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DREAMS COME TRUE FOR **BRAD GUSHUE**
TEAM HOMAN: LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD
CANADA'S TOP TEAMS TAKE AIM AT **PYEONGCHANG**

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RESBY COUTTS BECAME THE FIRST MEMBER of Winnipeg's Fort Rouge Curling Club to serve in the senior volunteer position at Curling Canada when he took over as the chair of the board of governors for the 2017-18 season.

His election to the board in 2015 followed a six-year term on the board of CurlManitoba, including two years as president, and nearly two decades of volunteer involvement with the major championship events in Manitoba, mainly in media and marketing and as an emcee.

Coutts's term on the board of governors marks nearly five decades of curling volunteerism, beginning when he was intramural curling co-ordinator at the University of Manitoba.

He chaired the Manitoba Men's Safeway Championship in 2013, the first return of the event to Winnipeg in nearly 20 years; co-chaired the

2011 Canadian mixed in Morris, still the smallest community to host a Canadian championship; and was executive director of the 1995 Ford Worlds in Brandon. As a member of the board of governors, Coutts has chaired the Constitution Review Committee and spearheaded a major overhaul of the organization's bylaws through the past two seasons.

Recognition for contributions to the sport have come in the form of a Manitoba Curling Association Honorary Life Membership in 1992, inclusion on the Westman Millennium Curling Wall of Fame in 2000, and membership in the Governor General's Curling Club in 2013.

Coutts learned to play and love the game in a one-sheet curling rink in the mid-1950s in the now-disappeared community of Elva, in southwestern Manitoba, and has been playing and competing ever since.



The 2017-18 Curling Canada board of governors: (front row, from left) Peter Inch, Resby Coutts, Maureen Miller and Cathy Hughes; (middle row) Scott Comfort, Lena West and Angela Hodgson; (back row) John Shea, George Cooke and Brad Gibb.

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LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

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SOMETIMES, THE BEST WAY TO appreciate winning is by losing. And although Rachel Homan and her squad from Ottawa don't lose very often, their great 2016-17 season can be traced back to a crushing loss.

First a brief recap of last year: Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney and Lisa Weagle won the Ontario title, then took a gutsy Scotties Tournament of Hearts final for a third national women's crown, and followed that by running the table for gold at the World Women's Curling Championship. By anyone's standard, that's a sensational year.

But it might not have happened if it weren't for a loss in the 2016 Ontario provincial final, where Jenn Hanna upset the Homan team, leaving the women watching the Hearts on television for the first time in four years. Not only did the team have

February off, but they used it to reflect on just what competing at the highest level meant to each of them and on bringing that forward into the next season. It resulted in some changes that were far more about attitude than shotmaking.

"Going into this year, we were very focused on trying to enjoy the moment and appreciate what we were in," says Miskew, the team's spokesperson. "Obviously, we had a goal and our goal was to get back to the Scotties and to win it."

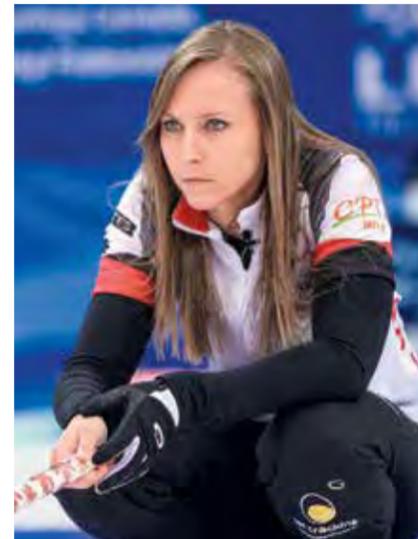
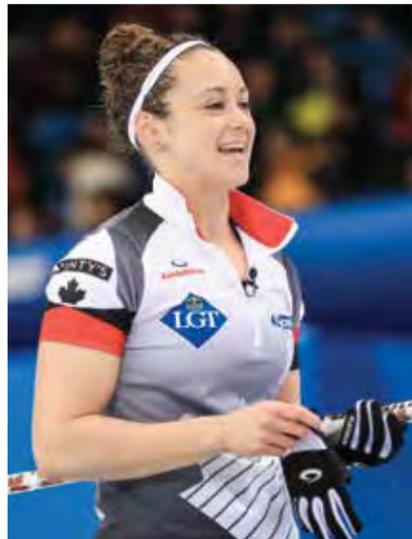
"But we focused a lot of time on appreciating every moment of it, the fans and just things we hadn't really noticed before. Trying to take it all in."

Tied to this new attitude was a focus on worrying only about what the team could control. There was no point in getting sidetracked on issues that were out of their hands. That was wasted energy.

World champions Team Canada and family members, together with their Curling Canada support system, celebrate victory at the 2017 World Women's Curling Championship in Beijing, China. Skip Rachel Homan, third Emma Miskew, second Joanne Courtney and lead Lisa Weagle gave Canada its first gold medal since 2008 and a leading 16th overall.



When Canada's Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney and Lisa Weagle walked off the ice for the final time in Beijing, they did so as undefeated world champions, having knocked off Russia in the gold-medal game. "It feels really good to say we're world champs and the hard work has paid off," says Miskew.



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All this didn't mean the team wasn't working hard on the ice as well. Over the years, the Homan rink has established a reputation for its relentless training, practice and preparation. Last season, that took a new twist as the squad brought in a new coach in Adam Kingsbury.

He wasn't the traditional type of coach who dealt with in-turns and out-turns but one who dealt more on the analytics of the game, a numbers-and-trends kind of guy.

"When I came aboard as the coach of the team," he says, "I spent a considerable amount of time collecting data and trying to understand performance trends throughout the year."

The research methodology — inspired by the PGA Tour's Strokes Gained formula, which measures a player's performance against the rest of the field — went deep, looking at how the team played against certain opponents, at certain times of the day and even on particular sheets.

"We don't know all the stuff he works on," Miskew says with a chuckle. "He knows a lot of stuff. Anything that's a big trend, that's important to game outcome, he'll let us know."

He helped the team members prepare for games and feel more confident when they stepped on the ice, she says. For Kingsbury, being a part of the team was an eye-opening experience.

"Travelling with the team this season, I got to see just how much pressure they are continually under," he says. "Every team they play seems to bring their best against them, and the media and fan excitement is definitely noticeable. Despite these pressures, time and again they would rise to the occasion and find ways to win games."

That was clear at the Ontario playdowns, when the team's new approach was put to the test. For the first time, the women's provincials were held in an arena and the ice wasn't perfect, which led to some griping.

"A lot of the other teams were complaining about conditions," says Miskew, "but we were happy that we were in an arena. We simply avoided talking about the negative things. Getting a perfect surface is super rare and we couldn't do anything about that, so instead of focusing on it, we looked at the positives."

The move paid off, as the squad knocked off Mississauga's Jacqueline Harrison in the final and earned a trip back to the Hearts.

At the Canadian championship the team curled and won, but it did more than that. It drank in the atmosphere and everything that makes the Hearts great.

"In the past, it might have annoyed me when we were trying to get off the ice and someone wanted a picture," says Miskew. "This time, I was happy to have a picture taken. We were just happy to be there."

That bright outlook transferred onto the ice, where the team finished with a 10-1 record, tied with Manitoba's Michelle Englot. The Manitoba squad won the round-robin matchup, then knocked off the Ontario foursome in the Page 1-2 playoff. But Homan battled back to set up a third meeting — this time in the final.

That contest was a memorable one, with few missed shots. Heading to the 10th end, Homan held a 6-4 lead and appeared to be on her way to a win, but a missed peel left the team scrambling and a pair of bailout double takeouts by Homan limited Manitoba's take to two points, forcing an extra end. With a second chance, team Homan made no mistake, grabbing two points and the victory.

"That's an unbelievable win by my team," Homan said after clinching the title. "That's the hardest win we've ever fought for, I think."

The celebration didn't last long. Two weeks later, Team Homan was jetting to Beijing for the CPT World Women's Curling Championship and a chance to add a missing jewel in their

"Going into this year, we were very focused on trying to enjoy the moment and appreciate what we were in"

crown. In their two previous world appearances, they'd finished third and second, a fact that they were reminded of constantly in the lead up to the competition.

The same enjoy-every-moment approach continued with the women, as they took time to play tourists and visit the Great Wall and other Chinese sites before stepping onto the ice.

When they walked off the ice a week later, they did so as undefeated world champions, having knocked off Russia in the gold-medal game.

Miskew says it capped an amazing season that they know could have been derailed at any point along the way. That's why they all decided that the journey should be as important as the results.

"It feels really good to say we're world champs and the hard work has paid off," she says. "So many times during the season, one game, one shot, one inch could have changed the year. But we still would have been proud of all the work we did."

"It's so easy to go through the motions and not take in everything. But after you miss one Scotties, it's really easy to come back and be grateful."

Bob Weeks has written about curling for 30 years. He is a senior reporter for TSN, an author of five books on curling and a member of the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame

FORD HOT SHOTS

THE FORD HOT SHOTS CELEBRATED ITS 23RD SEASON AT the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Tim Hortons Brier.

When the Ford Motor Co. of Canada became part of international curling in 1995 as title sponsor of the Ford World Curling Championships, it introduced an opportunity for Hearts and Brier curlers to participate in individual skills competitions known as the Ford Hot Shots.

Points curling has long been part of the game in most corners of the curling world. While some countries have individual curling competitions, Ford Hot Shots is the first skills competition at major curling events that pits the abilities of championship curlers against one another's.

Last season, some of the most iconic shots in curling history were paid tribute in a new version of Ford Hot Shots.

Players in the main round-robin fields of both the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Tim Hortons Brier were tested in five different shots, including two that replicated the famous shots made by Northern Ontario's Al Hackner in the 1985 Brier final and Saskatchewan's Sandra Schmirler in the final of the 1997 Canadian Curling Trials.

The Hackner shot was a razor-thin double takeout against Alberta's Pat Ryan to score two in the 10th end to force an extra, in which Hackner stole the winning point.

The Schmirler shot — a steep in-off — scored a game-turning three in the 1997 Olympic trials final against Alberta's Shannon



Ford of Canada's Mike Herniak congratulates Brier Hot Shots winner Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario on winning a two-year lease on a 2017 Ford Escape SE, valued at approximately \$33,140. Jacobs handily defeated Quebec's Martin Crête 21-12 in the final.

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Kleibrink. Schmirler went on to win that game and followed it up with a gold medal at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games.

Adding to the excitement were three other always crowd-pleasing shots — a straight raise to the button, a drag-effect double takeout, and an around-the-horn triple takeout to score two.

Each shot was worth a maximum of five

points, depending on where the delivered rock came to rest.

The 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Tim Hortons Brier Hot Shots winners were awarded a two-year lease on a 2017 Ford Escape SE, each with a retail value of approximately \$33,140. Runners-up received \$2,000 and third-place finishers were awarded \$1,000.

FORD HOT SHOTS HONOUR ROLL

Scotties Tournament of Hearts

2017	Rachel Homan	Ontario
2016	Jennifer Jones	Team Canada
2015	Heather Strong	N.L.
2014	Heather Strong	N.L.
2013	Rachel Homan	Ontario
2012	Kerry Galusha	N.W.T./Yukon
2011	Jennifer Jones	Team Canada
2010	Amber Holland	Saskatchewan
2009	Cheryl Bernard	Alberta
2008	Jill Officer	Manitoba
2007	Kelli Turpin	N.W.T./Yukon
2006	Colleen Jones	Nova Scotia
2005	Jenn Hanna	Ontario
2004	Andrea Lawes	Ontario
2003	Suzanne Gaudet	P.E.I.
2002	Kristy Lewis	British Columbia
2001	Kelley Law	Team Canada
2000	Kelley Law	British Columbia
1999	Marcy Balderston	Alberta
1998	Allison Franey	New Brunswick
1997	Sherry Fraser	British Columbia
1996	Gerri Cooke	Manitoba
1995	Kay Montgomery	Saskatchewan

Tim Hortons Brier

2017	Brad Jacobs	Northern Ontario
2016	Brad Gushue	N.L.
2015	Colin Hodgson	Manitoba
2014	Kirk Muyres	Saskatchewan
2013	Marc Kennedy	Alberta
2012	Wayne Middaugh	Ontario
2011	Richard Hart	Ontario
2010	Glenn Howard	Ontario
2009	Craig Savill	Ontario
2008	Steve Laycock	Saskatchewan
2007	John Morris	Alberta
2006	Steve Gould	Manitoba
2005	Mark Nichols	N.L.
2004	Randy Ferbey	Alberta
2003	Marc LeCocq	New Brunswick
2002	Pat Ryan	British Columbia
2001	Jeff Lacey	New Brunswick
2000	Don Bartlett	Alberta
1999	Steve Gould	Manitoba
1998	Greg McAulay	British Columbia
1997	Mike Coulter	Northern Ontario
1996	Rick Perron	New Brunswick
1995	Ed Werenich	Ontario

FORD HOT SHOTS RESULTS

Scotties Tournament of Hearts

Qualifiers

Rachel Homan, Ontario	19
Sarah Potts, Northern Ontario	19
Emma Miskew, Ontario	19
Robyn MacPhee, Prince Edward Island	19

Semifinals

Rachel Homan, Ontario	17
Sarah Potts, Northern Ontario	12

Emma Miskew, Ontario	17
Robyn MacPhee, Prince Edward Island	15

3-4 Game

Robyn MacPhee, Prince Edward Island	13*
Sarah Potts, Northern Ontario	10

1-2 Game

Rachel Homan, Ontario	21
Emma Miskew, Ontario	11

* Third place

Tim Hortons Brier

Qualifiers

Ryan Fry, Northern Ontario	21
Martin Crête, Quebec	20
Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario	18
Brad Gushue, Newfoundland and Labrador	19

Semifinals

Martin Crête, Quebec	12
Brad Gushue, Newfoundland and Labrador	10

Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario	20
Ryan Fry, Northern Ontario	11

3-4 Game

Brad Gushue, Newfoundland and Labrador	18*
Ryan Fry, Northern Ontario	18

1-2 Game

Brad Jacobs, Northern Ontario	21
Martin Crête, Quebec	12

* Gushue won the measurement on the raise-to-the-button shot to finish third



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Ontario skip Rachel Homan accepts the keys to a new Ford Escape SE from Ford of Canada's Mike Herniak after outscoring teammate Emma Miskew 21-11 in the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts Hot Shots final. Ford Hot Shots pits the abilities of championship curlers against one another's in individual skills competitions.

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DREAMS COME TRUE FOR GUSHUE

Canadian skip Brad Gushue, third Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant and lead Geoff Walker went on a rampage in Edmonton, running up a perfect 13-0 record en route to world bragging rights. Gushue is now the only skip ever to have bagged a golden hat trick — the 2001 world juniors, the 2006 Olympics and the 2017 world men's.

The bristol board itself is nothing special. It's available at any drug store.

This particular sheet — which happens to be orange — measures two by three feet, making it ideal for what the teenager has in mind.

Allowing his imagination to run wild, he jots down 10 goals and tacks the list to a prominent spot on his bedroom door. The objectives indicate that the kid is aiming awfully high. But anyone can dream, right?

So the chase begins. Now, 20 years later, even if the exact whereabouts of the poster is unknown — his mother has it stashed away somewhere — the pursuit is over.

Brad Gushue, if the chart was at hand, could unsheathe a Sharpie and snap off 10 checkmarks. Because — thanks to last winter's wicked display of curling, of pressure-treated perfection — those targets have been met.

Every darned one of them. "I still remember it," says Gushue, recalling his

point-by-point mission to lay claim to curling's five biggies — the Olympic Winter Games, Brier, world men's, world junior and Canadian junior championships — which went alongside five process-oriented benchmarks, which remain private. "I've been able to check them all off, which is pretty cool."

Gushue conceived the bristol-board challenge when he was 17.

Four years later, the sheet came down — "Probably when I started dating, I was afraid they'd think I was crazy," he says, smiling — but it had served its purpose.

The ambitious blueprint — in bold letters, in his own handwriting — kept the young fellow's fires stoked.

"I felt back then it was a powerful thing for me," says Gushue. "You'd get up in the morning and you don't want to go train or you don't want to go practise. But you look over and you see that and you think, 'If I want to achieve that, I'd better get out of bed.' So it did help me a lot.



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Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Russ Howard and Jamie Korab finished the 2006 Olympic Winter Games with an 8-3 record — including a convincing 10-4 victory over Finland in the championship final — giving Canada its first-ever Olympic gold medal in men's curling.

“It keeps you focused and on task, making sure you’re doing all the right things.”

Fulfilment, however, was not the result of any overnight spree.

In fact, there had been an 11-year checkmark freeze before the collection of those final two ticks. But they did arrive with a Hollywood flourish.

Operating with trusty teammates Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant and Geoff Walker, Gushue captured the Brier in his hometown of St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador.

Scant weeks later, Gushue & Co. went on a rampage in Edmonton, running up a 13-0 record en route to world bragging rights.

“If you were going to draw it up, that’s the way you’d want to do it,” he says. “For us, this season was such a storybook.”

Gushue is now the only skip ever to have bagged a golden hat trick — he did it at the 2001 world juniors, the 2006 Olympics and the 2017 world men’s.

Nothing to sneeze at, that.

“Yeah, I was aware of it,” says Gushue. “That’s cool because there’s been a lot of really good skips before me. I’m pretty proud of that achievement. It’s going to take a long time for someone to do that (again).”

But, at 37, he’s hardly rolled his last rock.

And this winter there could be a trip to PyeongChang, South Korea.

To get another crack at the Olympic podium, Team Gushue needs to survive the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings in Ottawa. And even if the team falters in December’s qualifier, the season might not be a writeoff.

Considering, as Gushue points out, a non-Olympic campaign could include a successful defence of his Brier title and perhaps a couple of Grand Slam victories.

“(Then) I’d be hard-pressed to say the season wasn’t a success,” he says. “I do believe that’s a perspective some other teams won’t have. The benefit and the luxury we have, especially for Mark and me, is that we’ve won the Olympics, we’ve won the Brier.

“So it isn’t the end of the world if we don’t win the trials.”

Gushue regards 2017-18 in terms of two paths — one through Ottawa to South Korea; the other to the Brier in Regina and, possibly, to the world showcase in Las Vegas.

“We’ve planned for a number of different variables,” he says. “We don’t know which direction our season is going to take.”

But if ever the issue is pressure, do not discount Gushue — especially after last year’s handiwork.

Imagine being one of the top-rated teams in the world. Imagine competing for your first national championship. Imagine doing it in your backyard, in front of hard-luck — yet oh-so-hopeful — fans.

That’ll tighten your turtleneck.

“It was the perfect storm for expectations,”

Gushue says of the Brier. “They were high because everything was in place for them to be high.”

Nobody was let down.

Even if their favourite skip needed to labour gamely through groin and hip troubles. Loosening up for a match took 90 minutes. And he required two hours’ worth of treatment after every performance.

“I played in a fair bit of discomfort,” he says.

“It was touch and go for the first part of the week whether I was going to continue playing.”

Of course, Gushue did continue — and it was well worth it.

In the gold-medal thriller, a hammer-stone shading of defending champ Kevin Koe gave Newfoundland and Labrador its first Brier title since 1976.

“The moment when that final shot stopped and we knew we had won, I still remember the intensity of our excitement and the intensity of the crowd and the feeling of the whole week,” says Gushue. “And the party afterwards was incredible — something I’ll never forget.”

Gushue’s crew arrived at the still-jumping Brier Patch at 2 a.m. and left a couple of hours later after encouraging rowdy revellers to crowd-surf the Tankard trophy around the joint.

“That was a cool experience, to see that.”

And to think this indelible scenario happened



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only 10 minutes from the house where that bristol board was hung with the highest of hopes.

Who would have believed it?

“To check those (goals) off ... makes you feel pretty good,” says Gushue. “It makes you feel like everything I do now in my curling career is really icing on the cake. That’s not to say we’re going to slack off or anything.

“But certainly we’ve been able to tick all those boxes, which is something not a lot of people can say.”

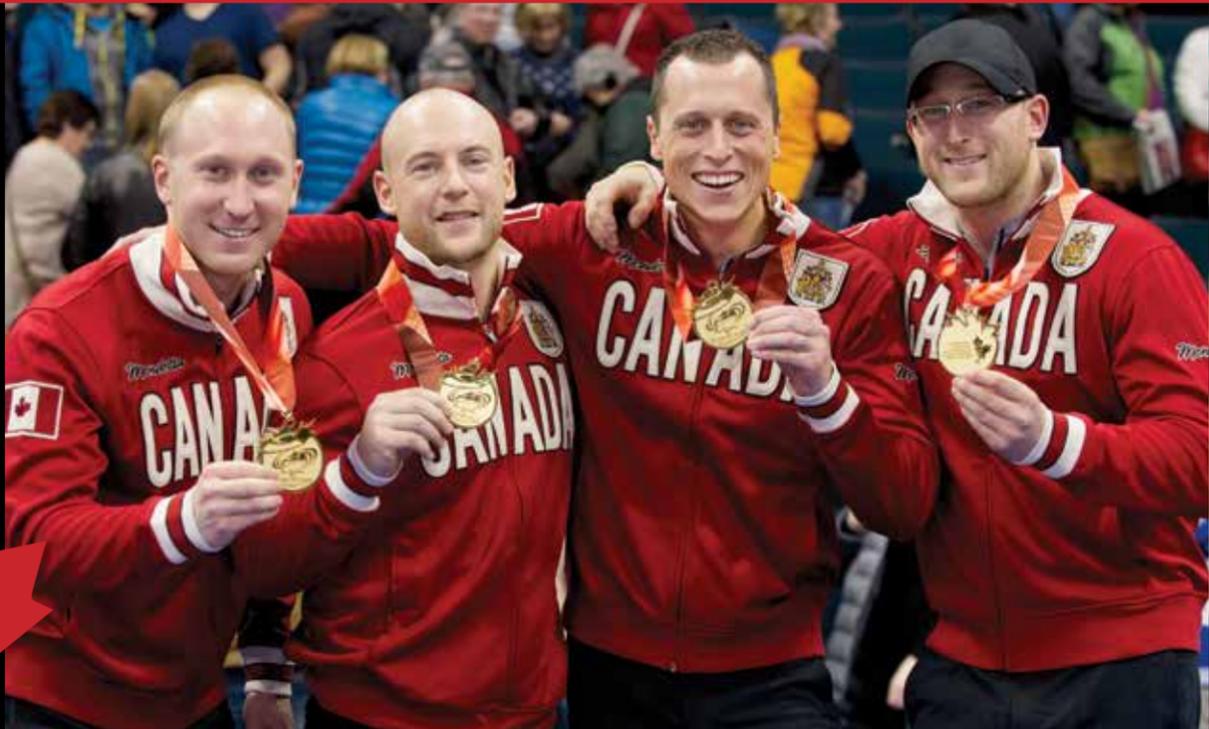
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In a rematch of last year’s Brier finalists, Newfoundland and Labrador’s Brad Gushue took on Team Canada’s Kevin Koe in a gold-medal thriller. With the score tied, it all came down to last rock and Gushue needing to draw the eight-foot for the win. His rock was a little light out of his hand and the sweepers dragged it into the rings just past a Team Canada counter to score the decisive point, sending the capacity crowd into a frenzy.

