walsh runs top seed close in Portugal

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Ethan Walsh lost out to the top seed after reaching the last 16 of the Cadet Boys' Singles at the Portugal Junior & Cadet Open.

The 13-year-old from Stevenage won two of his three group matches to reach the knockout stages and then beat Arnau Roca of Spain 3-1 (11-5, 11-8, 12-14, 11-7) in the last 32.

That set up a tie against Sharon Alguetti of the USA and Walsh fought hard against the top seed before being defeated 3-1 (7-11, 12-10, 7-11, 9-11).

Harry Dai and Shayan Siraj also reached the knockout stages in Loule but were eliminated in the first round, while James Smith and Sam Chesterman went out in the qualifying rounds and had to settle for the consolation singles, where Smith reached the quarter-finals and Chesterman the last 16.



Sam Chesterman in action in Portugal (ITTF picture)

Chesterman and his partner Tal Israeli of Israel were the best performers in the doubles, winning two matches to reach the quarter-finals.

In the team event, Walsh and Harry Dai, playing as England A, reached the last 16, as did Chesterman, who was playing alongside Nicolas Degros of Belgium. The England B line-up of Smith and Siraj went out in the groups.

In the Junior Boys' Singles, Helshan Weerasinghe, seeded No 2, was eliminated in the last 16 by 11th seed Batuhan Ulucak of Turkey, who surprisingly went on to reach the final.

Results

Junior Boys' Singles

Round of 32

Helshan Weerasinghe bt Jeppe Spottog (DEN) 4-2 (10-12, 11-2, 11-6, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8)

Round of 16

Batuhan Ulucak (TUR) bt Weerasinghe 4-1 (11-8, 6-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-7)

Cadet Boys' Singles

Qualifying Group 4

Gonzalo Herranz (ESP) bt Sam Chesterman 3-1 (9-11, 11-5, 11-8, 12-10)

Alexandre Faria (POR) bt Chesterman 3-0 (11-7, 11-2, 11-9)

Pak Hei Cheng (HKG) bt Chesterman 3-0 (11-6, 11-5, 11-5)

Group 5

Shayan Siraj bt Rudi Rocha (POR) 3-0 (11-5, 11-5, 11-7)

Siraj bt Santiago Ortega (ESP) 3-1 (11-5, 11-9, 11-13, 11-6)

Roel Bogie (NED) bt Siraj 3-0 (11-5, 11-9, 11-8)

Group 9

Bingsen Wang (CHN) bt Harry Dai 3-1 (11-13, 11-5, 11-2, 11-5)

Dai bt Miguel Nunez (ESP) 3-1 (11-6, 9-11, 12-10, 11-9)

Dai bt Goncalo Gomes (POR) 3-1 (11-2, 9-11, 11-4, 11-8)

Group 13

Ethan Walsh bt Leonardo Pereira (POR) 3-0 (14-12, 11-9, 11-6)

Sergi Grau (ESP) bt Walsh 3-2 (11-8, 11-6, 5-11, 7-11, 11-9)

Walsh bt Nicolas Degros (BEL) 3-2 (11-6, 11-7, 3-11, 6-11, 11-9)

Group 14

Jon Ander Guerricabeitia (ESP) bt James Smith 3-1 (3-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-8)

Smith bt Joao Silva (POR) 3-0 (11-1, 11-5, 11-8)

Daniel Monteiro (POR) bt Smith 3-0 (14-12, 11-9, 12-10)

Round of 32

Walsh bt Arnau Roca (ESP) 3-1 (11-5, 11-8, 12-14, 11-7)

Collin Jager (NED) bt Dai 3-1 (11-7, 8-11, 11-4, 11-8)

Marc Courgeon (FRA) bt Siraj 3-0 (11-6, 14-12, 11-9)

Round of 16

Sharon Alguetti (USA) bt Walsh 3-1 (11-7, 10-12, 11-7, 11-9)

Consolation singles

Round of 32

Chesterman bt Goncalo Gomes (POR) 3-0 (11-9, 11-9, 11-5)

Smith bt Rudi Rocha (POR) 3-0 (11-5, 11-8, 11-6)

Round of 16

Carlos Paramo (ESP) bt Chesterman 3-2 (6-11, 11-9, 11-9, 10-12, 11-9)

Smith bt Jose Tomas Gago (ESP) 3-0 (11-2, 11-9, 11-5)

Quarter-finals

Alexis Lebrun (FRA) bt Smith 3-0 (11-6, 12-10, 11-6)

