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"The book is (almost) always better than the movie"...

We all know some examples of books made into films. There's also a common belief that these adaptations could never surpass stories written down on book pages. I had used to be a passionate believer of this theory for

Read the Book



most of my life, until I read "Cloud Atlas" by David Mitchell and watched the film based on this novel.

Surprisingly, I can undoubtedly say that both the book and the film were totally breath-taking. It's quite unusual to read the story you had got to know the week before and still be engrossed in the book. To me, it was really hard to put it down being so intrigued and thrilled about the course of events. Believe me or not, the film is as impressive as the book.

The film gained my love with its intricate soundtrack and extraordinary edition. Each person from the main cast plays various roles and so becomes different person in one film. This solution makes a memorable impression on every viewer.

On the other hand, the book has its unique form that makes reading so absorbing. A story of one person ends equally in the middle and then the author presents us with another character, whose story stops in the climax, as well. After introducing all of them, step by step, all embarked tales come to an end. What's more, everything becomes suddenly clear.

Agata Zienkiewicz IIIB

Reading isn't scary

Some people wonder why other people read books? Others think that books are boring, but there are some people who change their mind when they start reading.

I think people should read for pleasure. Reading make us happy. Because of television and the Internet, many people spend less time reading. I think reading forms our personality. We have many great books.

The best book I have ever read was Jane Austen's book, "Pride and Prejudice". It's a story about Elizabeth Bennet and her family. It's an amazing book about how pride and prejudice can change our lives. It's also a love story. A great book for cold, winter nights. Other beautiful books are "The Last Song", "Dear John", "Message in a Bottle" or "The Notebook". All of them have been writ-

ten by Nicholas Sparks. His books are mostly about love, true love. If you like horrors, I recommend Stephen King's books. For example "Carrie".

Reading can chill you out. It really doesn't matter what book you read – by

losing yourself in a book, you can escape from the worries and stress. Reading may help you sleep better, so read more, don't be bored!

Weronika Mała IE

Television Is Making Literature Increasingly Irrelevant in the Modern World

Some people claim that nowadays literature has become less and less important to people. This phenomenon, they argue, is closely connected to the popularity of television. Therefore, we may ask ourselves if literature is really no longer relevant and if it can totally be replaced by television.

In fact, most important and popular books have been adapted for television. In movies the plot is more vivid because of the images we can see on the screen and the characters are no longer abstract, but have real faces and voices. Moreover, it takes less time to watch a movie than to read a book, which is extremely important in our busy world.

However, literature has been always present throughout history. The need to read a written



text seems to be permanent. Literature demands the use of imagination. It takes us into an unknown world, which can't be shown on the screen. Any attempts to get rid of books have failed, because literature has always met vital human needs, for meditation on various aspects of life. In our societies, we may have a tendency to devote less time to books, but this doesn't imply the growing irrelevance of literature!

Klaudia Antczak IIIC

The Eiffel Tower

Everyone saw it. The Eiffel Tower is the biggest monument of France, the symbol of Paris and lovers. 3 million tourists visit the tower every year. It is a moving, beautiful and admirable object of architecture, old but charming.

The tower was built specially for the Paris World Exhibition in 1889. It was designed by Gustave Eiffel, Maurice Koechlin and Emile Nouguier in 1884. The tower would commemorate the centenary of the French Revolution in 1789. It was the symbol of industry and technology. The other name of this object is 'The iron lady'. The tower is located in the western part of the city on the Seine. When it was built in the nineteenth century, it was the highest tower in the world.

The Tower of Eiffel is 324 meters high, but it changes by 18 cm which depends on the temperature. The tower has 10 000 tones of weight (with base and pillars). The whole construction is made of the wrought iron, which has an openwork form. To the top of the tower lead 1,665 steps. The tower is painted every seven years and it needs 50 tones of dark brown color. 'The iron lady' has been visited by 200 million tourists.

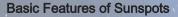
Today the Tower of Eiffel is one of the most important goals of every trip to France. 'The iron lady' is known from films, posters, advertisements, photographs and pictures. I think there is no such person who would not know anything about this building.

