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Medal Table GSSE 2013

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
LUX	31	25	19	75
ISL	20	22	24	66
CYP	15	10	17	42
MNE	7	0	2	9
LIE	6	13	5	24
MON	5	8	11	24
MLT	1	7	9	17
SMR	1	2	3	6
AND	1	1	2	4

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Weather Forecast

Thursday, 30th May max. / min.

Rainy 15° / 6°

Wind 35km/h gusts 55 km/h

Luxembourg and Cyprus athletes clean up



The local athletes won four gold medals yesterday in the afternoon at Stade Josy Barthel. Two of them were won by the siblings Reuland, probably a première in the GSSE's history.

Gina Reuland got her gold medal at pole vault. Her sister Kim won the 400m hurdles. Both girls wrote the family story yesterday.

Jacques Frisch - 400 meters hurdles - and Martine Nobili - 1.500 m race - completed the host team's gold medal collection.

Huge performance by Charline Mathias. She improved her own national record by running 400 m in 54 "93 and thereby won the silver medal.

The athletes from Cyprus got on very well: Milan Trajkovic - 110 m - Natalia Christof - Amines Khadiri - 1500 m - reaped three gold medals. The second for Khadiri who already had won one at 800 m.

The youngest gold medalist of the afternoon, Christofi rejoiced: "This the first time I participated in the GSSE. The fact that apart from winning gold, I also achieved a personal record, makes me terribly happy."

Winning the gold medal in long jump, the Cypriot Christodoulos Theofilou put his team to equality with their hosts. Kevin Arthur Moore (MLT) set a new national record for his country. Danijel Furtula (MNE) who already won gold with the ball on Tuesday, entered the GSSE history with a new record - 62.83m - with launching of the 2 kg discus.



It was a true Gold hold-up of the Luxembourg Table-Tennis athletes. With victories in the Team's competition, the doubles Ni Xia Lian/ Sarah de Nutte (Women) and Gilles Michely /Mike Bast (Men) won Gold with 4 consecutive wins and only losing each 2 sets.

Partenaires Or



Partenaires Institutionnels



Partenaires Argent



Partenaires Bronze



(Photo: Lé. Siebenaler)

Yesterday's Gold medals

JUDO

Team Men: Luxembourg

Team Women: Luxembourg

GYMNASTICS MEN

Floor: Sascha Palgen (LUX); Pommel horse: Vladimir Klimenko (LUX); Rings: Irodotos Georgallas (CYP); Vault: Julien Gobaux (MON); Bars: Julien Gobaux (MON); High bar: Vladimir Klimenko (LUX)

GYMNASTICS WOMEN

Vault: Norma Dogg Robertsottir (ISL); Bars: Dominika Belanyi (ISL); Beam: Aline Bernar (LUX); Floor: Dominika Belanyi (ISL)

ATHLETICS MEN

400 m: Kevin Arthur Moore (MLT); 1500 m: Amine Khadiri (CYP); 110 m h: Milan Trajkovic (CYP); 400 m h: Jacques Frisch (LUX); 3000 m steeple: Zouhair Ouerdi (MON); Long jump: Christodoulos Theofilou (CYP); Discus throw: Danijel Furtula (MNE)

ATHLETICS WOMEN:

400 m: Anita Hinriksdottir (ISL); 1500 m: Martine Nobili (LUX); 100 m h: Natalia Christofi (CYP); 400 m h: Kim Reuland (LUX); High jump: Marija Vukovic (MNE); Pole vault: Gina Reuland (LUX)

CYCLING:

Road race men: Joël Zangerle (LUX)

Road race women: Christine Majerus (LUX)

SWIMMING MEN

50 m Freestyle: Alexandre Bakhtiarov (CYP); 200 m Freestyle: Jean-François Schneiders (LUX); 100 m Breaststroke: Anton Sveinn McKee (ISL); 4 x 100 m Medley Relay: Luxembourg

SWIMMING WOMEN

50 m Freestyle: Julie Meynen (LUX); 200 m Freestyle: Eyglo Gustafsdottir (ISL); 100 m Breaststroke: Hrafnhildur Luthersdottir (ISL); 4 x 100 m Medley Relay: Iceland

TABLE TENNIS

Double men: Luxembourg

Double women: Luxembourg

It rains Gold for Luxembourg

Six out of seven medals in Cycling (Cessange)



The podium for cycling was dominated by Luxemburgers with Christine Majerus (Gold), Nathalie Lamborelle (Silver) and Chantal Hoffmann (Bronze) among the women and 2 Gold medals (Joel Zangerlé and the team classification) and a Bronze (Tom Thill) for the men, a result which

was somewhat unexpected by Luxembourg's staff and coaches. This came after a long afternoon spent in a curious race, which was at times overly tactical from the men. Right from the start of the race, Zangerlé took advantage of the fact that time trial winner Stefan Küng was watching his

team mates, allowing him to literally take off. His 10-minute lead assured him the Gold medal. Behind, Luxembourg put one leg forward to rally the troops and occupy the two remaining places on the podium. With Pit Schlechter finishing fourth, he helped secure Gold for the team effort.

