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A GREAT DAY OUT



The Dolphin Show was one of the highlights of Saturday's outing. And what a perfect day for an outing it was, with beautiful sunshine all day.

We will have more photographs in tomorrow's bulletin; until then you will have to make do with your memories of a great rest day.

Today the Girls series is completed with three matches which will decide the destination of the title and medals. Good luck to all the contending teams.

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Team Captains

The Daily Bulletin would like to request of all team captains:

Please, as always at a Youth Championship with all the new players, we are very keen to publish as many team profiles as possible in the Bulletin to introduce your players to not only everyone here in Riccione, but also the many people around the world who also read these Bulletins on the internet. So could you produce something for us or, better still, as we know how busy a captain must be, ask the team coach to write it for you. We prefer it written on a computer but handwritten is OK if necessary.

TODAY'S VUGRAPH



10.00 Netherlands v Germany	Girls
14.00 Italy v Norway	Juniors
17.30 Netherlands v Turkey	Juniors

JUNIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 7 10.00**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA
2	ISRAEL	DENMARK
3	NORWAY	LATVIA
4	SPAIN	ITALY
5	CZECH REPUBLIC	SWEDEN
6	HUNGARY	BELGIUM
7	LITHUANIA	ROMANIA
8	SCOTLAND	FRANCE
9	TURKEY	POLAND
10	AUSTRIA	PORTUGAL
11	GREECE	ENGLAND

ROUND 8 14.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	GREECE	NETHERLANDS
2	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA
3	PORTUGAL	TURKEY
4	POLAND	SCOTLAND
5	FRANCE	LITHUANIA
6	ROMANIA	HUNGARY
7	BELGIUM	CZECH REPUBLIC
8	SWEDEN	SPAIN
9	ITALY	NORWAY
10	LATVIA	ISRAEL
11	DENMARK	CROATIA

ROUND 9 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY
2	AUSTRIA	SCOTLAND
3	GREECE	LITHUANIA
4	ENGLAND	HUNGARY
5	PORTUGAL	CZECH REPUBLIC
6	POLAND	SPAIN
7	FRANCE	NORWAY
8	ROMANIA	ISRAEL
9	BELGIUM	CROATIA
10	SWEDEN	DENMARK
11	ITALY	LATVIA

GIRLS TEAMS**RANKING AFTER SESSION 6**

1	NETHERLANDS	118
2	RUSSIA	115
3	AUSTRIA	109
4	SWEDEN	104
5	POLAND	96
6	GERMANY	95
7	DENMARK	80
8	ENGLAND	70
9	ITALY	63
10	IRELAND	34

GIRLS TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 7 10.00**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	AUSTRIA	ITALY
2	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
3	POLAND	IRELAND
4	RUSSIA	SWEDEN
5	DENMARK	ENGLAND

ROUND 8 14.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	IRELAND	AUSTRIA
2	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN
3	ITALY	ENGLAND
4	GERMANY	DENMARK
5	POLAND	RUSSIA

ROUND 9 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	AUSTRIA	POLAND
2	RUSSIA	GERMANY
3	DENMARK	ITALY
4	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS
5	SWEDEN	IRELAND

JUNIORS TEAMS**RANKING AFTER SESSION 6**

1	ENGLAND	125
2	ITALY	124.5
3	FRANCE	118
—	NETHERLANDS	118
5	POLAND	109
6	NORWAY	108
7	HUNGARY	102.5
8	DENMARK	93
9	LATVIA	92
10	BELGIUM	90
—	SWEDEN	90
12	TURKEY	83
13	GREECE	82
14	ROMANIA	80
15	ISRAEL	77
16	PORTUGAL	76.5
17	AUSTRIA	76
18	CROATIA	70.5
19	CZECH REPUBLIC	69
20	LITHUANIA	61
21	SPAIN	57
22	SCOTLAND	54

The Austrian Girls Team

The Austrian Girls team were winners of the inaugural European Girls Championship in Prague last July and are making a determined effort to successfully defend their title here in Riccione. Three of the team remain from last year, the new member being:

Ursula Assman Ursula is 25 and comes from Carinthia in the south of Austria. Ursula has only been playing tournament bridge for about half a year, having previously played only at home with her family and friends. She is a student of law and has almost completed her studies so now works in a law office. Ursula speaks English and French as well as German and her hobbies include skiing, tennis and reading.