Sylwia Cieślik IIIC

SUNSPOTS

In the evening of 18th November students from our school together with Mr. Michniowski, the tutor of our astronomy club, met on the school field to watch a few objects, like the Moon and the planet Venus. During the meeting each of us could use a telescope and enjoy the cloudless sky. It's a great way to spend free time.

Sunspots are regions on the solar surface that appear dark because they are cooler than the surrounding photosphere. They are only dark in a relative sense; a sunspot removed from the bright background of the Sun would glow quite brightly.



The largest sunspots observed have had diameters of about 50,000 km, which makes them large enough to be seen with the naked eye. Sunspots often come in groups with as many as 100 in a group, though sunspot groups with more than about 10 are relatively rare.

Sunspots develop and persist for periods ranging from hours to months and are carried around the surface of the Sun by its rotation (a fact known to Galileo).

The Solar Rotational Period

The first measurements of the period for solar rotation were made by tracking sunspots as they appeared to move around the Sun. Galileo used this method to deduce that the Sun had a rotational period of about a month.

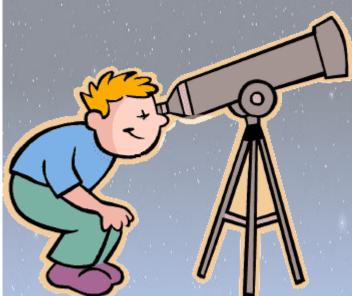
Because the Sun is not a solid body, it does not have a well defined rotational period. Modern measurements indicate that the rotational period of the Sun is about 25 days near its equator, 28 days at 40 degrees latitude, and 36 days near the poles. The rotation is direct, that is, in the same

sense of the motion of the planets around the Sun.

(scientific facts taken from the site <a href="http://example.com/http

csep10.phys.utk.edu)

ANETA MERDER, a member of **The As-**tronomy Club run by Mr Jacek Michniowski



Your life - your choice

Have you ever thought about the role of sport in your life? Have you ever been beaten by someone stronger than you? Have you ever had difficulty in exercising in PE lessons? Tell it stop! Go to the gym, cycling, swimming or whatever you want can make you happy and can change your life.

It is no good crying over yourself. Sport in human life has been vital since our ancestors lived. If you want to overcome problems, you have to face danger. If you think you are not good enough to do something for yourself, it is your biggest mistake.

Sport has another reason to take it up. When you exercise intensively, in your inside occur a lot of processes e.g hormone called 'cortisol' is produced. It is known as a hormon of happiness. After hard work, though pain and fatigue you are extremely happy. This is how cortisol works. It has other advantages. If you are on a diet, you will not eat sweets. Cortisol reduces appetite, that is why it is greatly use-

Rocky said: 'The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It's a very mean and nasty place, and I don't care how tough you are, it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard you hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward; how much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done! 'Don't let you fall, take your life in your hands and do something to improve you standards of life!

ful.

"Meeting with Guernica"

Without doubt, Andrzej Sapkowski is the best contemporary Polish writer. He writes mainly fantasy books. Sapkowski has written a lot of novels and short stories. His most popular novel is "Wiedźmin" but today I want to tell you about the collection of short stories which is called "Maladie i inne opowiadania". This books was published in 2012 by publishing house, "superNowa". The book is written in Polish.

One of the short stories is "Spanienkreuz". "Spanienkreuz" is about bombarding Spanish town, Guernica. That horrible thing was done by the Reich of Adolf Hitler. The action is set in 1939 in Berlin (Germany). This is the beginning of World War II. The German soldier, major von Richthofen, meets a widow. She is madam von Throtta. She is Bertman von Estorff's sister. He was a soldier who took part in Nazi air raid on Guernica. Major von Richthofen gives The First Class Iron Cross to the widow (a medal for her brother's fight). She doesn't want this cross. They're talking about destroying Guernica. She claims that the raid was unfair. The end of this story is very surprising and shocking but if you want to know what happens, you have to read it!