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BY PAUL WIECEK



Showing off their hardware, the 2013 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings champions, from far left, Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden and Ryan Harnden of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer and Dawn McEwen of Winnipeg.



THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD TO THE OLYMPICS

IT WAS, TO HEAR BRAD JACOBS OF SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario, tell it, a moment of sober reckoning.

It was November 2013 at the Road to the Roar pre-trials in Kitchener, Ontario, and things couldn't have gone worse in Jacobs' first game.

After jumping out to an 8-3 lead over Toronto's Greg Balsdon through six ends, Jacobs and his squad — third Ryan Fry, second E.J. Harnden and lead Ryan Harnden — came apart, giving up three in seven, a steal in eight and then another three-ender in the 10th end to lose 10-9.

It was a devastating result for a team for which nothing had seemed to come easily on its path to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

Indeed, eight months earlier it looked like the Jacobs foursome wouldn't even qualify for the pre-trials. They'd struggled for much of the previous winter and headed into the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier in Edmonton basically needing to run the table as Team Northern Ontario just to earn enough points to keep alive any hope of representing Canada in Sochi.

And that is, of course, exactly what they did, putting together an electrifying run through the Page 3-4 playoff and then knocking off a heavily favoured Manitoba team skipped by Jeff Stoughton in the final to earn Northern Ontario its first Brier title in 28 years.

Along with the Tankard, the Jacobs team also earned the final berth into the pre-trials that memorable week.

But flash forward to the following November and, after having been given the rare gift of a second chance, a dejected Jacobs left the ice in Kitchener that opening day wondering whether his team had simply prolonged the inevitable.

"I remember thinking after that Balsdon game, 'Maybe this Olympics thing just isn't meant to be,'" Jacobs recalls. "We were pretty devastated."

Well, funny how that turned out.



Earning the final spot in the Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials, Brad Jacobs and his team were brilliant in Winnipeg, becoming the first in the history of the event to go unbeaten.

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History has recorded, of course, that the "Olympics thing" was very much meant to be for the Jacobs foursome. That Balsdon loss served as a wakeup call of sorts and Jacobs' team went on to win the second and final coveted Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings berth that was up for grabs that week.

And they never looked back, going a perfect 8-0 the following month in Winnipeg at the 2013 trials to earn the right to represent Canada in men's curling at the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi.

You've probably heard what happened after that — Jacobs finished the round robin in Sochi tied for second place at 7-2 and then defeated China in the semifinal and Britain's David Murdoch in the final to win gold for Canada.

All of which is a roundabout way of pointing out that while Canada's Olympic representatives this winter will be determined at the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings in Ottawa, December 2 to 10, Jacobs' experience in 2013 suggests that the road to PyeongChang could very well first go through Summerside, Prince Edward Island, and the Road to the Roar, November 6 to 12.

Seven men's and seven women's teams have already qualified for this year's Roar of the Rings; the final two berths for men and women will be determined in Summerside. The pre-trials, Jacobs now believes, set the tone for everything else that happened for his team that remarkable winter of 2013-14.

"Our goal last time, obviously, wasn't to play in the pre-trials, that's for sure. The goal, always, is to qualify directly for the trials," Jacobs reflects.

"But because we had to go through the pre-trials in 2013 and we were the last team to make it into the trials, we went into Winnipeg really laid back. Our mentality was just to go out there, play well and see what happens.

"And lo and behold, we didn't put any pressure on ourselves and we played super well. And we really felt that a big part of that was because we were one of the most relaxed teams in that event."



Playing in front of a hometown crowd, Jennifer Jones and her teammates earned a bye to the trials final, where they defeated Sherry Middaugh 8-4 to punch their ticket to Sochi.



This time around, Jacobs and his foursome already have their berth booked in the Roar of the Rings in Ottawa, just as do their fellow Canadian gold medallists in Sochi — Jennifer Jones's Winnipeg foursome.

It will be a familiar Olympic route for Jones, who, along with her team of third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen, also qualified directly for the trials in 2013.

Playing before a hometown crowd in the Manitoba capital, the Jones foursome finished the trials round robin in first place with a record of 6-1, earning themselves a bye to the final, where they defeated Sherry Middaugh 8-4 to punch their ticket to Sochi.

The Jones squad then went on to make history in Russia, earning gold for Canada with a win over Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson 6-3 in the women's final and becoming the first women's team to go undefeated in the curling event at the Winter Olympics.

So does having that kind of experience to draw from this time around give her team an advantage heading into Ottawa?

"I don't necessarily think it's an advantage. We play these teams all the time and they're great teams," says Jones. "But it does give you confidence. It tells you that you know what it takes to win the Olympic trials, which is the biggest event we all play in every four years.

"We've had success at that event before and that's good for us to know. But at the end of the day, it's all about performing that week."

With both skips having already achieved the greatest milestone in curling — Olympic gold — Jones and Jacobs say their teams have found new motivation this Olympic cycle in trying to stay on top.

"I can say from experience — we all can as a team — that it's a lot harder to stay at the top than it was to get there," says Jacobs. "That is a true statement...."

"At this point in our career, we've had our lowest lows and our highest highs. And we've gotten all the experience we need to go out this season and, hopefully, make it our best season ever."

While she already has one Olympic gold to cherish, Jones says that piece of coveted hardware has only motivated her even more to add a second.

"Before you're an Olympian and before you experience an Olympics, it's like you're chasing this dream that you've heard so much about and you just so badly want to taste.

"And then all of a sudden you get there and all you can think about is experiencing it again. It's the thrill of a lifetime, the experience of a lifetime and so much more. And it's what is motivating us to want to get back there again."

The Road to PyeongChang 2018 goes through Ottawa. And, as Jacobs so memorably established, quite possibly through Summerside as well.

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Canada's 2014 Olympic gold medallists: (front row, from left) Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen and Kirsten Wall; (back row) Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden and Caleb Flaxey. Canada became the first nation in Olympic curling history to sweep the men's and women's gold medals.



ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

IF THERE IS A HALLMARK OF A HIGH-PERFORMANCE Canadian curler, it is the ability to perform under pressure.

It's the reason we are the No. 1 curling country in the world. It goes beyond simply having the most curlers; quantity doesn't always translate into quality. You can have as many curlers as you want, but if those curlers can't make shots in front of a sold-out arena, with a national or international TV audience looking on, to put it bluntly, they're no high-performance athletes.

Over the past two seasons, there has been no shortage of clutch performances from Canadian curlers that have produced gold medals, but I will submit that in terms of pressure — just sheer, all-out high stakes — none compares to what our Canadian teams have done at the past two World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships.

Understand, neither of those teams won a gold medal. One, in fact, didn't finish on the podium. But without them, Canada would not be competing at the inaugural Olympic Winter Games mixed doubles curling competition next February in PyeongChang, South Korea; we'd be facing some awkward questions about WHY Canada isn't competing in an Olympic curling competition; and Curling Canada's director of communication and media relations would be digging himself a nice hole to crawl into in order to escape those questions.

So we can thank the 2016 tandem of Marliese Kasner and Dustin Kalthoff and this past season's entry of Joanne Courtney and Reid Carruthers for avoiding those scenarios, and, oh yes, thanks to the combined results of those two world mixed doubles championships for putting Canada on top of the World Curling Federation's world mixed doubles rankings.

Understand, that wasn't an easy thing. Mixed doubles curling, outside of the World Financial Group Continental Cup, faced a steep uphill climb for acceptance in Canada.

Not, it should be noted, because of the rules. Just about every player truly enjoys the format, the challenges and the unique style of the game.

But the simple fact is that there simply hasn't been time in the four-player team schedule to carve out a few weekends for mixed doubles play.

The Olympics, of course, have changed the playing field, and we've seen that play out at the past two Canadian mixed doubles championships, in addition to a series of mixed doubles tournaments put together by our national mixed doubles coach Jeff Stoughton — who was pretty good at four-player curling, too.

Stoughton has done a remarkable job of getting a wide

cross section of Canada's curlers to buy into mixed doubles. Just as important was the job he did with Kasner and Kalthoff at the 2016 world mixed doubles in Sweden.

The Saskatoon duo lost in the quarterfinal, but still had games to play to get Canada's ranking as high as possible. Kasner and Kalthoff responded with two straight victories to secure a fifth-place ranking and more Olympic qualifying points for Canada — points that were absolutely crucial in nailing down one of the seven Olympic berths. (South Korea has the eighth as the host country.)

Last April in Lethbridge, Alberta, Courtney and Carruthers won silver at the world mixed doubles — Canada's best-ever result, and just our second medal in the history of the event.

It was a roller-coaster ride, to say the absolute least. There were nail-biter round-robin wins over teams from England and Germany, both of which came down to last-rock misses by the opposition, resulting in last-end steals for Canadian victories. A loss in either of those games and Canada wouldn't have made the playoffs, and the Olympic chase would have been over.

And yes, those playoffs — the 16-team, single-knockout grind that pitted Canada against a tough, experienced Scottish team that finished fourth in 2016 and was unbeaten in the round robin in 2017.

Courtney and Carruthers won that game and then nailed down Canada's Olympic berth by beating another previously unbeaten team, from Latvia, in the quarterfinal.

Yes, there was disappointment in the gold-medal game against Switzerland. But in the big picture, one can only look back at this and the 2016 Canadian performances under extremely trying circumstances with pride and admiration.

There is much to look forward to in mixed doubles curling; the Olympic debut is obvious, of course, but so are the first Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials, January 2 to 7 in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

More than anything, though, we can be optimistic that Canada is on solid footing in this exciting discipline, and that's not insignificant. The mixed doubles discipline will continue to grow because it's so much more accessible for participating countries, which might have trouble scaring up four good players but are less challenged in finding two.

We still have plenty to learn, but at least we're in position to do so.

Al Cameron is Curling Canada's director of communication and media relations

WILD-CARD GAME

HIGHLIGHTS FORMAT CHANGES

BY DON LANDRY

The dawn of the 2017-18 curling season sees big changes coming for Canada's national championships, with this season's Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Tim Hortons Brier each introducing a new format that includes more teams, two seeded pools and what most everybody agrees is the prospect of a scintillating opening Friday-night game.

With 16 teams — up from 12 — now being invited to wrestle over who gets a trip to the worlds with maple leaves on their backs, Curling Canada has had some logistical adjusting to do and in the end relied on input from all corners of the world of curling to ensure the formula is right for the new, expanded tournaments.

"It'll certainly look a lot different than what we're used to, but I think that it could add a lot of good things for a national championship and I'm excited to see how it unfolds," said Alberta skip Val Sweeting, a member of the six-person Curling

Canada Athletes' Advisory Council, which helped form a portion of the new format.

The new format might feel strange at first. It is, however, a way to ensure that every corner of Canada's curling community gets a shot at a championship every year.

Here's how the new format works: The fields at the 2018 Hearts, January 27 to February 4 in Penticton, British Columbia, and the Brier, March 3 to 11 in Regina, will consist of 16 teams divided into two seeded pools of eight. Each team plays all others in its pool, with the top four advancing to take on the top four in the other pool. It's there that playoff positions will be determined, then those playoffs will be contested in the same way they have been for years, using the Page playoff format.

"Generally, I think it's been very well received by the players," said Nolan Thiessen, a three-time Brier champion who now serves as Curling Canada's athlete liaison officer and who helped steer the advisory council.

"It's gonna be unique," said TSN curling analyst Cheryl Bernard, adding that she is looking forward to seeing how things play out. "Nobody can say whether this is the right way to do it or not, but I think it's an improvement over the last format."

After three years that saw the Brier and Hearts use a pre-qualifying format — in which teams from the four lowest-ranked provinces and territories played off in order for one of them to make it into the main draw — now all provinces and territories as well as the returning champions as Team Canada will be included. When you factor in a team from Northern Ontario as well as Ontario, it means 15 teams would be in the field. There was a need to decide how a 16th team would qualify.

That's where the advisory council members came in.

The group, chaired by Thiessen and including Sweeting, Lisa Weagle, Tracy Fleury, E.J. Harnden and Mike McEwen, was charged with finding a suitable way to round out the Brier and Hearts fields. There were thoughts of inviting the Canada Cup winner, or an outright Canadian Team Ranking System leader. Both of those ideas, it was thought,

might potentially weaken provincial and territorial playdowns, automatically removing a team from needing to take that path or, in the case of the CTRS leader, possibly leading to a provincial final where both teams already knew they were going to nationals.

What was needed was a way to ensure that playdowns still ruled the roost, while coming up with a final team for the field. That's when the idea of having the top two teams that have not qualified through playdowns fight it out in a do-or-die game was offered up as a solution.

"Mike McEwen was the first person to float it," Thiessen said. "It's based on the wild-card idea in baseball."

A big baseball fan himself, Thiessen knows that not everyone was happy when that sport brought in the one-game wild-card scenario back in 2012. However, it is undeniable that the wild card makes for riveting viewing in baseball and the same can safely be predicted for the curling version. "It's exciting as hell," said Thiessen, reflecting on baseball's success story. "You're gonna watch it."

The prospect of seeing two top teams battling it out for one final berth has a lot of people agreeing with Thiessen and looking forward with great anticipation.

"I love the Friday-night last-chance game that they put in," said Bernard, the 2010 Olympic silver medallist. "It's a great idea."

Skip John Epping laughed knowingly when asked whether he endorsed a Friday-night wild-card game at the Brier. His team lost in the Ontario semifinals last season and in the finals in each of the two years before that. "For somebody like me, who would've been part of that game the last three years...." He didn't finish the sentence, laughing again before saying he would, of course, rather take care of business at provincials than risk the sting of losing in a wild-card scenario. "But, hey, if I get a chance to go to the Brier, I'll go," he said. "I'm in."

"Definitely exciting for the fans," said Epping of the wild card. "One heck of a pressure-packed game."

The winner of the wild-card game will be seeded fourth in its pool by default. The rest of the seedings will be done by the CTRS yearly standings through the end of provincial championships. Thiessen said he believes that is the best way to distribute the competitive balance of the teams evenly.

"I honestly believe that's the fairest way to do it," he said. "There is (already) a system that ranks teams within Canada so, in my mind, that should be the system that you use."

Curling Canada did consider an expanded round-robin format, in which each of the 16 teams would have the opportunity to play one another.



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However, it would be a difficult sell if host cities were asked to give up busy venues for a longer time than they currently must. Expanding from four sheets of play to five was also considered, but that would crowd the surface and put even more pressure on already busy ice crews.

"The costs would be astronomical," said Thiessen of an expanded round robin. "The logistics of it are just way too tough a hill to climb, compared to what we came up with."

In the end, Thiessen said, he feels confident that the format strikes a good balance.

"You can protect all of these provincial associations but then you can still put a lot of benefit in the CTRS at the start of the year, and you give two really good curling teams one more chance to win the national championship," he said.

For Bernard, the fact that Curling Canada made sure the new format for the Brier and Hearts is inclusive is reason to be impressed. "A lot of (jurisdictional) bodies were involved in it and I like that," she said. "I like that they went out to talk to players and to stakeholders. Their mandate is to be inclusive of all provinces and territories in our country."

"And that is how we built the sport," she added.



"It's going to be unique," said TSN curling analyst Cheryl Bernard of the Hearts and Brier format changes, adding that she is looking forward to seeing how things play out. "I love the Friday-night last-chance game that they put in," she said. "It's a great idea."

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CURLERS GIVE BACK

Former Curling Canada Foundation scholarship recipient Cathlia Ward teaches Little Rockers at the Gage Golf and Country Club in Oromocto, New Brunswick. Working with young curlers comes naturally to Ward, who just received her teaching degree.

Cathlia Ward — at right below with teammate Katie Forward — won the provincial women's title last season and went on to represent New Brunswick at the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS of Canada's *Vital Signs* report explores how a sense of belonging can “transform our lives and our communities,” a goal the Curling Canada Foundation embraces as an extension of curlers’ natural tendency for giving back to the sport.

Giving back comes naturally to all levels of the curling community. Across Canada, club members organize and compete in charity bonspiels, volunteers teach Learn-To-Curl sessions and run youth programs, high-performance champions instruct at curling camps, the curling community generously supports countless local and national curling programs — and we all benefit from the connectedness of our sport as those benefits are passed on to the larger community.

Giving back is just what curlers do. Take, for example, Cathlia Ward of Fredericton, a former Curling Canada Foundation scholarship recipient who has competed for her club, province and country and who has also turned around to help others on and off the ice. At her home club, the Capital Winter Club, Ward has been a Little Rocks coach for years and this season she introduced

a family league, the first of its kind in New Brunswick.

“Seeing kids in their element and taking on a leadership role to show their parents how to sweep or explain the rules of the game was awesome,” says Ward. “I was lucky to facilitate so many special moments that I know these families will look back on and be thankful for.”

Working with young curlers comes naturally to Ward, who just received her teaching degree. Beyond her home club, she also travelled around her province for two years teaching Rocks & Rings.

“For me, being in one of the smaller provinces, getting to showcase the opportunities that I have received thanks to hard work and a love of the game has always been special,” she says. “It’s important to me that kids know from a very young age that geography doesn’t define what they can accomplish.”

This past season, as well as winning the provincial women’s title and competing at the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in St. Catharines, Ontario, Ward used her experience as a Curling Canada Foundation scholarship recipient to help select the next crop of student athletes to benefit from the generosity of the curling community.



Her message to the 2017 recipients is simple: Be grateful for the support of the community, and be ready to give back one day.

“As a former scholar, I think it’s really important to remember — as you’re off pursuing your dreams — who helped you get there. Remember that curling fans from across Canada pitched in. That’s a very humbling thing to think about, so I encourage you to reach out and thank the curling community.”

Curlers give back. It’s just who we are.



HOME HARDWARE CANADA CUP

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The 2016 Canada Cup champions: from left, Reid Carruthers, Braeden Moskowy, Derek Samagalski and Colin Hodgson. With the game tied, Mark Nichols tried to bury a rock with his last shot but it slid too far and Carruthers was able to chip it out to score three points.

Playing close to home can make a difference, if the 2016 Home Hardware Canada Cup was any indication.

One of the world's most prestigious — not to mention toughest to win — curling events was staged in early December at the Keystone Centre in Brandon, Manitoba, and it was a pair of teams from just down the Trans-Canada Highway in Winnipeg who walked away with the spoils.

While Jennifer Jones was able to claim her third Home Hardware Canada Cup women's championship, Reid Carruthers was able to win his first as a skip — his second overall — and lock

down a coveted berth in the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials in the process.

Not surprisingly, Carruthers — backed by vice-skip Braeden Moskowy, second Derek Samagalski and lead Colin Hodgson — described the title-clinching 8-6 win over Brad Gushue's St. John's team (skipped by Mark Nichols, with Gushue sidelined by an injury) as the biggest of his career.



"We left a few shots on the table through the whole game," said Mark Nichols, who was skipping the Brad Gushue team. "We really, really wanted to win this event."

MEN'S FINAL

Brad Gushue	*101 010 200 1 6
Reid Carruthers	020 102 003 0 8

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Team Gushue		Team Carruthers	
Mark Nichols	83%	Reid Carruthers	88%
Charley Thomas	84%	Braeden Moskowy	86%
Brett Gallant	89%	Derek Samagalski	88%
Geoff Walker	94%	Colin Hodgson	92%
Team totals	87%	Team totals	88%

SEMIFINAL

Reid Carruthers	*010 202 000 0 1 6
John Epping	000 010 210 1 0 5

TIEBREAKER

John Epping	*210 020 020 X 7
Steve Laycock	000 202 001 X 5

TIEBREAKER

Brad Jacobs	*001 101 0XX X 3
Steve Laycock	010 050 3XX X 9

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Reid Carruthers	2	0
Brad Gushue	0	1
John Epping	1	1
Steve Laycock	1	1
Brad Jacobs	0	1

Round robin	Wins	Losses
Brad Gushue	4	2
Reid Carruthers	4	2
John Epping	3	3
Brad Jacobs	3	3
Steve Laycock	3	3
Kevin Koe	2	4
Mike McEwen	2	4

PRIZE SUMMARY

Reid Carruthers	\$22,000	Brad Jacobs	\$6,000
Brad Gushue	\$17,000	Kevin Koe	\$4,000
John Epping	\$11,000	Mike McEwen	\$4,000
Steve Laycock	\$6,000		

"I'm ecstatic. I'm almost speechless, to be honest," said Carruthers. "Playing a team like that that's ranked first on CTRS (the Canadian Team Ranking System) for a reason.... They've been very, very consistent, the most consistent team all season long. We knew we had to play really good, and there was just one big shot that changed the game. It could have gone either way."



Canada Cup champions: from left, Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer and Dawn McEwen. "It's really hard to win this event," said Jones, a three-time champion. "And to come out and play a good final against a great team is pretty special."



After giving up a steal of four in the third end, Rachel Homan couldn't dig herself out of that hole and conceded after Jennifer Jones took a 9-5 lead after nine.

The killing blow was delivered in the ninth end, when Carruthers was able to remove Nichols' last stone to score three and break a 5-5 deadlock.

In addition to the trials berth, Carruthers took the top prize of \$14,000, plus \$8,000 — \$2,000 for each of his four round-robin victories — as well as qualifying to play in the 2017 World Financial Group Continental Cup in Las Vegas.

Nichols had skipped his team to a 4-2 record in the round robin, tied with Carruthers, but got the trip to the final with a 7-6 round-robin victory in their head-to-head game.

Carruthers, meanwhile, had to wait for the survivor of two tiebreaker games to determine the third playoff berth among three 3-3 teams. In the first, Saskatoon's Steve Laycock downed Brad Jacobs of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, 9-3, and then Laycock bowed 7-5 to Toronto's John Epping.

In the semifinal, Carruthers needed an extra end to defeat Epping 6-5.

The women's final was another classic matchup between Jones and defending champ Rachel Homan of Ottawa, and this time it was Jones coming out on top, stealing four in the third end en route to a 9-5 victory.

With both teams having already qualified for the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings, this final was about cash — Jones picked up \$14,000 plus \$10,000 for her five round-robin wins — the trip to

WOMEN'S FINAL

Rachel Homan	000 102 020 X 5
Jennifer Jones	*014 020 101 X 9

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Team Homan		Team Jones	
Rachel Homan	83%	Jennifer Jones	78%
Emma Miskew	68%	Kaitlyn Lawes	89%
Joanne Courtney	72%	Jill Officer	92%
Lisa Weagle	100%	Dawn McEwen	79%
Team totals	81%	Team totals	84%

SEMIFINAL

Kerri Einarson	020 010 010 X 4
Rachel Homan	*101 300 103 X 9

TIEBREAKER

Kerri Einarson	*102 001 010 3 8
Val Sweeting	010 110 201 0 6

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Jennifer Jones	1	0
Rachel Homan	1	1
Kerri Einarson	1	1
Val Sweeting	0	1

Round robin	Wins	Losses
Jennifer Jones	5	1
Rachel Homan	4	2
Kerri Einarson	3	3
Val Sweeting	3	3
Chelsea Carey	2	4
Kelsey Rocque	2	4
Tracy Fleury	2	4

PRIZE SUMMARY

Jennifer Jones	\$24,000	Chelsea Carey	\$4,000
Rachel Homan	\$17,000	Kelsey Rocque	\$4,000
Kerri Einarson	\$11,000	Tracy Fleury	\$4,000
Val Sweeting	\$6,000		

Las Vegas for the World Financial Group Continental Cup, and, of course, bragging rights.