Anna Gogoman Anna partners Ursula in this championship and first represented Austria 11 years ago. She has just completed her studies in business administration and is currently enjoying her last summer before she has to start full time work. Anna learned bridge from her father. She is a multi-linguist, speaking German, Hungarian, Dutch, English, and more. Her main weakness is, apparently, Dutchmen so bad luck to the rest of you guys out there.

Adele Gogoman Adele is 20 and, like her sister, was taught bridge by her father and has been playing bridge since she was eight years old and for Austria for much of the time in between. Adele is a law student of one year's standing. Adele's hobbies include swimming and table tennis and her repertoire of languages includes Hungarian, German, English and Spanish. So far as we are aware, she has no particular weakness for Dutchmen.

Iris Grumm Iris has completed her studies in investment management and now works for an asset management company. Iris claims to have no time for hobbies as she has to work very hard, plus there is bridge and her boyfriend and she is renovating her flat. She speaks several languages, including French, Spanish, English, German, and some Russian and Italian.

Teams and Players' Photos Schedule — Sunday July 17th

GIRLS

- 13.40 Italy
13.45 Netherlands
13.50 Poland

JUNIORS

- 17.10 Russia
17.15 Austria
17.20 Belgium
17.25 Czech Republic



All the above teams (including the captain and the coach) are kindly requested to be present at the specific time outside of the building.

Please make sure that you wear your badge and national uniform.

Maria Plubi
EBL Photographer

Precision - Yes Or No?

By Elena Maitova (Russia)

Every bridge player who has at least once played the Precision system knows how uncomfortable and unsuitable can be the 2♣ opening bid. Eating the whole level, it informs us that the 2♣ opener has five plus clubs, maybe a four-card major, and a lot of points, 11-15. So, those of us who cannot manage without such an opening have to create conventions to describe the complicated hands.

Sometimes, however, it works well, as in this example from the Round 5 match between Russia and England!

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 9 2 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ A K 8 3 ♣ 8 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 6 4 ♥ A K J 10 ♦ 10 ♣ A Q J 9 4	♠ K J 7 5 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 7 5 2 ♣ 10 7 6 3
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W E						
S						
♠ A 10 3 ♥ Q 9 6 5 4 ♦ J 9 6 4 ♣ K						

West	North <i>Mochalova</i>	East	South <i>Kychanova</i>
			Pass
Pass	2♣(i)	Pass	2♥(ii)
Pass	4♦(iii)	Pass	4♠(iv)
Pass	4NT(v)	Pass	5♦(vi)
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

- (i) Precision
(ii) Natural, non-forcing but invitational
(iii) Splinter, four-card support and maximum
(iv) Cuebid
(v) RKCB
(vi) 1 or 4 key cards

The key was Julia Mochalova's splinter bid of 4♦ on the way to the heart game. Now Elena Kychanova could visualise 3-4-1-5 or better distribution in her partner's hand and could start to count the tricks for slam. With no wastage in diamonds and all her other high cards working so well, she decided to show the spade control and now Julia could check on key cards and bid the cold slam. Did you bid it?



Impressions of Riccione

by Kees Tammens

The weather could not be better; only Fotis, the internet editor, thinks it is not hot enough (he is Greek). The hotel is very nice and the Ferrari Testarossa, parked in front of the hotel, is breathtakingly beautiful. Bridge will be the main concern in the next two weeks so it was very thoughtful of Mr Giannariga Rona to point out in his opening speech that the girls and juniors could play their hearts out in the championship but should not forget that the world was upset by the tragic bombings in London last week. It is not all bridge in real life. Thanks for that remark.