I think that Andrzej Sapkowski did a really good job. "Spanienkreuz" is interesting. The characters are believable. The plot keeps readers in tension. This collection of stories is also printed well. When I read this, my eyes aren't tired.

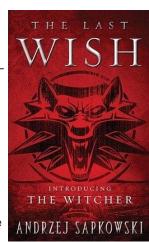
"Spanienkreuz" may be absorbing to people who are interested in history. It describes real events. This story teaches us more about terrible slaughter in Spain. The Luftwaffe did an awful deed. Many people died. It's important that an average person knows what happened in Guernica in April in 1937. I can recommend this book.

Kinga Walczak IIA

"Review of Spanienkreuz"

The first thought about Andrzej Sapkowski? Of course, it's *The Witcher*—the great series of fantasy novels. But Sapkowski does not want to be identified only with *The Witcher*. So, he is also a creator of short stories which have become a collection of short stories entitled "Maladie and other stories". I read one of them — "Spanienkreuz". Fans of *The Witcher* will be disappointed or surprised, because the plot and characters are very different.

The action takes place in 1939 in Charlottenburg. But the action moves in time to 1937, when the Reich fights in Guernica in Spain in civil war. There are two main characters – major Wolfram Freiherr von Richthofen and Daisy von



Throtta. Major Richthofen arrives to Daisy von Throtta to hand her in the 1st class Iron Cross, because her brother is dead. This event is a pretext for the dialogue which is the essence of the whole story. I can't betray details of the conversation, but I assure you – it's surprising, clever and dynamic. Sapkowski's narrative is quite detailed and expressive – it has added more character to the story. The end is surprising and ironic – when someone knows history well.

Blind Daisy von Throtta is definitely the strongest character, because she is a little mysterious and above all, she firmly defends her opinion. The whole story shows the truth about WWII, the behavior of Nazi and generally, about pain which people make each other.

Summing up, I'm sure that it's worth to be read, especially that it takes only a few minutes. Maybe the topic included in this story will interest you and you will start looking at WWII in the wider context?

Grzegorz Majchrzak IIA

Spanienkreuz award for bravery?

"Spanienkreuz" is a short story written by Andrzej Sapkowski. It comes from the collection of short stories entitled "Meladie". This collection was released in 2012 by super-Nowa publishing house. The story, however, was originally created in 1995. It is written in Polish.

The short story is about Madame von Throtta who receives Spanienkreuz. It is an award for "heroism" of her brother who died in Civil War in Spain. When major von Richthofen comes to the woman, she accuses general of the crime in Guernica. She believes that it was a genocide, which is consistent with the truth.

The plot of the short story is very simple, but it is a very interesting and important issue. The issue that is not simple, because it tells a story about war, crime and suffering. In the short story there are only two main characters – general Wolfram von Richthofen and the widow Madame von Throtta. We get to know their nature from a dialogue. Surely, they are intriguing characters. The man is false, cruel and indiscriminate. The woman is brave and... mysterious.

In my opinion, the best part of the short story is the ending. It is very surprising. When we finish reading, our head is full of thoughts. We can guess what happens next.

"Spanienkreuz" is a very good short story. It tells a story about important issue. It is well-written. Moreover, this short story disposes to reflection. Surely, I can recommend this short story.

Mateusz Szulc IIA

Smile! Jokes about school

During the lesson
of Religious
Education:
-Who sees and knows
everything?
John said:
-My neighbour!

The teacher warned children during the lesson of Biology:
-Remember, you mustn't kiss cats and dogs. A lot of bacteria and germs move in this way. Does anybody have any example?
John raised his hand and said:

John raised his hand and said: -I do. My aunt kissed her cat. -Oh... What happened? - asked the teacher.

-And this cat died...

Before the test:
-I hope that I won't catch anybody cheating.— the teacher said.
-We do, too.—
answered the students.

The teacher asked students during the lesson of the Polish language:
-What is the word "willingly" in the sentence: "Students willingly came to school."
One of the students said:
-This is a lie.



