



Joe Clark reaches doubles quarter-finals in Serbia

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Joe Clark reached the doubles quarter-finals and the singles last 32 at the Serbian Junior & Cadet Open.

The Billingham teenager won two of his three group matches in Vrnjacka Banja, beating opponents from the host nation and Bosnia-Herzegovina and losing to seventh seed Vitor Amorim of Portugal.

It put him into the main knockout draw, where he put up a good fight against 15th seed Mihai Nemaciuc before his opponent won 4-2 (11-4, 9-11, 5-11, 11-8, 14-12, 15-13).

In the doubles, Clark and partner Jose Pedro Francisco of Portugal received a bye to the last 16, where they beat a pair from the host nation in four games.

But they ran into top seeds and eventual runners-up Patrik Klos & Jiri Martinko in the quarter-finals and were beaten in three straight.

In the team event, Clark and Francisco teamed up with Bulgaria's Zlatin Tenev but, despite a good win for Clark in the first match, lost 3-1 to a combination from Belarus and Qatar and were then beaten by Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Results

Junior Boys' Singles

Qualifying Group 7

Joe Clark bt Niksa Martinovic (SRB) 3-2 (11-9, 12-14, 7-11, 11-9, 11-5)

Clark bt Adin Secibovic (BIH) 3-0 (11-8, 11-2, 11-6)

Vitor Amorim (POR) bt Clark 3-1 (11-6, 7-11, 11-8, 11-9)

Round of 32

Mihai Nemaciu (ROU) bt Clark 4-2 (11-4, 9-11, 5-11, 11-8, 14-12, 15-13)

Junior Boys' Doubles

Round of 16

Joe Clark & Jose Pedro Francisco (POR) bt Florian Fenyvesi & Pero Tepic (SRB) 3-1 (11-5, 9-11, 11-9, 11-2)

Quarter-finals

Patrik Klos & Jiri Martinko (CZE) bt Clark & Francisco 3-0 (11-5, 11-6, 11-6)

Junior Boys' Team

Qualifying Group C

Belarus-Qatar 3 England-Bulgaria-Portugal 1

Valentin Henin bt Jose Pedro Francisco 3-1 (11-6, 9-11, 16-14, 13-11)

Joe Clark bt Mohammed Abdulwahhab 3-2 (7-11, 11-7, 11-9, 3-11, 11-7)

Abdulaziz Mohd bt Zlatin Tenev 3-1 (11-5, 8-11, 11-5, 11-4)

Abdulwahhab bt Francisco 3-1 (13-11, 11-6, 9-11, 11-7)

Bosnia-Herzegovina 3 England-Bulgaria-Portugal 1

Luka Mihailovic bt Clark 3-1 (11-4, 6-11, 11-7, 11-6)

Nikola Mihailovic bt Francisco 3-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-6)

Bojan Malinovic bt Tenev 3-0 (11-7, 11-9, 11-8)

Luke Mihailovic bt Francisco 3-0 (11-9, 12-10, 11-7)

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