On to bridge! Your reporter is always looking for a special theme. It can be defensive problems, adventurous slam bidding, or hazardous junior enterprises. Or maybe a sequel on the 'Good, bad and ugly' series?

The second board of the tournament was an exquisite trump criss-cross already described in Bulletin 2. It showed how interesting declarer play can be.

FIRST BOARDS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Watching the vugraph is an excellent way of comparing the results on all the tables of the girls and junior events. Board 3 of the first match was exciting at many tables.

Board 3. Dealer South. None E/W.

♠ J 6 3 ♥ K Q 8 7 ♦ K 6 5 ♣ K 9 8	♠ A Q 9 7 ♥ 9 6 5 4 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ Q 3	♠ K 10 8 5 4 2 ♥ 2 ♦ A J 10 4 3 ♣ 10	♠ — ♥ A J 10 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ A J 7 6 5 4 2			
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W E						
S						
West	North	East	South			
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♣			
Dble	All Pass		4♥			

The lead was the singleton ♣10 for the ace in the dummy. Declarer played a club from dummy, ducked by West, queen ruffed by East who rather surprisingly returned a spade for the queen, discarding a diamond from South. The other diamond disappearing on ♠A. Declarer ruffed a diamond and ruffed out ♣K, noting that East could not over-ruff. Another diamond ruff was trick six. A club from dummy, West refusing to ruff. Another club, ♥7, and ♥9 in North: trick eight. A spade ruffed in the dummy and ♥A as trick ten for a rather surprising +590; the same contract going one, two or three down at most other tables with 5♥ doubled down seven as the biggest result for N/S, and the first entry for the 'Ugly' award?

LEAD THE UNBID SUIT

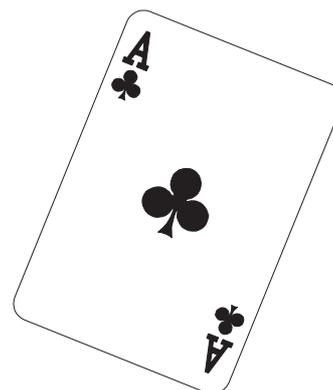
Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10 8 3 2 ♥ A K 7 5 ♦ 9 7 ♣ J 10 9	♠ K Q 6 ♥ 9 2 ♦ A 10 8 6 5 4 ♣ Q 7	♠ A J 7 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ Q J 3 2 ♣ 6 5 4	♠ 9 5 4 ♥ Q J 8 6 ♦ K ♣ A K 8 3 2			
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W E						
S						

The common contract was 3NT played by North after South opened 1♣, North bid diamonds and South hearts. So spades were the unbid suit. And why not lead them? Well, ♠AJ7 is not really a suit you want to lead from. And if you decide to, which spade?

In Austria versus Netherlands East, Merijn Groenenboom, chose ♠7, to the four, two and queen. Declarer played a heart for queen and king in West who returned the ♠3 to king and ace from East who also cashed ♠J. A heart from East and declarer tried the jack for the ace in West who cashed the thirteenth spade for down one and played a heart for his partner's ♥10 as the second undertrick.

With Bob Driver as declarer in 3NT, the choice by East was ♠A (anyone for ♠J?) which did not paralyse declarer. After the discouraging signal by West, East played a small diamond for the bare king in dummy. The Dutch declarer played in a nice way. Club for queen and a heart for queen and king. The spade return was for the king, then ♥9 to three, six and ace followed. West continued spades for the queen in North, after which declarer cashed the ♦K, discarding a club from dummy. He now crossed to ♣A and cashed ♣K. Even with clubs 4-2 there would be an endplay if a defender with a four-card holding in clubs also would have four cards in hearts, nice technique. It all added up to a big win for the Dutch juniors, especially necessary because at the same time the Austrian girls slaughtered the Dutch girls. The final result of the Junior match was 25-3 VPs, and overall between the two series: Austria 28 Netherlands 29.



