

15th games of the small states of europe



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Medal Table GSSE 2013

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
LUX	36	29	22	87
ISL	25	25	27	77
CYP	15	13	19	47
LIE	9	15	7	31
MON	7	8	11	26
MNE	7	0	2	9
MLT	3	8	9	20
SMR	1	2	6	9
AND	1	1	3	5

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Weather Forecast



Saturday, 1st june

max. /min.

 Changeable

 $16^\circ / 8^\circ$  Wind

20-30 km/h NNE

Cyclists spent most of the Mountainbike race in the mud (see page 2).

(Photo: Jeff Gloden)

Iceland grabs 4 Gold in their final run

With five GSSE records set in six races, the last day of swimming was a veritable firework display with a 4x100m men's relay in which Luxembourg shattered the Games' record.

Icelander A. Sveinn McKee clinched two Gold medals and finished with six individual victories. Fränz Schneiders went away with a full house of seven victories from seven

races. The Gustafsdottir sisters, Johanna and Eyglo, shared Gold and Silver for the 400m medley, in which Julia Hassler (LIE) won the Bronze. Hassler also won Gold for the 800m freestyle, making it her fourth win in the Games. At the end of the fourth and final day of swimming competitions, Iceland won 16 Gold medals, Luxembourg nine.



Partenaires Or



Partenaires Argent



Partenaires Bronze



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Yesterday's Goldmedals

CYCLING
Mountainbike men: Christian Helmig (LUX)
Mountainbike women: Christiane Majerus (LUX)
Mountainbike Team (M): Cyprus

SHOOTING
Air pistol men: Tomas Videro (ISL)
Air pistol women: Eleanor Bezzina (MLT)

TENNIS
Double Men: Guillaume Couillard/Thomas Oger (MON)
Double Women: Stephanie Vogt/K. Von Deichmann (LIE)
Double mixte: Stephanie Vogt/Timo Kranz (LIE)

SWIMMING

MEN
1500 m freestyle: Anton Sveinn McKee (ISL)
400 m medley: Anton Sveinn McKee (ISL)
4x100 m freestyle: Luxembourg

WOMEN
800 m freestyle: Julia Hassler (LIE)
400 m medley: Johanna Gerda Gustafsdottir (ISL)
4x100 m freestyle:Iceland

Saturday, 1st June Sports Program

BASKETBALL 09.00: Malta–Cyprus (M), **11.15:** Andorra–Sanmarino (M), **14.00:** Iceland-Luxembourg (W), **16.15:** Luxembourg-Cyprus (M)

BEACHVOLLEYBALL 10.00: Bronze Game (W), **11.00:** Cyprus-Liechtenstein (M), **12.00:** Iceland-Monaco (M), **13.00:** Andorra-Luxembourg, **14.00:** Final (W)

TENNIS 09.00: Final Singles (W) followed by Final Singles (M)

TABLE TENNIS 10.00: ½ Final Single Tournament (M), **10.45:** ½ Final Single Tournament (W), **11.45:** Final Single Tournament (M), **12.30:** Final Single Tournament (W)

ATHLETICS 14.00: 200m (M), **14.00:** Javelin Throw (M), **14.15:** 200m (W), **14.25:** Triple Jump (M), **14.55:** 10 000m (M), **15.20:** High Jump (M), **15.35:** Triple Jump (W), **15.45:** 5000m (W), **15.50:** Shot Put (W), **16.30:** 4 x 100m (W), **16.40:** 4 x 100m (M), **17.00:** 4 x 400m (W), **17.10:** 4 x 400m (M)

VOLLEYBALL 13.00: Iceland-Monaco (M), **16.00:** Cyprus-Luxembourg (M)

CLOSING CEREMONY TONIGHT

Don't miss Saturday's closing ceremony for the Games of the Small States held at the Abbaye de Neumunster, in Luxembourg Grund, from 8pm.

A shuttle bus service will be provided from the P+R Bouillon to the venue at 6.45pm and at 7.15pm. There will also be buses from Stade Josy Barthel at 6.30pm and from the Coque at 7pm. Return shuttles will to delegation hotels, the Coque and P+R Bouillon until 1am.

The evening includes live music and a bar and is open to all volunteers who present the GSSE accreditation badge.



Tennis Double Trouble from LIE



Due to the bad weather conditions, the tennis competitions moved indoors. A bad omen for the Luxembourg players because none of the 4 players of the half-finals made it to the final.

Their game showed good, clever and aggressive tennis. But at the end S. Vogt and K. Von Deichmann (LIE), T. Oger (MON)

and P. Chrysochos (CYP) made it to the Finals. In the Women's doubles, Vogt/Von Deichmann (LIE) (photo) won Gold, Dimech/Genovese (MLT) Silver and the 'Team Lëtzebuerg'. Pesch/Correira won Bronze against Iceland.

Men's Double (LUX-MON): 4-6, 6-7
Doubles Mix: (LIE-MLT): 7-6, 7-5

Helmig and Majerus take individual Gold Cyprus MTB-Team in 1st place



Cyclists spent most of the Mountainbike race in the mud, though this did not prevent spectators from coming in droves to witness an interesting race.

The race was dominated from the beginning by Christian Helmig, the

Luxembourg Champion in Cycle-Cross. Right at the beginning of the 2nd round, Helmig attacked and managed to keep his main rivals, the Cyprus Team, at bay.

He won Gold with Silver and Bronze going to Cyprus, Pascal

Special Olympics at the heart of the Games



Inclusion through sport has become one of the main objectives of the Special Olympics, the sports federation for people with intellectual disabilities in Luxembourg.

As such the Games of the Small States of Europe presented the ideal opportunity for its members to participate in a great celebration of sport.

