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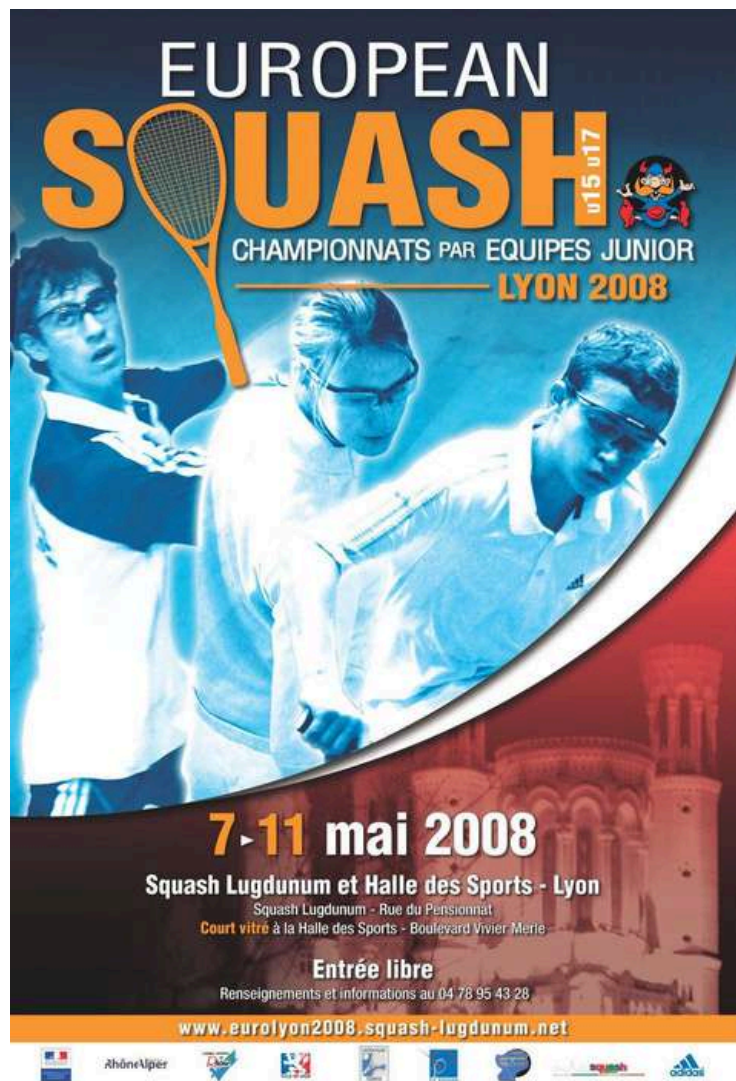
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EUROPEAN U15 / U17



**2025: A BIG YEAR FOR
FRENCH SQUASH**

**PREVIEW
OF THE TOURNAMENT**



EDITORIAL France haven't hosted the U15/U17 European Team Championships since 2008, and it was in Lyon. England had beaten the home country in the two finals, the big rivals could meet once more on Sunday and France will be hoping for a different outcome. In U15, Mélissa Alves had won a seesaw opening match against Emily Whitlock but it wasn't

enough. While the competition will be in full swing in Bordeaux, both ladies will play their 1st round at the World Championship on Friday in Chicago, at the same time and on adjacent courts. Turning pro is by no means easy, but performing at junior events is a stepping stone towards success...

Jérôme Elhaik

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2025

A big year for French squash

FRANCE WILL BE HOSTING TWO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS YEAR, AND HOPE THAT THE HOME ADVANTAGE WILL HELP THEIR PLAYERS GET AS MANY MEDALS AS POSSIBLE.

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Let's go to Bordeaux

The first one takes place from Thursday to Sunday in Bordeaux, with the U15 & 17 mixed teams. “Our aim is to strengthen our status as a major player in European squash, as well as to give more exposure to our sport through big events. To do so, we chose to rely on our flagship clubs,” says Malcolm Tullis, co-director of the two championships alongside Nicolas Sajat. He’s referring to SquashBad33, which have proven their ability to host large-scale events for several years now.