NICE SLAM BIDDING

Round 2. Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 9 8 4 ♥ 6 4 3 2 ♦ Q J 10 5 ♣ Q	♠ A 6 2 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ 8 4 ♣ J 10 8 7 6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ Q 7 ♥ K Q J ♦ A K 7 ♣ A K 9 5 3	♠ K 10 5 3 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ 9 6 3 2 ♣ 4 2
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Andor van Munnen and Richard Ritmeijer of the Netherlands had a very scientific sequence.

West	North <i>Richard</i>	East	South <i>Andor</i>
		Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Two No Trump showed 22-23, 3♣ asked and 3NT denied either a four- or five-card major. Four Clubs asked again and 4♦ showed a five-card minor, 4♥ asking and 4♠ saying five clubs.



Merijn Groenenboom, Netherlands

THE TALE OF THE ♦7

Claudia van der Salm of the Dutch Girls team earned herself a drink on the above board.

West	North <i>Marleen</i>	East	South <i>Claudia</i>
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Anyone for 6♣ after 4NT, suggesting a spot to play in?

West led a heart for ♥K. ♣A and a club for the jack in dummy came next. A small spade for the queen was very good news. Declarer, Claudia cashed all her winners in hearts and clubs. Then a spade to the ace. A diamond for the ace, ♦K and the last trick for ♦7, which was high because East and West both kept all their spades and got rid of their diamonds. So Marleen had to buy Claudia a drink! Another chapter for the tale of the Seven.

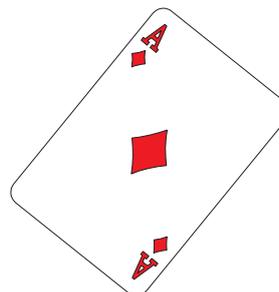
GREEK GIFT

In the match between the Netherlands and Latvia the Latvian declarer got a favourable lead which proved to be a Greek gift because it presented a losing option.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J 8 6 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ 10 8 4 2	♠ K 9 4 3 ♥ A Q 10 7 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ 6 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ Q 5 2 ♥ K ♦ A 10 8 2 ♣ A K Q J 9	♠ A 10 7 ♥ 9 8 6 5 ♦ Q J 9 5 ♣ 7 5
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The contract was 6NT with East, Bob Drijver on lead. A spade was out of the question, North bid hearts so that was nothing and also a club in the suit of South was unattractive. So the lead was ♦Q. Declarer took the king and finessed in diamonds. She cashed ♥K and then tried a spade to the king. But East took this and played back a spade so the contract failed by two tricks. With a passive club lead declarer at the other table had no other option than, after five tricks in clubs, to cash ♥K and cross to ♦K to see, after ♥A and ♥Q, that he had thirteen tricks with the automatic spade/diamond squeeze against East.



The Netherlands v Spain — Round 5 Juniors

Anything but a comfortable win for the Netherlands over Spain would be a surprise. If the Dutch wanted to hang on to a top position they needed some 20 VPs from this match.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 8 7 6 3 ♥ 8 6 3 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ K 5 3	♠ A Q J 5 ♥ A J 4 ♦ J ♣ 8 7 6 4 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 9 ♥ 10 5 ♦ A K 10 9 7 6 3 ♣ A Q
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ K 4 2 ♥ K Q 9 7 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ J 10 9											

West <i>Piqueras</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>Guerrero</i>	South <i>Tammens</i>
	1♣	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

In the Open Room Sergio Escalera Guerrero received a club lead and could discard a loser on dummy's king of clubs; +130. Maybe a potential swing for Spain? Of course not! Remember that this is a championship for juniors. This was the auction in the Closed Room:



