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News from Switzerland

Swiss Tourism neglects the backpacker tourists

The backpacker tourists in Switzerland are being a little neglected. A study by the university of Lausanne felt that there would be a reasonable potential to be gained from the tourists with smaller budgets. The organisation Swiss Backpackers found 21 businesses who have specialised in backpacker tourism. These tourists have an average age of 26, speak english and are students. In general they stay in Switzerland for approximately two weeks and spend about 90 francs per day.

Local Government in Tessin want speed reduction

The Local Government in Tessin wish for better atmospheric quality (that is less pollution) with the speed reduction to 100km/h on the motorway in Mendrisiotto. A special request has been made to the Government.

Davis Cup Tennis match between Holland and Switzerland

The Davis Cup matches between Holland and Switzerland attracted an average of 4,000 spectators per day watching the great tennis games. Unfortunately the Swiss team lost 3-2. Joining Holland in the quarterfinals are Slovakia, Australia, Argentina, Russia, France, Rumania and Croatia.

Icehockey

In the latest ice hockey games there were the following results

Bern - Lugano (4-2) with 16,771 spectators in BernArena (tickets were sold out!!!).

Ambri-Piotta - ZSC Lions (1-2) played at Valascia with 6,325 spectators.

Genf-Servette - Zug (2-3) played at Les Vernets with 5,035 spectators.

Rapperswil - Davos (1-2) play at Lido with 6,000 spectators (tickets also sold out!!!).

Soccer

In the Super League Zurich and Xamax drew 0-0 in Letzigrund. At 9.00am seventy FC Zurich fans arrived at their home ground with shovels, brooms and rakes and about five hours later they had achieved their goal - the grass in the stadium was snow-free!!! Now, isn't that committment to your team!!! There were 4,800 spectators watching this match. Basel bet Grasshoppers (Zurich) 4-1 played at St-Jakob-Park under the watchful eyes of 21,078 spectators.

Handball

The spectator numbers at these games are substantially less than icehockey or soccer ... between 600 and 1,200 fans turn up to support their teams. Here are results of the last round :

Stans/Zentralschweiz-Pfadi Winterthur - 30-33 (half time 14-18) played at Eichli.

Grasshoppers - BSV Bern Muri - 31-30 (half time 17-18) played at Saalsporthalle.

Kadetten Schaffhausen - Suhr - 30-26 (half time 14-16) played at Schweizersbild.

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