"It's one of the hardest, if not the hardest event to win, so it's very significant," said Jones, whose team was rounded out by vice-skip Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen. "You want to come out here and play well. It's really hard to win this event, and to come out and play a good final against a great team is pretty special. It's right up there with winning the Scotties."

Jones's 5-1 round-robin final clinched the bye to the final, while Homan finished second at 4-2 to reach the semifinal against another Winnipeg team, skipped by Kerri Einarson, who'd survived a third-place tiebreaker with an 8-6 win over Edmonton's Val Sweeting.

In the semifinal, Homan stole three in the fourth end and went on to a 9-4 win over Einarson.

WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP CONTINENTAL CUP

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A jubilant Team North America celebrates after winning the 2017 World Financial Group Continental Cup. The champions handily won all three disciplines — mixed doubles, men's and women's team competition, and mixed, men's and women's skins.

IT WAS A FAMILIAR VENUE WITH A FAMILIAR RESULT WHEN

Team North America took on Team World in the 2017 World Financial Group Continental Cup.

Competing for the third time in four years at the Orleans Arena in Sin City — a.k.a. Las Vegas — in curling's version of the Ryder Cup, the host North American team prevailed for the fifth straight year, finishing the four-day total-points competition with a 37-23 advantage.

Reid Carruthers sealed the victory during Sunday's final round of skins competition with a dazzling steep-angle double takeout, setting off a wild celebration with his North American teammates and the packed crowd.

"Oh, the adrenaline is still running through me, to be honest," said Carruthers after the trophy presentation. "For a clinching shot like that, it was pretty exciting. I knew the bench was going

to be going crazy, so that's why I looked there first, and the crowd figured it out when we were celebrating so hard. It was pretty cool."

Team World hasn't won since 2012 in Langley, British Columbia, but the team — captained by Germany's Andy Kapp and coached by Norway's Pål Trulsen — couldn't have started better in a bid to end that streak. Team World took 2.5 of the three available points in the opening round of traditional team competition. But its early momentum was snuffed out quickly by Team North America.

In the following mixed doubles draw, North America won two of the three matches and then took two out of three points in each of the next two rounds to take control.

"I don't know; I thought we had a really good team, but we just couldn't get it going this week," said Trulsen, who helmed a contingent of six teams, skipped by Sweden's Niklas Edin, Norway's Thomas Ulsrud, Rasmus Stjerne of Denmark, Sweden's Anna Hasselborg, Binia Feltscher of Switzerland and Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa. "I felt like there was something missing. We



An elated Reid Carruthers after nailing down the victory for Team North America. Competing for the third time in four years at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, the host North American team prevailed for the fifth straight year, finishing the four-day event with a 37-23 advantage.



Anna Hasselborg and her Swedish women's team — Continental Cup rookies — helped Team World race out to an early lead in team play, scoring three in the second end and never looking back en route to a 6-4 win over Team North America's Jamie Sinclair.

World Financial Group Continental Cup Results

MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITION

Round 1

World	Hasselborg/Eriksson	211	103	1X	9
N.A.	Sinclair/Dropkin	000	020	0X	2
World	Y. Yoshida/Ulsrud	010	003	1X	5
N.A.	McEwen/Hebert	304	120	0X	10
World	Urech/Stjerne	001	003	0X	4
N.A.	Lawes/Kennedy	320	120	3X	11

Round 2

World	Schori/Poulsen	010	102	10	5
N.A.	Peterman/Plys	103	020	01	7
World	McManus/Sundgren	021	100	00	4
N.A.	Officer/Carruthers	200	021	11	7
World	Motohashi/Svae	103	011	01	7
N.A.	Jones/Laing	030	100	10	5

Round 3

World	Kaufmann/Frederiksen	0401			
	Feltscher/Dupont		010X		6
N.A.	Persinger/Koe	4050			
	Walker/Moskowsky		401X		14
World	Knochenhauer/Wranå	1113			
	Mabergs/Edin		011X		8
N.A.	Nixon/McCormick	0000			
	Carey/Hodgson		100X		1
World	C. Yoshida/V. Petersson	0011			
	Fujisawa/Nergård		000X		2
N.A.	Peters/Howell	2300			
	Carlson/Samagalski		212X		10

Mixed doubles competition totals:

Team World	4 points
Team N.A.	8 points

TEAM COMPETITION

Round 1

World	Anna Hasselborg	*030	002	01	6
N.A.	Jamie Sinclair	002	010	10	4
World	Thomas Ulsrud	101	110	10	5
N.A.	Kevin Koe	*020	001	02	5
World	Binia Feltscher	000	210	2X	5
N.A.	Jennifer Jones	*020	001	0X	3

Round 2

World	Niklas Edin	*020	021	01	6
N.A.	Heath McCormick	001	100	10	3
World	Satsuki Fujisawa	001	300	20	6
N.A.	Chelsea Carey	*310	002	02	8
World	Rasmus Stjerne	100	200	00	3
N.A.	Reid Carruthers	*011	011	12	7

Round 3

World	Binia Feltscher	100	200	0X	3
N.A.	Chelsea Carey	*021	000	4X	7
World	Niklas Edin	001	020	1X	4
N.A.	Reid Carruthers	*030	202	0X	7
World	Satsuki Fujisawa	*202	022	0X	8
N.A.	Jamie Sinclair	010	100	1X	3

Round 4

World	Rasmus Stjerne	*100	100	1X	3
N.A.	Kevin Koe	021	021	0X	6

World	Anna Hasselborg	*010	020	21	6
N.A.	Jennifer Jones	201	102	00	6
World	Thomas Ulsrud	011	030	2X	7
N.A.	Heath McCormick	*200	001	0X	3

Round 5

World	Satsuki Fujisawa	001	010	0X	2
N.A.	Jennifer Jones	*120	202	1X	8
World	Rasmus Stjerne	002	002	0X	4
N.A.	Heath McCormick	*020	020	2X	6
World	Anna Hasselborg	*020	101	01	5
N.A.	Chelsea Carey	002	020	20	6

Round 6

World	Thomas Ulsrud	*200	020	01	5
N.A.	Reid Carruthers	021	201	10	7
World	Binia Feltscher	000	101	0X	2
N.A.	Jamie Sinclair	*201	020	1X	6
World	Niklas Edin	*020	000	21	5
N.A.	Kevin Koe	001	100	00	2

Team competition totals:

Team World	7 points
Team N.A.	11 points

SKINS COMPETITION

Mixed: Round 1

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
World	.5	.5	0	0	0	0	1	2
N.A.	*0	0	.5	0	0	1.5	1	3

TEAM WORLD: Torger Nergård, Irene Schori, Håvard Vad Petersson, Christine Urech

TEAM N.A.: Marc Kennedy, Jamie Sinclair, Ben Hebert, Monica Walker

Mixed: Round 2

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
World	*0	0	0	0	.5	0	0	.5
N.A.	0	1	.5	.5	0	0	2.5	4.5

TEAM WORLD: Thomas Ulsrud, Binia Feltscher, Christoffer Svae, Fränziska Kaufmann

TEAM N.A.: Kevin Koe, Alex Carlson, Brent Laing, Vicky Persinger

Women: Round 1

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
World	Satsuki Fujisawa	0	0	.5	.5	0	1	3.5
N.A.	Chelsea Carey	*.5	.5	0	0	.5	0	1.5

Women: Round 2

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
World	Anna Hasselborg	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
N.A.	Jennifer Jones	*.5	.5	0	0	0	1	2

Men: Round 1

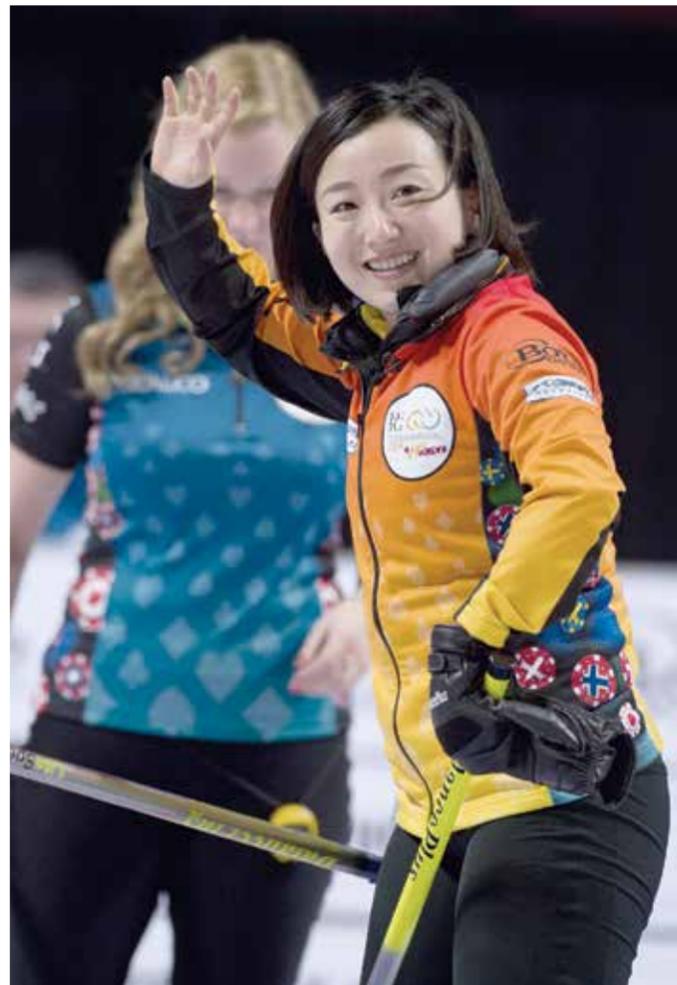
Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
World	Rasmus Stjerne	*.5	0	0	0	0	0	1.5
N.A.	Heath McCormick	0	0	0	1.5	0	1	3.5

Men: Round 2

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
World	Niklas Edin	.5	0	0	0	0	1	1.5
N.A.	Reid Carruthers	*0	0	0	1.5	0	0	3.5

Skins competition totals:

Team World	12 points
Team N.A.	18 points



Satsuki Fujisawa was one of the few bright lights for Team World in skins play. The young Japanese skip was a 3.5-1.5 winner over Team North America's Chelsea Carey. Team World scored 12 of a possible 30 points in the all-important skins discipline.

were close, but they were really good. They just made more important shots than we did.”

The North American brain trust of Rick Lang and Debbie McCormick had a wealth of talent at their disposal, and all six teams — skipped by Calgary’s Kevin Koe, Winnipeg’s Carruthers, Heath McCormick of Sarnia, Ontario, Winnipeg’s Jennifer Jones, Calgary’s Chelsea Carey and Minnesota’s Jamie Sinclair — came through with flying colours.

“Coming into this event, Team World was looking pretty hot and we knew we had our work cut out for us,” said Team Jones vice-skip Kaitlyn Lawes, who captured her seventh victory in the WFG Continental Cup. “Every year it’s nerve-racking, and you never want to disappoint your other teammates.”

Team North America won \$52,000 Canadian (\$2,000 per member, including captain and coach), while Team World earned \$26,000 (\$1,000 per member, including captain and coach). Team North America also won a \$13,000 bonus (\$500 per player, plus captain and coach) for winning the most skins points.

Final attendance for the four days was 52,753 — the second highest total in event history, behind only last year’s record total of 62,498.



Reid Carruthers sealed the win for North America during the final round of skins, with a steep-angle double takeout in the fourth end, setting off a wild celebration on the bench and in the stands. “For a clinching shot like that, it was pretty exciting,” said Carruthers.



WFG’s Taylor Stavenjord, left, presents the World Financial Group Continental Cup trophy to Team North America coach Rick Lang and captain Debbie McCormick. The North American brain trust had a wealth of talent at their disposal and all six teams came through with flying colours.

TEAM WORLD

Team Edin, Sweden
Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren

Team Feltscher, Switzerland
Binia Feltscher, Irene Schori, Fränziska Kaufmann, Christine Urech

Team Fujisawa, Japan
Satsuki Fujisawa, Mari Motohashi, Chinami Yoshida, Yurika Yoshida

Team Hasselborg, Sweden
Anna Hasselborg, Sara McManus, Agnes Knochenhauer, Sofia Mabergs

Team Stjerne, Denmark
Rasmus Stjerne, Johnny Frederiksen, Mikkel Poulsen, Oliver Dupont

Team Ulsrud, Norway
Thomas Ulsrud, Torger Nergård, Christoffer Svae, Håvard Vad Petersson

Captain: Andy Kapp, Germany
Coach: Pål Trulsen, Norway

TEAM NORTH AMERICA

Team Carey, Canada
Chelsea Carey, Amy Nixon, Jocelyn Peterman, Laine Peters

Team Carruthers, Canada
Reid Carruthers, Braeden Moskowy, Derek Samagalski, Colin Hodgson

Team Jones, Canada
Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen

Team Koe, Canada
Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing, Ben Hebert

Team McCormick, U.S.
Heath McCormick, Chris Plys, Korey Dropkin, Tom Howell

Team Sinclair, U.S.
Jamie Sinclair, Alex Carlson, Vicky Persinger, Monica Walker

Captain: Debbie McCormick, U.S.
Coach: Rick Lang, Canada

CANADIAN JUNIORS

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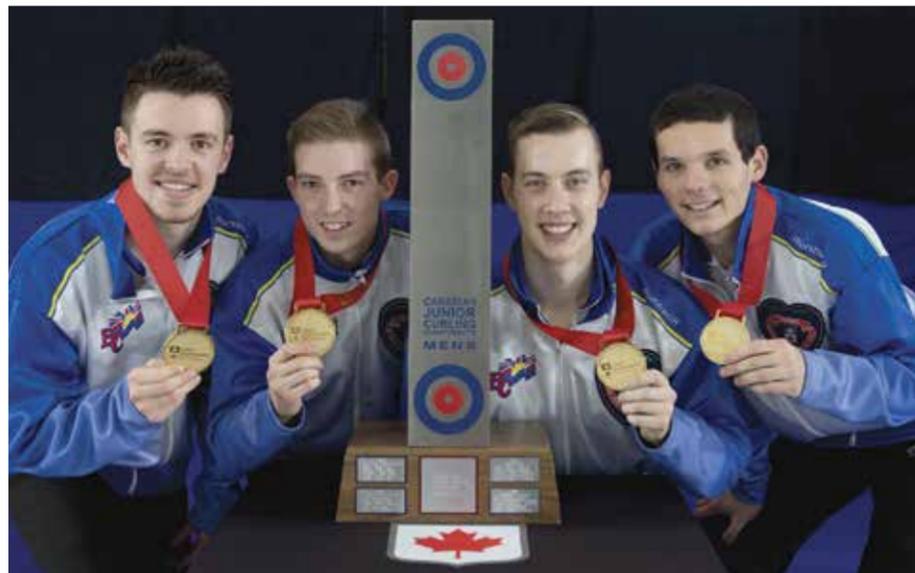
They had the shortest trip to get to

Victoria, so there were plenty of fans on hand to cheer Tyler Tardi's British Columbia men's team at the 2017 Canadian Junior Curling Championships, held January 21 to 29 at the Archie Browning Sports Centre.

And Tardi's team from the Langley and Royal City (New Westminster) curling clubs gave those fans plenty of reasons to celebrate after an entertaining 9-7 win over Ontario's Matthew Hall in the gold-medal game.

Tardi — with vice-skip Sterling Middleton, second Jordan Tardi (Tyler's older brother), lead Nick Meister and coach Paul Tardi (the Tardi brothers' dad) — claimed B.C.'s first gold medal since Brad Kuhn prevailed in 2000.

"I'm getting chills right now," Tyler Tardi said after the final. "There's literally no words you can possibly say. It's a dream I've always had, and it's always seemed so distant. Now that it's here, it's just an unreal feeling. It's pretty spectacular."



Skip Tyler Tardi, third Sterling Middleton, second Jordan Tardi and lead Nick Meister gave British Columbia its fifth junior men's gold medal and first since 2000. The team — which went 7-0 in the championship round to earn a bye to the final — downed Ontario's Matthew Hall 9-7 in a game that turned in the later ends, much to the delight of the home crowd.

B.C. reached the final by posting a 7-0 record after championship-pool play. (Because the Yukon didn't send a men's team, resulting in unbalanced pools, teams carried their records against fellow championship-pool opponents with them after the preliminary round.)

Ontario, which was 4-3, had to come out of a third-place tiebreaker, beating Manitoba's J.T. Ryan 8-7 in an extra end, and then knocking off 2016 silver medallist Tanner Horgan of Northern Ontario — who was 5-2 — 7-6 in the semifinal, another extra-end affair.

But in the final, B.C. showed late-end resilience. Ontario took a 5-4 lead with a steal of two in the seventh end, but B.C. fired back with four in the eighth and never looked back.

"With both of my sons, it can't be any more exciting than that," said coach Paul Tardi. "Tyler's had a lot of opportunities (he and Middleton won gold at the 2016 Youth Winter Olympics), but to have my older son part of it, to go to world juniors, it's just amazing."

Tardi skipped Team Canada to a fifth-place finish at the worlds in Gangneung, South Korea, losing in a playoff tiebreaker to Norway.

On the women's side, it was Alberta claiming gold for the third time in four years as Kristen Streifel's team from Edmonton stole two in the 10th end for a stunning 5-3 win over Ontario's Hailey Armstrong.

Streifel, backed up by vice-skip Chantele Broderson, second Kate Goodhelpsen, lead Brenna Bilassy and coach Amanda-Dawn St. Laurent, earned the victory when Armstrong's last-gasp draw-tap attempt to remove an Alberta stone buried at the top of the button was heavy.

"Oh my goodness, words cannot describe the feeling," said an ecstatic Streifel, who was skipping Alberta for the first time at the Canadian juniors after three previous trips at the helm of Saskatchewan. "I've dreamed of this moment for so many years, and to have it happen this week is just incredible."

The Ontario team had carried a perfect



Skip Tanner Horgan and third Jacob Horgan, both of Northern Ontario, second Joey Hart of Ontario, and Alberta lead Nicholas Rabl took home the men's first-team all-star hardware at the 2017 Canadian junior championships in Victoria.

10-0 record into the final; Alberta, meanwhile, had finished third in the championship pool with a 7-3 record, tied with Krysta Burns of Northern Ontario, who finished second thanks to her round-robin win over Alberta.

In the semifinal, though, Alberta came out on top by a 7-3 count to set up the showdown for gold with Ontario.

Streifel and her Canadian team would go on to win a bronze medal at the world juniors in South Korea.

Meanwhile, the pairing of Hailey Ryan of Manitoba and Nick Zachernuk of Nova Scotia, with coach Dean Kleiter of Saskatchewan, captured the gold medal in the mixed doubles tournament at the 2017 Canadian juniors.

The tournament featured all of the players and coaches who didn't qualify for the Canadian juniors playoffs. Ryan and Zachernuk were 6-4 winners over Kayla Russell of New Brunswick, Alberta's Colton Goller and coach Trudie Walsh of the Northwest Territories.



Ontario skip Hailey Armstrong releases her rock to sweepers Lindsay Dubue, left, and Marcia Richardson in final-game action. A nail-biter to the end, five of the first seven ends were blanked, with Ontario scoring a deuce in the third, while Alberta matched it in the sixth.

JUNIOR MEN'S FINAL

Ontario (Matthew Hall)	001 002 202 0 7
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	*020 110 040 1 9

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Ontario		British Columbia	
Matthew Hall	81%	Tyler Tardi	85%
Jeff Wanless	75%	Sterling Middleton	84%
Joey Hart	84%	Jordan Tardi	73%
David Hart	89%	Nick Meister	96%
Team totals	82%	Team totals	84%

SEMIFINAL

Ontario (Matthew Hall)	010 000 401 0 1 7
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	*102 000 010 2 0 6

TIEBREAKER

Manitoba (J.T. Ryan)	002 020 200 1 0 7
Ontario (Matthew Hall)	*030 100 021 0 1 8

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	1	0
Ontario (Matthew Hall)	2	1
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	0	1
Manitoba (J.T. Ryan)	0	1

Championship round	Wins	Losses
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	7	0
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	5	2
Ontario (Matthew Hall)	4	3
Manitoba (J.T. Ryan)	4	3
Nova Scotia (Matthew Manuel)	3	4
Prince Edward Island (Tyler Smith)	2	5
Alberta (Colton Goller)	2	5
New Brunswick (Liam Marin)	1	6

Seeding round	Wins	Losses
Newfoundland/Labrador (Greg Blyde)	4	0
Quebec (Vincent Roberge)	3	1
Saskatchewan (Rylan Kleiter)	2	2
Northwest Territories (Sawer Kaeser)	1	3
Nunavut (Arthur Siksik)	0	4

Round robin*	Wins	Losses
Pool A		
Manitoba (J.T. Ryan)	6	0
Prince Edward Island (Tyler Smith)	4	2
Alberta (Colton Goller)	4	2
New Brunswick (Liam Marin)	3	3
Quebec (Vincent Roberge)	2	4
Newfoundland/Labrador (Greg Blyde)	2	4
Northwest Territories (Sawer Kaeser)	0	6

Pool B	Wins	Losses
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	4	1
Ontario (Matthew Hall)	3	2
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	3	2
Nova Scotia (Matthew Manuel)	3	2
Saskatchewan (Rylan Kleiter)	2	3
Nunavut (Arthur Siksik)	0	5

* Yukon was unable to field a team, leaving the pools uneven. The top four teams in each pool advance to the championship round, remaining teams to the seeding round. The championship-round teams carry over their wins and losses against the other qualifiers in their pool; the seeding-round teams play a five-team round robin.



