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England Bridge Teams Targeting Medals at European Championships

After the disappointment in Brazil, many English eyes will be turning to Croatia where England stands an excellent chance of winning medals in the **52nd European Bridge Team Championships**.

The event begins today (Sunday 22nd June) in Opatija, Croatia, with England represented in all three competitions – the Open Teams (for players of either gender and of any age), the Women's Teams, and the Senior Teams (for players over 60).

All teams have hopes of returning with a medal and chances are particularly good for the **Women's team, who are defending champions**, having won in Dublin in 2012. Five of the Women's team also won the World Olympiad in 2012, and were second in the World Championships in 2013.

All teams will not only be seeking a place on the podium, but also hoping to finish in the top six and qualify for the 2015 World Championships, to be held in Chennai.

The Seniors competition concludes on Saturday 28th June, with the Open and Women's competitions ending on Tuesday 1st July.

The England teams are:

Open: Tony Forrester & Andrew Robson, David Bakhshi & David Gold, Jason Hackett & Justin Hackett.

Womens: Heather Dhondy & Nevena Senior, Sally Brock & Nicola Smith, Fiona Brown & Catherine Draper.

Seniors: Paul Hackett & David Mossop, Gunnar Hallberg & John Holland, David Price & Colin Simpson.

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