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Canada survives early scare against USA



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Japan's Yusuke Morozumi (centre) is off to a 2-0 start at the Worlds with wins over Russia and Scotland.

Canada wins a squeaker

It was a 'fun game' for fans but a nailbiter for players

By **JOHN KOROBAK**
Eye Opener Associate Editor

Pat Simmons looked absolutely spent after he watched his final rock slide onto the button in the 11th end Saturday for a wild 11-10 win over John Shuster of the U.S. in the evening draw Saturday at the Ford Men's World Curling Championship. "That was a tough battle," said Simmons. "That was mentally draining to stay in there. That was up there in tough ones for sure. "That had to be up there in

entertainment value for fans to watch," he added. "That was a fun atmosphere and a fun game. I'm lying a little bit. It wasn't fun the whole game for us, but what a gutty performance that was." In a game as shocking for its missed shots as its high scoring, the Americans looked sharper in the early ends, forcing Canada to take a single in the first end and then scoring three in the second. Shuster made a wide triple takeout and stick for three after three partial misses by Canada let the U.S. set up the end with rocks in all four corners of the 12 foot. Simmons, third John Morris, second Carter Rycroft and lead

Nolan Thiessen came right back with three of their own in the third, Simmons executing a straight-forward hit and stick. Canada looked in good position to steal in the fourth until Simmons came up light with his attempted tap-back for second shot. That left Shuster with a wide-angled raise takeout of the Canadian counter in the four-foot and the U.S. skip made it perfectly to score four. Canada was in position for three of its own in the fifth until Shuster bailed out his team with a double takeout and roll for shot. Simmons made his straight-back elimination of that shot to count two.

"Rocks not really sharp in the exact spots we needed, but we didn't play that bad, they played outstanding," Simmons said of the first five ends. "John Shuster was unbelievable tonight. It was a shame someone had to lose that game." After Canada stole one to tie it 7-7, it looked like either team could lose until the final shot. Shuster had a 9-7 lead until the eighth when Simmons executed a perfect soft long double and hung around to count three to lead 10-9.




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Q&A

Jamie Bourassa

Head ice technician




Making perfect sheets of curling ice doesn't come by accident. Or easily. That's why head ice technician Jamie Bourassa of Calgary and his volunteer staff of 18 are hard at work at 7 a.m. each morning, overseeing the precise science of manicuring the ice for the Ford World Curling Championship. The Eye Opener caught up with Bourassa during one of his few breaks to talk about the business of ice-making.

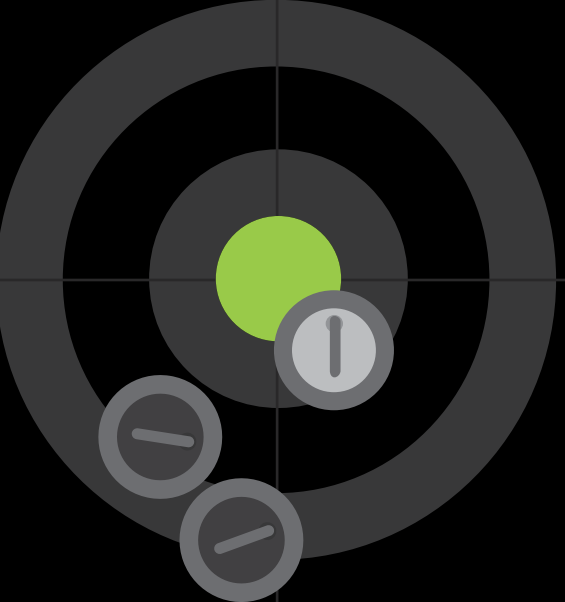
Q – WHAT CAN THE CURLERS EXPECT IN THE WAY OF ICE CONDITIONS THIS WEEK?
A – So far everything looks good. The speed looks good. We have plenty of curl. Normally, the first two days of an event, with crowds and opening ceremonies, are the toughest days to get things figured out.

Q – HOW IS THE SCOTIABANK CENTRE FOR MAKING ICE?
A – Installation was fine. It's a good building that way, and the staff here is super.

Q – IT RAINED YESTERDAY. IS THAT THE BIGGEST HEADACHE FOR AN ICE-MAKER?
A – Out here, humidity probably is our biggest concern. But if we don't get continuous days of it, we're OK.

Q – HOW MANY OF THESE MAJOR EVENTS HAVE YOU WORKED ON?
A – Oh, boy, I can't even count how many. A lot. I do about seven or eight arena events a year.

