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LE GRUYERE EUROPEAN CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009, Aberdeen, Scotland

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Men A - Round Robin 6 and 7:

Norway's Thomas Ulsrud lost his unbeaten record at the Le Gruyère European Curling Championships in Aberdeen, when France's Thomas Dufour beat him by 7-5 in the sixth round of play in the men's "A" division.

While Norway bounced back to beat defending champion David Murdoch of Scotland by 9-5 in the seventh session, France went down to Sweden's Niklas Edin by 6-5 after an extra end. As a result, Norway share the lead with Sweden, who earlier had beaten Jiri Snitel from the Czech Republic by 10-5 in the sixth session, with a score of three in the second end and a further four in the fourth. Both of these teams now have the same won six, lost one record.

Before their defeat at the hands of Norway, and despite the fact it was German skip Andy Kapp's 42nd birthday, the Scots had earlier beaten Germany by 10-7. These results place France and Scotland just behind Norway and Sweden on the rankings, with five wins.

Switzerland's Ralph Stöckli sits behind these four on four wins, with two wins on Tuesday. He beat Italy's Stefano Ferronato by 13-4 and then defeated Finland's Tomi Rantamäki by 8-2.

Germany remains in play-off contention on three wins, recovering from their defeat by Scotland with a 9-1 win over Italy.

Denmark's Ulrik Schmidt had two good wins on Tuesday, beating Finland by 9-3 and then the Czech Republic by 7-4. As a result, these three teams share the same won two, lost five record and are depending on good results in the final two round-robin games to avoid relegation.

Unless a most unusual set of results occurs in the last two games, Italy, still without a win, seem destined for the "B" division next year.



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Men's standings after seven games:

Norway won 6, lost 1
Sweden 6-1
France, Scotland 5-2
Switzerland 4-3
Germany 3-4
Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland 2-5
Italy 0-7

Women A - Round Robin 6 and 7:

Defending champion Mirjam Ott of Switzerland tops the women's table following two wins on Tuesday. She beat England's Kirsty Balfour by 8-2 and followed that up with a 10-6 win over Italy's Georgia Apollonio. The Swiss now have a won six, lost one record.

Behind them are Russia's Liudmila Privivkova who lost in an extra end against Finland's Ellen Vogt 7-8, before going down by 3-6 to Germany's Andrea Schöpp.

Denmark's Angelina Jensen shares the same won five, lost two record with the Russians. She lost by 3-9 to Norway's Marianne Rørvik before beating Sweden's Anette Norberg by 5-4 after an extra end.

Earlier, Sweden also lost to Scotland's Eve Muirhead, by 2-8. Following the Scots' 7-4 win over Finland, these two teams are on four wins. So are Norway, who beat England by 9-7 after losing to Denmark, and Germany, who beat Italy by 7-4 before their victory over Russia.

Women's standings after seven games:

Switzerland won 6, lost 1
Denmark, Russia 5-2
Germany, Norway, Scotland, Sweden 4-3
Finland 2-5
Italy 1-6
England 0-7

B Divisions:

Netherlands and Latvia lead the women's "B1" division, unbeaten on four wins, while Austria lead the "B2" division, on three wins and no losses.

Russia are leading the men's "B1" division on eight wins and no losses, well ahead of the field, and Hungary leads "B2" on six wins and one loss, with Austria and Wales both on six wins and two losses.

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