



Pitchford and Drinkhall into main draw in Korea

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Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford are into the main draw at the Korea Open after come-from-behind victories today.

Drinkhall overcame world No 84 Anton Kallberg of Sweden in seven, recovering from losing the first two games to level, and again bouncing back after trailing 3-2.

Pitchford lost the first two games to world No 121 Jonghoon Lim of the host nation but then won the next four, including the pivotal fourth set 13-11.

[Click here to watch Liam's match](#)



Liam Pitchford in action in Incheon (ITTF picture)

In the last 32 of the main draw, Pitchford will face another Korean, world No 13 Youngsik Jeong. The winner is likely to face world No 1 Ma Long in the last 16.

Drinkhall is in the other half of the draw and will play China's world No 11 Fang Bo. Both matches are at 6am UK time tomorrow, and Pitchford's clash is due to be streamed live on table one and can be watched by [clicking here](#)

In the Under-21 Men's Singles, Sam Walker reached the semi-finals after two victories today over Thai and Korean opponents, but was beaten in four close games by Japan's world No 124 Mizuki Oikawa in the last four.

[Click here to watch Sam's quarter-final victory](#)

Pitchford and Walker were defeated in the first round of the doubles. Seeded 11th, they lost in five to the seventh-seeded Korean pair Woojin Jang & Ganghyeon Park.

Results

Men's Singles

Preliminary round of 32

Paul Drinkhall bt Anton Kallberg (SWE) 4-3 (10-12, 7-11, 12-10, 11-7, 10-12, 11-9, 11-6)

Liam Pitchford bt Jonghoon Lim (KOR) 4-2 (10-12, 9-11, 11-9, 13-11, 11-5, 11-7)

Men's Doubles

Round of 16

Woojin Jang & Ganghyeon Park (KOR) bt Liam Pitchford & Sam Walker 3-2 (11-9, 11-6, 6-11, 9-11, 11-8)

Under-21 Men's Singles

Round of 16

Walker bt Padasak Tanviriyavechakul (THA) 3-0 (13-11, 11-7, 11-7)

Quarter-final

Walker bt Jaehyun An (KOR) 3-2 (10-12, 11-5, 7-11, 11-9, 11-7)

Semi-final

Mizuki Oikawa (JPN) bt Walker 3-1 (12-10, 7-11, 11-6, 13-11)

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