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A date with destiny

It was the day that put the ‘team’ in Team Canada

By **JOHN KOROBANIK**
Eye Opener Associate Editor

Monday, March 2, 2015. Remember the day. It’s when Team Canada really became a team and suddenly found the chemistry that propelled the foursome to victory at the 2015 Tim Hortons Brier and made them one of the favourites at the 2015 Ford World Men’s Curling Championship.

Struggling at 2-3, in danger of failing to make the playoffs and with little chemistry being shown between skip John Morris, third Pat Simmons, second Carter Rycroft and lead Nolan Thiessen, Morris offered up himself to try to get the team on track. He was the newcomer, having replaced Kevin Koe, who departed after leading the foursome to the 2014 Brier title, and he took the highly unusual step of switching places with Simmons.

History has shown the change had an immediate and dramatic impact, as the team went 8-1 to win the Brier and become Team Canada. It, all four members agreed here, was the day they really became a cohesive unit.

“That’s a real fair assessment,” said Simmons, who continues to skip the team here at the 2015 Ford Men’s World Championship. “Same four players, but we definitely were a different team, no doubt about that. I think it was a combination of a lot of things. I don’t think it was any one thing.”

Something, added Thiessen, just wasn’t working on the ice.

“But all four of us, we just want

to win, we don’t care what position we play, so I guess we just found a lineup that works.”

But don’t ask them what wasn’t working, because they don’t really know what the problem was.

And, says Thiessen, “We don’t really care. We’re just excited it worked, that we finally found something that worked for us.”

While Simmons re-adjusted to the skip role almost instantly, Morris slid back into the role of third with equal efficiency.

“He’s not new at the third position so he knows what he needs to do and what needs to be said and when not to say things,” said Simmons, adding he welcomed Morris’s input in providing him with “the right information at the right time. I welcome the input. Everyone’s different in the way they skip, but I have always taken in input and filtered it accordingly.”

Whatever was wrong, suddenly was all right and the play of Simmons, a 40-year-old chiropractor who skipped Saskatchewan in four straight Briers, from 2005-08, made the dramatic change work just fine.

“It’s easy to have a little bit of flow and a little bit of clicking when your skip is shooting 95 per cent,” said Rycroft. “You just sort of follow and give him lots of rein and don’t question anything. I learned a long time ago, if you have a hot skip, you just let him run.”

They ran with Simmons to the Brier championship and here to



Pat Simmons says Team Canada players don’t care what position they play, they just want to win.

Halifax, where wearing the Maple Leaf, even though it’s not the first time for them, carries special significance.

“You’re wearing the Maple Leaf and it’s home,” explained Thiessen. “For me, I’m just so excited, because this is my third world championship and first time I get to play at home.”

“We put pressure on ourselves because we know we’re good curlers, we know we should be in it and we want to be in the hunt the final weekend and hopefully the hometown fans just push us over the top, not put extra pressure on us.”

Rycroft said most of the pressure will come from themselves, because of the expectations — especially in light of their performance at last year’s worlds, with Koe at

skip, where they became only the third Canadian team in 30 years to fail to win a medal.

“When you’re Team Canada at the worlds, you’re expected to do well. It’s not necessarily a disappointment, but if you’re Team Canada and you go to the worlds and you don’t finish well, or put in a good effort...” he said without finishing the sentence.

“Everybody gets beat, you go out there, it’s a one-game final and if someone plays great and beats you there’s not much you can do about that. I would have no problem with that, but we want to perform well, do what we came here to do and show that we won the Brier for a reason.”



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Profile: Japan

Yusuke Morozumi

SKIP

Born: Nagano
Age: 30
Residence: Karuizawa
Nickname: Moro
Marital status: Married; two daughters, Kanami (3), Saki (1)
Languages spoken: Japanese
Employment: Sports instructor
Years curling: 17
Years on team: 16
Delivery: Right
Other life interests: Baseball



Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi

THIRD


Born: Japan
Age: 30
Residence: Karuizawa
Nickname: None
Marital status: Married, no children
Languages spoken: Japanese
Employment: Sports instructor
Years curling: 22
Years on team: Eight
Delivery: Right
Other life interests: Cycling



Tetsuro Shimizu

SECOND

Born: Nagano
Age: 27
Residence: Karuizawa
Nickname: Tetsu
Marital status: Single
Languages spoken: Japanese
Employment: Iron factory worker
Years curling: 18
Years on team: Eight
Delivery: Right
Notable curling relatives: Sister is on Team Fujisawa, 2012 Pacific-Asia curling championship runner-up.
Other life interests: Soccer




