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England's Karina Le Fevre excelled in the group stage of the Girls' Singles event at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune on the opening day of play.

She was one of the few players to upset the seeding by beating Canada's Peggy Hsien in impressive style.

On the second day of play, Tuesday 14th October 2008, she maintained her form in the Girls' Doubles event; partnering compatriot Natalie Slater, the pair progressed safely through the first stage to secure a place in the main draw.

Once again Peggy Hsien was the player to suffer at English hands; partnering Emmanuelle Lavoie the duo suffered lost to Karina Le Fevre and Natalie Slater in straight games.

#### Success for Canada

Victory over the Canadians secured, the English duo defeated Uganda's Zura Khauka and Amina Namaganda before securing top place in the group with victory over Northern Ireland's Ashley Givan and Claire Nelson.

A disappointment for Canada but they did progress to the main draw in second place and Emmanuelle Lavoie impressed in the Girls' Singles; in the opening round she accounted for Australia's Ashleigh Stevenson in five games.

#### Only Two Required to Play

Meanwhile, for those players who earlier in proceedings had finished their group matches in first place, only two were required to play in the first round of the Girls' Singles competition – the Nigerians Ganiyat Olatunde and Janet Effiom.

Both emerged successful. Ganiyisille Olatunde beat South Africa's Khanyisille Madlala whilst Janet Effiom accounted for Northern Ireland's Claire Nelson.

#### Girls' Singles Round One

Anniessa Benstrong (SEY) bt Gam Gaik Ping (MAS) -5,5,6,-8,-6,6,7; Janet Effiom (NGR) bt Claire Nelson (NIR) -5,-10,5,-8,4,9,13; Anghard Phillips (WAL) bt Ayesha Khan (PAK) -10,8,-8,7,7,11; Melissa Tapper (AUS) bt Lisa Collymore (BAR) 2,1,3,6,; Ganiyat Olatunde (NGR) bt Khanyisille Madlala 4,9,5,5; Emmanuelle Lavoie (CAN) bt Ashleigh Stevenson (AUS) 7,11,10,-9,7

#### Girls' Doubles - Qualifiers

Neha Aggarwal/Soumi Mondal (IND), Lily Phan/Melissa Tapper (AUS), Khanyisille Madlala/Priscilla Maphanga (RSA), Karina Le Fevre/Natalie Slater (ENG), Ganiyat Olatunde/Janet Effiom (NGR), Pooja Sahasrabudhe,Divya Deshpande (IND), Kuen wan May/Gam Gaik Ping (MAS), Peggy Hsien/Emmanuelle Lavoie (CAN), Michelle John/Trenace Lowe (GUY), Isabelli Li/Zena Si (SIN)



Karina Le Fevre through to the Girls' Doubles main draw with Natalie Slater *Photo By: India TTA*

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India, the host nation, emerged as the most successful country following the conclusion of the first stage of proceedings in the Boys' and Girls' Singles events at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune on Tuesday 14th October 2008.

They are the only country with a perfect record after the group stage matches. The only country whose players – two boys, two girls – did not suffer defeat.

Furthermore, their players came through the group stage in very impressive style.

#### **Only One Game Surrendered**

The quartet only surrendered on game; that was by Soumyajit Ghosh in his opening match against Sri Lanka's Sahanaka Ganegodage; a contest in which he was never in real doubt, succeeding in four games.

Otherwise for Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, Neha Aggarwal and Soumi Mondal it was an endless stream of straight games victories.

#### **Four Players Qualified**

Four players through to the second stage and two other countries are in the same privileged position.

All four Australians and all four Malaysians survived.

#### **Australia**

Players finishing in first and second places in each group progressed; for Australia, David Powell remained unbeaten to clinch first place in his group whilst for Robbie Frank second place kept his hopes alive.

Similarly, in the Girls' Singles event, second placed finishes ensured progress for Ashleigh Stevenson and Melissa Tapper.

#### **Malaysia**

Meanwhile, for Malaysia, Kuen Wan May finished in top place in her group in the Girls' Singles as did Tzen Chin in the Boys' Singles event whilst Gam Gaik Ping gained second spot in her group as in the counterpart male competition did Matheus Aloysius.

#### **Results – Girls' Singles – Second Day**

**Group One:** COLLYMORE Lisa Amanda [BAR] bt PEPA Barbara [TGA] 3 - 0 (11-5, 11-2, 11-8)

**Group Two:** KHAN Ayesha [PAK] bt NAMAGANDA Amina [UGA] 3 - 1 (11-7, 4-11, 11-9, 11-8)

**Group Three:** SIM Kai Xin Zena [SIN] bt PHILIPS Anghard Eleri Porter [WAL] 3 - 0 (11-5, 11-3, 11-8); GIVAN Ashley Sadie Louise [NIR] bt TETABO Atea [KIR] 3 - 1 (5-11, 14-12, 11-6, 11-7)

**Group Four:** LI Isabelle Siyun [SIN] bt QUASHIE Ashley [TRI] 3 - 0 (11-6, 11-4, 11-6); STEVENSON Ashleigh [AUS] bt HUNT Kerryn Marita Frances [COK] 3 - 0 (17-15, 11-2, 11-6)

**Group Five:** KUEH Wan May [MAS] bt QWEA Stephanie [VAN] 3 - 0 (11-3, 11-5, 11-3) BENSTRONG Anniessa [SEY] bt FOSTER Yvonne Lei - Ann Joye [JAM] 3 - 1 (11-9, 11-8, 9-11, 11-4)

