



Pitchford bounces back from defeat

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Liam Pitchford was beaten 12-10 in a deciding seventh set in his first match but bounced back to win his second on a day of mixed fortunes for English players at the Czech Open.

Pitchford was up against unranked Chinese Li Yieji in his first group match in Olomouc, but his opponent proved a tough proposition as he led 3-1 and held a match point in the fifth game.

Pitchford saved that and hit back to level – and he held a match point of his own in the seventh. However, that chance slipped away and he was ultimately beaten. However, the English No 2 later overcame Germany's Qui Dang 4-2 to remain in contention to qualify for the main draw.

Sam Walker was surprisingly beaten by world No 324 Denis Ivonin of Russia but later defeated Chilean Juan Lamadrid in a group in which all four competitors now have one victory. David McBeath was beaten in his two matches by higher-ranked opponents.

In the Women's Singles, Tin-Tin Ho won her first group match but there were two defeats each for Hannah Hicks and Denise Payet.

Ho won through the first round of the Under-21 Women's Singles but was beaten in the last 16 by world No 96 Mizuki Morizono of Japan.

Results

Women's Singles

Qualifying Group 19

Katerina Tomanovska (CZE) bt Hannah Hicks 4-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-5, 13-11)

Sarah De Nutte (LUX) bt Hicks 4-1 (11-8, 13-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-5)

Group 22

Tin-Tin Ho bt Nikoleta Puchovanova (SVK) 4-2 (11-4, 11-3, 11-13, 12-10, 8-11, 11-7)

Group 25

Daria Trigołos (BLR) bt Denise Payet 4-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-5, 11-2)

Kinga Stefanska (POL) bt Payet 4-0 (11-9, 11-7, 11-6, 11-4)

Men's Singles

Qualifying Group 10

Li Yieji (CHN) bt Liam Pitchford 4-3 (8-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-9, 11-13, 4-11, 12-10)

Pitchford bt Qiu Dang (GER) 4-2 (11-7, 11-6, 5-11, 11-13, 11-7, 11-8)

Group 17

Darko Jorgic (SLO) bt David McBeath 4-0 (11-6, 11-6, 11-6, 11-7)

Tomislav Pucar (CRO) bt McBeath 4-2 (13-11, 9-11, 11-6, 7-11, 11-7, 11-6)

Group 36

Denis Ivonin (RUS) bt Sam Walker 4-0 (11-6, 11-5, 13-11, 11-9)

Walker bt Juan Lamadrid (CHI) 4-1 (11-13, 11-8, 11-8, 11-7, 11-5)

Under-21 Women's Singles

Round of 32

Tin-Tin Ho bt Nathalie Marchetti (BEL) 3-2 (11-7, 11-5, 11-13, 9-11, 11-3)

Round of 16

Mizuki Morizono (JPN) bt Ho 3-1 (7-11, 16-14, 11-6, 11-5)

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