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### **LE GRUYERE EUROPEAN CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009, Aberdeen, Scotland**

#### **12 DECEMBER 2009 – DAY 8 – Women’s Final**

Germany’s Andrea Schöpp won her seventh European Championship title when she beat Switzerland’s Mirjam Ott by 7-5 in Saturday’s final of the Le Gruyère European Curling Championships in Aberdeen.

Switzerland opened the scoring with a single in the opening end, but Germany responded with one in the second. The teams then swapped twos in the third and fourth ends to level the game at 3-3.

Schöpp and her team of Melanie Robillard, Monika Wagner, Corinna Scholz (plus alternate Stella Heiss) had a game-turning steal of two in fifth end, to give them a 5-3 halftime lead.

The Swiss scored singles in both the sixth and seventh ends to bring the scores level again, but after that, it was all one-way traffic in Germany’s favour. Eventually, the Germans left Switzerland with an impossible draw in the tenth to steal one again and claim their crown.

“It’s been a really long time to wait for a title again, we worked hard for this. It went well during the week and now to win, it’s such a great feeling,” said Schöpp following her win.

“We tried to score two but in the end we just messed up with some stones in the middle, we tried to hold the middle open but we pushed one of Germany’s stones and it was really hard for us to eliminate this shot,” said Ott after the game. “We have had an awesome week here. We had to medal for the final qualification for the Olympics, so we can still be proud, but in the first five minutes, it’s a disappointment,” Ott added.

Also on Saturday morning, Latvia’s women’s team, skipped by Iveta Stasa-Sarsune, beat Finland by 6-3 to win the World Challenge series without the need for a third game. They will now make a debut World Championship appearance in Swift Current, Canada in March.

Denmark retained their place in the men’s World Championship line-up by defeating the Netherlands for the second time in their best-of-three World Challenge, winning by 10-5.

#### **Women’s Final Standings:**

1. Germany – GOLD (9-3)
2. Switzerland – SILVER (8-3)
3. Denmark – BRONZE (6-5)
4. Russia (7-4)
5. Sweden (6-4)
6. Scotland (5-4)
7. Norway (4-5)
8. Finland (3-6)
9. Italy (2-7) down to B Division for ECC 2010
10. England (0-9) down to B Division for ECC 2010



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Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Russia, Sweden, Scotland, Norway and Latvia qualify for the Ford World Women's Curling Championship 2010 in Swift Current, Canada next March.

### **Women's B Division**

1. Latvia – GOLD, qualified for World Women's Championship 2010, Swift Current, Canada and up to A Division for ECC 2010
2. Netherlands – SILVER - up to A Division for ECC 2010
3. Austria – BRONZE

**Event website and live scoring, statistics and results:**

[www.ecc2009.co.uk](http://www.ecc2009.co.uk)

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