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REPORT ON BRITISH ISLES LADIES SENIOR INTERNATIONAL SERIES

BELFAST 13TH MARCH – 15TH MARCH 2009.

Last year, in Wales, England were runners-up to Scotland in the International Series. As the England squad arrived at the Belfast Indoor Stadium for their practice session this year, their hopes were high that this year the result would be reversed.

England's first game was against Ireland which they won by 35 shots. The team played well with 3 rinks winning, 2 losing and 1 rink was a draw. The newly formed rink skipped by Debbie Stavrou with Linda Rose leading Liz Messer at No.2 and Janice Gower at No.3 beat the rink skipped by Vera McCourt 41 – 6 which gave a wonderful boost to the team.

England's next opponent was Wales and because Scotland had beaten Ireland as well as Wales, England needed to play well against Wales to set up the deciding match on Sunday between Scotland and England. The England team did play well with wins for all the rinks apart from one, which lost by just 2 shots; the score was 120 to England and 88 to Wales.

So the deciding match of the series, England having beaten Ireland and Wales and Scotland having done the same, whoever won this game took the Trophy.

England made an excellent start leading Scotland by 68 shots to 27. Then Scotland began to pull back and it was England 93 Scotland 67 and we were all a little bit nervy. Scotland were just 13 shots behind at 109 – 96 with 4 ends to go. What a nail biting finish with England keeping their nerve, they took the Trophy by 14 shots.

Anita Haw - 18th March 2009.