Kosuke Morozumi

LEAD

Born: Karuizawa
Age: 26
Residence: Karuizawa
Nickname: Kohchan, Kenny
Marital status: Single
Languages spoken: Japanese, English (a little bit)
Employment: Sales for a road material company
Years curling: 15
Years on team: Eight
Delivery: Right
Sports hero/idol: Tomas Rosicky, Ichiro
Other life interests: Frisbee football, soccer



JAPAN



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Karuizawa Curling Club

Karuizawa

Alt.: Yuta Matsumura


Coach: Hatomi Nagaoka

FACTS

Formal name: Japan
Local name: Nihon
Local formal name: Nihon Koku
Location: Asia
Status: UN member country
Capital City: Tokyo
Main cities: Yokohama, Osaka, Nagoya, Sapporo, Kyoto
Population: 125,422,000
Area: 125,422 sq. km
Currency: 1 yen = 100 sen
Languages: Japanese, Korean, Chinese
Religions: Shinto, Buddhist, Christian

JAPAN AT THE WORLDS

Last five years:
2014: Yusuke Morozumi (7-4)
2013: Yusuke Morizuki (3-8)
2012: Did not qualify
2011: Did not qualify
2010: Makoto Tsuruga (1-10)
Last championship — N/A
World titles — 0



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Japan off and roaring with pair of victories

By JOHN KROBANIK
Eye Opener Associate Editor

Yusuke Morozumi is taking Japanese curling to unprecedented heights on the world scene and the 30-year-old sports instructor isn't finished yet. Morozumi, third Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, second Tetsuro Shimizu and lead Kosuke Morozumi made the playoffs at the Ford World Men's Curling Championship for the first time last year and they are confident they will do even better this year. The foursome, which has been together for seven years, is making its fourth appearance at the worlds – and their third straight – and opened the competition Saturday with a 7-4 win over Russia. The team followed this up with what has to be considered an upset win over Scotland's Ewan MacDonald in the evening. "Every game is important, but the first game is most important, I think, to win, and to have a good start," Morozumi said prior to his opening game. "This is our fourth time at the Worlds but first time we have won our opening game," said Kosuke Morozumi. "Against Russia, we were just better than them – we were comfortable with the ice and managed to get a good reading of it early in the game."


Each member of the foursome has been curling for more than 15 years, and they scored their first major victory at the world championships in 2013 when they beat Canada (Brad Jacobs) 10-8, the first time Japan had even beaten a Canadian team. They followed that up last year by beating Canada again, 9-6, against Kevin Koe's team. Japan finished 7-4 last year, tied for fourth, and lost the tie-breaker 8-7 to Oksar Eriksson of Sweden, who eventually lost the gold-medal game to Thomas Ulsrud of Norway. Those successful milestones, said Morozumi, have his team confident it can play with, and beat, any team in the world now. One thing working against the team is the lack of top-level competition at home, where Morozumi figures there are only about 200 teams of all calibres in the entire country. "It's getting better, but not so much," he said. "So it is difficult to improve (within the country)." It also explains why his team, with an overall record of 13-21 in its four previous world championship appearances, remains together after so long. Simply put, he said, there's not much choice. "In Canada so many people play so you can chose from many people. But we're a very small population of curlers in Japan so our choice is very small."

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Satori

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The Cool Shots competition is underway in the Patch. Sign up for free and you could pocket the cool cash prize. Daily winners qualify for the playoffs on championship weekend.



Team Autograph Sessions

The Italian and Swiss teams will be ready to greet the fans at today's team autograph session. Bring along anything you'd like signed... and don't forget your cameras because the athletes love to pose for photos!

Today 12:30 pm Teams Italy and Switzerland

Monday, 12:30 pm	Teams USA and China
Tuesday, 12:30 pm	Teams Russia and Sweden
Wednesday, 12:30 pm	Teams Canada and Norway
Thursday, 12:30 pm	Teams Scotland, Czech Republic, Japan and Finland
Saturday, 6 pm	All Teams (excluding semifinalists)



Junior Stars

Junior Stars David McCurdy and Jenna Bishara on the ice at the Scotiabank Centre with Team Switzerland prior to the opening draw.

Up Close & Personal Interviews

Ewan MacDonald of Scotland is seeking his fourth world gold medal this week at the Ford World Men's, putting him in an elite group that includes Canadians Ernie, Sam and Arnold Richardson, Glenn Howard and Randy Ferbey. Join the conversation with MacDonald and his teammates at tomorrow's Up Close and Personal interview.



Nova Scotia's Mark Dacey team, bronze-medal winners at the 2004 World Men's Curling Championship, chatted with fans at Saturday's Up Close and Personal interview.