John and his mother are walking along the street. They meet John's teacher. -Why don't you say "Good morning"?- the mother asked. -Because we have a holiday!

It is the end of the school year. John comes home and he says to his father:
-Dad, you are lucky.
-What do you mean?- asked John's father.
-Because you don't have to buy new books for me. I'm staying in the same class!

In the school. The teacher asked children about their pets.

-I have a cat and two dogs.-Sara said.
-I have fish in the aquarium. - the other child said.
Suddenly John said:
-I have a chicken in the fridge!

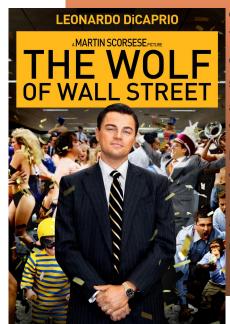
Sylwia Cieślik IIIC

DON'T FORGE TO SMILE TODAY

The Wolf of Wall Street

Today I would like to draw your attention to a movie *The Wolf of Wall Street*. It is Martin Scorsese's recent movie and maybe some of you have already watched it. But for those who haven't... It is a biographical drama, the screenplay is based on Jordan Belfort's book.

The big advantage of this film is Leonardo DiCaprio playing the main role (Jordan Belfort). The plot focuses on the life of the stock broker, Jordan Belfort. It shows ups and downs of his career, but also of his private life. Jordan led a life on the verge of law. The story is presented with a large dose of humour. This movie stands out as a comedy but also as a drama. The script is sharp and



clever. The cast is really good, and of course DiCaprio is excellent. The thing that not everybody will like is that the film lasts 3 hours. I wish I could say more but I don't want to spoil you watching this movie. It is not surprising that *The Wolf of Wall Street* has got a lot of nominations for awards, for example, it is nominated in 5 categories for the 2014 Oscars. What is more, Leonardo DiCaprio has already won The Golden Globe for playing the role of Jordan Belfort. In my view, The Wolf of Wall Street is well worth seeing.

I am aware that some viewers won't like controversial life of Belfort, but I am fully convinced that everybody will like the acting. I can thoroughly recommend this film.

Anna Zatoń IIID

REVIEW OF "SALA SAMOBÓJCÓW"

"Sala samobójców" is a modern film about a serious social problem. The plot concentrates on teenagers who are addicted to computer, especially to a virtual word. Directed by Jan Komasa, the cast includes a number of talented actors, including Jakub Gierszał, Roma Gąsiorowska and Agata Kulesza.

The main character, Dominik, has everything. He is rich, goes to the best school, has a beautiful girlfriend. His life seems to be perfect. One day while surfing the internet, Dominic starts talking to Sylwia online. After that everything gets wrong: the school society rejects him, the girlfriend breaks up with him, the parents do not care about Dominik. Only after the things happen does he start thinking about killing himself. What is more, Sylwia encourages him.

The film is based on real facts and that is why it is so fearful. The music by Michał Jacoszek makes the film more intriguing. Not only was the cast ecstatic, but Jakub Gierszał has an opportunity to become a moving star. He played the role with zest.

I highly recommend "Sala samobójców" to every generation. It is about a dangerous social problem which is becoming more and more common. The point is that after watching the movie, we can avoid the addiction to the Internet. It is well worth seeing. Don't miss it.

Anita Kowalczyk ID

The Silence of the Lambs

The Silence of the Lambs (1991) directed by Jonathan Demme is a thriller based on Thomas Harris's book. This film has won 5 Oscars and 27 other prizes. This film has made more than \$ 250 million.

A psychopath known as "Buffalo Bill" kidnaps and kills young girls. F.B.I. sends a young cadet, Clarice Starling, to Baltimore state Hospital to talk to Hannibal Lecter, a former psychiatrist and cannibalistic serial killer. She must receive his help to catch "Buffalo Bill".

