



Doran in top bracket in Finland

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Chris Doran and Kelly Sibley were England's highest-placed finishers at the Finlandia Open.

Northamptonshire player Doran won six of his seven matches, culminating in a 4-2 victory over Gustaf Ericson of Sweden to finish in 13th place.

He conceded no more than one set in his other victories, although Eric Glod of Luxembourg ran him closer than the 4-0 scoreline suggests before succumbing 14-12, 18-16, 11-5, 14-12. The only blot was a 4-1 defeat at the hands of world No 218 Sadi Ismailov of Russia.

Helshan Weerasinghe finished 31st, winning five matches out of nine – though, frustratingly, every one of his four defeats was in seven sets – two of them during the play-offs for positions 17-32 and both at deuce in the fifth against Damien Llorca of France and Tomasz Kotowski of Poland.

Luke Savill won six of his nine matches, culminating in a 4-2 (7-11, 13-11, 13-11, 7-11, 11-3, 11-4) victory over Scotland's Craig Howieson to finish 37th.

In the women's event, Sibley just missed out on a top-16 place, losing in seven to Yamamoto Rei of Japan (11-6, 12-10, 4-11, 4-11, 11-6, 8-11, 9-11) to end up in the play-offs for 17th to 32nd positions.

She was unstoppable in that bracket, defeating Anna Dmitrieva of Russia and Belarus pair Hanna Patseyeva and Alina Nikitchanka to seal 17th place.

Karina Le Fevre finished 38th as two early defeats, including in seven to Katarzyna Wegrzyn of Poland (8-11, 3-11, 12-10, 6-11, 11-6, 11-6, 9-11) saw her compete in the 33-44 bracket, where two victories and two defeats saw her placed 38th.

Maria Tsaptsinos ended up in the same group after her first six matches saw three wins and three losses. But she finished strongly with three successive victories over Daria Shadrina (RUS), Anastasia Ziberova (RUS) and Margo Degraef (BEL) to seal 41st position.

Emily Bolton also finished well after early defeats, her highlight a 4-3 (11-7, 11-8, 6-11, 10-12, 8-11, 11-9, 11-7) victory over Olga Vishnyakova of Russia as she ended top of the 57-64 bracket.

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