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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results

	<p>Wednesday, August 6</p> <p>Report 16 Great weather, long tasks and fierce competition. It is World Championship soaring at its best today in Leszno. The day favors the late starters. John Good returns to action. Dave Mockler goes fast takes second in 15-Meter. Gary Ittner is 4th. Garner moves up.</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>LATEST REPORT</p> <p>JLY 22</p> <p>JLY 23</p> <p>JLY 24</p> <p>JLY 25</p> <p>JLY 26</p> <p>JLY 27 -Day 1</p> <p>JLY 28 -NCD</p> <p>JLY 29 -Day 2</p> <p>JLY 30 -Day 3</p> <p>JLY 31 -NCD</p> <p>AUG 1 -Day 4</p> <p>AUG 2 -Day 5</p> <p>AUG 3 -Day 6</p> <p>AUG 4 -Day 7</p> <p>AUG 5 -Day 8</p> <p>AUG 6 -Day 9 ◀</p> <p>AUG 7 -Day 10</p> <p>AUG 8 -Day 11</p> <p>AUG 9 -Day 12</p> <p>CLOSING</p> <p><i>Click the dates!</i></p>
<p>EARLY REPORT - August 6, Contest Day 9</p> <p>It will be a big day at the 28th WGC today. The morning briefing is moved up to 9:00 am with apparently many complaints about the change in routine. The reason for the early meeting is that vary large tasks are proposed. At 9:00 the briefing is underway. At 10:40 the sniffer is launched and finds things weak with 1 m/s to 1000 meters. By 11:00 there are cu at the airport at about 1300m. By 11:17 the launching is well underway. By a little after 12:00 all competitors are in the air. Local reports of 4 m/s lift to 1700m. So</p> 		

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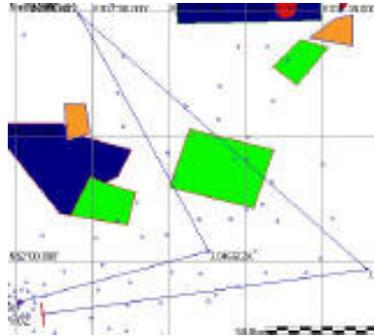
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the race is on in Leszno. By 3:00 the sky is looking perfect.

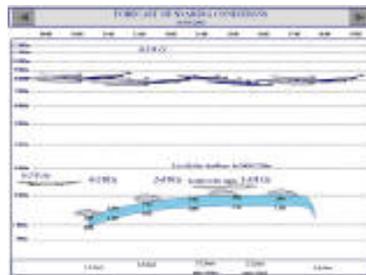
The tasks are all racing tasks. For the Standard class: 505 km, the 15-Meter: 526.5 km, the 18-Meter: 610.5 km and the Open: 725.6 km. So will today be an undercall?



The starts today were interesting. In the Standard class the first starter was gone just after 12:00 but the fast money started much later at a few minutes after 1:00 with Beltz and Garner going at 1:13 near the end of the pack. The 15-Meter starts

were even more interesting with the first start at 12:21. The Italian and French teams going at much later with the German team the last to start at 1:22. Striedieck goes at 12:58 and Mockler starts at 1:07. In the 18-Meter Gary Ittner goes at 12:06 with the British at 12:33. The first Open starts at 11:34, Tabery goes at 11:36 and the leaders go later at just before noon. Will the late starts pay off?

PREDICTED WEATHER



Synoptic situation : the region of Leszno is under the influence of the high with the centre over Scandinavia, the advection of cold airmass from the direction of 300-320, with the speed of about 20-25km/h. Clouds: 0-2/8Cu h=1000-1300m then 1-3/8 Cu h=1700-2000m after 15.00 over thermally active areas h=2000-2200m, locally 1-2/8Ac and 0-2/8Ci
Thermals: 1,5m/s rising 2-2,5m/s max. 5m/s
Visibility: >> 10km Wind: between 340-030 degrees 3-6m/s Hazards: the thermals will start disappearing at about 17.30-18.00 Upper wind: [m/s] 500m 284/3 1000m 322/4 1500m 325/4 2000m 333/5 2500m 321/7. Prepared by Jan Młynarczyk, WGC Chief Meteorologist

AFTERNOON NEWS

By 4:33 some pilots are close to final glide and by



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26th

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27th - Aug 9th

Closing
10th August

5:00 several of the early starters are home all smiles about the weather. Stand by for a barn burner today favoring the late starters. By 5:04 13 are home. No word yet from the U.S. team. By 5:18 39 are back. No Open class yet. By 6:24 only five gliders are not back.



The U.S. Team is back. In the Standard class the winner was Andy Davis who took back the overall lead, Chip Garner was 7th and Tom Beltz 35th. The big news today was in the 15-Meter class with Dave Mockler 2nd and Karl 11th. In the 18-Meter Gary Ittner takes 4th and Ron Tabery is 8th in the Open class.

WGC 2003 – Leszno, Poland, Report for 6 August By John Good

I'm happy to report that I'm back on the job. After four days in a Leszno hospital and an operation (it seems that today's doctors have a rather short way with gall bladders that refuse duty), I'm very pleased to be back on the airfield and able to pay attention to soaring. I'm not at 100% strength yet, so I hope you'll forgive me if today's report proves a bit brief.



This would be a particularly hard day for a soaring enthusiast to lie in bed with any degree of mental comfort. We have a boomer of a soaring day – one to make Uvalde sit up and take notice. In contrast with most of the other good days here, it's surprisingly cool and comfortable on the ground. But there are cumulus clouds in all directions (albeit with a few blue holes) with bases that look like they must be 8000'. Our pilots are on course and reporting 7 and 8-knot climbs. The tasks range from 505 km in Standard class to 725 km in Open class, and more than a few observers have remarked that these look like undercalls.