French squash writes its history

For athletes, competing in an international event at home with the national jersey on their shoulders is a unique opportunity. As far as squash goes, French teams have often done well in front of their home crowd, and even clinched two bronze medals at the World Teams - men in Mulhouse in 2013, women in Paris in 2016 - but have never experienced the pinnacle of being victorious at home. Therefore, the U15 and U17 squads have the opportunity to make history this week. In the last 10 years, French squash have kept on marking new milestones and achieved what seemed impossible for a long time, beating England in a final. It started in 2015, with a first European title



for Grégory Gaultier and his teammates in Denmark. There were two more, in 2017 and 2018, and the ladies followed their footsteps the following year, winning on English soil as well. Another barrier was broken down at the end of March 2024: after 50 losses in junior tournaments, all age ranges included, France finally beat their big rivals and won the U19 European Championship

in Bucharest. It was Amir Khaled-Jousselin, aged only 15, who won the deciding rubber. Yes, since then England have had the upper in other finals, and yes their trophy cabinet remains much bigger. But a few weeks ago, Amir and his gang retained their title after an incredible final, which they won on point countback... In sparkling




form recently, the boy from Nancy will be leading *les Bleus* this week in Bordeaux, both on and off the court. “Taking up this role is part of the learning for the rest of his career, and the coaches are there to support him



and help him look ahead,” says national technical director, Éric Silvestri. Can Amir, with the help of his teammates, become the first player to achieve a European treble U19 (individual and team) + U17? We’ll know the answer to this question on Sunday afternoon.

35 teams from 20 European nations will be gathering from Thursday to Sunday in Bordeaux.



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THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

France vs. England again?

You probably know that squash was invented in 1830, by students of the private school of Harrow in London. Almost 200 years later, England is the European powerhouse, as shown by their two gold medals last weekend at the European Team Championship in Poland. Even if France have been challenging this supremacy in juniors, with two U19 team titles in

2024 and 2025, England will be favorites in both categories this week in Bordeaux. But with the crowd support as well as a major asset named Amir Khaled-Jousselin in U17, *les Bleus* are hoping to achieve a historic double, while other nations will also be willing to crash the party.

Belgium had caused a major upset winning in 2022 (see page 16) but England's domination remains huge in U15 with 15 titles in the last 16 events (2024 in the picture). Impressive winners at the 5 Nations in April, they will be hard to beat even if their two #1s, Matthew Leung and Ameerah Ismail have turned 15 since.



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U15

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They will therefore rely on the runner-ups at this year's national championships, **Jaanshere Khan**, - whose name is reminiscent of a squash legend - and **Esther Chak**. If things go according to seedings, England will meet France in the final on Sunday. The task seems big but Malcolm Tullis, head of performance U19 at the French Squash Federation, says there are some reasons to be hopeful.