Cadet Boys' Doubles

Round of 32

Zhigao Si & Bingsen Wang (CHN) bt Harry Dai & Ethan Walsh 3-1 (11-8, 8-11, 11-2, 11-7)

Sam Chesterman & Tal Israeli (ISR) bt Alfonso Camara & Marco Rodrigues (POR) 3-1 (11-6, 10-12, 11-7, 11-6)

David Bessa & Ricardo Correia (POR) bt Shayan Siraj & James Smith 3-2 (11-6, 9-11, 7-11, 11-8, 11-9)

Round of 16

Chesterman & Israeli bt Jon Ander Guerricabeitia & Javier Soria (ESP) 3-2 (5-11, 11-5, 7-11, 12-10, 13-11)

Quarter-finals

Pak Hei Cheng (HKG) & Nicolas Degros (BEL) bt Chesterman & Israeli 3-1 (7-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-2)

Cadet Boys' Team

Qualifying Group C

Austria 3 Belgium-England 0

Maciej Kolodziejczyk bt Nicolas Degros 3-0 (11-5, 11-7, 11-9)

Jonas Promberger bt Sam Chesterman 3-1 (9-11, 11-2, 11-9, 11-7)

Kolodziejczyk & Promberger bt Degros & Chesterman 3-1 (13-11, 11-7, 9-11, 14-12)

Belgium-England 3 Spain 0

Chesterman bt Santiago Ortega 3-0 (11-9, 11-9, 13-11)

Degros bt Jose Tomas Gago 3-0 (11-2, 11-9, 11-5)

Chesterman & Degros bt Ortega & Gago 3-1 (11-5, 11-13, 11-4, 11-7)

Qualifying Group E

England A 3 Spain D 2

Angel Ayuso bt Ethan Walsh 3-2 (4-11, 10-12, 11-8, 11-7, 11-9)

Gonzalo Herranz bt Harry Dai 3-1 (11-8, 9-11, 13-11, 11-9)

Walsh & Dai bt Ayuso & Herranz 3-1 (11-6, 4-11, 11-5, 11-9)

Dai bt Ayuso 3-1 (11-8, 11-8, 5-11, 11-4)

Walsh bt Herranz 3-1 (11-7, 11-5, 8-11, 13-11)

England A 3 Portugal D 2

David Bessa bt Dai 3-2 (9-11, 11-3, 5-11, 12-10, 11-8)

Ricardo Correia bt Walsh 3-2 (9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-6)

Dai & Walsh bt Bessa & Correia 3-2 (6-11, 11-7, 5-11, 11-7, 11-5)

Walsh bt Bessa 3-0 (12-10, 11-5, 11-8)

Dai bt Correia 3-0 (11-4, 14-12, 15-13)

Group G

England B 1 China 3

James Smith bt Zhigao Si 3-2 (10-12, 12-10, 12-14, 11-8, 11-8)

Haotian Deng by Shayan Siraj 3-1 (11-7, 5-11, 11-7, 11-3)

Si & Bingsen Wang bt Smith & Siraj 3-2 (8-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-7, 12-10)

Deng bt Smith 3-0 (11-8, 11-8, 11-8)

England B 1 Spain B 3

Siraj bt Arnau Roca 3-0 (11-8, 11-8, 11-7)

Adrian Fernandez bt Smith 3-2 (2-11, 11-9, 11-9, 8-11, 11-9)

Roca & Fernandez by Siraj & Smith 3-2 (10-12, 6-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-9)

Roca bt Smith 3-2 (9-11, 11-13, 11-2, 11-8, 11-8)

England B 3 Portugal G 0

Siraj bt Rudi Rocha 3-0 (11-7, 11-4, 11-0)

Smith bt Jorge Mendes 3-0 (11-5, 11-9, 11-7)

Siraj & Smith bt Rocha & Mendes 3-1 (10-12, 11-4, 11-7, 13-11)

Round of 16

Belgium-England 0 Portugal A 3

Tiago Li bt Chesterman 3-0 (11-7, 11-7, 11-5)

Alexandre Faria bt Degros 3-0 (12-10, 11-5, 11-9)

Li & Faria bt Chesterman & Degros 3-0 (11-8, 11-3, 11-6)

England A 1 Spain A 3

Javier Soria bt Dai 3-0 (11-7, 11-6, 11-7)

Jon Ander Guerricabeitia bt Walsh 3-0 (12-10, 11-4, 11-2)

Dai & Walsh bt Soria & Guerricabeitia 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-9)

Soria bt Walsh 3-1 (11-5, 11-4, 10-12, 11-8)

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