Matthew Hall and his Ontario teammates recovered from a 4-1 deficit to take the lead in seven but British Columbia shut down the comeback with four in the eighth.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S FINAL

Alberta (Kristen Streifel)	000 002 001 2 5
Ontario (Hailey Armstrong)	*002 000 010 0 3

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Alberta		Ontario	
Kristen Streifel	90%	Hailey Armstrong	83%
Chantele Broderson	80%	Grace Holyoke	76%
Kate Goodhelpsen	80%	Lindsay Dubue	64%
Brenna Bilassy	94%	Marcia Richardson	59%
Team totals	86%	70%	

SEMIFINAL

Northern Ontario (Krysta Burns)	*001 000 020 X 3
Alberta (Kristen Streifel)	000 122 101 X 7

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Kristen Streifel)	2	0
Ontario (Hailey Armstrong)	0	1
Northern Ontario (Krysta Burns)	0	1

Championship round

	Wins	Losses
Ontario (Hailey Armstrong)	10	0
Northern Ontario (Krysta Burns)	7	3
Alberta (Kristen Streifel)	7	3
Quebec (Camille Boisvert)	6	4
Saskatchewan (Kaitlyn Jones)	5	5
British Columbia (Corryn Brown)	5	5
Prince Edward Island (Lauren Lenentine)	4	6
Nova Scotia (Kristin Clarke)	4	6

Seeding round

	Wins	Losses
Newfoundland/Labrador (Brooke Godsland)	6	3
Manitoba (Laura Burtnyk)	5	4
New Brunswick (Samantha Crook)	4	5
Northwest Territories (Zoey Walsh)	2	7
Nunavut (Sadie Pinksen)	1	8
Yukon (Alyssa Meger)	1	8

Round robin*

Pool A	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Kristen Streifel)	5	1
Saskatchewan (Kaitlyn Jones)	4	2
Prince Edward Island (Lauren Lenentine)	3	3
Newfoundland/Labrador (Brooke Godsland)	3	3
Nova Scotia (Kristin Clarke)†	3	3
Manitoba (Laura Burtnyk)	2	4
Northwest Territories (Zoey Walsh)	1	5

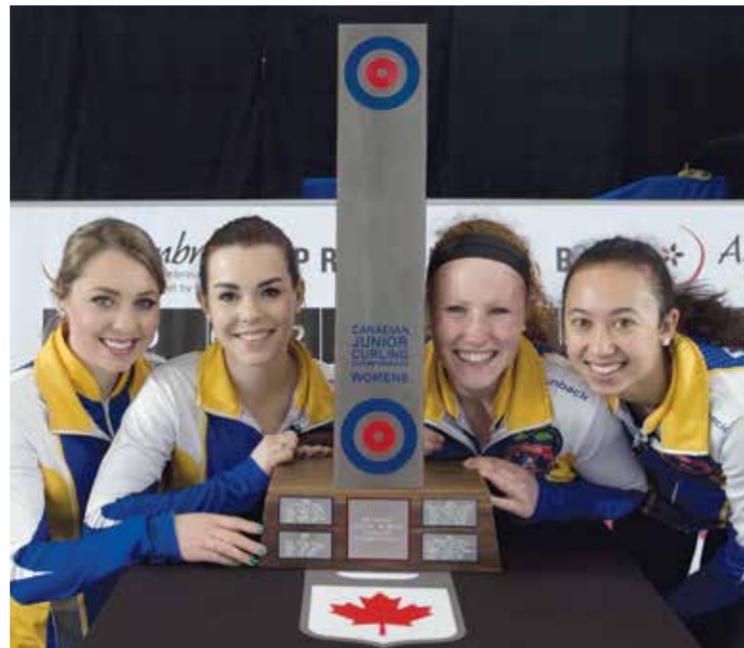
† Defeated Newfoundland/Labrador 9-8 in tiebreaker to advance to the championship round

Pool B

	Wins	Losses
Ontario (Hailey Armstrong)	6	0
British Columbia (Corryn Brown)	4	2
Quebec (Camille Boisvert)	4	2
Northern Ontario (Krysta Burns)†	3	3
New Brunswick (Samantha Crook)	3	3
Nunavut (Sadie Pinksen)	1	5
Yukon (Alyssa Meger)	0	6

† Defeated New Brunswick 8-5 in tiebreaker to advance to the championship round

* Top four teams in each pool advance to the championship round, remaining teams to the seeding round. All teams carry their full win-loss records forward.



Alberta's Kristen Streifel, Chantele Broderson, Kate Goodhelpsen and Brenna Bilassy stole their way to the province's ninth junior women's title when Ontario's Hailey Armstrong's last-gasp, draw-tap attempt to remove an Alberta stone buried at the top of the button was heavy.



"Oh my goodness, words cannot describe the feeling" said an ecstatic Kristen Streifel, who was skipping Alberta for the first time at the Canadian juniors after three previous trips at the helm of Saskatchewan. "I've dreamed of this moment for so many years."



First-team junior women's all-star honours went to, from left, skip Hailey Armstrong and third Grace Holyoke, both of Ontario, and second Sara Oliver and lead Rebecca Cormier, both of Manitoba. It was back-to-back all-star selections for Oliver, who was recognized as the all-star lead in 2016.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S ALL-STAR TEAM

First-Team All-Stars

Skip	Hailey Armstrong, Ontario
Third	Grace Holyoke, Ontario
Second	Sara Oliver, Manitoba
Lead	Rebecca Cormier, Manitoba

Second-Team All-Stars

Skip	Kaitlyn Jones, Sask.
Third	Chantele Broderson, Alta.
Second	Sara Guy, N. Ontario
Lead	Shantel Hutton, Sask.

JUNIOR MEN'S ALL-STAR TEAM

First-Team All-Stars

Skip	Tanner Horgan, N. Ontario
Third	Jacob Horgan, N. Ontario
Second	Joey Hart, Ontario
Lead	Nicholas Rabl, Alberta

Second-Team All-Stars

Skip	Tyler Tardi, British Columbia
Third	Tyler Lautner, Alberta
Second	Nick Bissonnette, N. Ontario
Lead	Alec Cameron, Nova Scotia

JOAN MEAD LEGACY AWARD

Newfoundland/Labrador lead Michelle Taylor and Prince Edward Island lead Brooks Roche are the 2017 winners of the Joan Mead Legacy Award. Mead was the CBC's curling producer for many years and produced its curling coverage at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. After she died suddenly in January 2000, the CBC Legacy Award was renamed in her memory and in honour of the great work she had done for curling on behalf

of the CBC. The awards began after the CBC was presented with the Golden Rings Award by the International Olympic Association for its excellence in broadcasting curling from the Nagano games. CBC decided to fund an annual award for junior curlers in Canada as an ongoing legacy of the Golden Rings Award and established the CBC Legacy Awards.

KEN WATSON AWARD

The 2017 winners of the Ken Watson Award are Quebec skip Camille Boisvert and Alberta lead Nicholas Rabl. The awards are voted on by the players in the Canadian Juniors and presented to the curlers who best combine playing ability with sportsmanship.

ASHAM NATIONAL COACHING AWARD

The 2017 Asham National Coaching Award winners are junior men's coach Paul Tardi of British Columbia and junior women's coach Pat Quilty of Prince Edward Island. The award winners at the Canadian Juniors are chosen by coaches, who are asked to select an opposing team coach who best exemplifies the attributes of coaching.

BALANCE PLUS FAIR PLAY AWARD Junior Men

Lead	Garret Minute, N.W.T.
Second	Graham McFarlane, Manitoba
Third	Sterling Middleton, B.C.
Skip	J.T. Ryan, Manitoba
Coach	Nick Kaeser, N.W.T.



Quebec's Camille Boisvert and Alberta's Nicholas Rabl are the recipients of the 2017 Ken Watson Award. Voted on by the players, the award goes to the curlers who best combine playing ability with sportsmanship.



N.L.'s Michelle Taylor and Brooks Roche of P.E.I. are the winners of the 2017 Joan Mead Legacy Award for best exemplifying leadership, excellence and fair play.



National team coach Bill Tschirhart is flanked by 2017 national coaching award winners Paul Tardi of British Columbia, left, and Prince Edward Island's Pat Quilty.

Junior Women

Lead	Marcia Richardson, Ontario
Second	Kate Goodhelpsen, Alberta
Third	Laura Guénard, Quebec
Skip	Krysta Burns, N. Ontario
Coach	Susan Lang, Saskatchewan

The Fair Play Award winners are selected by the junior men's and women's officials.

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IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE FINAL

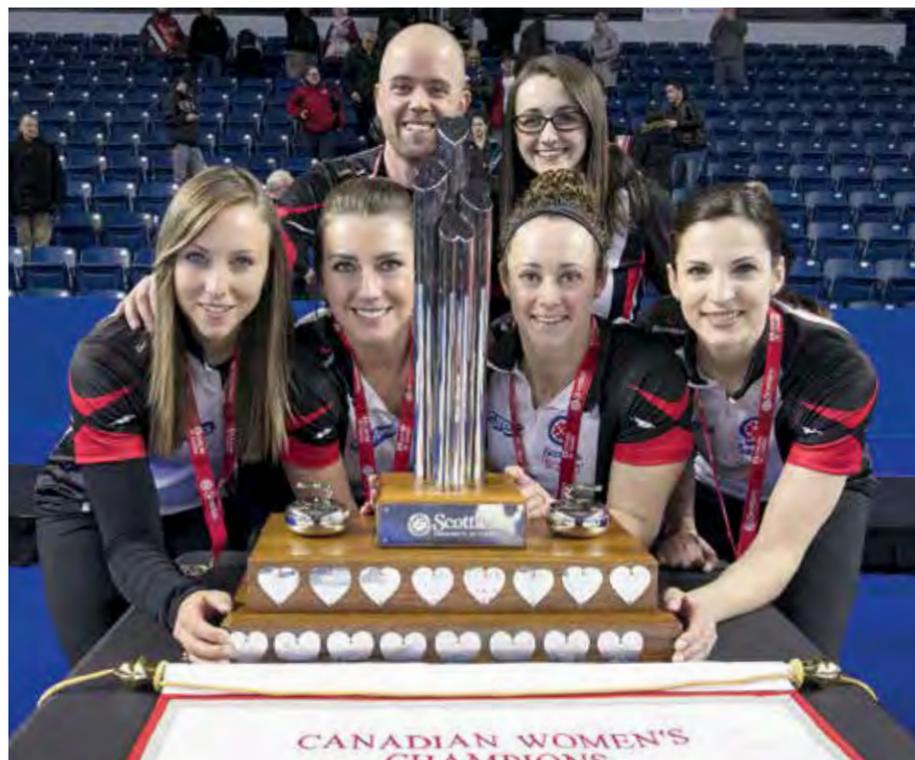
most expected when the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts kicked off on February 18 at the Meridian Centre in St. Catharines, Ontario.

But after a thrilling 11 ends of curling that decided the Canadian Women's Curling Championship eight days later, no one could say they didn't get their money's worth.

After losing twice earlier to Michelle Englot's upstart Manitoba team — once in the round robin and then again in the Page 1-2 playoff — Rachel Homan's pre-event favourite team from Ottawa showed that timing is everything, prevailing 8-6 to win the Hearts title. For Homan, vice-skip Emma Miskew and lead Lisa Weagle, it was a third Canadian title in five years. For second Joanne Courtney, who joined the team in 2014, it was her first.

"That's a tough sport. That's a tough sport," Homan said moments after the win. "That's an unbelievable win by my team. That's the hardest win we have ever fought for, I think, especially with all the pressure and everything on the line."

It was, indeed, a game for the ages as Englot's team from Winnipeg refused to knuckle under despite Homan's having



The 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts champions: (front row, from left) skip Rachel Homan, third Emma Miskew, second Joanne Courtney and lead Lisa Weagle; (back row) coach Adam Kingsbury and alternate Cheryl Kreviazuk. "That's the hardest win we have ever fought for," said Homan, moments after defeating Manitoba 8-6 in the gold-medal game.

the support of the crowd, as well as expectations that she would run away with the victory.

Both teams had posted 10-1 records, although Manitoba got the nod for first place with its 9-5 victory to close out round-robin play and then reached the final by beating Ontario 9-8 in the Page 1-2 playoff.

Behind the top two teams were defending champion Chelsea Carey's Team Canada at 9-2 and Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville at 8-3.

Northern Ontario cruised to an 8-1 victory in the Page 3-4 playoff game, but then lost 7-5 to Ontario in the semifinal.

The final was a topsy-turvy affair, with Homan making big shot after big shot but Englot answering back nearly every time.

In fact, Manitoba seemed to be in perfect shape in the 10th end to score a three that would win the Canadian title,

until Homan executed a precision thin double takeout that held Manitoba to just a game-tying deuce.

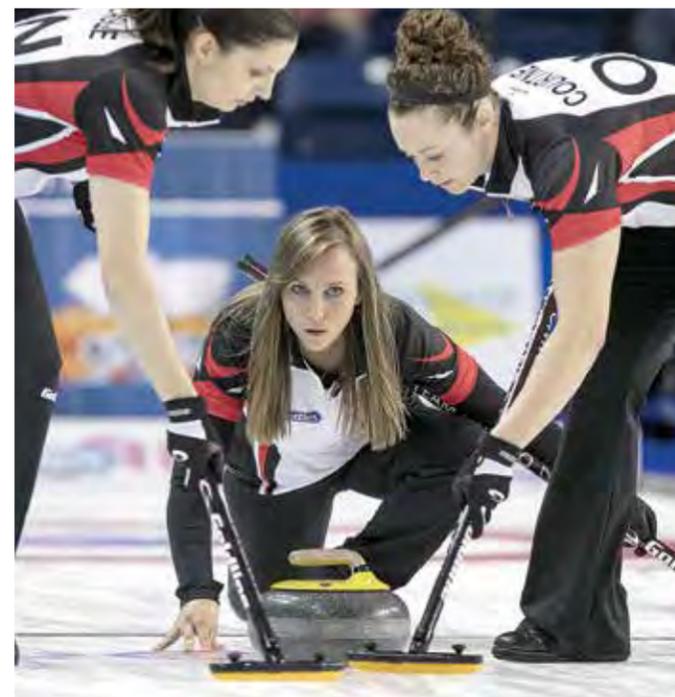
And in the 11th, Homan made a pressure-packed four-foot runback on her final shot for the victory, and also nailed down the Sandra Schmirler Award as the playoff's most valuable player.

"We gave it everything we had and it was just enough," said Homan, whose team was rounded out by alternate Cheryl Kreviazuk and coach Adam Kingsbury. "We're representing Canada and it's a surreal feeling. I can't wait to put the Maple Leaf on."

Earlier in the day, Team Canada won the bronze medal with a 7-4 victory over Northern Ontario. It was the swan-song game for Team Canada vice-skip Amy Nixon, who announced her retirement from competitive curling following the game.



Team Canada's Chelsea Carey, Amy Nixon, Jocelyn Peterman and Laine Peters took home the bronze medal with a 7-4 win over Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville in a re-match of last year's finalists. Nixon announced her retirement from competitive curling following the game.



Ontario's Rachel Homan made a pressure-packed four-foot runback on her final shot of an extra end to defeat Manitoba in the Hearts final. For Homan, Emma Miskew and Lisa Weagle, it was a third national title in five years and the first for Joanne Courtney, who joined the team in 2014.

"I am one of the luckiest curlers you will meet," said Nixon. "I've had some tough losses in really tough moments but have I ever had great opportunities and privileges. I've gone to six Scotties, I have gone to two worlds, I've gone to the Olympics, I have won two Canada Cups. I've played with some of the best people and best players in the game. There is nothing I am leaving on the table."

FINAL

Manitoba (Michelle Englot)	*101 010 100 2 0 6
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	030 000 021 0 2 8

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Manitoba		Ontario	
Michelle Englot	70%	Rachel Homan	85%
Kate Cameron	86%	Emma Miskew	86%
Leslie Wilson	86%	Joanne Courtney	92%
Raunora Westcott	97%	Lisa Weagle	89%
Team totals	85%	Team totals	88%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Team Canada (Chelsea Carey)	010 003 201 X 7
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	*100 010 020 X 4

SEMIFINAL

Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	002 000 110 1 5
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	*040 020 001 0 7

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Team Canada (Chelsea Carey)	*000 000 010 X 1
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	001 123 001 X 8

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Manitoba (Michelle Englot)	*202 103 010 0 9
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	020 020 201 1 8

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	2	1
Manitoba (Michelle Englot)	1	1
Team Canada (Chelsea Carey)	1	1
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	1	2

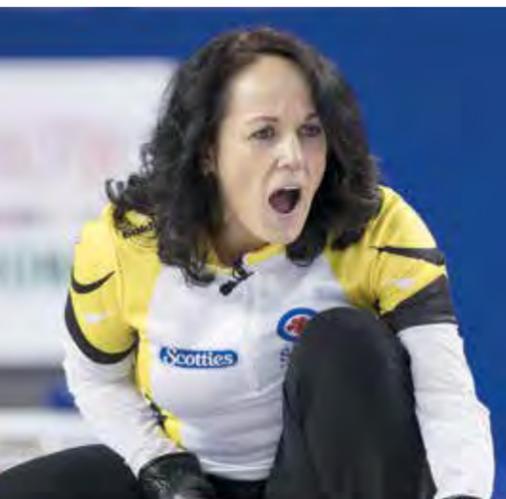
Round robin

	Wins	Losses
Manitoba (Michelle Englot)	10	1
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	10	1
Team Canada (Chelsea Carey)	9	2
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	8	3
Quebec (Eve Bélisle)	7	4
Alberta (Shannon Kleibrink)	5	6
Newfoundland/Labrador (Stacie Curtis)	5	6
Northwest Territories (Kerry Galusha)	5	6
Prince Edward Island (Robyn MacPhee)	3	8
Nova Scotia (Mary Mattatall)	2	9
British Columbia (Marla Mallett)	1	10
Saskatchewan (Penny Barker)	1	10

Pre-qualifiers (winner advances)

	Wins	Losses
New Brunswick (Melissa Adams)	3	0
Northwest Territories (Kerry Galusha)†	2	1
Yukon (Sarah Koltun)	1	2
Nunavut (Geneva Chislett)	0	3

† Defeated New Brunswick 5-3 in the pre-qualifying playoff to advance to the main draw



Manitoba skip Michelle Englot had Ontario's number in their round robin and Page 1-2 playoff encounters but was unable to stop a red-hot Rachel Homan in the final.



The 2017 first-team Scotties Tournament of Hearts all-stars: from left, skip Rachel Homan, third Emma Miskew and second Joanne Courtney, all of Ontario, and British Columbia lead Blaine de Jager. It was the second time that Homan and Miskew have been honoured. All-star selections are determined by overall shooting percentages during round-robin play.

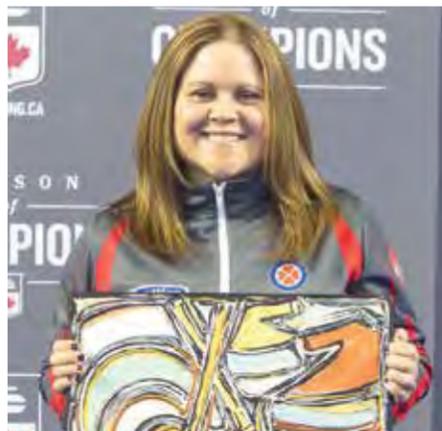
ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars

Skip Rachel Homan, Ontario
 Third Emma Miskew, Ontario
 Second Joanne Courtney, Ontario
 Lead Blaine de Jager, B.C.

Second-team all-stars

Skip Chelsea Carey, Team Canada
 Third Shannon Aleksic, B.C.
 Second Sarah Wilkes, Alberta
 Lead Lisa Weagle, Ontario



Skip Kerry Galusha of the N.W.T. won the 2017 Marj Mitchell sportsmanship award. The woman for whom the award was named skipped Canada to its first world title in 1980.

JOAN MEAD BUILDER AWARD

Presented in the name of Joan Mead, the 2017 Builder Award has been presented to Wendy Morgan of Burlington, Ontario, for her significant contribution to the growth and development of women's curling in Canada. The coach of Team Jennifer Jones, Morgan also has been a major contributor to the long-term success of the Canadian wheelchair curling program as both the program manager and team leader. Morgan's hard work off the ice has produced unparalleled success on the ice, including three Paralympic gold medals and three world titles.



Wendy Morgan of Burlington, Ontario, is the recipient of the Joan Mead Builder Award for her significant contribution to the growth and development of women's curling in Canada.

MARJ MITCHELL AWARD

Northwest Territories skip Kerry Galusha won the Marj Mitchell Award for best embodying the spirit of curling at the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The award is named in memory of Marj Mitchell, who skipped Canada to its first world title in 1980. In 1983, shortly after the second Hearts, Mitchell died of cancer at the age of 35. The winner is selected each year in a vote by all players at the tournament.



Kruger Products CEO Mario Gosselin presents the Sandra Schmirler Award as the most valuable player in the 2017 Hearts playoffs to Ontario skip Rachel Homan.

SANDRA SCHMIRLER AWARD

Presented in the name of the late Sandra Schmirler, the Most Valuable Player Award was presented to Ontario skip Rachel Homan after she was chosen the most outstanding player in the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts playoffs.



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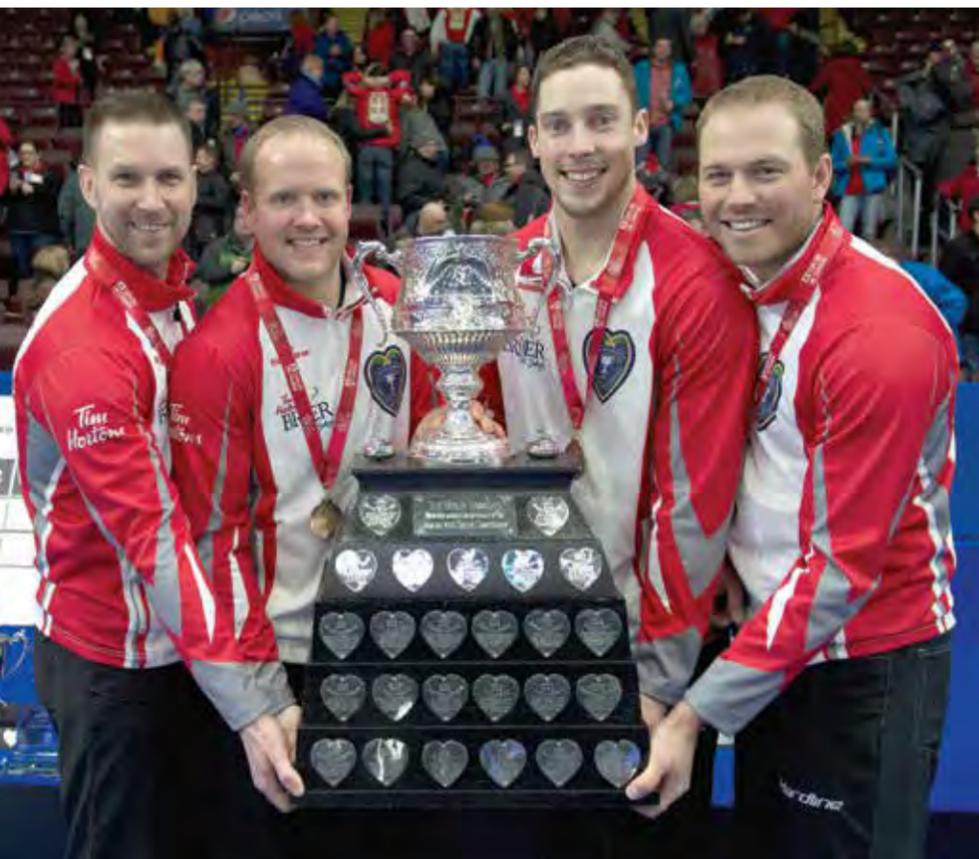
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TIM HORTONS BRIER

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The 2017 Tim Hortons Brier champions: from left, Newfoundland and Labrador's Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant and Geoff Walker. It all came down to the final shot with the score tied and Gushue needing to draw the eight-foot for the win. Despite some anxious moments, the sweepers were able to drag their skipper's rock in for the winning point.

It started with a simple tweet during the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier in Edmonton: "Let's start a Twitter campaign. It's time for a Brier in St. John's!"

Four years and four days later, Brad Gushue's tweet that got the ball rolling culminated in one of the most memorable finals in the rich history of the Canadian Men's Curling Championship.

Gushue's team — vice-skip Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant, lead Geoff Walker and coach Jules Owchar — thrilled a city and a province, not to mention an entire country, by claiming the Tim Hortons Brier title at Mile One Centre in St. John's with a drama-filled 7-6 win over defending champion Kevin Koe's Team Canada foursome from Calgary.

Gushue made an open draw to the eight-foot that needed vigorous sweeping all the way down the ice to combat frosty conditions, and when the rock came to rest, the sold-out audience exploded in ecstasy at seeing a Newfoundland and Labrador team win the Brier for just the second time, the first since Jack MacDuff did it in 1976.

"To win a Brier... My whole team, myself and Mark (Nichols) have been so close so often, and it was just so emotional to hug him afterwards," said Gushue. "To make a shot to win the Brier and hear this crowd, just incredible."