Jose Luis Ledesma Piqueras. Spain

West <i>Groenenboom</i>	North <i>Gomez</i>	East <i>Molenaar</i>	South <i>Sunol</i>
	1♣	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	2♦	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Well, with a balanced hand a no trump contract might be the right choice. Llorenç Sunol Torres only forgot one little detail — it is an advantage to have as a minimum one stopper in each suit. The game was beaten badly since the defence cashed seven tricks in diamonds then two club tricks. Merijn Groenenboom was slightly dissatisfied not to get a trick with his king of clubs as the club suit now was blocked for the defence. However, that was -250 and 3 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 7 6 3 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ J 8 6 2	♠ A 8 4 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ A J 7 6 3 ♣ K 9	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 10 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ Q 9 4 2 ♣ A 7 4 3
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	♠ J 9 5 ♥ K Q 8 5 4 ♦ K 5 ♣ Q 10 5											

West <i>Piqueras</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>Guerrero</i>	South <i>Tammens</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West <i>Groenenboom</i>	North <i>Gomez</i>	East <i>Molenaar</i>	South <i>Sunol</i>
	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

When the trump suit breaks nicely 4♥ should not cause any problems. With five trump tricks, two diamond tricks and one trick in each black suit, all you really need to do is to play clubs before drawing trumps, thus you need a club ruff in North's hand for the tenth trick. Bas Tammens followed that successful line, but he didn't need the club ruff as the defence established a diamond trick for him.

4♥ by Ramon Gomez Hierro was the final contract in the Closed Room. Danny Molenaar led the jack of hearts to the ace. Here declarer drew two more rounds of trumps. Molenaar discarded the four of clubs on the last trump, a suit preference for diamonds as he didn't want to expose his ace of clubs. Now the

declarer possibly will get things wrong. If the queen of diamonds drops or if the diamond suit is divided evenly the game will make, so declarer took the top two diamonds and ruffed a diamond. Still not ten tricks in sight and declarer now was in deep trouble. An entry to hand was needed to take another diamond ruff. Well, you have to trust your opponents' signals, so next came a club to the king — and ace. Declarer was not happy how this play proceeded, and a continuation in clubs was no reason to become any happier. Gomez tried the club finesse but when it lost he was left with the nine tricks he started with; -50 and 10 IMPs for the Netherlands. Well defended.

The score had moved on to 26-22 in favour of the Dutch when the next major swing came along.

♠ A 7
♥ K J 9 2
♦ A 9 8 7 6
♣ 10 8

West	North	East	South
			INT
3♣*	Dble	Pass	Pass
?			

Even if I could have the spectacular convention 3♣ for transferring to diamonds after a no trump opening, it would be beyond all sense to use it with this hand, even though the vulnerability would be favourable. However, our friend, sitting West, obviously fancied the bid, but the question is: what to do when North doubles for penalty and your partner passes?

With that awful diamond suit 3♥ might be an alternative to pass. Or?

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ K 10 4 3	
	♥ Q 10 7 4	
	♦ 2	
	♣ K Q 9 2	
♠ A 7		♠ J 9 8 6 5
♥ K J 9 2		♥ 8 6 5
♦ A 9 8 7 6		♦ K 5 4
♣ 10 8		♣ 4 3
	♠ Q 2	
	♥ A 3	
	♦ Q J 10 3	
	♣ A J 7 6 5	

West	North	East	South
Piqueras	Drijver	Guerrero	Tammens
			INT
3♣*	Dble	Pass	Pass
3♦	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Groenenboom	Gomez	Molenaar	Sunol
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

3♣ was explained to North as clubs by East. E/W must have been close to playing 3♣ doubled on a 2-2-fit, but when West remarkable corrected to 3♦, in any case they were playing in a trump suit with eight cards. On the other hand, 3♦ was not a very uplifting contract either, and so it was three down for -500.

