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News and Results

1. News

September 2007 - British Team attracts intense media interest at the European Championship

Lindsay Muir, Britain's top female competition pilot, was one of three pilots chosen as the subject of a documentary on the competition. The programme was broadcast on 29 August on the German channel MDR. A number of British pilots were interviewed for a programme which will be broadcast on Eurosport in the autumn, focussing on aerial competitions. Mike Howard flew with a miniaturised camera in his basket to get a unique perspective on the activities of a competition pilot in a major competition. Neil Gabriel flew a reporter from a German radio station and talked through aspects of competition ballooning. The team also featured in the German press in the run-up to the event.

August 2007 - British Team strong in European Championship

Six British pilots and their support teams attended the 15th European hot-air balloon Championship held in Magdeburg, Germany. It was the largest ever European Championship event with 83 competitors from across the region, so the Team was happy to see the UK's Mike Howard in 6th place, missing a place on the podium by only 500 points. David Bareford took 16th place, Marcus Green 24th, Lindsay Muir 27th, Neil Gabriel 44th and Rick Vale 47th. The strong showing in the top half of the ranking will give the UK additional invitations to the next European Championship to be held in the Loire Valley, France, in August 2009.

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