To top things off, Gushue was named winner of the Hec Gervais Award as the playoff's most valuable player.



Kevin Koe and his Team Canada won the Page 3-4 playoff and semifinal to reach the gold-medal game, where they gave N.L. all they could handle in a 7-6 losing effort.



In his 14th appearance Newfoundland and Labrador's Brad Gushue claimed his first Brier title and he did it at home, sending the sold-out crowd into a celebratory frenzy.

It had been a long journey for Gushue, in particular, who was making his 14th Brier appearance. He had lost the final to Koe a year earlier in Ottawa, and, despite being the leading campaigner



Manitoba's Mike McEwen, B.J. Neufeld, Matt Wozniak and Denni Neufeld took home the bronze medal with a 7-5 extra-end win over Northern Ontario. Although they weren't playing for the colour of medal they wanted, "we still gave it our all and it mattered," said McEwen.

to bring the event to St. John's and having to deal with the accompanying pressure and expectations, he rose to the occasion magnificently.

The Newfoundland and Labrador team and Manitoba's Mike McEwen each posted 9-2 round-robin records, but Manitoba was able to clinch first place based on its 8-4 win over the home team during the opening weekend.

In fact, Gushue's team was not firing on all cylinders early on, falling to 3-2 at one point after losing to Jamie Koe's Northwest Territories team, which lost its other 10 round-robin games.

But Gushue rallied the troops into the playoffs and reached the final by beating Manitoba 7-5 in the Page 1-2 playoff.

Meanwhile, the veteran Team Canada outfit was tied with Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs at 8-3, and the reigning champs rolled to a 6-2 win over Northern Ontario in the Page 3-4 game — which was marked by a mid-game power failure as hurricane-force winds battered St. John's — and then moved into the gold-medal game with a memorable 7-6 extra-end win over Manitoba in the semifinal, stealing the winning point in the 11th.

In the final, Newfoundland and Labrador raced to a 5-1 lead through five ends, but Koe engineered three in the sixth end and tied it with one in the seventh to set up the final three nail-biting ends, which climaxed with Gushue's winning shot in the 10th.

In the bronze-medal game earlier, Manitoba executed a straightforward hit-and-stick for two in the 11th end to beat Northern Ontario 7-5.

FINAL

N.L. (Brad Gushue)	*030 020 010 1 7
Team Canada (Kevin Koe)	000 103 101 0 6

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Newfoundland/Labrador		Team Canada	
Brad Gushue	85%	Kevin Koe	86%
Mark Nichols	94%	Marc Kennedy	75%
Brett Gallant	86%	Brent Laing	86%
Geoff Walker	85%	Ben Hebert	94%
Team totals	88%		85%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	*100 021 001 0 2 7
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	001 100 020 1 0 5

SEMIFINAL

Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	*000 302 001 0 0 6
Team Canada (Kevin Koe)	001 010 110 2 1 7

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Team Canada (Kevin Koe)	*110 010 012 X 6
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	000 002 000 X 2

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

N.L. (Brad Gushue)	020 200 102 0 7
Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	*101 000 020 1 5

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Newfoundland/Labrador (Brad Gushue)	2	0
Team Canada (Kevin Koe)	2	1
Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	1	2
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	0	2

Round robin	Wins	Losses
Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	9	2
Newfoundland/Labrador (Brad Gushue)	9	2
Team Canada (Kevin Koe)	8	3
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	8	3
Quebec (Jean-Michel Ménard)	7	4
British Columbia (John Morris)	7	4
Saskatchewan (Adam Casey)	5	6
Nova Scotia (Jamie Murphy)	4	7
Ontario (Glenn Howard)	4	7
Alberta (Brendan Bottcher)	3	8
New Brunswick (Mike Kennedy)	1	10
Northwest Territories (Jamie Koe)	1	10

Pre-qualifiers (winner advances)	Wins	Losses
Nova Scotia (Jamie Murphy)†	3	0
Yukon (Craig Kochan)	2	1
Prince Edward Island (Eddie MacKenzie)	1	2
Nunavut (Jim Nix)	0	3

† Defeated Yukon 9-6 in the pre-qualifying playoff to advance to the main draw



First-team Brier all-star honours went to, from left, Newfoundland and Labrador skip Brad Gushue, third Catlin Schneider of Saskatchewan, Northern Ontario second E.J. Harnden and lead Denni Neufeld of Manitoba. Gushue was also named to the all-star squad in 2004, Neufeld in 2016.



Manitoba skip Mike McEwen, Newfoundland and Labrador third Mark Nichols, Manitoba second Matt Wozniak and Newfoundland and Labrador lead Geoff Walker were named to the second-team all-star squad. First and second-team all-stars have been selected at the Brier since 1965.

ALL-STARS TEAMS

First-Team All-Stars

- Skip Brad Gushue, N.L.
- Third Catlin Schneider, Sask.
- Second E.J. Harnden, N. Ontario
- Lead Denni Neufeld, Manitoba

Second-Team All-Stars

- Skip Mike McEwen, Manitoba
- Third Mark Nichols, N.L.
- Second Matt Wozniak, Manitoba
- Lead Geoff Walker, N.L.

HEC GERVAIS AWARD

Presented to the most valuable player in the Tim Hortons Brier playoffs, the 2017 Hec Gervais Award was won by Newfoundland/Labrador skip Brad Gushue.

ROSS HARSTONE AWARD

Quebec skip Jean-Michel Ménard is the winner of the 2017 Ross Harstone Award, whose recipient is selected by the players in the Tim Hortons Brier. The award is presented to the player who best combines playing ability and sportsmanship.



Curling Canada chair Peter Inch presents the Hec Gervais Award to Newfoundland and Labrador skip Brad Gushue as the most valuable player in the Brier playoffs.



Curling Canada's Peter Inch presents the Ross Harstone Award to Quebec skip Jean-Michel Ménard as the curler who best combines playing ability with sportsmanship.



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CPT WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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Team Canada didn't just break its gold-medal drought at the 2017 CPT World Women's Curling Championship, presented by Ford of Canada.

The Canadian champs — Rachel Homan's Ottawa team — did it in historic fashion, becoming the first team in the 39-year history of the event to win a world title with a perfect record.

Homan — backed by vice-skip Emma Miskew, second Joanne Courtney and lead Lisa Weagle — won Canada's first gold medal since 2008 with an 8-3 victory over Russia's Anna Sidorova in the championship game at the Capital Indoor Stadium in Beijing.

It capped a perfect 13-0 run through the world championship competition and sent a message that Canada — and Team Homan — is in good shape leading into the Olympic season.

"It sounds pretty amazing," said Homan. "My team worked so hard for this; we've been at worlds now four times (including the 2010 world juniors, where her team won silver) and to finally bring back the gold for Canada, and stop the drought, we're pretty excited. We really wanted to bring back gold this time, so that we could make a statement going into the Olympic year — no matter who represents us (in 2018) for Canada."

Canada followed its game plan to perfection in the final, using hammer to keep things clear in the first end against the Russians and then going hard for a deuce in the second end. They got that two, and then a steal of one in the third to take control. Russia got one back in the fifth end, and then Canada delivered the knockout blow: Homan made a delicate tap to score three, and the result was never in doubt after that.

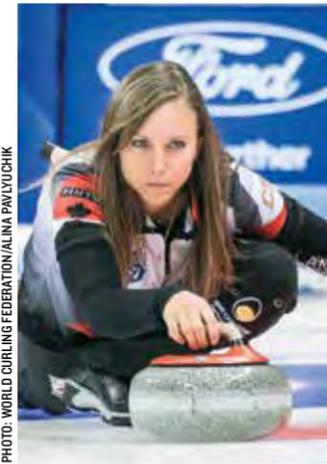
Miskew said the team just wanted to keep doing what they had been doing



The 2017 world champions: from left, Canada's Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney, Lisa Weagle and Cheryl Kreviazuk. The Holman team not only ended the longest gold-medal drought for Canadian women's teams — eight years — but it became the first team in the 39-year history of the world women's to run the table, going a perfect 13-0.



Canada's Lisa Weagle, Emma Miskew, Rachel Homan and Joanne Courtney discuss shot options during the gold-medal game against Russia. With a 3-1 lead at the break, Canada's big end came in the sixth, when Anna Sidorova's last rock rubbed off a Canadian stone, allowing Homan to make a delicate tap to score three and put the game all but out of reach.



"It's really hard to describe how amazing it feels to be able to call our team world champions," said Canada's Rachel Homan.



Anna Sidorova and her teammates became the first Russian team ever to win silver at the World Women's Curling Championship.



Scotland's Glenn Howard, Kelly Schafer, Lauren Gray, Vicki Adams, Anna Sloan and Eve Muirhead won the bronze medal in dramatic fashion. Down 4-3 after seven ends, Muirhead drew for one in the eighth and then stole single points in the ninth and 10th for a 6-4 triumph.

during the round robin and not think about what was at stake. "Because there's a lot of weight on that gold medal. We just went out there and put the pressure on, and got the misses we needed."

After going 11-0 in the round robin, Canada locked up a berth in the Page 1-2 playoff against the Russians, who'd tied with Sweden's Anna Hasselborg at 8-3 but clinched second thanks to their head-to-head win over Sweden.

Canada's 7-3 win over the Russians in the 1-2 game sent Team Homan to the gold-medal game.

Sweden, meanwhile, defeated Scotland's Eve Muirhead 8-5 in the Page 3-4 final to reach the semifinal, but then lost 9-3 to Russia.

In the bronze-medal game, Scotland stole single points in the ninth and 10th ends for a 6-4 win over Sweden.

It was Canada's leading 16th gold medal at the women's worlds; Sweden is next with eight and Switzerland is third with six.

"It's really hard to describe how amazing it feels to be able to call our team world champions," said Homan. "I've watched the worlds every year since I was eight years old, so to be standing there on the podium and signing *O Canada* was just an amazing moment."

FINAL

Russia (Anna Sidorova)	000 010 20X X	3
Canada (Rachel Homan)	*021 003 02X X	8

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Russia		Canada	
Anna Sidorova	55%	Rachel Homan	93%
Margarita Fomina	86%	Emma Miskew	89%
Alexandra Raeva	83%	Joanne Courtney	75%
Alina Kovaleva	95%	Lisa Weagle	95%
Team totals	80%		88%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Scotland (Eve Muirhead)	000 102 011 1	6
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	*020 010 100 0	4

SEMIFINAL

Russia (Anna Sidorova)	*200 100 33X X	9
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	001 020 00X X	3

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Scotland (Eve Muirhead)	001 010 201 X	5
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	*110 102 030 X	8

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Russia (Anna Sidorova)	002 001 000 X	3
Canada (Rachel Homan)	*010 210 111 X	7

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Canada (Rachel Homan)	2	0
Russia (Anna Sidorova)	1	2
Scotland (Eve Muirhead)	1	1
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	1	2

Round robin	Wins	Losses
Canada (Rachel Homan)	11	0
Russia (Anna Sidorova)	8	3
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	8	3
Scotland (Eve Muirhead)	7	4
United States (Nina Roth)	6	5
South Korea (EunJung Kim)	5	6
Czech Republic (Anna Kubešková)	5	6
Switzerland (Alina Pätz)	5	6
Germany (Daniela Jentsch)	5	6
Italy (Diana Gaspari)	3	8
China (Bingyu Wang)	2	9
Denmark (Lene Nielsen)	1	10

FRANCES BRODIE AWARD

Chinese skip Bingyu Wang is the 2017 winner of the Frances Brodie Award. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in the World Women's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability with sportsmanship. The award was named in honour of Scotland's Frances Brodie, one of curling's pioneering women. Brodie helped establish the women's world championship and chaired the first such event in Perth, Scotland, in 1979. The award was presented for the first time in 1989.

FORD WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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Considering the emotional roller coaster

Brad Gushue and his team rode en route to winning their hometown Tim Hortons Brier three weeks earlier in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, one might have believed they would have difficulties getting up for another big event.

As it turned out, not only were Gushue, vice-skip Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant and lead Geoff Walker up to the challenge of representing Canada at the 2017 Ford World Men's Curling Championship, they embraced it.

A 4-2 victory over two-time world champ Niklas Edin of Sweden in the championship game at Edmonton's Northlands Coliseum not only made it back-to-back gold medals for Team Canada, it also finished off a perfect 13-0 run through the championship — the first Canadian team to go unbeaten at the world men's championship since Kerry Burtnyk in 1995.

"Awesome, awesome," said an emotional Gushue after the game. "Our team played so incredibly well all week. I need to give my team credit; that was a pretty dominating performance for the whole week. And what a heck of a game. Niklas threw everything he had at us and we had to play our best to win. I'm so proud of my team the way they played."

It was Canada's 36th gold medal at the world men's and it's fitting that it took place in what was billed The Last Hurrah at Northlands; the building that has hosted so many memorable curling events over the years faces an uncertain future with the opening of a new downtown arena in Edmonton.

The Canadian champs sailed through round-robin play with an 11-0 record, with the Swedes two back at 9-2, albeit with a skip who'd won gold medals in



Canada's Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant and Geoff Walker hoist the world men's championship trophy thanks to a 4-2 win over Sweden's Niklas Edin in a hotly contested championship final. Gushue broke open a tight 2-2 affair with two in the ninth end and delivered a takeout with his final rock in 10 to dash any hopes of a Swedish victory.



"We needed to get something good to happen for us and we didn't do that," said two-time world champion Niklas Edin of Sweden after losing the world title to Canada.



Canada's Brad Gushue celebrates his gold-medal win over Sweden. He is the first skip to win gold at the world juniors, Olympic Winter Games and world men's.

the past two worlds contested on Canadian soil — in 2013 in Victoria and 2015 in Halifax.

In the Page 1-2 playoff, Gushue took control early with single points in each of the first three ends and sailed home with a 7-4 victory to qualify for the gold-medal game.

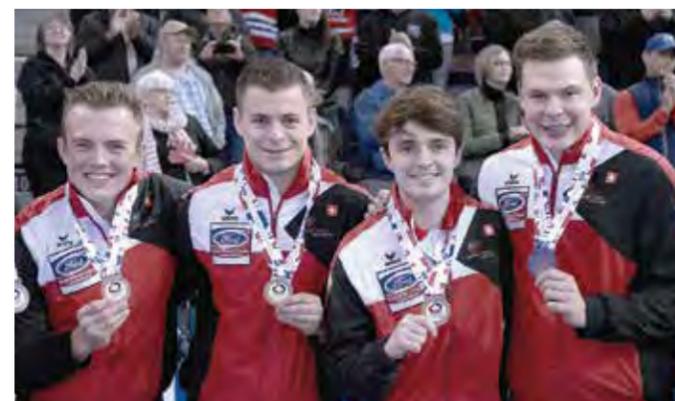
Switzerland's Peter de Cruz and John Shuster of the United States, meanwhile, both finished at 8-3, and the Swiss rolled to an 11-4 win over the U.S. in the Page 3-4 game to reach the semifinal.

Sweden would need an extra end for a 6-5 win over Switzerland to set up a playoff rematch with Canada.

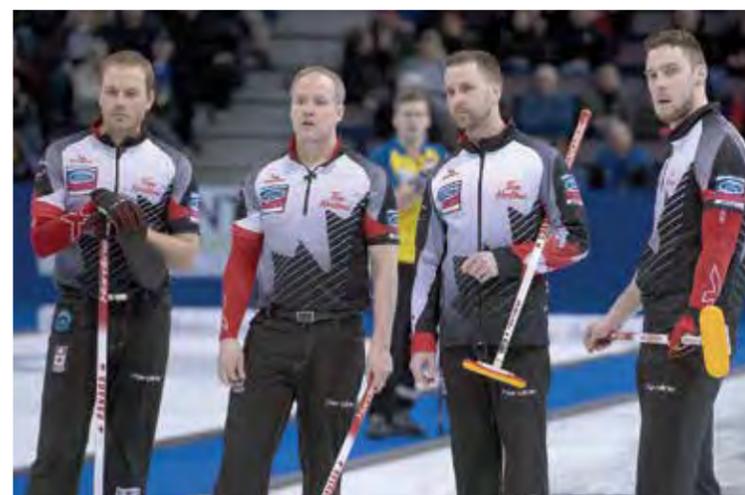
The gold-medal game was a grind; after a blank first end, the teams traded single points in the next four ends before blanking the sixth, seventh and eighth ends. But in the ninth, Canada broke it open when Gushue drew for a go-ahead deuce, and then the Canadians finished it off with a textbook 10th end.

In the bronze-medal game, Switzerland scored four in the seventh end to beat the U.S. 7-5.

The Colin Campbell Memorial Award for sportsmanship went to the Netherlands lead Carlo Glasbergen after a player vote.



Switzerland's Valentin Tanner, Benoît Schwarz, Claudio Pätz and Peter de Cruz broke open a tight game with four in the seventh end to defeat John Shuster of the United States 7-5 to capture the bronze medal. "It was all about ice reading," said de Cruz of the pivotal seventh end.



Canada's Geoff Walker, Mark Nichols, Brad Gushue and Brett Gallant take a timeout in gold-medal action. The Canucks completed a perfect 13-0 run with a 4-2 victory over Sweden's Niklas Edin. With a podium finish, the team punched its ticket to the Canadian Curling Trials.

FINAL

Canada (Brad Gushue)	*010 100 002 X 4
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	001 010 000 X 2

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Canada		Sweden	
Brad Gushue	91%	Niklas Edin	88%
Mark Nichols	85%	Oskar Eriksson	83%
Brett Gallant	86%	Rasmus Wranå	73%
Geoff Walker	89%	Christoffer Sundgren	90%
Team totals	88%		83%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

United States (John Shuster)	101 100 010 1 5
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	*020 000 401 0 7

SEMIFINAL

Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	002 001 010 1 0 5
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	*010 020 200 0 1 6

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	*202 202 03X X 11
United States (John Shuster)	020 010 10X X 4

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Canada (Brad Gushue)	*111 000 301 X 7
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	000 101 020 X 4

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Canada (Brad Gushue)	2	0
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	1	2
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	2	1
United States (John Shuster)	0	2

Round robin

	Wins	Losses
Canada (Brad Gushue)	11	0
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	9	2
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	8	3
United States (John Shuster)	8	3
China (Rui Liu)	6	5
Scotland (David Murdoch)	6	5
Japan (Yusuke Morozumi)	5	6
Norway (Steffen Walstad)	5	6
Italy (Joel Retornaz)	4	7
Germany (Alexander Baumann)	3	8
Netherlands (Jaap van Dorp)	1	10
Russia (Alexey Stukalskiy)	0	11

COLIN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Lead Carlo Glasbergen of the Netherlands is the winner of the 2017 Colin Campbell Memorial Award. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in the World Men's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability with sportsmanship. The award was instituted in 1979 to honour the memory of Colin A. Campbell, who served as president of the International Curling Federation (now the World Curling Federation) from 1969 until his death in 1978.

EVEREST CANADIAN SENIORS



From left: Saskatchewan skip Sherry Anderson, third Patty Hersikorn, second Brenda Goertzen and lead Anita Silvernagle.



From left: Alberta lead George White, second Dan Holowaychuk, third Barry Chwedoruk and skip Wade White.

CANADIAN MIXED DOUBLES



From left: Reid Carruthers and Joanne Courtney.

WORLD MIXED DOUBLES



From left: Swiss coach Laurence Bidaud, Jenny Perret and Martin Rios.

A Salute to 2017 CHAMPIONS

CANADIAN MASTERS



From left: Saskatchewan lead Sylvia Broad, second Donna Liebrecht, third Bev Krasowski and skip Delores Syrota.



From left: Northern Ontario lead Bruce Munro, second Frank Morissette, third Eric Harnden and skip Al Hackner.

U SPORTS-CURLING CANADA UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS



From left: lead Evan Kearley, second Zach Young, third Stephen Trickett and skip Adam Boland of the Memorial University Sea-Hawks in St. John's, Newfoundland/Labrador.



From left: lead Laura Masters, second Sara Guy, third Megan Smith and skip Krysta Burns of the Laurentian Voyageurs in Sudbury, Ontario.

WORLD SENIORS



From left: Canadian lead/vice-skip Nancy Delahunt, second Mary Sue Radford, third Kim Kelly and skip Colleen Jones.



From left: lead Gerry Wåhlin, second Anders Eriksson, third Mikael Hasselborg and skip Mats Wranå of Sweden.

CANADIAN MIXED



From left: Northern Ontario skip Trevor Bonot, third Jackie McCormick, second Kory Carr and lead Megan Carr.

WORLD MIXED



From left: Russian lead Maria Duyunova, second Daniil Goriachev, third Anastasia Bryzgalova and skip Alexander Krushelnitskiy.

CANADIAN UNDER-18 BOYS AND GIRLS CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



From left: coach Steve Acorn, lead Jessica Leonard, second Sydnie Stinson, third Kate Sherry and skip Kira Brunton of Northern Ontario.



From left: Northern Ontario skip Jacob Horgan, third Max Cull, coach Gerry Horgan, second Nick Bissonnette and lead Shane Robinson.

TRAVELERS CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



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From left: lead Sandy Staples, third David Staples, second Graham Rathwell and skip Wesley Forget of Ontario's Catarqui Golf & Country Club, and skip Tracy Andries, third Crystal Kennedy, second Diane Christensen and lead April Klassen of the Fort Rouge Curling Club in Winnipeg.

VoIP DEFENDER WORLD JUNIORS



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From left: coach Mathias Mabergs, alternate Maria Larsson, lead Fanny Sjöberg, second Almida De Val, third Jennie Wählin and skip Isabella Wranå of Sweden.



Korean coach Myung Sup Lin, alternate Gyeong Ho Woo, lead Jeong Uk Choi, second/vice-skip Yu Jin Seong, third Ki Bok Lee and skip Ki Jeong Lee.

CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR



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Front row, from left: Manitoba lead Carolyn Lindner, second Jamie Anseeuw, third Mark Wherrett and skip Dennis Thiessen; (back row) coaches Tom Clasper and Tom Wherrett.

WORLD WHEELCHAIR



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From left: Norwegian alternate Rikke Iversen, lead Sissel Løchen, second Ole Fredrik Syversen, third Jostein Stordahl, skip Rune Lorentsen and coach Peter Dahlman.



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Two new members have been inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame — builders Reg Caughie and Brian Cassidy.

REG CAUGHIE

Builder

One of the most beloved figures in Tim Hortons Brier history, Reg Caughie never threw a rock during a Brier but has entertained thousands of fans since first donning his Brier Bear mascot costume in 1981 in Halifax.

Caughie was a member of the host committee for that Brier and a meeting at his then home Dartmouth Curling Club produced the idea of a mascot. Caughie volunteered to fill the costume.

Brier Bear was an instant hit and Caughie entertained in the costume at every Brier that followed, culminating with his 37th and final appearance last March in his adopted hometown of St. John's. He announced his retirement as Brier Bear and with him goes the famous costume.

Curling Canada's Peter Inch presents Reg Caughie — a.k.a. Brier Bear — with a commemorative painting in honour of his Hall of Fame induction. Caughie served as the Brier mascot for 37 years.



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BRIAN CASSIDY

Builder

Fredericton's Brian Cassidy — known in stats rooms across the country by his nickname, Mouse — developed curling's first statistical scoring program, which soon became a fixture at Canadian and world championships.

