

## Natasha Plays for England

Jovanka Houska, Ingrid Lauterbach, our own Natasha Regan, Meri Grigoryan-Lyell and Sabrina Chevannes represented England in the 8th European Women's Team Championship in Novi Sad, Serbia, 21-31st October, 2009, a 9 round, one game a day, Swiss. Since the event started in 1992, English women have played every time. Recently the format changed: matches, once on two boards, have now been extended to four. Thus England, who captured bronzes in 1997 and 2001, only fielded two players in 2003 but here had a squad of five. Of these, Meri and Natasha had never played in this competition before and with *Mesdames* Hunt, Ciuksyte and Lalic all missing, England's modest seeding, 22nd out of 28 teams, indicated a tough ride ahead.

Natasha scored

0 v M Voiska 2335 *Bulgaria*, ½ v H Puuska 2020 *Finland*, rested v *Greece*, 1 v M Stojalovic 2172 *Montenegro*, ½ v E Carlsen 1904 *Norway*, 0 v M Jelica *Croatia* 2170, ½ v E Ambrosi 2159 *Italy*, rested v *Macedonia*, 1 v NE Menzi 1803 *Turkey*. England came 17th=.

**E Ambrosi -v- NK Regan**

*Alekhine B04* 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 dxe5 5 Nxe5 c6 6 Be2 Bf5 7 0-0 h6 8 a3 Nd7 9 Nf3 Qc7 10 c4 Nf4 11 Nc3 e6 12 d5 Be7 13 Nd4 Nc5 14 Nxf5 Nxe2+ 15 Qxe2 exf5 16 Qc2 g6 17 b4 Nd7 18 c5 Bf6 19 d6 Qd8 20 Re1+ Kf8 21 Bb2 Kg7 22 Re2 Re8 23 Rae1 Rxe2 24 Rxe2 b6 25 Na4 bxc5 26 Nxc5 Bxb2 27 Qxb2+ Kg8 28 Re7 Nxc5 29 bxc5 Rb8 30 Qa2 Qf8 31 Rxa7 Qg7 32 g3 Rb2 33 Qc4 Rd2 34 d7 Qf6 35 Qf4 Rd1+ 36 Kg2 Kg7 37 Qc7 Qe6 38 d8Q Qe4+ 39 Kh3 Qg4+ 40 Kg2 Qe4+ 41 f3 Qe2+ 42 Kh3 Qf1+ 43 Kh4 Qc4+ 44 Kh3 ½-½.

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