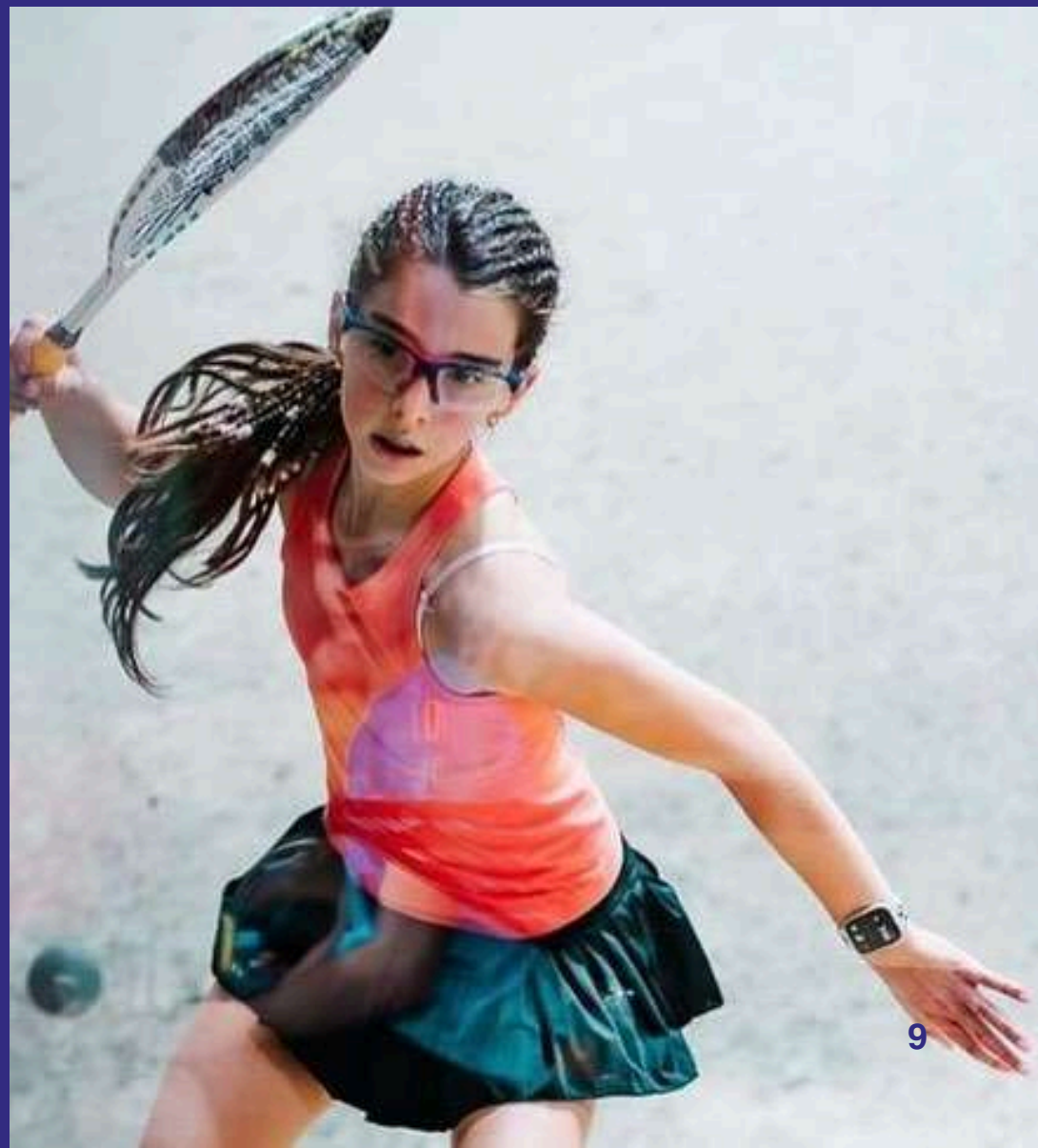
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"Last year, we lost comprehensively at the 5 Nations but learned from it and were close to beat England at the Europeans. The 3-match format is better for us, and their #1's game should suit Lysandro Joneau better. On the other hand, it will be very difficult for the girls, their players are very solid." However France are counting on **Cassy Lincou**'s return from injury, the girl from Reunion Island having not played since her title at the Belgian Junior Open in November.

U15

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Who are the underdogs? Poland made the semis in the last 3 years and have European #1 Mateusz Lohmann as well as #3 Anna Jakubiec in their squad. We can also mention Hungary and their leader Vince Czako, Czech Republic, who have strength in depth, Israel, with the promising 13-year old **Naomi Wiegenfeld** and Denmark, whose only medal in a European team junior championship happened in U19 in 1995.