Cassidy co-ordinated a crew of volunteer scorekeepers and provided them with a set of scoring parameters for shot-calls and results, and he put together in-depth analyses of games that went far beyond the scoreboard. This gave coaches new details on the strengths and weaknesses of their players and their opponents, and also provided abundant storylines for media members covering the events.

For his efforts, Cassidy won the Curling Canada Award of Achievement in 1992 and was appointed to the Governor General's Curling Club in 1996.



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Paul McLean Award

TSN floor director Leigh Buttery is the 2017 winner of the Paul McLean Award.

The award was created in 2007 by the Canadian Curling Reporters, in conjunction with TSN, in memory of McLean, a TSN executive producer, and his dedication to the sport of curling. McLean passed away on December 14, 2005, at his home in Brampton, Ontario, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 39.

The award is presented annually to a person in the media who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of curling from behind the scenes.

A Season of Champions veteran, Buttery's first curling event dates back to the 1995 Canadian mixed in Sarnia, Ontario, and he has covered numerous events since.

While you may not notice him, that's generally a sign that Buttery's doing his job well. He's the man who makes sure that everything you see on television looks smooth, runs on time and that everybody goes where they're supposed to go; and he does it all with a sense of calm that settles everyone down and helps them focus.



TSN broadcaster Brian Mudryk, left, presents the 2017 Paul McLean Award to TSN floor director Leigh Buttery.

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Curling Canada's Peter Inch and Lena West present the 2015-16 Volunteer of the Year Award to Kate Barratt in recognition of her contribution to the success of the Gibsons Curling Club.

Curling Canada Volunteer of the Year

Kate Barratt of Gibsons, British Columbia, is the winner of the 2015-16 Curling Canada Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of her significant contribution to the success of the Gibsons Curling Club.

While Barratt's contributions to her hometown club go back further than the 2015-16 season, it was then that she stood tallest to ensure that her fellow curlers on the Sunshine Coast had a dependable ice surface on which to play.

With the club's 40-year-old ice plant on its last legs, Barratt went to work to secure funding for a replacement. She applied for grants and donations of all kinds and in the end her single-minded tenacity produced a remarkable \$140,000 of the \$160,000 needed to complete the project.

At the same time, she took a lead role in establishing a selection committee to determine the contractor for the project, while assembling volunteers to work on a facelift of the club to coincide with its 40th anniversary celebrations.

And if that weren't enough, Barratt continued with her usual volunteer work at the club, producing a newsletter and keeping the club website updated; developing an online registration system; helping to organize leagues and curling clinics for members; and maintaining an annual five per cent growth rate in membership.



Ray Kingsmith Executive of the Year Award

Ray Kingsmith was a tireless worker for the sport of curling and the same can be said of Kathy Siddall of Kentville, Nova Scotia, the winner of the 2017 Ray

Kingsmith Executive of the Year Award.

The award is presented annually to the volunteer who best exemplifies the dedication to curling and benevolence demonstrated by Calgary's Ray Kingsmith throughout his life.

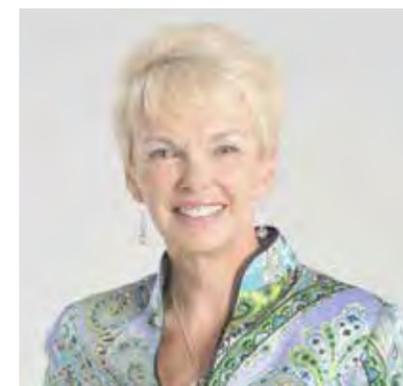
Kingsmith was a super volunteer, the kind who doesn't come around very often. He gave freely of himself, his time and his resources to the sport of curling, which he so loved and believed in. He never asked for nor expected anything in return. Kingsmith passed away in 1988.

Siddall's experience working with events, as well as being a regional director with the Nova Scotia Curling Association, made her an obvious selection for the Kingsmith award.

She has played a lead role in making Nova Scotia curling centres more prominent within their respective communities and has stressed the importance of communication among those curling centres to share successful strategies.

Siddall has also undertaken many volunteer roles at her home clubs — currently the Glooscap Curling Club in Kentville, and before that the Halifax Curling Club.

Over the years, she has held many positions on organizing committees for international, national and provincial championships in Nova Scotia, including the 2015 Ford Word Men's in Halifax, the 2016 Everest Canadian Seniors in Digby and, most recently, the 2017 Canadian Mixed in Yarmouth.



Award of Achievement

Regina's Bernadette McIntyre has won the 2017 Curling Canada Award of Achievement in recognition of her long-time work building the sport of curling in Saskatchewan.

The achievement awards are presented annually to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to curling in one of four areas — builder, technical development (instructor, coach, official, ice technician), marketing and media.

McIntyre's name is synonymous with curling in Saskatchewan, where she devoted countless hours to all aspects of the sport.

She has served as a volunteer on boards ranging from her home club, the Saskatchewan Curling Association — now known as CurlSask — and Curling Canada, for which she served a five-year stint as a member of the board.

If there was a major curling championship in Regina, chances are very good that McIntyre played an active role in it. She served as host committee president at the 1998 Scott Tournament of Hearts, the 2001 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings and the 2006 Tim Hortons Brier, and as executive vice-president of the 2008 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. She also chaired the host committees of the 2014 CIS-Curling Canada University Championships and the 2016 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship. She also chaired the committee that successfully bid to host the 2018 Tim Hortons Brier.

McIntyre is a former recipient of the Joan Mead Builder Award for her contributions to women's curling and is a certified Level 3 official.

VOICE OF THE ATHLETES

“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.” — George Bernard Shaw

HEAVY, RIGHT? THAT QUOTE MIGHT HAVE BEEN attributed to Curling Canada and its high-performance athletes in the past. At one point, it might even have been true.

But in the past few years Curling Canada’s operations team has worked to foster a collaborative working relationship with the athletes, strongly valuing their opinions. Communication channels have opened and relationships have improved. They aren’t perfect, but relationships never are. If there isn’t something to roll up your sleeves and debate your position about, then what fun is that?

In July 2016, after I had retired from competition, Curling Canada’s new chief executive officer, Katherine Henderson, decided that it would be extremely valuable to her to have a recently retired curler as her liaison with athletes. After a few discussions, she decided that I should be the person to foster that relationship and I agreed to come on board. We believed that because I’m so close to the athletes, I could help create a formal pipeline of information between them and Curling Canada.

How to achieve proper athlete representation and hear athletes’ voices are topics of conversation within all national sport organizations and I believe Curling Canada is being proactive in hiring someone like me to ensure that it hears those voices. But it’s a two-way street: information should not travel only from the athletes to the operations team. Good athlete councils and committees are not just a complaints box. Information has to flow in both directions.

And that’s my role: to ensure that effective and strong communication is achieved between the athletes and Curling Canada. My new role allows me to sit in on meetings and have discussions that most active athletes would never be privy to. It allows me to see the bigger picture of any decision so that if I need to explain to athletes why a decision has been made, I have all the information I need. Or if I have to explain to the operations team why something is a concern for the athletes, I also have all the information I need.

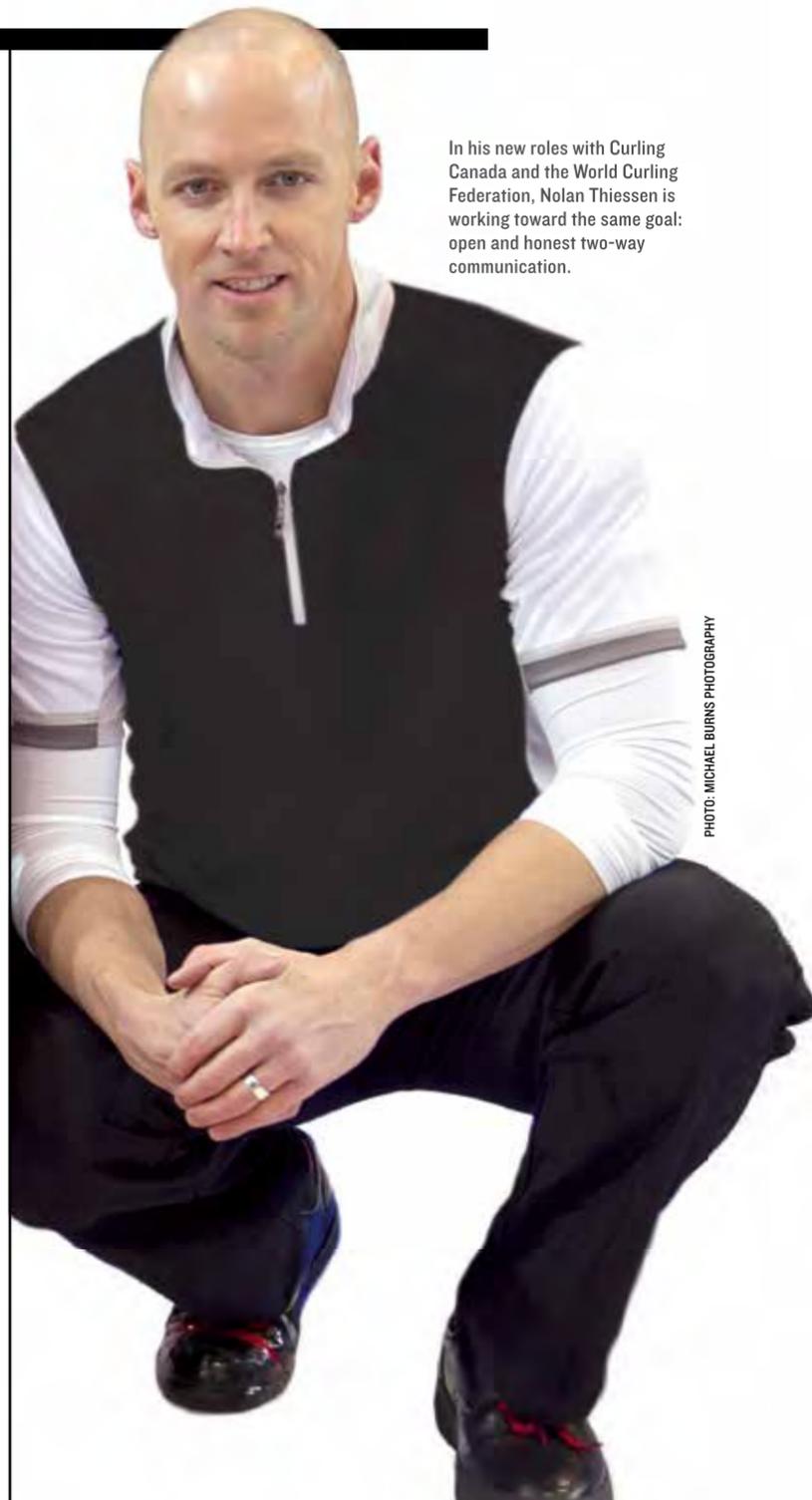


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In his new roles with Curling Canada and the World Curling Federation, Nolan Thiessen is working toward the same goal: open and honest two-way communication.



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Three-time Canadian champion Nolan Thiessen, far right, with his 2015 Brier-winning Team Canada teammates Pat Simmons, John Morris and Carter Rycroft. Thiessen retired after the 2016 season and soon after took on a new role with Curling Canada — to ensure effective and strong communication between the athletes and the sport’s governing body.

That’s how good decisions are made, by making sure that all stakeholders not only get to say their piece, but that they get to hear everyone else’s thoughts and opinions. When everything is on the table and everyone has had his or her chance to speak and, more importantly, to listen, good decisions that are in the best interest of the sport can be made.

The athletes are excited to finally get a seat at that table and I’m excited to represent them. In the past year, I’ve had the opportunity to sit in on many meetings with many different topics on the agenda. Simply put, that’s my job as the athlete liaison officer: to foster strong two-way communication so that the athletes’ voices are heard and decisions are made with everyone’s interests taken into consideration.

This past year, my name was put forward to be a representative of curling athletes on the world stage; I was elected by my peers to be a member of the World Curling Federation Athlete’s Council (WCF AC). The endorsement by my peers is a big responsibility that I take seriously. My friends, former teammates, former combatants and even former enemies elected me to represent them for the sport of curling worldwide.

I look at the purpose of my role with the WCF AC as very similar to my role with Curling Canada — communication. However, with the WCF AC I have to think on a global scale and what’s best for curling internationally first and foremost — no matter where I live.

In my new capacity, I have taken the lead for the WCF AC with the WCF Competition and Rules Commission to be the liaison between our two

groups. Competition and rules are what affect high-performance athletes the most. Athletes are constantly debating competition formats and rules of play. They affect their ability to perform and to try to win championships. Any rule change could affect the outcome of a world championship or Olympic Winter Games. So, to be able to work on behalf of the athletes in this role is a big job that I enjoy.

No one on the C&R Commission or the WCF AC takes these discussions lightly, nor is there malice in anyone’s motives. It should be seen as a positive that athletes are being invited into discussions when issues are being debated and positions taken. Again, ensuring that everyone has a chance to speak and to listen is the key to good communication and decision-making.

I have two different roles — one with the scope of a nation, the other with the scope of the world. In both roles I am working toward the same goal: open and honest two-way communication, so the voice of the athletes is being properly heard and the athletes have a chance to listen to what other stakeholders have to say.

Long overdue.

Nolan Thiessen is a three-time Brier champion and now serves as Curling Canada’s athlete liaison officer



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Dr. Louis Poirier of the National Research Council of Canada, left, records sweeping data from a specialized broom with measuring sensors used by veteran curler and Curling Canada athlete liaison officer Nolan Thiessen at the 2016 Sweeping Summit.

THE MEMBER ASSOCIATION CUP

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CURLING CANADA HAS CREATED A provincial/territorial ranking system to measure member association performances at all of the national curling championships it operates and sanctions.

The system was implemented in 2010-11 by Curling Canada, which is made up of 14 member associations representing Canada's 10 provinces, Northern Ontario and the territories of Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Member associations are ranked based on their final positions in 12 annual national championships – the men's and women's Travelers Curling Club Championship, the Canadian mixed, Canadian junior men's and women's, Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Tim Hortons Brier, Canadian Under-18 boys and girls, Everest Canadian senior men's and women's and Canadian wheelchair.

The program was created to generate greater interest among curling fans across the country. For years, curling enthusiasts have enjoyed regional rivalries, debating whether their province or territory was better than another. The new system adds legitimacy to a basic ranking system, which tracks how member associations perform.

Under the new system, points totals and results are tracked and updated after



Curling Canada chair Peter Inch, right, presents the Member Association Cup to Ontario Curling Association vice-chair Doug Kreviazuk and chair Rick Meraska. In a rare sweep, Ontario – which earned an impressive 140 points – also received the Governors' Cup for making the biggest year-to-year improvement on an average points basis.

each applicable Canadian championship throughout the curling season.

The 2016-17 winners were announced in June at Curling Canada's Annual General Meeting in Cornwall, Ontario. Based on the highest average points, the Member Association Cup, presented by TSN, was awarded to Ontario, with 140 points, an average of 11.7 per event.

Ontario's total was bolstered by first-place performances by Rachel Homan at the Hearts and Wesley Forget at the club

championship and runner-up finishes by Hailey Armstrong and Matthew Hall at the juniors and Jo-Ann Rizzo and Howard Rajala at the seniors.

Ontario – the member association making the biggest year-to-year improvement on an average points basis – also received the Governors' Cup for an average increase over the 12 events of 2.9 points year over year.

For further details, go to www.curling.ca/macup.

2016-2017 MEMBER ASSOCIATION CUP – FINAL STANDINGS

Rank	Province/Territory	Mixed	Curling Club Championship Men	Curling Club Championship Women	Junior Women	Junior Men	Hearts	Brier	Senior Women	Senior Men	U-18 Women	U-18 Men	Wheelchair	Points	Average
1	Ontario	12	14	11	13	13	15	7	13	13	8	10	11	140	11.7
2	Alberta	4	12	13	14	8	13	14	11	14	10	7	13	133	11.1
3	Manitoba	13	10	14	5	11	14	13	8	9	9	6	14	126	10.5
4	Northern Ontario	14	4	5	12	12	12	12	9	10	14	14	7	125	10.4
5	Quebec	8	5	12	11	5	11	11	6	11	12	9	12	113	9.4
6	Saskatchewan	11	13	8	10	4	4	9	14	6	6	11	9	105	8.8
7	Nova Scotia	7	9	10	7	10	6	8	10	5	11	13	5	101	8.4
8	British Columbia	6	11	7	9	14	5	10	12	4	4	12	6	100	8.3
9	Newfoundland/Labrador	9	3	9	6	6	9	15	5	7	5	5	8	87	7.3
10	New Brunswick	10	2	4	4	7	3	5	7	12	13	8	10	85	7.1
11	Prince Edward Island	3	8	3	8	9	7	2	4	8	7	4	N/A	63	5.7
12	Northwest Territories	1	6	6	3	3	8	4	3	1	3	3	N/A	41	3.7
13	Yukon	5	7	2	1	N/A	2	3	2	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	25	3.1
14	Nunavut	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	1.5



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TEAM WORLD SET FOR 2018 WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP CONTINENTAL CUP



Already qualified for Team North America are the reigning Canadian and world champions — Lisa Weagle, Joanne Courtney, Emma Miskew and Rachel Homan of Ottawa, and Geoff Walker, Brett Gallant, Mark Nichols and Brad Gushue of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. They will be joined by both the United States and Canadian Olympic representatives.

THE 2018 WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP Continental Cup will have a distinctly Olympic feel in January in London, Ontario.

Four of the six teams that will comprise Team World have already been selected to represent their countries at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea. The fifth and sixth are still candidates to play at the Olympics.

Both the captain and coach — Scotland's recently retired David Murdoch and Sweden's Fredrik Lindberg — are former Olympic medal-winners as players.

They will bring that star-studded lineup to The Sports Centre at Western Fair District in London in hopes of ending a five-year losing streak to Team North America in curling's version of the Ryder Cup.

"It's been a number of years since our last victory, so they're already motivated," said Murdoch, who participated in seven WFG Continental Cups as a player, winning twice — in 2008 in Camrose, Alberta, and in 2006 in Chilliwack, British Columbia. "But

the chance to see many of the teams they will be facing in PyeongChang will add to the excitement level. I know our teams will be working extremely hard in the next months to make sure they're in peak form for London."

Murdoch and Lindberg will helm a team that includes reigning world men's silver medallist, Sweden's Niklas Edin and bronze medallist Peter de Cruz of Switzerland, along with 2016 world women's silver medallist Satsuki Fujisawa of Japan.

Those three teams have already been declared their respective country's Olympic reps, as has Anna Hasselborg of Sweden, who finished fourth at the 2017 World Women's Curling Championship.

Team World will be rounded out by former world champ and 2010 Olympic silver medallist Thomas Ulsrud of Norway, who will be Olympics-bound with a top-four finish at the European Curling Championships, and Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni, who will participate in the Swiss Women's Olympic Curling Trials in October.

Meanwhile, the host Team North America squad will have no shortage of Olympic representatives. Both the Canadian and U.S. men's and women's Olympic teams will be on the squad, which will again be coached by Rick Lang, with Al Hackner, his former long-time skip and fellow resident of Thunder Bay, Ontario, serving as captain.

The Canadian Olympic men's and women's four-player teams will be decided at the 2017 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings December 2 to 10 in Ottawa, while the U.S. will decide its Olympic teams at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials November 11 to 18 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Also part of Team North America will be the reigning Canadian and world championship teams, skipped by Brad Gushue of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Rachel Homan of Ottawa.

Should those teams also win at the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings, the runner-up

teams at the 2017 Tim Hortons Brier and Scotties Tournament of Hearts — Calgary's Kevin Koe and Winnipeg's Michelle Englot — would be awarded berths in the World Financial Group Continental Cup.

Hackner was recently hired by USA Curling to join its High Performance Program coaching staff. Hackner and Lang combined to win world men's curling championships in 1982 and '85.

"It's exciting to be reunited with Al, because he has a wealth of information inside of that head of his that he can bring to the team, and we'll need all of it because Team World will be hungrier than ever," said Lang, who also serves as Curling Canada's national men's coach. "I have a great deal of respect for both David and Fredrik and, based on the sheer talent of their lineup, we have a tough task ahead of us in London to keep that trophy at home."

TEAM WORLD LINEUPS

TEAM DE CRUZ, SWITZERLAND



Peter de Cruz



Benoît Schwarz



Claudio Pätz



Valentin Tanner

TEAM FUJISAWA, JAPAN



Satsuki Fujisawa



Chinami Yoshida



Yumi Suzuki



Yurika Yoshida

TEAM EDIN, SWEDEN



Niklas Edin



Oskar Eriksson



Rasmus Wranå



Christoffer Sundgren

TEAM HASSELBORG, SWEDEN



Anna Hasselborg



Sara McManus



Agnes Knochenhauer



Sofia Mabergs

TEAM ULSRUD, NORWAY



Thomas Ulsrud



Torgjer Nergård



Christoffer Svae



Håvard Vad Petersson

TEAM TIRINZONI, SWITZERLAND



Silvana Tirinzoni



Manuela Siegrist



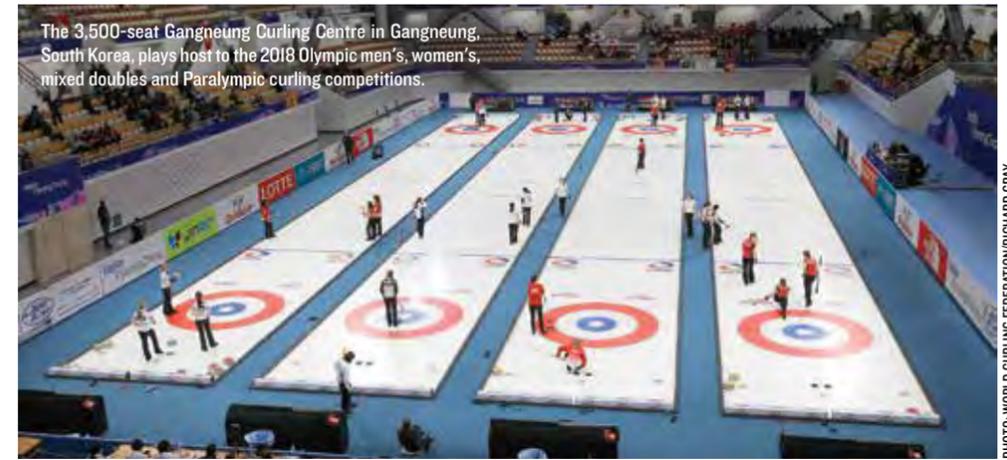
Esther Neuenschwander



Marlene Albrecht

Captain: David Murdoch, Scotland Coach: Fredrik Lindberg, Sweden

THE 2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES



The 3,500-seat Gangneung Curling Centre in Gangneung, South Korea, plays host to the 2018 Olympic men's, women's, mixed doubles and Paralympic curling competitions.

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THE ROAD TO PYEONGCHANG

The World Curling Federation has 56 member associations, but only 10 teams of each gender are allowed to participate at the medal level of the 2018 Games in four-player competition, and just eight in the inaugural mixed doubles competition.

Although Scotland, Wales and England compete individually in the world championships, Great Britain has only one entry in the Olympics. For 2018, only Scotland was allocated Olympic qualifying points for Great Britain in both disciplines.

South Korea, as host nation, has berths in both the men's and women's team competitions, in addition to the mixed doubles event.

