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LE GRUYERE EUROPEAN CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009, Aberdeen, Scotland

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Women’s Round-Robin Wrap

Despite going down by 6-7 to Russia’s Liudmila Privivkova in her final round-robin game, Switzerland’s Mirjam Ott, the defending champion, finished at the top of the round-robin rankings with seven wins and two losses, at the Le Gruyère European Curling Championships in Aberdeen. This puts Switzerland into the Page 1 v 2 Play-off where they will meet Denmark’s Angelina Jensen, who ranked top of four teams tied on six wins, thanks to Denmark’s 7-6 win over Scotland’s Eve Muirhead. Scotland now rank sixth.

Germany’s Andrea Schöpp beat Finland’s Ellen Vogt by 7-2 to claim her sixth win and third place to move her onto the Page 3 v 4 game. The other two teams on six wins – Sweden’s Anette Norberg (10-2 over Norway) and Russia – go on to play a sudden-death tie-breaker, with the winner taking up the slot as fourth in the Page Play-off, and the loser ranking fifth.

Norway finished seventh on the table and Finland, who will now face a challenge from the “B” winner for a place in next March’s World Championship, finished eighth. Italy’s Giorgia Apollonio, who finished with just one win, and England’s Kristy Balfour, who did not win any games, finish ninth and tenth, and are relegated for next year’s Championships.

Women’s final rankings after the Round Robin:

Switzerland won 7, lost 2
Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Russia 6-3
Scotland 5-4
Norway 4-5
Finland 3-6
Italy 2-7
England 0-9

Men’s Tiebreaker:

Scotland v France 7-2

Women’s Tiebreaker:

Sweden v Russia 4-5

Playoffs Thursday evening: Men 1v2 Norway-Denmark. 3v4 Switzerland-Scotland
Women 1v2 Switzerland-Denmark. 3v4 Germany-Russia