Friday, 31st May Sports Program

BASKETBALL 16.00: Cyprus-Iceland (W), **18.15:** Cyprus - Iceland (M), **20.30:** San Marino - Luxembourg (M)

BEACHVOLLEYBALL 13.00, 14.00, 15.00: Qualification Games (W), **16.00:** Luxembourg - Cyprus (M), **17.00:** Liechtenstein - Iceland (M), **18.00:** Monaco - Andorra

CYCLING

17.30: Mountainbike (M/W)

SHOOTING 10.00: air pistol (W), **12.00:** air pistol (W/F), **14.00:** air pistol (M), **16.30:** air pistol (M/F),

SWIMMING 17.30: 400 m Medley (W/F), **17.40:** 400 m Medley (M/F), **17.50:** 800 m Freestyle (W), **18.05:** 1500 m Freestyle (M), **18.50:** 4 x 100 m Freestyle Relay (W/F), **19.00:** 4 x 100 m Freestyle Relay (M/F)

TENNIS 09.00: ½ Final Singles (M), followed by ½ Final Singles (W), **14.00:** Final Doubles mixte, followed by Final Doubles (M) and Final Doubles (W)

TABLE TENNIS 10.00: Singles - Event 1st round, (M) **10.30:** Singles - Event 1st round, (W) **11.00:** Round 2 (M) **11.30:** Round 2 (W), **12.00:** Round 3 (M), **12.30:** round 3 (W), **16.00:** ¼ Finals Singles Event (M), **17.30:** ¼ Finals Singles Event (W)

VOLLEYBALL 15.00: Monaco - Cyprus (M), **17.30:** San Marino - Iceland, **20.00:** Cyprus - Luxembourg (W)

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Judo at Limpertsberg, Tramsschapp

Double Gold for Luxemburg Judokas



Today's Judo-Team competition started well for the female Luxembourg team who won against Liechtenstein. Marie Muller, Taylor King and Lynn Mossong were at their top. Silver went to Liechtenstein and Bronze to Malta. Marie Muller "The experience during these games... wouldn't like to miss it. With

my shoulder injury I was not at the top, but I am happy that I contributed to Luxembourg's Gold Medal."

The victory of the Luxembourg's Men team was not evident and was finally won the against Maltese with 2-1. Highly satisfied was Coach Ralf Heiler, "Considering some tensions within our

Federation, earlier this year, I just can say that I don't know many federations which would be able to compensate so easily with the loss of a substantial number of key judoka's. I am very happy with the shown performance of both Female and Male Teams, "

Gymnastics

Triple Gold for Icelands girls



After winning the team Gold and individual all-round title, Julien Gobaux pulled off a double whammy for Monaco, yesterday.

Sacha Palgen (1) and Vladimir Klimenko (2) won three Gold medals for Luxembourg.

Among the women, the Icelanders scooped three Golds, two for Dominiqua Belanyi and one for Norma Dogg Robertsdottir (pictured) with Luxembourg's Alina Berna winning Gold on the beam.

Pascal Triebel From Road to Offroad

After winning Gold for road cycling in the very first Games in San Marino in 1985, then a further Gold medal in Luxembourg 10 years later, Pascal Triebel today sets himself a new challenge, just one week ahead of his 47th birthday. Since then, he switched from road to mountain bike. Two years ago in Liechtenstein he was ranked fourth. With eight Games under his belt he has set a record in terms of participation. But, his dream is evidently to get one over on his younger rivals and add to his medal collection, 28 years after his first victory.



P. Triebel (on the right) in 1985, San Marino

Latest News



Luxembourg's women's volleyball and basketball teams are both doing equally well with both teams assured a Silver medal.

VOLLEYBALL:

Luxembourg-San Marino: 3-2
Luxembourg-Islande: 3-1

BASKETBALL:

Luxembourg-Cyprus: 65 - 48
Luxembourg-Malta: 54 - 49



Natation

"Fränz" Schneiders 6th Gold



There was a crazy atmosphere at the men's 4x200m relay which ended the third day of swimming with an extraordinary final straight by Julien Henx, with a minimal lead and gave Luxembourg the Gold medal over Iceland.