During the week, eight Special Olympics athletes participated as volunteers during medal ceremonies at various sites. Among them were Lynn Streitz, who recently participated in the World Winter Games in Pyeong Chang, in South Korea and helped Luxembourg's Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume to present the swimming medals.

Volleyball

Cyprus' Golden Volley-Ladies



There was a heated atmosphere at the Coque's gymnasium on Friday for the eternal duel between Cyprus and Luxembourg, in a game which decided who would take Gold in Ladies volleyball. In what was a top quality confrontation, both teams trailed one another but it was Cyprus

who took an option on the final victory by winning the first set by the smallest possible gap (25-23). It was an identical scenario in the second set in which Luxembourg managed to gain a four-point advantage (9-4). But, the Cypriot players, who were more athletic and whose height gave them the

Magic Potion for the Luxembourg Women's Volleyball Team

The Volleyball game between Luxembourg and San Marino on Thursday was tense. It was like a roller-coaster with ups and downs for the 2 teams. Among the numerous spectators was the Royal Family. The first set went to the Luxembourg team, the second to San Marino, the third to Luxembourg again and the fourth to San Marino. Before the final and decisive last set, H.R.H the Grand-Duchess got up from her seat at the VIP stand and approached the Luxembourg girls and their coach and had a brief exchange of words with them. Thereupon the players returned to the field and won the decisive set.”
What were Maria Teresa’s magic words ?



advantage, brought the score to 11-11 after which they took the score to 25-19. Luxembourg began the third set downhearted (1-9) but came back little by little in the match thanks to their strength of character. With the score at 19-21 and then 21-23, the “Red Lions” had to admit

defeat at the end of the third set (22-25) faced with a Cypriot team which deservedly won the volleyball tournament by winning three times and conceding only one set in the tournament against San Marino, which consoled itself with the Bronze behind Cyprus and Luxembourg.

Today at Tramsschapp

AIR PISTOL COMPETITON



Tomas Videro (ISL) beat his compatriot and tournament favourite Asgeir Sigurgeirsson who ranked 14th at the London Olympic Games. In the Series, Sigurgeirsson still was master of the competition and finished with 13 pts advance in first place. But in the Final Videro started out better and the

favourite could no longer catch up. “ Obviously I cannot be totally satisfied with the outcome and I let pressure overcome me during the beginning of the Final.” Eleanor Bezzina (MLT), with her Gold won the first medal in for the Maltese shooters. Erini Panteli (CYP), which dominated the Series

could not keep up during the Final and had to settle with 6th place. The Silver of Jorunn Hardardottir is a proof that Iceland is excelling in this discipline. Very good performance for Nancy Jaans who took Bronze and solidified the performance of the Luxembourg shooters.

Latest News



Volleyball (w) (CYP-LUX): 3-0



Basketball (M) (SMR-LUX): 37-91
Luxembourg and Cyprus playing for Gold on Saturday

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**Why do all good things come to an end?
Because we all meet again in Iceland in 2015!**



"Luxembourg and Luxembourg's athletes have shown their best side this week."
R. Conzemius

"We're finding it all very exciting and a compliment to the organizers"



"An incredibly great atmosphere, my son also had the opportunity to learn about new sports."
N. Braun

"We were at the Opening Ceremony and since then the atmosphere has been incredible."
G. Schmit



"After doing the dress rehearsal of the Opening Ceremony in the rain on Sunday, the real thing was a dream!"
M. Hartmann

"I've participated in the Games in other countries too but, it's always something special when it's in your own country."
P. Groben



"I am happy to see that Basketball has become so successful in recent years. The ambiance is incredible!"
V. Meintz



imPRESSions

Joan López Redondo
(RTVA Andorra)



"This is the 8th Games of the Small States that I've covered. The first was in Liechtenstein in 1999. But this edition here in Luxembourg is a very good one. I like the venues, especially the Coque. I'm also impressed by the number of people attending the competitions. The volunteers are also so nice, especially Patricia, who did a great job! Luxembourg also seems to be a very nice country to live in. I just feel sad because the Andorran team has only won four medals, which is not a very good result. Nevertheless, I've enjoyed everything I have seen and I will return home with a lot of good memories like the opening ceremony, which was very nice, very warm and with a lot of people in the stadium. I never saw a public as involved as the Luxembourgish one."

Christophe Nadin
(wort.lu/fr)



"I loved the popular enthusiasm; I never saw that during the previous editions, above all in Liechtenstein and Monaco. The organisation and the transport were also fine... But I'm a bit dissatisfied by the sports performances I saw. The quality of the Games is worsening. From year to year the number of top athletes is reducing and some countries, like Montenegro, don't respect the conventions. They did everything to join the Games and for the first time two years ago in Liechtenstein when their delegation was rather small because the hosts didn't have enough accommodation places. So we thought that this time they would come en masse, now there are 12... but of great quality. They already won nine medals, seven of them Gold. It's the same criticism for Cyprus, which didn't bring its best athletes. The results attest it. Normally Cyprus wins more medals than Luxembourg. Some competitions aren't interesting to watch like the cycling on Thursday because of a lack of participants. I think that an inventory should be made and that the future of the event should be discussed. In two years the Youth Olympic Games will be held at the same time and the delegations will have to make choices."

Gilles Muller visits the GSSE



Luxembourg tennis champion Gilles Muller could not compete in this year's Games because of a clash with French tennis tournament Roland Garros.

But, that didn't stop him from coming to watch the Games. GSSE NEWS spotted him at Thursday's beach volleyball with one of his sons, to get his feedback on the Games.

"I am both happy and sad. Of course Roland Garros is important for me but when I see the fantastic atmosphere here at the GSSE I wish I could be a part of it," he said.