

SPORT

BRIEF

Sauers grabs early lead at Birkdale

LF: American Gene Sauers leads the Senior Open after taking an opening-round one-under-par 67 at Royal Birkdale. The 50-year-old, who is making his first appearance in the tournament, ended up one shot clear of a group of 10 other players, including 2010 champion Bernhard Langer. In Montgomerie, another 50-year-old making his Senior Open debut, was further down the leaderboard, the Scot finishing with a two-over-par 71. Alongside Langer on 68 are David Frost of South Africa, Australian Peter Senior and Englishman Minoza of the Philippines. Fred Couples, the defending champion, struggled to a four-over-par 74.

Marshall gets off to poor start in Russia

LF: Norfolk's Andrew Marshall faces a tough battle to make the cut after a poor start at the M2M Russian Open at Tseleeevo Golf & Polo Club near Moscow. The Norfolk professional opened up with a four-over-par round of 76 to finish in a tie for 75th position after the first round. Simon Dawson produced a bogey-free round to sit among three players tied for the lead. The Englishman shot a five-under-par 67 that included five birdies, putting him at the head of the field alongside Sweden's Rikard Karlberg and China's Liang Wen-chong.

Gresham's School claim Shield and Meltis Cup

SHOOTING

The 144th Imperial Rifle Meeting at Bisley saw a slow start by Norfolk's fullbore target rifle shooters, followed by a rash of better results as the meeting progressed.

The Ashburton Shield saw Patrick Rangeley-Wilson get Gresham's School CCF off to a bright start by winning the 300 yard Reserve with a score of 49 and 5 V Bulls ex 50. Though their

team could only manage eighth in the main competition, Gresham's did enough to claim both the CCF Bisley Shield (South) and the Meltis Cup.

Immediately following the Ashburton came the first civilian event, the Schools Veterans, where the Old Greshamian Rifle Establishment (OGRE) took the trophy for the best third team score. This was followed by two of the early team matches, the King George V Challenge Cup

(KGV) and the Astor County Clubs Championship, both contested at 300, 500 and 600 yards. A misfiring Norfolk team finished a disappointing sixth in the former, while OGRE, representing Norfolk in the latter, finished second, just one point behind the winners the Old Epsomians (Surrey).

Both Hamish Pollock and Chris Heales managed top scores of 105 from their seven shots at each of the three distances.



■ Norfolk Fullbore Target Rifle Shooters with trophies won at the 144th Imperial Rifle meeting at Bisley, Surrey.

ATHLETICS

Great Scott is the latest GB star in Lyon

Teenager Scott Jones set a new world record in the men's shot put to earn Britain's 11th gold medal at the IPC Athletics World Championships in Lyon.

The 15-year-old's throw of 13.38 metres on his fifth attempt in the F34 category both earned him gold and beat Moroccan Azeddine Nouiri's existing 13.10m world record to leave Russia and Iran with silver and bronze.

Derry's Jason Smyth had earlier won the men's 100m final T13 from South Africa's Jonathan Ntutu with a new championship record time of 10.61secs, beating the benchmark he set in Assen in 2006, and Georgina Oliver took bronze in the women's 100m T54 final with a time of 17.93s after China's Wenjun Liu was disqualified.

British sprinters Sophie Kamlish and Laura Sugar were thwarted in the last event of the night, though, as Marlou van Rhijn of Holland took gold in the women's 100m T44 final with a time of 13.02s.

Marie-Amelie Le Fur and April Holmes ensured France and the United States took medals ahead of Kamlish and Sugar, with the latter just 24 milliseconds off the bronze-winning time in fifth place.

American Tatyana McFadden claimed gold in that race and also impressed on her way to winning the women's 1500m T54 final with a time of 3:34.06s.

Earlier Britain's Holly Neill, 24, won bronze in the women's discus F41 with a distance of 21.54m.