

Erzurum

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Fantastic Four qualify for SBX Finals



Team GB's Snowboard team had a hugely successful day on Saturday with all four GB boarders doing superbly well to qualify for the final on Sunday.

British SBX Champion Thomas Banks was the pick of the bunch despite enduring a hard fall in his practice run. Banks was able to dust himself down and put down an impressive time of 47.18 in his second run of the day to qualify in 13th place.

Elsewhere James Barrow was delighted to qualify for the final, and was equally pleased that the whole team managed to qualify. His time of 49.48 was enough to see him finish 23rd in the qualifiers, a result that represents his best ever qualifying performance. He said:

'It was really good. I



GB Boarder Thomas Banks on the way to securing a place in Sunday's SBX Finals

think we were quite surprised that all four of us qualified! I'm really happy with my result, it was the best qualifying result I've ever had so it was great.'

Rowan Brandreth also managed to get through the qualifiers, taking the final slot for the final, finishing in 32nd place with a best time of 51.07. The course at Palandöken had

been suffering from a lack of snow in recent days and Brandreth felt this had an effect on the course. He said:

'The course was fast. It was pretty scary but it was good fun. By today everybody was beginning to get used to it, certainly more so than yesterday. It went alright!'

Kyle Wise also qualified after a much

improved second run saw him shave over five seconds off his first. His time of 50.20 saw him qualify in 28th place.

The final will be contested on Sunday lunchtime and Barrow is optimistic for the team's chances of success. He said:

'Boarder Cross is a sport where you can't really tell that much in advance what will happen.'

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Sunday's Weather

High: 2°C
Low: -3°C



light snow

Three out of Three for GB Curling

Team GB's Curlers had a superb day on the ice on Saturday after a rather disappointing start to their round robin matches, two of which were lost.

The Men's team had lost to Canada in their opening fixture but sought to put that right in their morning match against the Czech Republic. The girls had already lost to the Czechs so it was always going to be tough, but fortunately the team prevailed and claimed a good victory in a close match 6-5.

The Women's team were hoping to continue the winning habit after their victory

over Canada and duly obliged in their lunch time match against Poland. They won comfortably 9-2 with the game finishing after 9 ends.

That left it to the Men to complete a GB hat trick and they did not disappoint in their late match against Slovenia, who have only recently replaced the Chinese in the competition.

The guys started with a fantastic end where they scored 5 and they never looked back, eventually running out comfortable winners by 10-3 after only eight ends to complete a great day on the ice.



The Ladies considering their options on the ice

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Team GB Super G & Short Track Results

Elsewhere for Team GB it was a mixed day at the Short Track Arena and at the Women's Super G on the hill at Konakli.

Gemma Cooper managed to knock a tenth off her 500m personal best but sadly did not get through her heat. Paul Worth led for two laps of his heat but eventually fell away, as did Hew Williams. The Short Track team have one distance left in the competition - the 1500m which takes place on Sunday.

On the hill, Team GB's Francesca Simonds placed 50th in the Women's Super G with a time of 1.17.25 and Abby Clifford finished in 59th with a time of 1.24.99.



Short Track skater Hew Williams (in blue) lines up for his heat alongside competitors from (l-r) France, China and Japan

T-Shirt du Jour

Sunday's t-shirt is POLO
Compliments of the Chef (de mission)

Phone Cards

Phone cards for the payphones are (apparently) available for purchase in the Post Office behind the dining hall

Souvenirs

- Souvenirs are now available to buy for family/friends/enemies.
- They can be purchased from the centre behind the dining hall or at the bowling lane building
- You can purchase such delights as: an Erzurum tie, a fridge magnet, a cuddly Kanka (the double headed chicken) and, randomly, themed hockey pucks



Upcoming Team GB Fixtures

Date	Team	Opposition	Time	Venue
30th Jan	Men's Super G		10:00	Konakli
	Snowboard Cross	Finals	12:00	Palandöken
	Women's Curling	Turkey	09:00	Milli Piyango Curling Hall
		Korea	19:00	Milli Piyango Curling Hall
	Men's Curling	Turkey	14:00	Milli Piyango Curling Hall
	Short Track	M/W 1000m	14:00	Skating Hall
	Women's Ice Hockey	Canada	11:00	500 Ice Hockey Hall