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Britain win silver in European Team Championships for Women

Great Britain finished second in the European Team Championships for Women, which took place in Oradea, Romania at the weekend.

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

The British team drew Romania in the semi-final and won 5-2. They lost the opening two fights at -48kg and -52kg but then came back strong to win the next five contests with Ippon wins from Natalie Barry in the -57kg, Amanda Costello in the -70kg and Simone Callender in the +78kg.

Their win against Romania took them into the final against France. Britain lost the match 3 - 2 in a very close encounter, which resulted in them winning the silver. The team lost the first two matches in the -48kg and -52kg, but an out standing performance from Natalie Barry in the -57kg got Britain back into the match. Both Karen Roberts and Amanda Costello drew their fights however Rachel Wilding lost her match in the -78kg. Simone Callender finished the final with an easy win against her opponent in the +78kg.

British Team

-48kg Clare Lynch
-52kg Sam Smithson
-57kg Natalie Barry
-63kg Karen Roberts
-70kg Amanda Costello
-78kg Rachel Wilding
+78kg Simone Callender

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