In four-player competition, seven berths were assigned on the basis of points

accumulated at the 2016 and '17 world championships. (Points were awarded according to the final ranking of each of the 12 participating teams as follows: 14, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.)

The remaining two berths will be determined at a WCF Olympic qualifying event to be staged December 5 to 10 in the Winter Arena Košutka in Pilsen, Czech Republic. Any member association that earned points at the 2016 or '17 world championships or participated in the 2014 or '15 worlds is eligible.

In the mixed doubles event, the seven available berths were decided based on the combined results of the 2016 and '17 world championships, with points awarded to the top 12 finishers as follows: 14, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

CURLING WILL HAVE AN EXPANDED PRESENCE AT

the 2018 Olympic Winter Games next February in PyeongChang, South Korea.

So expanded, in fact, that curling is the only sport that will be contested for all 17 official days of competition – and actually requires one extra day, on the Thursday before the opening ceremonies.

That's due to the addition of the mixed doubles format. After years of lobbying by the World Curling Federation and its member associations, the International Olympic Committee formally added mixed doubles as a medal sport in June 2015.

That means there will be three Olympic gold medals on the line at the 3,500-seat Gangneung Curling Centre, which also played host to the 2009 World Women's Curling Championship.

It will be the sixth time that curling has been a full-medal sport, and the 2018 edition kicks off with the mixed doubles competition on February 8 – a day before the official opening ceremonies. That competition will conclude with medal games on Tuesday, February 13. The four-player competition for men and women begins the following day and

concludes with the men's gold-medal game on Saturday, February 24, and the women's gold-medal game the following day.

The Games officially welcomed curling in July 1992, when the IOC announced that curling would be recognized for the first time as a medal sport at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Japan. Curling made its Olympic debut as a full-medal sport in 1998 at Kazakoshi Park Arena in Karuizawa, Japan, about an hour from downtown Nagano.

Curling made its next Olympic appearance in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2002 at The Ice Sheet arena on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, 45 kilometres north of Salt Lake City.

Four years later, in 2006, the Olympic curling competition took place at the Palaghiaccio, a multi-purpose ice arena in Pinerolo, Italy, 35 kilometres southwest of Torino.

Vancouver played host to the 2010 Olympics and the curling events were held at the 5,600-seat Vancouver Olympic/Paralympic Centre.

In 2014, the 3,000-seat Ice Cube Curling Center in Sochi, Russia, hosted the curling competition.

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES QUALIFICATION POINTS

WORLD MEN'S	2014	2015	2016	2017	Olympic Points
1 Canada	✓	✓	14	14	28
2 Sweden	✓	✓	7	12	19
3 United States	✓	✓	10	9	19
4 Japan	✓	✓	9	6	15
5 Switzerland	✓	✓	4	10	14
6 Great Britain**	✓	✓	6	7	13
7 Norway	✓	✓	8	5	13
8 South Korea*	X	X	2	X	2
9 Denmark	✓	X	12	X	12
10 China	✓	✓	X	8	8
11 Finland	X	✓	5	X	5
12 Italy	X	✓	X	4	4
13 Germany	✓	X	1	3	4
14 Russia	✓	✓	3	1	4
15 Netherlands	X	X	X	2	2
16 Czech Republic	✓	✓	X	X	0

WORLD WOMEN'S	2014	2015	2016	2017	Olympic Points
1 Canada	✓	✓	9	14	23
2 Russia	✓	✓	10	12	22
3 Switzerland	✓	✓	14	5	19
4 Great Britain**	✓	✓	8	10	18
5 United States	✓	✓	7	8	15
6 Sweden	✓	✓	4	9	13
7 South Korea*	✓	X	6	7	13
8 Japan	X	✓	12	X	12
9 Germany	✓	✓	3	4	7
10 Czech Republic	✓	X	X	6	6
11 Denmark	✓	✓	5	1	6
12 Italy	X	X	1	3	4
13 China	✓	✓	X	2	2
14 Finland	X	✓	2	X	2
15 Norway	X	✓	X	X	0
16 Latvia	✓	X	X	X	0

WORLD MIXED DOUBLES	2016	2017	Olympic Points
1 China	12	10	22
2 Canada	8	12	20
3 Russia	14	4	18
4 Switzerland	X	14	14
5 United States	10	3	13
6 Norway	4	8	12
7 Finland	6	6	12
8 South Korea*	X	7	7
9 Great Britain**	9	2	11
10 Czech Republic	X	9	9
11 Estonia	7	X	7
12 Latvia	X	5	5
13 England	5	X	5
14 Slovakia	3	X	3
15 Austria	2	X	2
16 Italy	X	1	1
17 Ireland	1	0	1

* South Korea qualifies as host country ** Scotland will represent Great Britain

2018 CANADIAN OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PROCESS

Curling Canada's qualification process for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games is designed to be fair to all competing teams, reward consistent play and ensure that the country's best curlers represent Canada in PyeongChang in both four-player and mixed doubles competition.

The 21 men's and 21 women's teams that qualified for the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials or Home Hardware Road to the Roar pre-trials did so by winning the 2015 or '16 Home Hardware Canada Cup, the 2015 or '16 Tim Hortons Brier or Scotties Tournament of Hearts (and then winning a medal at the world championship), or by their final standings on the Canadian Team Ranking System in 2016-17, and the highest two-year CTRS totals based on the past two seasons.

Nine men's and nine women's teams will compete in the 2017 Roar of the Rings curling trials. Round-robin preliminaries, followed by three-team playoffs, will take place December 2 to 10 in Ottawa at the Canadian Tire Centre.

Seven teams of each gender have qualified directly into the trials, while the final two berths for each will emerge from a pre-trials competition.

The 2013 Home Hardware Road to the Roar pre-trials, to be held November 6 to 12 at Credit Union Place in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, includes 14 men's and 14 women's teams competing in a two-pool round robin. Six teams of each gender will advance to the playoffs, with two men's and two women's teams qualifying for the trials.

Meanwhile, 18 teams will play for the right to be Canada's first Olympic mixed doubles team January 2 to 7 at the first Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials at Stride Place in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

The field will be split into two pools of nine, with the first- and second-place teams in each pool, and the four teams with the next best win-loss records, regardless of pool, advancing to a modified double knockout playoff.

Members of the four-player men's and women's curling team representatives for the 2018 Olympics aren't eligible to participate in the 2018 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials.

If both players from a mixed doubles trials-eligible team are competing in the 2018 Olympics, that team will be replaced by the first team on the wait list.

If a mixed doubles trials team has an individual player competing at the 2018

Olympics, the team will be able to replace that player.

Teams qualified for the Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials by representing Canada at the 2016 world mixed doubles championship; by finishing in the top three at the 2017 Canadian mixed doubles championship; by winning a regional mixed doubles qualifying event; or by its standing on the Canadian mixed doubles rankings.

THE 2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Wheelchair curling will be contested as a medal sport for the fourth time when the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games take place March 9 to 18 in PyeongChang, South Korea.

The sport made its Paralympic debut at the 2006 Games in Torino, Italy — games were played in Pinerolo, about 35 kilometres away from Torino.

Wheelchair curling was also part of the 2010 Paralympics in Vancouver and the 2014 Paralympics in Sochi, Russia.

Canada won gold in all three previous Paralympic wheelchair-curling competitions. In 2006, Chris Daw skipped the Canadian team, while Jim Armstrong skipped the gold-medal teams in 2010 and '14. Sonja Gaudet is the only curler who was a member of all three Canadian teams.

Canada's representatives for the PyeongChang Paralympics will be selected by Curling Canada's national coaching staff later this year, following a series of training camps involving high-performance players.

PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES QUALIFICATION POINTS

	WORLD WHEELCHAIR	2015	2016	2017	Olympic Points
1	Russia	12	12	10	34
2	Norway	1	10	12	23
3	China	10	6	7	23
4	Canada	5	4	6	15
5	United States	6	5	4	15
6	South Korea*	X	8	5	13
7	Great Britain**	3	X	8	11
8	Switzerland	X	7	3	10
9	Finland	8	1	1	10
10	Germany	4	3	2	9
11	Slovakia	7	2	X	9
12	Sweden	2	X	X	2

* South Korea qualifies as host country
** Scotland will represent Great Britain

HOME HARDWARE ROAD TO THE ROAR QUALIFIERS

Men	Women
Greg Balsdon	Shannon Birchard
Mark Bice	Theresa Breen
Brendan Bottcher	Kerri Einarson
Adam Casey	Tracy Fleury
Dayna Deruelle	Jacqueline Harrison
Colton Flasch	Shannon Kleibrink
Jason Gunnlaugson	Krista McCarville
Glenn Howard	Briane Meilleur
William Lyburn	Sherry Middaugh
Jean-Michel Ménard	Darcy Robertson
John Morris	Kelsey Rocque
Jamie Murphy	Nadine Scotland
Charley Thomas	Karla Thompson
Pat Simmons	Julie Tippin

TIM HORTONS ROAR OF THE RINGS QUALIFIERS

Men	Women
Reid Carruthers	Chelsea Carey
John Epping	Michelle Englot
Brad Gushue	Allison Flaxey
Brad Jacobs	Rachel Homan
Kevin Koe	Jennifer Jones
Steve Laycock	Casey Scheidegger
Mike McEwen	Val Sweeting
Road to the Roar A winner	Road to the Roar A winner
Road to the Roar B winner	Road to the Roar B winner

CANADIAN MIXED DOUBLES CURLING TRIALS QUALIFIERS (as of October 1)

Marliese Kasner	Dustin Kalthoff	Emma Miskew	Tyrel Griffith
Joanne Courtney	Reid Carruthers	Rachel Homan	John Morris
Jennifer Jones	Brent Laing	Kalynn Park	Charley Thomas
Chelsea Carey	Colin Hodgson	Jocelyn Peterman	Brett Gallant

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TEAM BIRCHARD WINNIPEG



Shannon Birchard
Nicole Sigvaldason
Sheyna Andries
Mariah Mondor

SKIP: Shannon Birchard **Born:** May 11, 1994 **Occupation:** Administrative assistant, River City Ford ■ **THIRD:** Nicole Sigvaldason **Born:** May 19, 1992 **Occupation:** Human resources administrator, Bison Transport ■ **SECOND:** Sheyna Andries **Born:** February 13, 1992 **Occupation:** Optometric assistant, Waverley Eye Care Centre ■ **LEAD:** Mariah Mondor **Born:** December 27, 1992 **Occupation:** Government of Canada employee ■ **ALTERNATE:** Sarah Pyke ■ **COACH:** Calvin Edie

TEAM BREEN HALIFAX



Theresa Breen
Marlee Powers
Jocelyn Adams
Amanda Simpson

SKIP: Theresa Breen **Born:** December 4, 1965 **Occupation:** Senior regional manager, TD Wealth Financial Planning ■ **THIRD:** Marlee Powers **Born:** July 17, 1991 **Occupation:** Purchasing manager, Survival Systems Limited ■ **SECOND:** Jocelyn Adams **Born:** January 10, 1988 **Occupation:** Alumni and donor relations officer, Faculty of Science, Dalhousie University ■ **LEAD:** Amanda Simpson **Born:** December 26, 1986 **Occupation:** Operations manager, DGI Clinical Inc. ■ **COACH:** Jeff Wilson

TEAM EINARSON EAST ST. PAUL, MANITOBA



Kerri Einarson
Selena Kaatz
Liz Fyfe
Kristin MacCuish

SKIP: Kerri Einarson **Born:** October 3, 1987 **Occupation:** Rehabilitation aide, Betel Home Foundation ■ **THIRD:** Selena Kaatz **Born:** January 22, 1992 **Occupation:** Staff accountant, Deloitte Canada ■ **SECOND:** Liz Fyfe **Born:** May 11, 1987 **Occupation:** Self-employed wedding planner ■ **LEAD:** Kristin MacCuish **Born:** December 8, 1992 **Occupation:** Small-medium business specialist, IDC Communications

TEAM FLEURY SUDBURY, ONTARIO



Tracy Fleury
Crystal Webster
Jenna Walsh
Amanda Gates
Jennifer Wylie

SKIP: Tracy Fleury **Born:** June 13, 1986 **Occupation:** Chartered accountant, Laurentian University ■ **THIRD:** Crystal Webster **Born:** February 26, 1975 **Occupation:** Mortgage specialist, RBC ■ **SECOND:** Jenna Walsh **Born:** March 2, 1988 **Occupation:** Letter carrier, Canada Post ■ **LEAD:** Amanda Gates **Born:** March 26, 1986 **Occupation:** Insurance broker, PBL Insurance Limited ■ **ALTERNATE:** Jennifer Wylie **Born:** August 1, 1984 **Occupation:** Chartered accountant, Vale ■ **COACH:** Andrea Ronnebeck

TEAM HARRISON MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO



Jacqueline Harrison
Janet Murphy
Stephanie Matheson
Melissa Foster

SKIP: Jacqueline Harrison **Born:** July 28, 1978 **Occupation:** Full-time mother ■ **THIRD:** Janet Murphy **Born:** April 22, 1965 **Occupation:** Director of curling, Mississauga Golf & Country Club ■ **SECOND:** Stephanie Matheson **Born:** October 11, 1984 **Occupation:** Project manager ■ **LEAD:** Melissa Foster **Born:** October 12, 1972 **Occupation:** Elementary school teacher ■ **ALTERNATE:** Jestyn Murphy ■ **COACH:** Jamie Collins

TEAM KLEIBRINK OKOTOKS, ALBERTA



Shannon Kleibrink
Sarah Wilkes
Kalynn Park
Alison Thiessen

SKIP: Shannon Kleibrink **Born:** October 7, 1968 **Occupation:** General manager, Nustadia Recreation Inc. ■ **THIRD:** Sarah Wilkes **Born:** August 4, 1990 **Occupation:** Teacher ■ **SECOND:** Kalynn Park **Born:** September 12, 1988 **Occupation:** Student ■ **LEAD:** Alison Thiessen **Born:** October 19, 1992 **Occupation:** Recreation therapy manager, Revera: South Terrace Continuing Care Centre ■ **COACH:** Richard Kleibrink

TEAM MCCARVILLE THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO



Krista McCarville
Kendra Lilly
Ashley Sippala
Sarah Potts

SKIP: Krista McCarville **Born:** November 10, 1982 **Occupation:** Teacher, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board ■ **THIRD:** Kendra Lilly **Born:** June 18, 1991 **Occupation:** Insurance advisor, Crossgrove & Company Wealth Management ■ **SECOND:** Ashley Sippala **Born:** January 21, 1987 **Occupation:** Lab technician, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre ■ **LEAD:** Sarah Potts **Born:** September 21, 1989 **Occupation:** Social worker, Thunder Bay Counselling Centre ■ **COACH:** Lorraine Lang

TEAM MEILLEUR WINNIPEG



Briane Meilleur
Breanne Knapp
Janelle Vachon
Sarah Neufeld

SKIP: Briane Meilleur **Born:** March 11, 1992 **Occupation:** CAD technician, EuroCraft Office Furnishings ■ **THIRD:** Breanne Knapp **Born:** April 16, 1990 **Occupation:** Registered dietitian, R.D., Level 10 Fitness ■ **SECOND:** Janelle Vachon **Born:** September 5, 1992 **Occupation:** Environmental sciences graduate ■ **LEAD:** Sarah Neufeld **Born:** August 17, 1988 **Occupation:** CPA, Western Life Assurance ■ **COACH:** B.J. Neufeld

TEAM MIDDAGH COLDWATER, ONTARIO



Sherry Middaugh
Jo-Ann Rizzo
Lee Merklinger
Leigh Armstrong

SKIP: Sherry Middaugh **Born:** October 11, 1966 **Occupation:** Bookkeeper, Robert Wayne Middaugh Enterprises/mother ■ **THIRD:** Jo-Ann Rizzo **Born:** June 1, 1965 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **SECOND:** Lee Merklinger **Born:** September 16, 1984 **Occupation:** Policy analyst, Health Canada ■ **LEAD:** Leigh Armstrong **Born:** November 2, 1982 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **ALTERNATE:** Kim Tuck ■ **COACH:** Bob Turcotte

TEAM ROBERTSON WINNIPEG



Darcy Robertson
Karen Klein
Vanessa Foster
Theresa Cannon

SKIP: Darcy Robertson **Born:** March 13, 1965 **Occupation:** Dental hygienist, Lifesmiles Dental Corp ■ **THIRD:** Karen Klein **Born:** September 29, 1974 **Occupation:** Case manager, Worker's Compensation Board, Manitoba ■ **SECOND:** Vanessa Foster **Born:** October 24, 1980 **Occupation:** Marketing director, Sunova Credit Union ■ **LEAD:** Theresa Cannon **Born:** September 4, 1987 **Occupation:** Lawyer, Government of Manitoba ■ **COACH:** Howard Restall

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TEAM ROCQUE EDMONTON



SKIP: Kelsey Rocque **Born:** March 25, 1994 **Occupation:** Recreation therapist, Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital ■ **THIRD:** Laura Crocker **Born:** November 19, 1990 **Occupation:** Mortgage associate, Mortgage Design Group ■ **SECOND:** Taylor McDonald **Born:** May 12, 1993 **Occupation:** Mortgage associate, Mortgage Design Group ■ **LEAD:** Jen Gates **Born:** April 22, 1990 **Occupation:** Makeup artist ■ **COACH:** Lesley McEwan

TEAM SCOTLAND CALGARY



SKIP: Nadine Scotland **Born:** October 4, 1990 **Occupation:** Communications and event manager, Special Olympics Alberta — Calgary ■ **THIRD:** Heather Jensen **Born:** March 8, 1985 **Occupation:** P3 administrative lead, Canada Honeywell Ltd ■ **SECOND:** Rebecca Korschuh **Born:** October 8, 1993 **Occupation:** Advertising manager, Totem Golf Ltd ■ **LEAD:** Heather Rogers **Born:** December 31, 1991 **Occupation:** Investment representative, BMO Nesbitt Burns ■ **ALTERNATE:** Whitney Eckstrand ■ **COACH:** Daryl Nixon

TEAM THOMPSON KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA



SKIP: Karla Thompson **Born:** June 2, 1984 **Occupation:** Teacher, Rayleigh Elementary ■ **THIRD:** Kristen Recksiedler **Born:** June 14, 1983 **Occupation:** Learning and development trainer, Sun Life Financial ■ **SECOND:** Shannon Joannis **Born:** September 28, 1976 **Occupation:** HP and competitions manager, Curl BC ■ **LEAD:** Trysta Vandale **Born:** November 28, 1985 **Occupation:** Project controls, Kiewit ■ **COACH:** Garry VanDenBerghe

TEAM TIPPIN WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO



SKIP: Julie Tippin **Born:** August 16, 1983 **Occupation:** Corporate services manager, Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services ■ **THIRD:** Chantal Duhaime **Born:** March 6, 1990 **Occupation:** Owner, River Rock Dental Hygiene ■ **SECOND:** Rachelle Vink **Born:** July 1, 1991 **Occupation:** Assistant general manager, Woodstock Meadows Golf Centre ■ **LEAD:** Tess Bobbie **Born:** August 12, 1991 **Occupation:** Claims associate, Allstate Insurance ■ **COACH:** Barry Westman

TEAM BALSODN KINGSTON, ONTARIO



SKIP: Greg Balsdon **Born:** October 9, 1977 **Occupation:** Associate golf professional, Meadowbrook Golf & Country Club/icemaker, Royal Canadian Curling Club ■ **THIRD:** Don Bowser **Born:** July 6, 1978 **Occupation:** Manager, Camionair Inc. ■ **SECOND:** Jonathan Beuk **Born:** April 18, 1983 **Occupation:** Self-employed psychometrist ■ **LEAD:** Scott Chadwick **Born:** January 16, 1991 **Occupation:** Production engineer, Haakon Industries Ltd. ■ **ALTERNATE:** Mark Kean ■ **COACH:** Brian Chick

TEAM BICE SARNIA, ONTARIO



SKIP: Mark Bice **Born:** October 10, 1984 **Occupation:** Process operator, Imperial Oil Ltd. ■ **THIRD:** Aaron Squires **Born:** November 10, 1992 **Occupation:** Inside sales, CIPG ■ **SECOND:** Tyler Morgan **Born:** December 24, 1981 **Occupation:** Bylaw enforcement officer, City of Burlington ■ **LEAD:** Steve Bice **Born:** October 5, 1981 **Occupation:** Laboratory technician, Ontario Power Generation ■ **ALTERNATE:** Jamie Farnell

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TEAM BOTTCHEr EDMONTON



SKIP: Brendan Bottcher **Born:** December 19, 1991 **Occupation:** Project engineer, Blackstone Industrial Services ■ **THIRD:** Darren Moulding **Born:** December 2, 1982 **Occupation:** Head ice technician, Lacombe Curling Club and Bentley Curling Club/owner, Pinpoint Roofing ■ **SECOND:** Brad Thiessen **Born:** March 1, 1990 **Occupation:** Web developer, LawDepot ■ **LEAD:** Karrick Martin **Born:** May 24, 1989 **Occupation:** Event/labour supervisor, Government of Alberta

TEAM CASEY REGINA



SKIP: Adam Casey **Born:** August 28, 1989 **Occupation:** Industrial process specialist, MDS Coating Technologies ■ **THIRD:** Brock Montgomery **Born:** October 24, 1980 **Occupation:** Production supervisor, K+S Potash Canada ■ **SECOND:** Shaun Meachem **Born:** October 9, 1979 **Occupation:** Owner/operator, Meach Construction Ltd. ■ **LEAD:** Dustin Kidby **Born:** May 26, 1985 **Occupation:** Group benefits underwriter, Co-operators Life Insurance Company

TEAM DERUELLE BRAMPTON, ONTARIO



SKIP: Dayna Deruelle **Born:** June 17, 1982 **Occupation:** Digital advertising sales, Grand Slam Media ■ **THIRD:** Kevin Flewwelling **Born:** July 20, 1981 **Occupation:** Marketing manager, Zimmer Biomet ■ **SECOND:** David Staples **Born:** October 31, 1991 **Occupation:** Data scientist, The Empire Life Insurance Company ■ **LEAD:** Sean Harrison **Born:** September 14, 1985 **Occupation:** Electrician, Fincap Electrical & Mechanical ■ **ALTERNATE:** Andrew McGaugh ■ **COACH:** Ian Tetley

TEAM FLASCH SASKATOON



SKIP: Colton Flasch **Born:** February 27, 1991 **Occupation:** Construction worker, K&S Contracting ■ **THIRD:** Kevin Marsh **Born:** November 18, 1988 **Occupation:** Category manager, food department, Federated Co-operatives Limited ■ **SECOND:** Dan Marsh **Born:** November 18, 1988 **Occupation:** Distance learning/industrial arts teacher, Kenaston School ■ **LEAD:** Matt Lang **Born:** January 12, 1991 **Occupation:** Operator, JDM Construction Corp.

