



Patterson double champion in Croatia

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Mollie Patterson won both the Cadet and Junior Girls' titles at the Milenij Open in Croatia.

Ruby Chan also came home with a gold medal, while there was silver for Jamie Liu and bronze for Amirul Hussain and Jasmin Wong.

The trio joined the rest of the National Talent Academy squad from Ackworth School at the event, alongside another English duo in Matt Leete and Joe Cope.

The tournament included Mini-Cadet, Cadet, Junior and Senior competitions and boasted a strong field from Europe and beyond.

Patterson was in sparkling form throughout, winning her groups in both Cadet and Junior events to advance to the knockout stage.

In the Cadets, Wong also won her group and Chan finished second – and there were two all-England meetings in the knockout rounds.

Patterson beat Wong 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-6) in the quarter-finals and then eliminated Chan in the semis by a 3-1 (6-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-6) scoreline. In the final, she defeated Tena Kovacek 3-1 (11-8, 8-11, 11-6, 11-7).

In the Juniors, Wong also won her group and again met Patterson, this time in the last four. And again, the result was the same as Patterson won 3-0 (11-3, 11-8, 11-6) and went on to win the final against Hana Arapovic of Croatia 3-0 (11-9, 14-12, 13-11).

In the Mini Cadet Girls' Singles, Chan did not drop a set in winning the title, beating Hanna Loncarevic in the final 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-7).

In the corresponding Boys' event, Liu almost matched that feat as he reached the final without dropping a game in group or knockout stages, only to run into a tough opponent in the shape of Gyuhyeon Park of Korea, who won

3-0 (13-11, 11-6, 11-8).

Park also claimed the gold in the Cadet Boys' Singles and he beat Reece Chamdal in the group stage on the way.

Sam Chesterman, Hussain and Liu all won their groups and it was Hussain who went furthest, reaching the semi-finals.

Liu went on to reach the last 16 and Chesterman was beaten by Park 3-1 (11-7, 9-11, 11-4, 11-4) in the quarter-finals.

Chamdal and Joe Cope advanced by finishing second in their groups, with Chamdal reaching the quarter-finals and Cope the last 32.

In the Junior Boys' Singles, Matt Leete won his group while Shayan Siraj, Cope and Hussain finished second. Chesterman and Chamdal were third and eliminated in the group stage.

Hussain and Leete were defeated in the quarter-finals while Siraj and Cope were knocked out in the last 32.

In the Senior Men's Singles, Leete won his group and Siraj was second. The former had the misfortune to be drawn against European Under-21 champion Tomislav Pucar in the last 16, who beat him 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 11-6) and went on to win the title. Siraj lost 3-2 (11-6, 10-12, 11-9, 8-11, 8-11) to Lars Posch of Switzerland in the quarter-finals.

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