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Natalie Barry selected for European Team Championships for Women Squad

Natalie Barry from Manchester has been selected for the European Team Championships for Women squad, announced today by British Judo. The Championships takes place in Oradea, Romania on 25 October 2003.

Great Britain qualified for the finals earlier in the year and now face Germany, France, and hosts Romania for the title.

Natalie who trains at Bacup Judo Club under the direction of her personal coach, Brian Moore, will represent Great Britain in the –57kg weight category. Natalie recently returned from the World Championships in Osaka, Japan after replacing fellow Bacup teammate, Sophie Cox who was injured just days before the tournament.

The team also includes Commonwealth Champion Georgina Singleton, who will be fighting in the -52kg weight category. The ex-European Champion won a bronze medal in the 2003 European Championships, and recently came 5th at the World Championships.

World and European medallist, Karen Roberts, will fight in the -63kg category.

Diane Bell, Team Manager said: "It will be a tough tournament facing Germany and France, but if Great Britain performs to their potential on the day we will be able to get a good result."

British Team

-48kg Claire Lynch
-52kg Georgina Singleton
-57kg Natalie Barry
-63kg Karen Roberts
-70kg Amanda Costello
-78kg Rachel Wilding
+78kg Simone Callender





Note to Editors

For the European Team Championships each country selects a team of seven players, with one player in each weight category. The event will begin with two semi-finals. The winning teams will progress through to the final and losing teams of each semi-final will fight off against each other for the bronze medal. In each match, players from both countries fight against each other by weight category. The country with the most wins is declared the match winner.

To request interviews with members of the team please contact Emma Reed.

Player's biogs are available at <http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/media/profiles.php>

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