**Group Six:** LOVERIDGE Alice Megan [GGY] bt MWENEBUNGU Chrissy Orleen [MAW] 3 - 0 (11-5, 11-3, 11-2); MADLALA Khanyisile Emmelina [RSA] bt KHAUKHA Zura [UGA] 3 - 1 (9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-4)

**Group Seven:** JOHN Michaelle Tamika [GUY] bt GAM Gaik Ping [MAS] 3 - 1 (11-6, 11-8, 8-11, 11-9); MAPHANGA Priscilla Zodwa [RSA] bt PENSULO Shyreen Bokelta [MAW] 3 - 0 (11-7, 11-2, 11-3)

**Group Eight:** LOWE Trenace Althea [GUY] bt KOBOKHOLO Mohau Esther [LES] 3 - 0 (11-2, 11-3, 11-1); LAVOIE Emmanuelle [CAN] bt BRASH Shaunda Chantal [JAM] 3 - 0 (11-7, 11-6, 11-3)

**Group Nine:** NELSON Claire [NIR] bt SANGHAVI Sonam Minar [KEN] 3 - 0 (11-9, 11-2, 11-6); OLATUNDE Ganiyat [NGR] bt



Sathiyam Gnanasekaran in celebratory mood at the recent ITTF Junior Circuit event in Pune *Photo By: Ajay Deshpande*

MANICO Louisa [COK] 3 - 0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-3)

**Group Ten:** EFFIOM Janet [NGR] bt SLATER Natalie [ENG] 3 - 2 (5-11, 11-8, 7-11, 11-6, 11-2); TAPPER Melissa [AUS] bt THOMAS Chloe Anna [WAL] 3 - 0 (11-6, 11-1, 11-9)

**Group Ten:** LE FEVRE Karina [ENG] bt HSIEN Peggy Pei Yi [CAN] 3 - 0 (11-6, 11-6, 11-5); TOMMY Priscila [VAN] bt ABRAHAM Avernelle [TRI] 3 - 0 (14-12, 11-9, 11-4)

**Results – Boys' Singles – Second Day**

font color="800000">**Group One:** PETINAUD Don Walker Travis [JAM] bt RAJANI Jignesh Jitendra [KEN] 3 - 0 (11-8, 11-8, 11-9)

**Group Two:** YIANGOU Marios [CYP] bt FOSTEL Hugh [SEY] 3 - 0 (11-2, 11-4, 11-4); THOMAS Patrick Michael [WAL] bt MOTHIBI Khethang [LES] 3 - 0 (11-1, 11-2, 11-1)

**Group Three:** EVANS Gavin Thomas [ENG] bt VIRK Salman Ahmad Tahir [PAK] 3 - 0 (11-1, 11-5, 11-2); WALAGAMPALA Buddika Prabath [SRI] bt TOMLINSON Simon Peter [JAM] 3 - 1 (11-6, 5-11, 11-5, 11-8)

**Group Four:** FRANK Robert [AUS] bt MEYER Cody Mathew [RSA] 3 - 0 (11-5, 11-9, 11-9); NICHOLAS CHIN Tzen Khiong [MAS] bt SOMBA Abell [MAW] 3 - 0 (11-1, 11-8, 11-3)

**Group Five:** PITCHFORD Liam Benjamin [ENG] bt GBOYAH Emmaneul [SLE] 3 - 0 (11-3, 11-2, 11-2); OMONGOLE Eddy [UGA] bt NORVILLE Shane Michael Ezra [BAR] 3 - 0 (11-9, 11-9, 11-8)

**Group Six:** GHOSH Soumyajit [IND] bt NOEL Edmond [VAN] 3 - 0 (11-2, 11-3, 11-7); GANEGODAGE Sahanaka Randula [SRI] bt STEVENS Willaim Vagi [PNG] 3 - 0 (11-3, 11-6, 11-6)

**Group Seven:** HOWIESON Craig [SCO] bt LI KAM WA Warren [MRI] 3 - 0 (11-8, 11-5, 11-6); ANAK ALOYSIUS Matteus [MAS] bt KAUNDA Kingwell [MAW] 3 - 0 (11-7, 11-2, 11-9)

**Group Eight:** ONAOLAPO Ojo [NGR] bt CHONG Hur Ying Darren [SIN] 3 – 1 (10-12, 11-3, 11-7, 14-12); TAKOOA Nooa [KIR] bt EVANS Franklyn Dominic Cameron [VIN] 3 – 0 (11-7, 11-7, 13-11)

**Group Nine:** POWELL David [AUS] bt OLAYIWOLA Mojeed Olawale [NGR] 3 - 0 (11-7, 12-10, 12-10); LINGEVELDT Kurt John [RSA] bt MODISATHEBE Kola Tshepo [BOT] 3 – 0 (11-5, 11-2, 11-4)

**Group Ten:** YANG Ling Kun [CAN] bt GAYMES Kavir Dennis Jr [VIN] 3 – 0 (11-5, 11-3, 11-9); CHAN YOON FO Billy Brent [MRI] bt BRYAN Nigel Anthony [GUY] 3 – 2 (11-13, 9-11, 11-6, 11-6, 12-10)

**Group Eleven:** GNANASEKARAN Sathiyam [IND] bt JAMES Ceri Jon [WAL] 3 - 0 (11-4, 11-8, 11-3); HARDIE Craig [SCO] bt KARIKO Jackson Morea [PNG] 3 - 0 (11-3, 11-9, 11-2)

**Group Twelve:** PANG Xue Jie [SIN] bt BORNEO Kyle [TRI] 3 - 0 (11-3, 11-6, 11-4); DODD Garry [GGY] bt SEKYANZI Daniel Nicholas [UGA] 3 – 0 (11-9, 11-3, 11-0)

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