Today's briefing was moved from 10:00 to 9:00, with not a great deal of advanced notice. It was



rumored that 1000km tasks might be in the offing, but something in the forecast led the task

setters to back off a bit. Time will tell whether it was a day for caution or audacity, but a 500km task in this weather can't look very daunting to a world-caliber pilot.

I missed the party last night sponsored by France, Germany and Japan (perhaps an unlikely alliance anywhere outside a soaring contest). The report was that the food was good, but as at other parties here at WGC 2003, you had to be early to tell. A good rule of thumb would be to estimate the amount of food that would make sense and then multiply by five. Apparently, the French wine and German beer stood up better (come to think of it, it might have been better to miss the party than to be present under dietary restrictions that would have allowed me no more than a sip of each.)

It's now 16:00 and the cu are beginning to thin out. I'd say the tasks are looking about right. On most days at Leszno, the lift seems to last until 18:00, and a couple have gone later than that. But there can be a marked decline in lift strength after 17:00.



Chip Garner on Deck

It's now 17:30 and we have three pilots on the ground. The day has clearly weakened, but there are some thin cu still visible to the east, from where all pilots will be finishing. It looks like Gary Ittner and Dave Mockler may have good speeds, though it's too early to tell. Ron Tabery seems to be close to final glide altitude. Chip Garner sounds like he's in range.



Pete taking a nap - who says the WGC isn't easy!

Dave Mockler had a good story to tell about his final glide - at 120 knots, he had to pull up slightly to clear the clocktower in the Leszno town square. We hope to have some photos of low finishes over the cornfield - very scenic.

As I'm filing this report Dave and Ron have been on the ground for a while. I hear that Tom Beltz has just finished. The day got very weak, but there was just enough lift to get home.

UPDATE ON JOHN GOOD

At the hospital, John Good's condition has been upgraded from patient to prisoner. He was due to be released today, but they won't let him out until the bill is paid. All team



Ewa Mockler gets a wing rail from Dan Mockler

members are required to have health insurance, and John's policy was purchased through the Leszno contest organization. No problem, right? The organizers seem to be unable to locate their insurance agent, and there is a complete disconnect between the insurance company and the hospital. And of course, all conversations are in Polish. I'll let you know how it turns out. We sent an elite squad of negotiators (led by Iris) to spring John from the hospital at it worked! John is back on the field, the insurance connection has been made and by all reports he is feeling fine - Rick Sheppe

About pictures. Some of the images are taken by the U.S. Team Captain John Good or by pilot Gary Ittner. Many of the images used here can be found on the official website and are taken by one of several excellent contributors including Marysia Klamecka. and Ewa Hajek. See the official photo page [here](#).

U.S. Soaring Team - August 6, Day 9

Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number	Day Place & Points	Overall Place & Points
Open	Ron Tabery	Nimbus 4T	YY	8 - 930	8 - 7496
18-Meter	Gary Ittner	Ventus 2cx	ZQ	4 - 956	19 - 5708
15-Meter	Karl Striedieck	ASW-27b	VW	11 - 907	33 - 6076
	David Mockler	Ventus 2ax	W	2 - 979	20 - 6721
Standard	Tom Beltz	ASW 28	PV	35 - 706	16 - 6874
	Chip Garner	Discus 2a	CG	7 - 891	8 - 7042

See the official scores [here](#)

Points of Interest

CONTACT THE TEAM IN POLAND

Back by popular request you can now e-mail the U.S. Soaring Team in Poland with greetings, an encouraging word and well wishes. Please note that all team members are very busy while the championships are underway and may not be able to reply to your message. To write and send your message click [here](#) or on the GO TEAM logo.



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WGC FLIGHT LOGS

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OTHER TEAM WEB SITES

Visit other teams web sites for their prospective on the championships. And there are some great sites including the [British](#), [French](#), [Italian](#), [Danish](#), [Austrian](#), [Netherlands](#) and [German](#) team sites.

WGC NEWS JUNKY?

Every modern world championships has a daily newsletter. Over the years these newsletters have ranged from simple one page announcements to full fledged magazine quality productions. The 28th WGC version is of the highest quality with excellent content and many pictures. The editor Janet Hider Smith has done a magnificent job. Available online in Adobe PDF format, go to the Daily News link and look for the "Daily Bulletin on the day" link. See the Daily News [here](#). Check out Karl Striedieck's profile in the 7/30 issue.

PRE-WORLDS REPORT AVAILABLE

Want the real scoop on the site and flying WCG? Click the [pre-worlds report here](#) provided by team pilot Chip Garner for a detailed pilots eye view of the site, weather and the competition.

ABOUT DAY REPORTS

The U.S. Team Day Reports are brought to you by several hard working U.S. Team volunteers. John Good creates the reports in Poland and e-mails them to John Seaborn in Colorado who posts them to the SSA server. The goal of these day reports are to provide the U.S. soaring community with improved coverage of World Soaring Championships and the U.S. Team's participation in these events.

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Country and Contest Site



Leszno is well situated in the western part of Poland in Wielkopolska (Great Poland) between Poznań and Wrocław. Three European capitals: Warsaw, Berlin and Prague are all situated approximately 300km away from Leszno. Since 1 January 1999 Leszno has been one of the 68 administrative districts.

Labor turmoil in 1980 led to the formation of the independent trade union "Solidarity" that over time became a political force and by 1990 had swept parliamentary elections and the presidency. A "shock therapy" program during the early 1990s enabled the country to transform its economy into one of the most robust in Central Europe, boosting hopes for acceptance to the EU. Poland joined the NATO alliance in 1999.

Map courtesy of the CIA. See the [CIA site](#) for a fact sheet on Poland. Click images to expand.

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