



# Eagle Shield News

News, information and gossips from Le Gruyère European Curling Championships in Örnköldsvik  
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## Scotland and Sweden made it to the final



Photo: Håkan Sundström

*Scotland had no problem beating Germany in the semi final yesterday. Here is vice skip Ewan MacDonald conducting his sweepers Peter Smith and Euan Byers.*

**Scotland's David Murdoch, the defending men's champion, scored five unanswered points to defeat Germany's Andy Kapp 7-2 at Swedbank Arena and qualify for Saturday's final of the Le Gruyère European Curling Championships 2008.**

Murdoch scored two points in the second end and after Kapp replied with a tying deuce in the fifth, the rampage began. The Scots grabbed three in the sixth, then stole the seventh and eighth whereupon Germany conceded.

Murdoch will battle Norway's Thomas Ulsrud on Saturday in a rematch of the 2007 final, which saw Scotland win 5-3. That year the Scots also climbed into the championship through the semifinals, beating Denmark, while Ulsrud awaited his opponent.

"I'm looking forward to it," Murdoch said of Saturday's rematch.

"I'm delighted to be back here again. We're doing it the way we like, with lots of confidence.

"We keep applying pressure every end and it's up to the other guy not to crack."

Germany's Kapp finishes with the Bronze medal, his third trip to the ECC podium in nine attempts, after winning gold in 1992 and 1997.



*Sweden took four in the ninth end and changed from 6-4 to 8-4. Here is Anette Norberg's last stone of the game, a draw to protect Denmark getting more than one in the last end.*

The defending Olympic and European champion, Anette Norberg of Sweden, made a brilliant come-around takeout to score four points and defeat Denmark 8-7 in the semifinal of the Le Gruyère European Curling Championships 2008.

The shot, made before a vocal crowd of home supporters, occurred in the ninth end with Denmark's Angelina Jensen holding a 6-4 lead. It followed a great hit and roll by Danish fourth-thrower Madeleine Dupont. Facing four Swedish counters, Dupont made her shot and Norberg initially indicated she would then draw for only two points to tie the game.

But the decision was made to go for the four, and the team leapt into the air as the shot was made and the crowd roared.

"This is incredible," said Swedish third Eva Lund.

"If you don't compare the competitions, because the

Olympics are something very different, I would say this is one of the greatest moments of my life."

"Anette was really struggling in the beginning," explained Lund, who has also won six previous European titles and two world championships with Norberg.

"But we gathered together and said we are here for her. We're not afraid to lose or to look bad here, we just wanted to support her."

The writing was on the wall for Denmark, which outplayed Sweden in the early going and held a 5-3 lead after six ends. But Sweden turned on the heat and Dupont was forced to draw against two stones buried in the four-foot rings on her last shot of the eighth end. Sweden continued piling on the pressure early in that fateful ninth.

"We said let's go for it," said Lund. "It was time to take the game to them and put them under pressure."

The previous time Jensen met Norberg in a major competition was the 2007 Worlds in Aomori, Japan. Denmark won that game 9-8, in an unusual season which saw the Swedes finish out of the playoffs and Denmark score the silver medal.

With a final record of 7-4 Jensen and her teammates earned the Bronze medal.

Norberg will have to play each end like the end of the semifinal in Saturday's championship game against Switzerland's Mirjam Ott. Despite having lost to Norberg up to 10 times in the past five years — including in the 2006 Olympic gold medal game — Ott has defeated Norberg twice in the past three days.

**Thanks for your visit here, safe trip home  
and Merry Christmas**

George Karrys

## Departures December 14

Flight departure	Hotel	Pick-up at hotel
13.20	Swedbank arena	11.40
	Strand hotel	11.50
	First hotel	11.55
	Örnsköldsviks hostel	11.55
14.00	Scandic	12.05
16.25	Scandic	12.30
17.05	Ångermanlandsgatan (Polish teams)	14.55
	Swedbank arena	15.30
	First hotel	15.35
	Örnsköldsviks hostel	15.40
	Scandic	15.50

If you have any questions about your transfer contact Sara on 070-3326589

## The Ice Maker and his water



Norway, champion of the women's B-division with Marianne Rørvik, Henriette Løvar, Ingrid Stensrud, Kristin Skaslien and Kristin Løvseth

## Big interest for ECC2008 on the webb!

ECC2008 has used Cuponline as result & reportingsystem during the championship. This means that webviewers all over the world has the possibility to follow the games online.

After lunchtime Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> Cuponline have had over 82.000 visitors from 85 different countries. A total of 1.3 Millions pages have been showed.

Different websites reporting about curling have linked directly in to Cuponline for on-line-reporting, for example BBC News.

Cuponline is a webbased cup-tool for administrating and reporting results directly online. Statistics, tables, teams and groups are other information

that can be found easily. Cuponline are owned and hosted by CoreIT and a specific curling-module have been developed especially for ECC2008.

"We are proud to be a part of this fantastic championship, and happy to be able to give curling enthusiast all over the world to follow the games online" says Pelle, the representative for Cuponline at CoreIT. "There has been a great interest for the system from other curling organizations and hopefully we can help them make their championships a success also".

Visit [www.cuponline.se/ecc2008](http://www.cuponline.se/ecc2008) for results and statistics.

# Cuponline

You have the Head Ice Maker **Stefan Röthlisberger** here to the left together with the machine from **Ritelce** that makes the water for the curling ice. For good ice making, there are

three general types of water conamination that must considered:

- \* Organic matter
- \* Dissolved minerals
- \* Air



Finland won the men's B-division with Kalle Kiskinen, Jani Sullanmaa, Teemu Salu, Jari Rouvinen, Juha Pekaristo, Paavo Kuosmanen.

## Results of Friday games

### Women A

#### Semi final 2:

Denmark - Sweden 7-8

### Men A

#### Semi final 2:

Scotland - Germany 7-2

### Women B

#### Semi final 2:

Finland - Hungary 7-5

#### Final:

Norway - Finland 9-3

### Men B

#### Semi final 2:

Italy - Hungary 6-4

#### Final:

Finland - Italy 9-2

World challenge women. Game 1: Norway - England 10-1  
World challenge men. Game 1: Finland - Sweden 6-5