



Tin-Tin's Euro glory bid ended in semis

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There will be no singles gold for Tin-Tin Ho as she was defeated by Azerbaijan's Jing Ning in the semi-finals of the European Youth Championships today.

Ho, seeded sixth, and with a silver from the mixed doubles already in her pocket, was outplayed by her opponent in Zagreb, going down in four straight.

Tin-Tin's opponent was always able to get in front in every game, and although the Londoner hung in gamely, particularly in the first three, the ball just kept coming back at her.

The final scoreline was 11-5, 11-7, 11-8, 11-2 in the Azerbaijani's favour.

Afterwards, Tin-Tin admitted to slightly mixed feelings about her tournament.

"I'm happy but I really thought I could have done better in the semi-final match. I've had a few silvers and bronzes before and I really would have really liked to get one gold, so I'm a bit disappointed, but proud as well.

"I think I'll look back and be happy. I'm quite excited to be starting next season as a senior and happy I managed to get two medals in my last European Youths – my goal was to get a medal."

Ho will spend much of the summer training in China – and will also get her A-Level results while she is out there.

As well as her doubles silver and singles bronze, Ho also picked up a Fair Play Award from the ETTU.

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Tin-Tin Ho with her Fair Play Award
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