After missing the top 3 in 2023 – which had never happened – England bounced back last year and recovered the European U17 title, following a hotly contested final against France. This year's event seems very open between the two European powerhouses, for several reasons. First, because in England you cannot be picked in both U19 and U17 and it's the case for a few players aged 16 – including Mariam Eissa and Ismail



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U17

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Khalil, who played the U19 final against France a few weeks ago. As a result, England's squad is relatively young but is not short of talent with the likes of Harriet Broadbridge and Ali Khalil (see page 13). Secondly, France have an X-factor named **Amir Khaled-Jousselin**, who recently became the youngest U19 European Champion ever.



“Starting a fixture knowing we are almost sure to win a match is a big advantage,” confides Malcolm Tullis. Especially when the other match-ups seem rather balanced, for example the one between **Harriet Broadbridge** and **Leelou Laporte**: after having a lot of opportunities, the girl from Antibes lost in 4 games in the French Junior Open final in February in Lille.

 Christian Lortat

U17

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Bronze medalist in U15 in 2023, Poland will aim for another piece of silverware. Having not featured in the top 3 neither in U17 nor in U15 since 2017, Switzerland will be led by in-form **Nick Greter**. There are other countries which will be hoping to play a part, such as Spain, Belgium, Israel and Czech Republic.



After recently becoming the youngest ever U19 European champion, Frenchman Amir Khaled-Jousselin will be the star of the show.



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PLAYERS


to watch out for


A few weeks ago in Prague, the boy from Nancy – who'll turn 17 on May 18 - not only dominated the individuals but also helped France retain their title at the U19 European Teams. “Amir is a real character with an incredible energy,” says **Renan Lavigne**, head of the France U23 squad. “Our role is to help him stay calm but not too much because that’s

his personality and what makes him so good. On court, what stands out for me is his speed and his ability to put the ball in the right spot.” With such a leader, and the crowd support in Bordeaux, *les Bleus* can hope and clinch the gold medal in U17. And **Amir Khaled-Jousselin** could become the first player to achieve such a treble.

Winner in U17 in 2024, England certainly don't see it that way and will count on two players who played a major part in their team's triumph in the U15 final last year in Porto: Harriet Broadbridge, winner of the French Junior Open in 2023 and 2024 and **Ali Khalil**, runner-up at the U15 British Junior Open in January.



 British Junior Open

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Kudoz to two youngsters who've just made their debut in senior! 16-year old **Natalia Mierzejewska** helped Poland reach the top 8 at the European Team Championship Division 1, while 15-year old Gustavo Cruz won the Division 3 title with Portugal.

FACTS & FIGURES



 Christian Lortat

Here's some more about **Amir Khaled-Jousselin** with an impressive stat. In 2025, he's played 46 matches and only lost 4 - against Seifeldin Refaay in British Junior Open semifinal, Grégoire Marche, Benjamin Aubert and Victor Crouin. He's bagged a few trophies along the way, starting with a double at the U19 European Champs (individual and team), the gold medal at the U19 French Junior Open and the U23 French Championship as well as a bronze medal at the BJO in U17.



 Hasta la Vista

It's well documented that squash is a family affair and some siblings will be featuring in Bordeaux: England Esther and Gabriel Chak, Israel's Tamir and Naomi Wiegenfeld, Wales' Erin and Leon Lauder as well as Poland's Szymon and **Mateusz Lohmann**.

FACTS & FIGURES



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England have clinched 43 of the 54 titles awarded since 1991, and they missed the first 4 editions. Germany, which caused a massive upset winning both categories in 2006, follows with 5 titles, France have 2, then Switzerland, Belgium, Finland and Spain 1. In total, 28 nations participated, and 17 grabbed at least one medal.



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Let's focus on the home country: in 1993, France won what was their first international title in U16 with Stéphane Galifi, Arnaud Estournes and Isabelle Stoehr - the future World No.10 was only 13 years old at the time! Twenty years later, *les Bleus* beat Belgium, who had ousted England in the semis, in the U17 final. Lauren Baltayan won the deciding rubber in 3 games against Savannah Moxham.


It was not easy to establish seedings in junior events after covid, but the name Moxham could have alerted the organizers. Maddox and Savannah are the children of Australia's Shawn Moxham, former coach of 2-time world champion David Palmer and ex-Belgian pro player Katline Cauwels, and they train at the academy created by their parents in the US, called M Squash.