Jodie Foster is excellent as the agent and Anthony Hopkins is the actor people remember the best from this film. Jodie Foster and Anthony Hopkins have won

the silence of the lambs

Oscars for their acting. The screenplay is a strong side of this film. I didn't get bored even for one second. The psychological game between two main characters was really interesting and exciting. The soundtrack emphasizes the atmosphere. I am glad to say that *The Silence of the Lambs* is a real masterpiece. However, this film is not suitable for everyone, if you like dark, difficult stories, you will be amazed by this film. Jonathan Demme has made an absolutely brilliant and thrilling film and I think this is one of the best films I have ever seen.

Mateusz Staszewski IIE

"Requiem for a dream"

"Requiem for a dream" is a drama film directed by Darren Aronofsky. The plot focuses on four main characters (Harry, Marion, Tyrone, Sara) all addicted to drugs but interestingly, due to different causes.

The film refers to social problems caused by drugs. It clearly shows their influence on our lives and probably makes everyone change the way they perceive the world.

In a shocking way does Aronofsky persuade us that addiction is a deadly trap. We see how three young people with great hopes and dreams about their future finally ruin their lives because of

one think or even move to tears.

addiction. What is more, we also recognize that not only youngsters face this kind of problem. Harry's mother, Sara, loses her head trying to get slim. She takes medicines that, at the end, turn out to be drugs as well. I must admit that "Requiem for a dream" is one of these extraordinary films that every adult should see. The screenplay is unique and by the astonishing acting of the cast this film is just memorable. Moreover, the presented story relates to social problems that most of us ignore.

I believe that "Requiem for a dream" is worth seeing. This film is a way to show the society that drugs are real issue in our times. They can devastate our lives in a short amount of time. This film will surely make every-

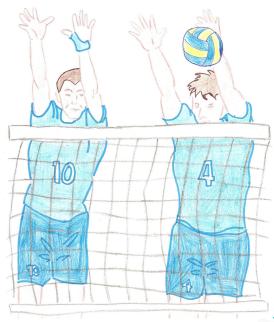


Agata Zienkiewicz IIIB

2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship

Volleyball Men's World Championship is the tournament played since 1949. It was held in Prague for the first time. Up till now, Soviet Union has gained the biggest number of master titles (six).

The next Men's World Championship will take place in Poland. That will be the first time in our country. It will be held from 30 August to 21 September 2014. In this tournament 24 representations from



all over the world will take part. Polish Society of Volleyball will be the primary contest holder. The matches will be played in 6 sports halls in 6 Polish cities (Wrocław, Katowice, Gdańsk, Kraków, Łódź, Bydgoszcz). The inaugural match will take place at National Stadium in Warsaw, the capital of Poland. It will be between Poland and Serbia. During all the contest, we will see up to 103 matches. The qualified teams will be divided into 6 groups.

Poland is one of the favourites to triumph. This event will certainly attract a lot of people from all over the world to stadiums and in front of TV-sets.



Krzysztof Sabela IIA Picture: Olga Pacholik II A

Brilliant team

The team, representing II LO at Men Amateur Volleyball League tournament, can't consist in 100% of the representatives of our school, but it's really great. Boys fight bravely at every game, they are not afraid of their rivals, and sometimes it even leads to nice conversations "under the net". In the league



table, they occupy the 3rd place and are still fighting for a better score. Przemysław Klauza is the captain and team coach. He is supported by: Piotrek Chmielewski, Adrian Gaik, Artur Gładysz, Jakub Kaczmarek, Łukasz Perczyński and Damian Sadawa. The atmosphere in the team and during the matches is great. The guys get along well and even though sometimes they happen to scream at each other, they are still friends.

Paulina Kil IB

Dominik Pańka - PCA 2014 winner

In Poland we don't talk about poker. It's abnormal. It's illegal to play it. The abstraction is we have many talented poker players. One of them is Pańka.

Dominik is a 21-year-old former student. He has left the college to play his favorite game. And it took a good turn for him– \$1,490,000. This money doesn't lie in the street. After this beautiful victory he won the 2nd tournament – EPT Deauville High Roller. He is young, ambitious and smart – he has everything to be the best in the world, to be shown on first pages of newspapers.



