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LE GRUYERE EUROPEAN CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009, Aberdeen, Scotland

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Men A - Round Robin 5:

He was taken all the way to an extra end by Finland's Tomi Rantamäki, but Norway's Thomas Ulsrud still hangs on to his unbeaten record after five games in the A division of the Le Gruyère European Curling Championships in Aberdeen, thanks to his hard-fought 9-7 win.

Behind Norway, three men's teams are tied on a won four, lost one record. France's Thomas Dufour upset Switzerland's Ralph Stöckli with a 7-5 win, while defending champion David Murdoch of Scotland was much too strong for Denmark's Ulrik Schmidt, building a 5-0 lead after four ends on his way to an 8-3 win.

The third skip on four wins is Sweden's Niklas Edin who beat Italy's Stefano Ferronato by 8-2, concluding the game with a score of four in the sixth end.

Germany's Andy Kapp beat the Czech Republic's Jiri Snitel by 7-4. This was Germany's second win and they share a won two, lost three record with Finland, Switzerland and the Czech team. Italy and Denmark both remain without wins so far.

Standings after 5 games:

Norway won 5, lost 0

France 4-1

Scotland 4-1

Sweden 4-1

Czech Republic 2-3

Finland 2-3

Germany 2-3

Switzerland 2-3

Denmark 0-5

Italy 0-5

Women A - Round Robin 4 and 5:

Russia's Liudmila Privivkova remains undefeated after five rounds. After trailing for most of the game, she beat Scotland's Eve Muirhead by 6-3 before going on to win by 9-5 over Norway's Marianne Rørvik.



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Three teams are tied on four wins behind Russia. Denmark's Angelina Jensen opened with a three and eventually beat Italy's Giorgia Apollonio by 8-2, and then followed that up with a 7-4 win over Germany's Andrea Schöpp.

Tied with her are Sweden's Anette Norberg and defending champion Mirjam Ott.

Norberg beat England's Kirsty Balfour 10-3, opening her account with a six in the second end, and then beat Italy by 7-5. Ott had a 6-4 win over Finland's Ellen Vogt and then beat Scotland by 11-5 scoring three and four in the last two ends played.

Scotland, Norway and Germany are tied on two wins and three losses, while Finland won the basement battle with England by 10-3 to join Italy on one win and leave England anchored alone, without a win.

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Denmark 4-1

Sweden 4-1

Switzerland 4-1

Germany 2-3

Norway 2-3

Scotland 2-3

Finland 1-4

Italy 1-4

England 0-5

"B" Divisions

In the women's "B" divisions, the Netherlands leads Group 1 on an undefeated three wins, while Group 2 sees Austria and Hungary tied on two wins and no losses.

Undefeated Russia lead the men's Group 1 after six wins, although the Netherlands are also undefeated, having played one game less. Wales lead the men's Group 2 on five wins and one loss, and they are being chased by Hungary and Latvia, each on four wins and one loss.

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