3♣ by N/S at the other table was a more normal contract and declarer managed to end up with two overtricks; +150 but nevertheless 10 IMPs to the Netherlands. Now the Dutch flew away and here they supplied the finishing touch.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 6	
	♥ Q J 5 4	
	♦ K Q 10 7	
	♣ A K J 6	
♠ K 7 3		♠ A J 10 9 2
♥ A 7 6 3		♥ 10 9 8
♦ 9 8 6		♦ 5 2
♣ 7 4 3		♣ Q 10 2
	♠ Q 8 5 4	
	♥ K 2	
	♦ A J 4 3	
	♣ 9 8 5	

West	North	East	South
Piqueras	Drijver	Guerrero	Tammens
Pass	1♣	1♠	INT
2♠	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Groenenboom	Gomez	Molenaar	Sunol
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Jose Luis Ledesma Piqueras led a spade, the suit his partner had overcalled. Three rounds of spades established declarer's queen, i.e. the necessary ninth trick when West held the ace of hearts.

In the Closed Room Groenenboom/Molenaar again defended well. With North as declarer Molenaar was able to lead the jack of spades, despite the fact that West declined to support the suit in the auction. The jack held the trick, so did the nine, and then came a spade to the king. West switched to clubs, to declarer's ace. Next came a heart to the king and ace and back came another club. Declarer jumped up with the king to avoid East getting in to cash the spade tricks, but there were only eight tricks in the cards and no squeeze around; -100 and that was 12 heavy IMPs to the Dutch.

After a rough start, the Netherlands had come through to win by a wide margin, 61-25 IMPs; 22-8 VPs. I will not be surprised if they finish in the top five.

S p o r t s N e w s

Athletics

Russian, Tatyana Lysenko has set down a marker for the World Athletics Championships in Finland with a new world record in the women's hammer. The 22-year-old threw 77.06m at the Vladimir Kuts Memorial meeting in Moscow on Friday. The result beat the old mark of 76.07 meters, set by Mihaela Melinte of Romania in 1999. Lysenko equalled her domestic record of 75.95m on Wednesday at the Russian national championships.

Golf

Tiger Woods held off a three-pronged attack to take a two-shot lead into the final round of the British Open. Woods carded 71 to edge to 12 under as Jose Maria Olazabal, Retief Goosen and Colin Montgomerie loomed into view.

Leaderboard after three rounds:

T Woods US -12, J Olazabal Sp -10, R Goosen SA -9, C Montgomerie Sco -9, S Garcia Sp -8, B Faxon US -8, M Campbell NZ -7, V Singh Fij -7, S Hansen Den -6, M Lafeber Ned -6.



Motor Sport

RALLY OF ARGENTINA: Leaderboard after 12 stages:

		hr min sec
1	S Loeb Fr Citroen	2:16:36.2
2	P Solberg Nor Subaru	2:17:01.5
3	M Gronholm Fin Peugeot	2:17:13.7
4	T G'dmeister Fin Ford	2:18:48.8
5	H Rovannerpa Fin Mit'bishi	2:19:04.2
6	M Martin Est Peugeot	2:19:12.1
7	F Duval Bel Citroen	2:20:32.7
8	M Stohl Aut Citroen	2:20:37.2
9	C Atkinson Aus Subaru	2:21:02.2
10	R Kresta Cz Ford	2:22:18.6

Cycling

Georg Totschnig held off a late challenge from Lance Armstrong, Jan Ullrich and Ivan Basso to win the 220.5km 14th stage to Ax-3-Domaines. Austrian Totschnig led all the way, joining a 10-man escape group at 7km before the pursuing trio closed the gap in the final 20km. But the stage leader had just enough to breathing space to triumph. American Armstrong retained the overall leader's yellow jersey after finishing second and Italy's Basso was third.

Tennis

Davis Cup Quarter-finals after Day 2:

Australia 1-2 Argentina; Russia 1-2 France; Slovakia 2-1 Netherlands; Croatia 2-1 Romania.

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