Maybe he can change Polish thinking about poker? In near future, we will see it. In my humble opinion, politicians must think about small number of players playing poker. We must hide in shadow. We can't tell everybody we play poker. It's something unnatural that I can't talk with someone about poker, because he will instantly tell me that I'm addicted to gambling. If you don't know what you are talking about, don't do this. First read about poker and after that change your mind, open your eyes and play!

Cheer up.

Marcin Magier ID

Picture: Hubert Nowakowski I D

Champions League

On February 18th there begins the first qualifying round for Champions League. At 8:45 PM we can watch two matches. The first one presenting Manchester City vs. Barcelona at Etihad Stadium, located in Manchester, England. The second match starring Bayer competing against Barcelona. In my opinion, Barcelona will be dominated by Manchester City because they are in a great shape right now and show a great deal of determination.

On February 19th we will see other two games. The first one - Milan vs. Atlétice at the 'Stadio Giuseppe Meazza', commonly known as the San Siro, located in Italy. The second match presenting Arsenal vs. Bayern at Emirates Stadium, London, England. Personally, I believe that Bayern will win this game because of their incredible skills. The expected score of the game is 2:1 for Bayern.

Arnold Majewski IIID

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2013/2014

Part 2 (look for Part 1 in *The Reader 23*)
GROUP E:

Marsylia vs. Arsenal 1:2. 2 teams at the same level. They played well but there was more luck at Arsenal's side. A great match of a new Arsenal player – Mesut Ozil. He made the difference at this match. After the 90th minute, on the board there was the result 2:1 for Arsenal. Arsene Wenger must thank his player for playing with all his heart all the 90 minutes.

Napoli vs. Borussia 2:1. At this match Borussia, with 3 Polish players, lost with wonderfully playing Napoli starring Gonzalo Higuain. 3 goals were scored by Napoli but one of them was an own goal. This unlucky goal was scored by Juan Camilio in the 87th minute. At this match Borussia's coach, Jurgen Klopp, couldn't stand refereeing and attacked the line referee. After the match, he apologized to him.

GROUP F:

Schalke vs. Steaua. 3:0. A good match of Schalke – they won this match with the bad team – Steaua. They were attacking throughout the match and scored 3 nice goals. A beautiful goal was scored by Kevin Prince Boateng – Schalke's defender.

Chelsea vs. Basel 1:2. This is why we love football. A very good team (Chelsea) lost with not a very good team from Basel. They played well and won a hard match in Stamford Bridge.

GROUP G:

Wieden vs. Porto 0:1. A weak match of Porto but luckily, they won and could be happy. They had 3 important points before a difficult match with Chelsea. A winning goal was scored by Lucho Gonzalez in the 55th minute.

Atletico vs. Zenit 3:1. Both teams presented a good style and tactic in this season and this match was the answer to the question which team is better. After the 90th minute, we had the answer. At a good match Atletico beat Zenit 3:1 and they could be happy with that result and playing style.

GROUP H:

Milan vs. Celtic 2:0. This wasn't Milan's match. They won presenting a bad style, but 3 points is still 3 points. In the 82nd minute, Izaguirre scored an own goal with his head. Glasgow, unfortunately, used Muntari and scored the 2nd goal for Milan.

Barcelona vs. Ajax 4:0. At Camp Nou Barcelona hosted a team from Ajax. In the first half, Balugrana attacked and in the 22nd minute, genius Leo Messi scored a free kick goal. In the 55th minute Messi scored a goal again. After that, in the 69th minute, Pique scored a goal, too. And at last, Leo Messi scored hat-trick. A great match was played by a new Barcelona player – Neymar. A defender couldn't stop him. In the 77th minute, Barcelona's goalkeeper, Victor Valdes, gave a show – he defended a penalty kick!

