

Erzurum

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2011 Winter Universiade

WUG'S LIFE

Thursday's
Weather

High: -9°C
Low: -15°C



cloud / sun

Team GB Curlers qualify in top spot for Semi Finals



Team GB's Curlers have successfully secured a place in the semi finals of the competition, both claiming first place in the round robin in the process.

Both teams suffered defeats in their opening matches of the tournament, with the Women's team cruelly losing to the Czech Republic on the final stone, and the Men's side losing to one of the strongest teams in the competition, Canada.

However, since those defeats, both teams have gone on an undefeated run that now stretches to eight games for the Women and seven for the Men.

This succession of victories means that the Women's team are placed first in the round robin and therefore avoid any play off matches.

The latest victories



Skip Anna Sloan delivers a stone in the round robin match against Japan, a match to be repeated in the semis.

came in Wednesday's matches, with the Women's team comfortably dealing with the threat of strong, if slightly dubious, Russian opposition, eventually beating them 7-2 after only eight ends.

The girls will now play Japan, who finished in fourth place, in the semi final.

The Men's team had a double header and were victorious in

the first, defeating a stubborn Norwegian team 6-4 in the opening game of the day, before returning to the arena where they unfortunately lost 8-4 against Switzerland in their evening match.

They play the Swiss again in the semis as they finished third, though GB will not have the hammer.

Having enjoyed a succession of victories, the teams' place

in the semi finals means they are now only two games away from a potential medal.

As a result of avoiding the playoffs, the teams now have a day's rest before competing in the semis on Friday, with the Bronze Medal match played that afternoon and the Gold / Silver Medal match played on Saturday.

Alpine Women flying high after Super Combi results

After days of problems with weather, officials and kit, Team GB had their first fantastic result of the Games in the Women's Super Combined.

Francesca Simonds finished in 26th place with Abby Clifford just behind her in 27th. Those placings, in a field of 68, represent a great success for the team and one that is richly deserved after the tournament they have had.

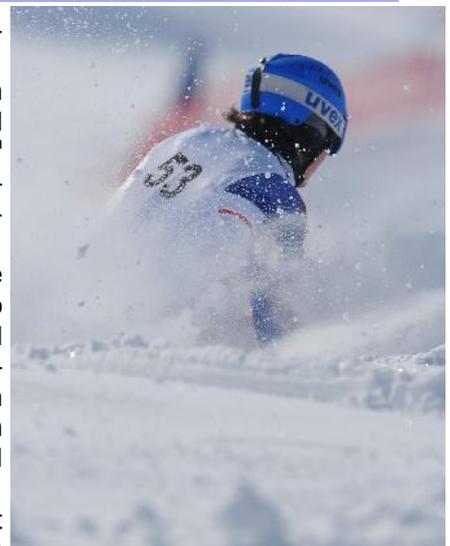
With weather causing havoc on the piste, the events were shifted around and both Men and Women were actually

competing in the same discipline on the same day.

Simonds' time of 53.90 in the Slalom was good enough to see her claim 36th spot on the day, while Clifford claimed 39th in the Slalom with a time of 57.76.

The girls returned to the slopes on Wednesday to compete in the Super G and followed up their performance in the Slalom with equally strong times, which saw them achieve their final positions of 26th and 27th.

The Men's team did not fare quite so well, with Alastair Stang the highest placed Brit in 53rd.



Stang flies down the course to finish in a place that matched his bib number.



New GB Photos available



As you can see from the above shots, we have managed to get hold of a few of the pro photographs from the Games. There's plenty more so if you would like to have a look at some, or get a copy, pop into HQ with a USB stick and we'll help you out.

Ice Hockey vs USA

The Women's Ice Hockey team suffered a defeat in their final group game against the USA, though they can take heart from their performance.

They restricted the USA to two goals in the first period and actually clawed a goal back through Georgie Farman at the start of the second period. However, as with their performance against Slovakia, despite building some momentum, it slipped away with three goals conceded in quick succession to trail 5-1 after the second.



Message of Support from the UK!!

We come bearing messages of good luck from some lovely people back home.



Ed Smith, the Chairman of BUCS, and Karen Rothery, CEO of BUCS, would like to wish everybody competing for Team GB the best of luck in their disciplines, especially the Figure Skating pair and the Curlers, who both have key performances over the next few days.

Happy Birthday!!!

Happy birthday to Curling's Greg Drummond! Many happy returns from all of us in HQ!!



Kit Reminder...

If you are coming to the closing ceremony and want to swap kit with other nations, please leave it until after the ceremony so that you can wear your GB

Upcoming Team GB Fixtures

Date	Team	Opposition	Time	Venue
3rd Feb	Alpine			
	Figure Skating	Free Dance	20:53	Figure Skating Arena