TEAM GUNNLAUGSON WINNIPEG



SKIP: Jason Gunnlaugson **Born:** July 2, 1984 **Occupation:** Painting contractor, DV Painting ■ **THIRD:** Alex Forrest **Born:** December 13, 1989 **Occupation:** Project manager/carpenter, Vantage Builders ■ **SECOND:** Ian McMillan **Born:** July 17, 1991 **Occupation:** Commercial credit analyst, National Leasing ■ **LEAD:** Connor Njegovan **Born:** June 23, 1992 **Occupation:** Event/development co-ordinator, CurlManitoba

TEAM HOWARD TORONTO



SKIP: Glenn Howard **Born:** July 17, 1962 **Occupation:** Retail manager/public relations advisor, Brewers Retail Inc. ■ **THIRD:** Adam Spencer **Born:** July 11, 1972 **Occupation:** Production and service manager, The Farley Group ■ **SECOND:** David Mathers **Born:** May 12, 1991 **Occupation:** Commercial insurance advisor, Canada Brokerlink (Ontario) Inc. ■ **LEAD:** Scott Howard **Born:** July 11, 1990 **Occupation:** Estimator/grade control, Maacon Construction

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TEAM LYBURN WINNIPEG



William Lyburn



Richard Daneault



Jared Kolomaya



Braden Zawada

SKIP: William Lyburn **Born:** May 8, 1975 **Occupation:** General manager, Krevco Lifestyles ■ **THIRD:** Richard Daneault **Born:** December 24, 1976 **Occupation:** Chief estimator, Metal Perreault ■ **SECOND:** Jared Kolomaya **Born:** April 16, 1989 **Occupation:** Journeyman carpenter ■ **LEAD:** Braden Zawada **Born:** October 29, 1988 **Occupation:** Police officer, City of Winnipeg ■ **ALTERNATE:** Jim Coleman

TEAM MÉNARD SAINT-ROMUALD, QUEBEC



Jean-Michel Ménard



Martin Crête



Éric Sylvain



Philippe Ménard

SKIP: Jean-Michel Ménard **Born:** January 19, 1976 **Occupation:** Human resources manager, Government of Canada ■ **THIRD:** Martin Crête **Born:** March 12, 1985 **Occupation:** Business intelligence analyst programmer, Desjardins ■ **SECOND:** Éric Sylvain **Born:** June 16, 1971 **Occupation:** General manager, St-Michel Golf Club ■ **LEAD:** Philippe Ménard **Born:** August 15, 1986 **Occupation:** Operations manager, Machine-distributrice.com ■ **ALTERNATE:** Pierre Charette ■ **COACH:** Bob Ménard

TEAM MORRIS VERNON, BRITISH COLUMBIA



John Morris



Jim Cotter



Catlin Schneider



Tyrel Griffith

SKIP: John Morris (third rocks) **Born:** December 16, 1978 **Occupation:** Firefighter, Rocky View County Fire Service ■ **FOURTH:** Jim Cotter (vice-skip) **Born:** October 15, 1974 **Occupation:** Health information systems programmer/analyst, Iatric Systems ■ **SECOND:** Catlin Schneider **Born:** October 17, 1991 **Occupation:** Process operating engineer, Co-op Refinery Complex ■ **LEAD:** Tyrel Griffith **Born:** December 22, 1985 **Occupation:** Golf operations manager/PGA of Canada golf professional, Black Mountain Golf Club ■ **COACH:** Jody Epp

TEAM MURPHY HALIFAX



Jamie Murphy



Paul Flemming



Scott Saccary



Phil Crowell

SKIP: Jamie Murphy **Born:** April 13, 1981 **Occupation:** General manager, ADESA Halifax ■ **THIRD:** Paul Flemming **Born:** October 8, 1968 **Occupation:** Owner, Harbour Fish 'N' Fries ■ **SECOND:** Scott Saccary **Born:** March 26, 1984 **Occupation:** Senior estimator, J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Limited ■ **LEAD:** Phil Crowell **Born:** March 26, 1978 **Occupation:** Senior systems analyst, Nova Scotia Health Authority ■ **ALTERNATE:** Jordan Pinder ■ **COACH:** Bruce Lohnes

TEAM THOMAS EDMONTON



Charley Thomas



Mick Lizmore



Brandon Klassen



D.J. Kidby

SKIP: Charley Thomas **Born:** April 3, 1986 **Occupation:** Student, University of Calgary ■ **THIRD:** Mick Lizmore **Born:** November 7, 1987 **Occupation:** Curling instructor and coach/mental trainer, University of Alberta ■ **SECOND:** Brandon Klassen **Born:** November 28, 1985 **Occupation:** Engineer construction manager, Atco ■ **LEAD:** D.J. Kidby **Born:** March 24, 1987 **Occupation:** Sales and marketing representative, Infinite Water Solutions

TEAM SIMMONS WINNIPEG



Pat Simmons



Colton Lott



Kyle Doering



Rob Gordon

SKIP: Pat Simmons **Born:** November 21, 1974 **Occupation:** Chiropractor ■ **THIRD:** Colton Lott **Born:** July 21, 1995 **Occupation:** Apprentice carpenter, BYGG Carpentry ■ **SECOND:** Kyle Doering **Born:** December 14, 1995 **Occupation:** Electronic gaming attendant, Club Regent Casino ■ **LEAD:** Rob Gordon **Born:** November 28, 1995 **Occupation:** Student, University of Winnipeg



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TEAM CAREY CALGARY



Chelsea Carey Cathy Overton-Clapham Jocelyn Peterman Laine Peters

SKIP: Chelsea Carey **Born:** September 12, 1984 **Occupation:** Sales associate ■ **THIRD:** Cathy Overton-Clapham **Born:** July 19, 1969 **Occupation:** Business owner, RSCINC/mom ■ **SECOND:** Jocelyn Peterman **Born:** September 23, 1993 **Occupation:** Kinesiologist, TotalCardiology ■ **LEAD:** Laine Peters **Born:** March 24, 1970 **Occupation:** Executive assistant ■ **COACH:** Helen Radford

TEAM ENGLT WINNIPEG



Michelle Englot Kate Cameron Leslie Wilson Raunora Westcott

SKIP: Michelle Englot **Born:** January 22, 1964 **Occupation:** Director of external communications, SaskTel ■ **THIRD:** Kate Cameron **Born:** October 22, 1991 **Occupation:** Travel administrator, Northern Regional Health Authority ■ **SECOND:** Leslie Wilson **Born:** September 1, 1979 **Occupation:** Environmental specialist, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (Whiteshell) ■ **LEAD:** Raunora Westcott **Born:** May 1, 1976 **Occupation:** Account manager, National Leasing ■ **ALTERNATE:** Jolene Campbell ■ **COACH:** Ron Westcott

TEAM FLAXEY CALEDON, ONTARIO



Allison Flaxey Clancy Grandy Lynn Kreviazuk Morgan Court

SKIP: Allison Flaxey **Born:** February 13, 1985 **Occupation:** Eastern Canada sales manager, Canada Malting Co. Ltd. ■ **THIRD:** Clancy Grandy **Born:** December 27, 1990 **Occupation:** Kinesiologist, Complete Performance Centre ■ **SECOND:** Lynn Kreviazuk **Born:** May 2, 1991 **Occupation:** Executive assistant, House of Commons ■ **LEAD:** Morgan Court **Born:** February 18, 1985 **Occupation:** Masters student, Athabasca University ■ **ALTERNATE:** Alison Kreviazuk ■ **COACH:** Caleb Flaxey

TEAM HOMAN OTTAWA



Rachel Homan Emma Miskew Joanne Courtney Lisa Weagle

SKIP: Rachel Homan **Born:** April 5, 1989 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **THIRD:** Emma Miskew **Born:** February 14, 1989 **Occupation:** Industrial and graphic designer ■ **SECOND:** Joanne Courtney **Born:** March 7, 1989 **Occupation:** Registered nurse, Alberta Health Services ■ **LEAD:** Lisa Weagle **Born:** March 24, 1985 **Occupation:** Communications advisor, Department of Canadian Heritage, Sport Canada ■ **COACH:** Adam Kingsbury

TEAM JONES WINNIPEG



Jennifer Jones Kaitlyn Lawes Jill Officer Dawn McEwen

SKIP: Jennifer Jones **Born:** July 7, 1974 **Occupation:** Senior legal advisor, National Bank Financial/motivational speaker ■ **THIRD:** Kaitlyn Lawes **Born:** December 16, 1988 **Occupation:** Sales representative, Goldline ■ **SECOND:** Jill Officer **Born:** June 2, 1975 **Occupation:** RBC Olympian, RBC Royal Bank ■ **LEAD:** Dawn McEwen **Born:** July 3, 1980 **Occupation:** Case officer, Federal Government of Canada ■ **ALTERNATE:** Jennifer Clark-Rouire ■ **COACH:** Wendy Morgan

TEAM SCHEIDEGGER LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA



Casey Scheidegger Cary-Anne McTaggart Jessie Scheidegger Kristie Moore

SKIP: Casey Scheidegger **Born:** January 31, 1988 **Occupation:** Teacher, Palliser Regional Schools ■ **THIRD:** Cary-Anne McTaggart **Born:** June 4, 1986 **Occupation:** Registered nurse, Alberta Health Services ■ **SECOND:** Jessie Scheidegger **Born:** November 10, 1990 **Occupation:** Abilities advisor, Alberta Health Services ■ **LEAD:** Kristie Moore **Born:** April 22, 1979 **Occupation:** Massage therapist, Northwest Wellness Centre, Grand Prairie ■ **ALTERNATE:** Susan O'Connor ■ **COACH:** Carolyn McRorie

TEAM SWEETING EDMONTON



Val Sweeting Lori Olson-Johns Dana Ferguson Rachelle Brown

SKIP: Val Sweeting **Born:** July 9, 1987 **Occupation:** Case processing agent, Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada ■ **THIRD:** Lori Olson-Johns **Born:** November 24, 1976 **Occupation:** Physical education teacher, St. Albert Public Schools ■ **SECOND:** Dana Ferguson **Born:** February 25, 1987 **Occupation:** Curling development coach, Saville Community Sports Centre ■ **LEAD:** Rachelle Brown **Born:** July 9, 1986 **Occupation:** Teacher, Black Gold School Division ■ **COACH:** Jeff Hoffart

TEAM CARRUTHERS WINNIPEG



Reid Carruthers Braeden Moskowy Derek Samagalski Colin Hodgson

SKIP: Reid Carruthers **Born:** December 30, 1984 **Occupation:** Substitute teacher, Louis Riel School Division ■ **THIRD:** Braeden Moskowy **Born:** August 14, 1990 **Occupation:** Mortgage professional, TMG Regina ■ **SECOND:** Derek Samagalski **Born:** September 9, 1984 **Occupation:** Grounds crewman, Larters at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club ■ **LEAD:** Colin Hodgson **Born:** June 8, 1990 **Occupation:** Chief executive officer, Dynasty Curling Ltd. ■ **ALTERNATE:** Craig Savill ■ **COACH:** Dan Carey

TEAM EPPING TORONTO



John Epping Mat Camm Pat Janssen Tim March

SKIP: John Epping **Born:** March 20, 1983 **Occupation:** Sales consultant ■ **THIRD:** Mat Camm **Born:** March 29, 1990 **Occupation:** Home renovation contractor ■ **SECOND:** Pat Janssen **Born:** May 12, 1987 **Occupation:** Industrial engineer, Syncreon ■ **LEAD:** Tim March **Born:** April 28, 1987 **Occupation:** Accountant, Cathy Tune, CA ■ **COACH:** Jim Wilson

TEAM GUSHUE ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR



Brad Gushue Mark Nichols Brett Gallant Geoff Walker

SKIP: Brad Gushue **Born:** June 16, 1980 **Occupation:** Business owner, Orangetheory Fitness/Menchie's Frozen Yogurt ■ **THIRD:** Mark Nichols **Born:** January 1, 1980 **Occupation:** Business owner, Orangetheory Fitness ■ **SECOND:** Brett Gallant **Born:** February 18, 1990 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **LEAD:** Geoff Walker **Born:** November 28, 1985 **Occupation:** Turf team, The Derrick Golf and Winter Club ■ **ALTERNATE:** Tom Sallows ■ **COACH:** Jules Owchar

TIM HORTONS ROAR OF THE RINGS PLAYER PROFILES

TEAM JACOBS SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO



SKIP: Brad Jacobs **Born:** June 11, 1985 **Occupation:** Business development manager, Community First Curling Centre ■ **THIRD:** Ryan Fry **Born:** July 25, 1978 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **SECOND:** E.J. Harnden **Born:** April 14, 1983 **Occupation:** Channel operations director, Northern Credit Union ■ **LEAD:** Ryan Harnden **Born:** June 28, 1986 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **ALTERNATE:** Pete Steski ■ **COACH:** Caleb Flaxey

TEAM KOE CALGARY



SKIP: Kevin Koe **Born:** January 11, 1975 **Occupation:** Surface landman, Repsol Canada ■ **THIRD:** Marc Kennedy **Born:** February 5, 1982 **Occupation:** Real estate agent, Sarasota Realty ■ **SECOND:** Brent Laing **Born:** December 10, 1978 **Occupation:** Operations manager, Collingwood/Barrie Weed Man ■ **LEAD:** Ben Hebert **Born:** March 16, 1983 **Occupation:** Business development manager, Caltech Surveys ■ **ALTERNATE:** Scott Pfeifer ■ **COACH:** John Dunn

TEAM LAYCOCK SASKATOON



SKIP: Steve Laycock **Born:** October 29, 1982 **Occupation:** Compensation manager, University of Saskatchewan ■ **THIRD:** Kirk Muyres **Born:** June 29, 1990 **Occupation:** Mortgage broker, Kirk Muyres Mortgages ■ **SECOND:** Matt Dunstone **Born:** June 25, 1995 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **LEAD:** Dallan Muyres **Born:** February 25, 1987 **Occupation:** CAD/design technologist, Saskatchewan Research Council ■ **COACH:** Lyle Muyres

TEAM McEWEN WINNIPEG



SKIP: Mike McEwen **Born:** July 30, 1980 **Occupation:** Sales representative, Hardline Curling ■ **THIRD:** B.J. Neufeld **Born:** February 28, 1986 **Occupation:** PGA of Canada head golf professional, Larters @ St. Andrews ■ **SECOND:** Matt Wozniak **Born:** January 6, 1983 **Occupation:** Mortgage broker, Vertuity Mortgage ■ **LEAD:** Denni Neufeld **Born:** January 25, 1981 **Occupation:** Realtor, Royal LePage Prime Real Estate ■ **COACH:** Chris Neufeld

TIM HORTONS ROAR OF THE RINGS OFFICIAL DRAW

DATE	TIME	DRAW	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D
Saturday, December 2	2 p.m.	1	Scheidegger vs Flaxey	Homan vs Carey	Koe vs Laycock	Pre-trials A vs Jacobs
	7 p.m.	2	Epping vs Gushue	Carruthers vs McEwen	Englot vs Pre-trials A	Sweeting vs Jones
Sunday, December 3	9 a.m.	3	Jacobs vs Koe	Jones vs Englot	Sweeting vs Pre-trials B	Pre-trials B vs Laycock
	2 p.m.	4	Pre-trials A vs McEwen	Scheidegger vs Pre-trials A	Pre-trials B vs Gushue	Homan vs Pre-trials B
Monday, December 4	7 p.m.	5	Sweeting vs Carey	Epping vs Laycock	Jones vs Flaxey	Carruthers vs Koe
	9 a.m.	6	Pre-trials A vs Homan	Gushue vs Pre-trials A		
Tuesday, December 5	2 p.m.	7	Laycock vs Carruthers	Flaxey vs Sweeting	Carey vs Scheidegger	McEwen vs Epping
	7 p.m.	8	Pre-trials B vs Jones	Koe vs Pre-trials B	Gushue vs Jacobs	Englot vs Homan
Wednesday, December 6	9 a.m.	9			Carruthers vs Epping	Carey vs Flaxey
	2 p.m.	10	Englot vs Sweeting	Laycock vs Jacobs	McEwen vs Koe	Jones vs Scheidegger
Thursday, December 7	7 p.m.	11	Pre-trials B vs Pre-trials A	Pre-trials A vs Pre-trials B	Flaxey vs Homan	Gushue vs Carruthers
	9 a.m.	12			Scheidegger vs Sweeting	Laycock vs McEwen
Friday, December 8	2 p.m.	13	Koe vs Epping	Carey vs Jones	Pre-trials B vs Englot	Jacobs vs Pre-trials B
	7 p.m.	14	Homan vs Scheidegger	McEwen vs Gushue	Pre-trials A vs Carruthers	Flaxey vs Pre-trials A
Saturday, December 9	9 a.m.	15	Carruthers vs Jacobs	Englot vs Flaxey		
	2 p.m.	16	Jones vs Pre-trials A	Pre-trials A vs Koe	Epping vs Pre-trials B	Pre-trials B vs Carey
Sunday, December 10	7 p.m.	17	Gushue vs Laycock	Sweeting vs Homan	Jacobs vs McEwen	Scheidegger vs Englot
	9 a.m.	18	McEwen vs Pre-trials B	Pre-trials B vs Scheidegger	Pre-trials A vs Carey	Epping vs Pre-trials A
Monday, December 11	2 p.m.	19	Carey vs Englot	Jacobs vs Epping	Laycock vs Pre-trials A	Pre-trials A vs Sweeting
	7 p.m.	20	Flaxey vs Pre-trials B	Pre-trials B vs Carruthers	Homan vs Jones	Koe vs Gushue

TIEBREAKERS • SEMIFINALS • FINALS

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TIEBREAKERS (if necessary)			WOMEN'S SEMIFINAL	Saturday, December 9	2 p.m.
One draw	Saturday, December 9	9 a.m.	MEN'S SEMIFINAL	Saturday, December 9	7 p.m.
Two draws	Saturday, December 9	9 a.m. and 2 p.m.	WOMEN'S FINAL	Sunday, December 10	2 p.m.
			MEN'S FINAL	Sunday, December 10	7 p.m.

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Marliese Kasner



Dustin Kalthoff

MARLIESE KASNER
Born: January 8, 1982
Occupation: Teacher, Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

DUSTIN KALTHOFF
Born: November 2, 1982
Occupation: Owner, Saskatoon Auto Connection

COACH: Bob Miller



Emma Miskew



Tyrel Griffith

EMMA MISKEW
Born: February 14, 1989
Occupation: Industrial and graphic designer

TYREL GRIFFITH
Born: December 22, 1985
Occupation: Golf operations manager/PGA of Canada golf professional, Black Mountain Golf Club



Joanne Courtney



Reid Carruthers

JOANNE COURTNEY
Born: March 7, 1989
Occupation: Registered nurse, Alberta Health Services

REID CARRUTHERS
Born: December 30, 1984
Occupation: Substitute teacher, Louis Riel School Division



Rachel Homan



John Morris

RACHEL HOMAN
Born: April 5, 1989
Occupation: Curler

JOHN MORRIS
Born: December 16, 1978
Occupation: Firefighter, Rocky View County Fire Service



Jennifer Jones



Brent Laing

JENNIFER JONES
Born: July 7, 1974
Occupation: Senior legal advisor, National Bank Financial/motivational speaker

BRENT LAING
Born: December 10, 1978
Occupation: Operations manager, Collingwood/Barrie Weed Man



Kalynn Park



Charley Thomas

KALYNN PARK
Born: September 12, 1988
Occupation: Student

CHARLEY THOMAS
Born: April 3, 1986
Occupation: Student, University of Calgary



Chelsea Carey



Colin Hodgson

CHELSEA CAREY
Born: September 12, 1984
Occupation: Sales associate

COLIN HODGSON
Born: June 8, 1990
Occupation: Chief executive officer, Dynasty Curling Ltd.



Jocelyn Peterman



Brett Gallant

JOCELYN PETERMAN
Born: September 23, 1993
Occupation: Kinesiologist, TotalCardiology

BRETT GALLANT
Born: February 18, 1990
Occupation: Curler

* Rounding out the field are the next 10 highest non-qualified teams on the Canadian Mixed Doubles Rankings as of November 1, 2017.

2017-18 TSN BROADCAST GUIDE

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HOME HARDWARE ROAD TO THE ROAR

November 6 to 12, 2017 ▶ Summerside, Prince Edward Island

Tiebreakers	Nov. 11	7 a.m.
Playoffs	Nov. 11	12:30 p.m.
Women's qualifier	Nov. 11	6 p.m.
Men's qualifier	Nov. 12	8 a.m.
Women's qualifier	Nov. 12	1 p.m.
Men's qualifier	Nov. 12	6:30 p.m.

TIM HORTONS ROAR OF THE RINGS

December 2 to 10, 2017 ▶ Ottawa

Round robin		
Dec. 2	2 p.m., 7 p.m.	
Dec. 3	9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.	
Dec. 4	9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.	
Dec. 5	9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.	
Dec. 6	9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.	
Dec. 7	9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.	
Dec. 8	9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.	
Tiebreakers	Dec. 9	9 a.m.
Women's semifinal	Dec. 9	2 p.m.
Men's semifinal	Dec. 9	7 p.m.
Women's final	Dec. 10	2 p.m.
Men's final	Dec. 10	7 p.m.

WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP CONTINENTAL CUP

January 11 to 14, 2018 ▶ London, Ontario

Team competition	Jan. 11	9:30 a.m.
Mixed doubles	Jan. 11	2:30 p.m.
Team competition	Jan. 11	7 p.m.
Team competition	Jan. 12	9:30 a.m.
Mixed doubles	Jan. 12	2:30 p.m.
Team competition	Jan. 12	7 p.m.
Mixed doubles	Jan. 13	9:30 a.m.
Team competition	Jan. 13	2:30 p.m.
Team competition	Jan. 13	7 p.m.
Skins	Jan. 14	2:30 p.m.
Skins	Jan. 14	7 p.m.

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NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN JUNIORS

January 13 to 21, 2018 ▶ Shawinigan, Quebec

Women's semifinal	Jan. 20	1 p.m.
Men's semifinal	Jan. 20	6 p.m.
Women's final	Jan. 21	1 p.m.
Men's final	Jan. 21	6 p.m.

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

January 27 to February 4, 2018 ▶ Penticton, British Columbia

Pool play		
Jan. 27	5 p.m., 10 p.m.	
Jan. 28	12 noon, 5 p.m., 10 p.m.	
Jan. 29	12 noon, 5 p.m., 10 p.m.	
Jan. 30	12 noon, 5 p.m., 10 p.m.	
Jan. 31	12 noon, 5 p.m., 10 p.m.	
Pool-play tiebreakers	Feb. 1	12 noon
Championship round	Feb. 1	5 p.m., 10 p.m.
	Feb. 2	5 p.m., 10 p.m.
Championship-round tiebreakers	Feb. 3	12 noon
Page playoffs	Feb. 3	5 p.m., 10 p.m.
Semifinal	Feb. 4	TBA
Final	Feb. 4	TBA

TIM HORTONS BRIER

March 3 to 11, 2018 ▶ Regina

Pool play		
Mar. 3	3 p.m., 8 p.m.	
Mar. 4	10 a.m., 3 p.m., 8 p.m.	
Mar. 5	10 a.m., 3 p.m., 8 p.m.	
Mar. 6	10 a.m., 3 p.m., 8 p.m.	
Mar. 7	10 a.m., 3 p.m., 8 p.m.	
Pool-play tiebreakers	Mar. 8	10 a.m.
Championship round	Mar. 8	3 p.m., 8 p.m.
	Mar. 9	3 p.m., 8 p.m.
Championship-round tiebreakers	Mar. 10	10 a.m.
Page playoffs	Mar. 10	3 p.m., 8 p.m.
Semifinal	Mar. 11	1 p.m.
Final	Mar. 11	8 p.m.

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