Aiming the championship of the Best football league in the world

Manchester United is certain to miss a chance to defend their title from the previous year. The team led by David Moyes has a fatal season, full of lost matches against medium opponents, even as a host. If Liverpool F.C. have little chance, there are 3 strong candidates: Arsenal London, Manchester City and Chelsea London.

'The Gunners' have been playing the best season since 2005. They've been on the top of the table for 7 months. The transfer of Mesut Ozil from Real Madrid was hitting the jackpot. The Turkish footballer has big influence on Arsenal's play, he is growing to be the leader of this team. The Arsenal's defense is one of the best in Premier League (only Chelsea has better one). They've lost 5 matches, including recent 'massacre' on Anfield Road (Liverpool), where the hosts scored 4 goals in the first 20 minutes! But this is Premier League – everything can happen here.

'The Citizens' are also on the good way to be the champion. They've lost 5 matches but are the most goal-scoring team with 68 goals. The biggest merit is Sergio Aguero's – 15 goals, the 2nd place in the top scorers' rank. Jose Mourinho still claims that Manchester City is the best team of Premier League, but these words can be just a psychological provocation. The recent two matches weren't successful – 1 failure against Chelsea and a draw against Norwich. The situation is still open and the 'Citizens' can break onto the chair of a leader.

'The Blues' are going for the third trophy with Jose Mourinho. They've lost only 20 goals and 3 matches. What is really satisfying is the play of Eden Hazard. This young boy proves that he is on the same shelf in the world of football as Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi. The sale of Juan Mata to Manchester United may have bad consequences. Chelsea played stably for 9 matches, but the 'faux-paus' occurred with the draw against West Ham United. The two next matches were a piece of great football, though, 0:1 on Manchester City's Etihad Stadium and 3:0 against Newcastle United.

	Name	Goals	From action	Penalties	Nat.	Team
1	Luiz Suarez	23	23	0	#	<u>Liverpool</u>
2	Sergio Agüero	15	15	0	Я	Manchester City
3	Daniel Sturridge	15	15	0	#	<u>Liverpool</u>
4	Yaya Touré	12	9	3	DI	Manchester City
5	Eden Hazard	12	10	2	111	<u>Chelsea</u>

Pos.	Club	M	G+	G-	Points
1	Chelsea Londyn	25	47	20	<u>56</u>
2	Arsenal Londyn	25	48	26	<u>55</u>
3	Manchester City	25	68	27	<u>54</u>
4	Liverpool FC	25	63	30	<u>50</u>

Kuba Kaczmarek IIID

Sochi Olympics

Winter Olympics in Sochi will begin on 7 February 2014 and will last until February 23. It will be 22 Winter Olympics, which returns to the territory of Russia after 34 years.

Participants of Olympics in Sochi will compete with each other in 15 sports and 98 disciplines. There will be 12 competitions more than four years ago in Vancouver. New competitions in Sochi will include women's ski jumping, ski halfpipe, mixed relay in biathlon and skiing, team skating competition or mixed relay in biathlon.

Poland at the Olympics will be represented by 56 athletes. Ski jumping, loved by the Polish, will be represented by, among others, Kamil Stoch, Piotr Żyła and Maciej Kot. We will also have the pleasure of watching the struggle of our champion, Justyna Kowalczyk, in cross-country skiing and many, many other famous athletes of Poland. So let's keep our fingers crossed for our countrymen. Let's hope that they will return to our country with a smile on their faces and medals on their necks!

Justyna Kornicka IB

THE WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES IN SOCHI - 2014

The Winter Olympic Games in Sochi start on the seventh of February 2014. The Polish team is going to this big sporting event with the biggest and probably the strongest group in the history.



Four years ago in Vancouver, 47 people represented Poland, but this year, there are 59 competitors! The Poles count on the big chances for medals. We count on ski jumpers, Justyna Kowalczyk, speed skaters and biathlon competitors. Polish team's warrant officer during the open ceremony will be the bobsleigher, Dawid Kupczyk. The Winter Olympic Games in Sochi will cost 55 billion dollars! This will be a big sporting event.

Katarzyna Piotrowska I B