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Three Medals for England at European Championships

The English bridge team has enjoyed great success at the 52nd European Team Championships, winning a **gold, silver and bronze medal** in their best ever haul at a major event.

The competition was held over ten days in the Croatian city of Opatija, and culminated today with the Women's team finishing second and the Open team finishing third. This added to the victory earned by the Seniors team on Saturday. This was only the second time that a country has won medals in all three events, the other being France in 1995

This continues an excellent run of results for the Women's team, following a gold medal in the same event in 2012, gold in the 2012 World Olympiad, and silver in the 2013 World Championship (the Venice Cup). The Seniors were World Champions in 2009, and this is the best result for the Open team in over two decades.

All three teams have qualified for the World Championships, to be held in Chennai in 2015.

The teams were:

Open: [Tony Forrester](#) & [Andrew Robson](#) OBE, [David Bakhshi](#) & [David Gold](#), [Jason Hackett](#) & [Justin Hackett](#). Non-playing-captain: [Simon Cope](#). Coach: [Ben Green](#)

Women: [Heather Dhondy](#) & [Nevena Senior](#), [Sally Brock](#) & [Nicola Smith](#) MBE, [Fiona Brown](#) & [Catherine Draper](#). Non-playing-captain: [Derek Patterson](#). Coach: [David Burn](#).

Seniors: [Paul Hackett](#) & [David Mossop](#), [Gunnar Hallberg](#) & [John Holland](#), [David Price](#) & [Colin Simpson](#). Non-playing-captain: [Simon Cochemé](#).

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