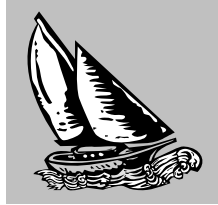


The sports page

Profile: Ellen MacArthur

Ellen MacArthur was born in 1976 in England. She's the most famous sailor in the UK at the moment Why? Because she's sailing round the world. But this is not the first time. In February 2001 she was the youngest person and the fastest woman to sail around the world alone.



Why is Ellen different from other sailors? Because she isn't a man, and she isn't rich. She didn't buy any school lunches for three years - she saved the money. She bought her first little boat with her lunch money. She was 11.

But why is this time different? Because she wants to break the solo round the world record. This record is 72 days and 23 hours so Ellen wants to sail round the world in 72 days. She wants to sail back home on 9 February 2005.

Is she successful? Ask your teacher!

Report: Liverpool shock Real Madrid 2-0

Last night Liverpool finally showed us what a great team they are. The team had a poor start to the football season so Liverpool fans weren't optimistic about yesterday's big match. But two great goals by Gerrard put Liverpool in the lead in the first half. The first goal was a header from a corner and the second goal a penalty.

In the second half the Spanish team did not play any better. Fantastic defence by Liverpool's Carragher and Hyypia at the end of an exciting match stopped all Madrid's attacks.

The Spanish champions had no chance. From the start they looked nervous and didn't play well as a team. Two Spanish players got yellow cards.

Liverpool now play Juventus in the final.

Sports round-up

1 _____
The friendly match between Brazil and Italy ended in a 2-2 draw in Rio de Janeiro.

2 _____
A 13-6 victory to England against South Africa at the weekend surprised fans.

3 _____
Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 7 wickets in the first of their one-day internationals.

4 _____
Australia's Jenny Parkes beat American Angela Hennelly yesterday 6-2 4-6 6-3.

Latest news

5 _____
Colombian Raul Fernandez failed a drug test yesterday. He is now banned from taking part in the next Tour de France.

6 _____
Ethiopian runners are favourites in the premier long distance event of the year.