



## England players Czech out in Hodonin

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Samuel Kwan and James Smith were the only England players to reach the main draw at the Czech Youth Open.

Kwan won his Junior Boys' Singles group with three victories out of three, and Smith also reached the knockout rounds, but both were eliminated in the first round. Matthew Daish and Shayan Siraj went out in the groups, though Siraj was on the wrong end of two five-set defeats.

Megan Gidney and Denise Payet were knocked out in the qualifying stage of the Junior Girls' Singles, though Gidney picked up a 3-2 win over Dora Cosic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In the doubles, Gidney & Payet went out in the first round but Kwan & Siraj won their first match to join Daish & Smith in the second round – the latter having had a first-round bye. However, both pairs went out, Daish & Smith at the hands of fifth seeds Leo De Nodrest & Jules Rolland of France.

Kwan, Smith and Siraj featured in the team events, where they were beaten by China, Belgium and an Azerbaijan-Canada combination. Although there were some close games, Siraj picked up the only English victory, in the match against Belgium.



Shayan Siraj in action (Picture by Jan Brychta / Czech Table Tennis Association)

## Results

### Junior Boys' Singles

#### Qualifying Group 1

Francisco Miguel Ruiz (ESP) bt Matthew Daish 3-0 (11-5, 11-8, 11-8)

Yaniv Karmazin (ISR) bt Daish 3-1 (11-8, 6-11, 11-7, 12-10)

#### Group 11

Alex Naumi (FIN) bt James Smith 3-0 (11-2, 11-9, 11-9)

Smith bt Dev Shroff (IND) 3-0 (11-6, 11-4, 11-3)

#### Group 19

Daniel Orak (SVK) bt Shayan Siraj 3-2 (6-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-7)

Siraj bt Mikhail Rozhkov (RUS) 3-1 (11-9, 9-11, 11-5, 11-7)

Andrea Puppo (ITA) bt Siraj 3-2 (4-11, 11-5, 10-12, 11-4, 11-6)

#### Group 30

Samuel Kwan bt Maximiliano Huergo (ARG) 3-0 (11-6, 11-1, 11-6)

Kwan bt Pablo Palou (URU) 3-2 (8-11, 4-11, 11-5, 12-10, 11-9)

Kwan bt Uladzimir Belakon (BLR) 3-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-4)

#### First round

Francisco Miguel Ruiz (ESP) bt James Smith 4-0 (11-3, 11-3, 11-5, 11-7)

Nicolas Degros (BEL) bt Samuel Kwan 4-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-1, 11-5)

### Junior Girls' Singles

#### Qualifying Group 20

Gabriela Stepanova (CZE) bt Megan Gidney 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-2)

Gidney bt Dora Cosic (BIH) 3-2 (11-9, 11-9, 9-11, 4-11, 11-4)

Honami Nakamori (JPN) bt Gidney 3-0 (11-6, 11-9, 11-3)

### **Group 23**

Iolanta Yevtodii (UKR) bt Denise Payet 3-1 (8-11, 11-7, 13-11, 11-6)

Camila Kaioji (ARG) bt Payet 3-1 (5-11, 11-8, 12-10, 11-8)

Sarvinoz Mirkadirova (KAZ) bt Payet 3-0 (11-9, 12-10, 12-10)

### **Junior Boys' Doubles**

#### **First round**

Samuel Kwan & Shayan Siraj bt Uladzimir Belakon & Viachaslau Belakon (BLR) 3-1 (11-13, 11-5, 11-5, 11-8)

#### **Second round**

Leo De Nodrest & Jules Rolland (FRA) bt Matthew Daish & James Smith 3-0 (11-2, 11-7, 11-5)

Lukasz Wachowiak & Jan Zandacki (POL) bt Kwan & Siraj 3-1 (11-7, 6-11, 11-6, 11-5)

### **Junior Girls' Doubles**

#### **First round**

Andjela Menger (SRB) & Ivona Petric (MNE) bt Megan Gidney & Denise Payet 3-2 (11-8, 11-8, 8-11, 3-11, 11-9)

### **Junior Boys' Team**

#### **Qualifying Group 6**

##### **Azerbaijan-Canada 3 England 0**

Yu Khinhang bt James Smith 3-1 (11-2, 9-11, 11-4, 11-5)

Yang Xinyu bt Shayan Siraj 3-1 (13-11, 11-6, 5-11, 12-10)

Jeremy Hazin bt Samuel Kwan 3-0 (13-11, 11-7, 11-9)

##### **China 3 England 0**

Yu Heyi bt Siraj 3-0 (11-8, 11-6, 11-7)

Xu Yingbin bt Kwan 3-0 (14-12, 11-6, 11-4)

Cao Yantao bt James Smith 3-2 (8-11, 11-2, 14-12, 9-11, 11-7)

##### **Belgium 3 England 1**

David Comelieu bt Smith 3-0 (11-8, 11-9, 11-4)

Quentin Jacques bt Kwan 3-0 (11-8, 11-5, 11-3)

Siraj bt Boris Dobbelsstein 3-0 (11-6, 11-6, 12-10)

Jacques bt Smith 3-0 (11-8, 11-6, 11-6)

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