



Fig. 256 STAGS "soccerball" model of the optimized imperfect isogrid-stiffened equivalent ellipsoidal shell. The optimum design, listed in columns 2 and 3 of Table 33, was obtained with plus and minus axisymmetric (n=0) mode 1 and mode 2 linear buckling modal imperfection shapes with amplitude, Wimp = 0.2 inch. This is the deformed state at Load Step 12 of the shell with the n=1 imperfection shape shown in Figs. 258 and 259. (See the second-to-last trace in Fig. 254). Displayed here is the **outer fiber** meridional plastic strain, epx, in layer 2 (the shell skin) at an external pressure very close to the design pressure, 460 psi, for which the load factor, PA = 1.0.