



England boys a top-10 hit at Euros

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England's Junior Boys and Cadet Girls both finished on a high at the European Youth Championships with victories in their final matches – the boys ending in ninth place.

Having beaten Czech Republic and then avenged a group-stage defeat by Poland in the earlier play-off matches, the boys faced Slovakia for ninth and 10th positions today.

With Tom Jarvis rested, Josh Bennett joined Matt Leete and Luke Savill in the line-up and the Eastbourne player played a pivotal role, winning both his matches, including the deciding fifth match against Jakub Zelinka in the fifth game.

The Cadet Girls' line-up of Charlotte Bardsley and Megan Gidney won 3-0 against Slovenia to end in 23rd place.

The individual competitions get under way in Portugal on Wednesday.

Results

Junior Boys' Team

Positions 9-16

England 3 Czech Republic 1

Tom Jarvis bt Jan Valenta 3-2 (9-11, 11-5, 8-11, 11-7, 11-7)

Luke Savill bt Jiri Martinko 3-2 (11-7, 6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-8)

Jan Gorecki bt Matt Leete 3-1 (13-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-6)

Jarvis bt Martinko 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-8)

Positions 9-12

England 3 Poland 1

Savill bt Przemyslaw Walaszek 3-0 (11-8, 11-7, 11-8)

Jarvis bt Jan Zandacki 3-1 (9-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-5)

Kacper Petas bt Leete 3-0 (11-6, 12-10, 11-8)

Jarvis bt Walaszek 3-0 (11-9, 12-10, 13-11)

Positions 9-10

England 3 Slovakia 2

Jakub Zelinka bt Leete 3-1 (11-4, 5-11, 11-9, 11-2)

Josh Bennett bt Tibor Spanik 3-1 (11-4, 8-11, 11-9, 13-11)

Savill bt Markus Tonkovic 3-2 (10-12, 11-4, 8-11, 12-10, 15-13)

Spanik bt Leete 3-1 (15-13, 11-6, 5-11, 11-5)

Bennett bt Zelinka 3-2 (13-11, 11-4, 4-11, 4-11, 11-6)

Cadet Girls' Team

Positions 23-24

England 3 Slovenia 0

Bardsley bt Tara Kobetic 3-1 (11-9, 5-11, 11-6, 12-10)

Gidney bt Lea Paulin 3-2 (11-8, 15-13, 8-11, 10-12, 11-6)

Bardsley & Gidney bt Kobetic & Tjasa Novak 3-0 (11-8, 14-12, 11-5)

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