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THROWBACK: 2022, BELGIUM CREATES A MASSIVE UPSET



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After finishing 17th in 2019, Belgium was seeded 10 at the 2022 U15 European Championship in Eindhoven, but with these two talents they completely shook things up. In the final, Maddox and Savannah beat Dylan Roberts and Mariam Eissa, putting an end to an incredible streak: England had won the last 33 European Team Championships including U15, U17 and U19.

Bordeaux Nord is a multi-racquet sports facility with 10 squash courts and is one of the 4 clubs of the SquashBad33 brand. Since its opening in 2010, it's established itself as one of the main powerhouses in France, hosting numerous

big events: French nationals, junior and masters championships, French league playoffs etc. It was only a matter of time before an international event was added to the list, there we are!



THE CLUB

SquashBad33 Bordeaux Nord





**EUROPEAN MIXED TEAMS
U15 & U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025**

U15 POOL A

08/05, 10am	[1] ENGLAND		[9] SPAIN
08/05, 12pm	[8] DENMARK		[16] TURKEY
08/05, 4pm	[1] ENGLAND		[8] DENMARK
08/05, 6pm	[9] SPAIN		[16] TURKEY
09/05, 4pm	[1] ENGLAND		[16] TURKEY
09/05, 4pm	[8] DENMARK		[9] SPAIN

STANDINGS

	POINTS	PLAYED	WON	LOST	RUBBERS	GAMES	POINTS
[1] ENGLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[8] DENMARK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[9] SPAIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[16] TURKEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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U15 & U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025**

U15 POOL B

08/05, 10am	[2] FRANCE		[10] SCOTLAND
08/05, 12pm	[7] SWITZERLAND		[15] GREECE
08/05, 4pm	[2] FRANCE		[7] SWITZERLAND
08/05, 6pm	[10] SCOTLAND		[15] GREECE
09/05, 4pm	[2] FRANCE		[15] GREECE
09/05, 4pm	[7] SWITZERLAND		[10] SCOTLAND

STANDINGS

	POINTS	PLAYED	WON	LOST	RUBBERS	GAMES	POINTS
[2] FRANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[7] SWITZERLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[10] SCOTLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[15] GREECE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



**EUROPEAN MIXED TEAMS
U15 & U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025**

U15 POOL C

08/05, 10am	[3] POLAND		[11] IRELAND
08/05, 12pm	[6] ISRAEL		[14] UKRAINE
08/05, 4pm	[3] POLAND		[6] ISRAEL
08/05, 6pm	[11] IRELAND		[14] UKRAINE
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STANDINGS

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U15 POOL D

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08/05, 12pm	[5] CZECH REPUBLIC		[13] GERMANY
08/05, 4pm	[4] HUNGARY		[5] CZECH REPUBLIC
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09/05, 4pm	[5] CZECH REPUBLIC		[12] WALES
09/05, 4pm	[4] HUNGARY		[13] GERMANY

STANDINGS

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[5] CZECH REPUBLIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[12] WALES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[13] GERMANY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



EUROPEAN MIXED TEAMS U15 & U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

U17 POOL A

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08/05, 2pm	[8] ISRAEL	KS	[17] PORTUGAL
08/05, 4pm	[1] ENGLAND	KS	[9] HUNGARY
08/05, 6pm	[8] ISRAEL	KS	[16] IRELAND
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STANDINGS

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STANDINGS

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08/05, 6pm	[6] SPAIN	KS	[14] NORWAY
09/05, 10am	[14] NORWAY	KS	[19] TURKEY
09/05, 2pm	[11] GERMANY	KS	[19] TURKEY
09/05, 2pm	[3] POLAND	KS	[6] SPAIN
09/05, 6pm	[6] SPAIN	KS	[11] GERMANY
09/05, 6pm	[3] POLAND	KS	[14] NORWAY

STANDINGS

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