This victory also marked a new record for the Games. The women's relay was won by Iceland, with Luxembourg claiming the Silver medal thanks to Julia Meynen,

who produced a superb result in Butterfly. On an individual basis, the duel posed by the two best male swimmers of the Games, Iceland's Anton Sveinne McKee and Luxembourg's "Fränz" Schneiders, swung in Luxembourg's favour when Schneiders won two new Gold medals, including one from the 200m freestyle where he was ahead of his Nordic rival. McKee (photo) won the 100m breaststroke.

The 200m women's race ended in an extremely narrow victory by Iceland's Eyglo Gustafsdottir over Liechtenstein's Julia Hassler.

Yesterday, the Icelanders (W) won three out of four finals with Hrafnhildur Luthersdottir winning breaststroke, allowing the Nordic swimmers to stay ahead in the medals table in swimming with 12 Golds at the end of the third day followed by Luxembourg (8).



Julia Meynen queen of the sprint

Only one individual game record yesterday, but what a record ! The most talented Luxembourg female swimmer, the youngster Julie Meynen, 16 years old, dominated the 50m freestyle in the fastest ever time in the history of the GSSE, and all this after her first gold medal (100 m just a few days ago)!

GSSE PEOPLE

Judo Volunteers Down in the Dojo



Luxembourg's next generation of Judokas were fighting over one another to help their compatriots in Thursdays qualifying rounds at the Tramsschapp in Limpertsberg.

The dozen or so volunteers aged from 12 to 15 years old were responsible for looking after the personal effects of each athlete from all participating countries during the fights.

"Everyone wants to work with the Luxembourg team but that's

normal," Jil, one of the volunteers, told GSSE NEWS. Lars, 15, who has been doing Judo for 11 years explained that being a volunteer had enabled him to meet the athletes, in particular his hero, Marie Muller.

Coordinator for the youngsters Nina Martin summed up their efforts: "They are really professional and really motivated, I'm very proud of them."

Volunteer profile Malta on my mind

Malta is not only represented in sport at this year's GSSE, the country also has a presence among the hundreds of volunteers making the Games happen.

Maltese national Eusebio Bezzina, who has been living in the Grand Duchy for the last two and a half years, volunteered after being a spectator at the 2003 GSSE hosted in Malta.

"It was a good opportunity to take part in a big sports event for small countries like ours and also an opportunity to see my compatriots and support them," he told GSSE NEWS.

Working as a volunteer helper at the Coque leisure centre he said he hopes to take time out to watch

Correction

GSSE NEWS incorrectly reported on Wednesday that the oldest volunteer Jean-Christian Samida was 87 years old. In fact, he is 76 years old. As far as we are aware he is still the oldest volunteer.



Malta in the athletics events and support the athletes, some of which he knows personally.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Tennis Player Stephanie Vogt (LIE):

"These are great Games. The sports sites are sensational, the Opening Ceremony was great and there were a lot of spectators who encouraged the athletes with enthusiasm from all participating nations. It is a lot of fun to be here".

Volunteer profile More than just Olympic spirit



When Tessy Wies signed up as a volunteer for the Luxembourg Games for a second time, she expected opportunities to be limited because of her wheelchair.

But, she could not have been more wrong. Not only was she given a role greeting visitors to the Coque leisure centre, but she was also asked to present the medals for Gymnastics at an

official ceremony on Thursday.

"I'm really happy that here in Luxembourg they are so open to things like this," the big-hearted volunteer told GSSE NEWS.

Tessy has suffered from a rare virus known as Staphyloque, making movement painful, since she was a child. She explained that as she gets older, her condition worsens and so now she relies on

crutches and her wheelchair to get around.

She said that being able to work as a volunteer has helped take her mind off the pain.

"That's what's nice about being a volunteer here. I'm in pain but I'm busy."

When Luxembourg last hosted the Games in 1995, Tessy was a volunteer driver and spent the week chauffeuring a doctor from the Iceland delegation around all the sites. "Last year I asked if it

would be possible to do it again. They said 'no problem'. It's really great to do it a second time," she said.

Tessy, who speaks five languages and can sign in German, this week put herself forward as a medal-bearer after Games organisers appealed for volunteers.

A big fan of gymnastics, she was honoured to be chosen to present the medals to H.R.H. Grand Duke Henri for this discipline at the Belair sports venue.



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