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LE GRUYERE EUROPEAN CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009, Aberdeen, Scotland

6 DECEMBER 2009 – DAY 2 – RESUME & STANDINGS

Women A - Round Robin 3:

The Russian women, led by Liudmila Privivkova, sit alone as unbeaten leaders of the women's "A" division after three round-robin games in of the Le Gruyère European Curling Championships in Aberdeen. The Russians beat Italy's Georgia Apollonio 11-5 on Sunday afternoon.

Five teams now sit one win behind them. Denmark's Angelina Jensen scored three in the third end and four in the eighth as she beat England's Kirsty Balfour by 11-7. Meanwhile, Norway's Marianne Rørvik had an 8-3 win over Finland's Ellen Vogt.

Scotland's nineteen-year-old skip Eve Muirhead led her team to a 5-2 win over Germany's Andrea Schöpp in a game that hinged on two single steals by the Scots in the eighth and ninth ends.

Anette Norberg, Sweden's reigning Olympic champion and seven-times winner of the European title, beat defending champion Mirjam Ott of Switzerland by 7-6 in what was a re-run of last year's final. These two teams now join Denmark, Norway and Scotland on two wins out of three starts.

Sitting behind these teams on one win are Germany and Italy, while England and Finland remain winless.

Women's Standings after Day 2 (3 round-robin games):

Russia won 3 - lost 0
Denmark, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland 2-1
Germany, Italy 1-2
England, Finland 0-3.

Men A - Round Robin 3 and 4:

Norway's Thomas Ulsrud continues to lead the men's rankings with four wins out of four, thanks to an 8-6 win over Italy's Stefano Ferronato, followed by a 10-2 defeat of Germany's Andy Kapp in his fourth game.

France's Thomas Dufour beat Finland's Tomi Rantamäki by 11-6, finishing with the flourish of a score of five in the ninth end. After this France went on to beat Denmark by 7-6 to move onto three wins and one loss.

Defending champions Scotland, who lost their third round-robin game by 2-3 to the Czech Republic's Jiri Snitel when defending champion skip David Murdoch messed up his last stone, bounced back with a comprehensive 6-end 15-1 over Finland. They now share the same won three, lost one record as France and Sweden's Niklas Edin, who beat Denmark's Ulrik Schmidt by 7-5 in the third round, and followed that up with a 6-5 extra end win over Switzerland's Ralph Stöckli in their fourth game.



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Earlier, the Swiss had a 10-3 win over Germany's Andy Kapp, scoring five in the seventh end to seal victory.

Finland and the Czech Republic, who beat Italy by 7-6 in their fourth game, now have each won two games, while Denmark and Italy are yet to win a game.

Men's Standings after Day 2 (4 round-robin games):

Norway won 4 - lost 0

France, Scotland, Sweden 3-1

Czech Republic, Finland, Switzerland 2-2

Germany 1-3

Denmark, Italy 0-4

Men B:

In men's "B1", the Netherlands and Russia lead each with four wins and no losses.

In men's "B2", Hungary and Wales lead with three wins and no losses.

Women B:

In women's "B1", Latvia, the Netherlands and Poland all have two wins and no losses.

In women's "B2", Austria and Hungary have one win each.

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