Tomorrow 6:00 pm Team Scotland

Tuesday, 6 pm	Colleen Jones - Two-time World Gold Medallists
Wednesday, 6 pm	Team Sweden
Thursday, 6 pm	Team Canada

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CURLING QUIZ

1. Russ Howard is the father of:
a) Movie director and actor Ron Howard.
b) Glenn Howard
c) The Free Guard Zone
d) The push broom

2. True or false: CURLSASK reports it has 21,679 registered curlers this year. That is more than the combined total of registered curlers in the entire United States. True or False.

3. Paul Gowsell was curling's enfant terrible during the 1970s and he made a habit of rattling the cage of the curling establishment. One of his most outrageous stunts was:
a) Wearing his shirts and pants inside out.
b) Wearing a skirt for a battle of the sexes with Colleen Jones.
c) Being arrested for mooning a police officer while representing Canada at the World Junior Championships in Stockholm.
d) Ordering a pizza to be delivered to his sheet during a game.

4. TV funnymen like to poke fun at curling, especially during the Olympics. It was this late night host who said, "Curling is consis-

tently ranked as the world's No. 1 broom-related sport."
a) David Letterman.
b) Jay Leno.
c) Craig Ferguson.
d) Conan O'Brien.

1. Russ Howard became known as the "Father of the Free Guard Zone" when he introduced what was known as the "Moncton Rule".
2. True. There are only 16,500 registered curlers in the U.S., compared to 21,679 in Saskatchewan. The people who don't curl in Saskatchewan go to Roughriders games.
3. Paul Gowsell did a lot of wild and crazy things during his career, and ordering a pizza to be delivered to his sheet was one of them. He and his Alberta teammates ordered the pie because they weren't allowed time to eat following an extra-end game. He was generous about it, though — he offered opposing skip Larry McGrath of Saskatchewan a piece of it.
4. It was David Letterman who cracked wise about curling.

ANSWERS



Profile: Czech Republic

Jirí Snítíl

SKIP

Born: Prague
Age: 40
Residence: Roztoky u Prahy
Marital status: Engaged; children Jonas (10), Magdalena (9), Alzbeta (2)
Languages spoken: Czech, English, German
Employment: Manager in training and education
Years curling: 20
Years on team: 20
Delivery: Right
Most memorable sports achievement: Bronze medal 2012 European curling championship
Other life interests: Photography, rock climbing



Lukas Klíma

THIRD

Born: Prague
Age: 24
Residence: Prague
Marital status: Single
Languages spoken: Czech, English
Employment: Student
Years curling: 11
Years on team: One
Delivery: Right
Most memorable sports achievement: Bronze medal 2011 World University Games
Notable curling relatives: Radek Klíma (father), Thomas Klíma (uncle), Linda Klímova (sister)
Other life interests: Golf, volleyball, swimming



Martin Snítíl

SECOND

Born: Prague
Age: 36
Residence: Prague
Nickname: None
Marital status: Married; children Katerina (9), Hana (6)
Languages spoken: Czech, English, German
Employment: Self-employed, handyman
Years curling: 18
Years on team: 18
Delivery: Right
Most memorable sports achievement: Bronze medal 2012 European championship
Other life interests: My kids



Jindrich Kitzberger

LEAD

Born: Prague
Age: 34
Residence: Prague
Nickname: Pooh (PU)
Marital status: Married; children Nela (4), Jindrich (3)
Languages spoken: Czech, basic English
Employment: Boatman
Years curling: 14
Years on team: 12
Delivery: Right
Other life interests: Fishing, mountain biking, martial arts, soccer, volleyball



CK Brno
Brno
Alt: Samuel Mokris
Coach: Brian Gray

FACTS

Formal name: Czech Republic
Local name: Česko
Local formal name: Česká Republika
Location: Europe
Status: European Union, NATO, UN member country
Capital City: Prague
Main cities: Brno, Ostrava, Plzeň
Population: 10,474,600
Area: 78,660 sq. km
Currency: 1 Czech koruna = 100 Halérs
Language: Czech
Religion: Protestant, Roman Catholic

CZECH REPUBLIC AT THE WORLDS
Last five years:
2014: Jirí Snítíl (6-5)
2013: Jirí Snítíl (6-5)
2012: Jirí Snítíl (2-9)
2011: Jirí Snítíl (6-5)
2010: Did not qualify
Last championship — N/A
World titles — 0



Should have called Martin



Kevin Martin has an interesting take on the Team Canada saga.

Olympic champion could have saved team lot of grief

John Morris is not a skip. Repeat. Johnny Mo had to go. It took the Chestermere, Alta., fireman until he was 37 years old and five games into the Brier in Calgary to come to grips with it. But when he did it was an epiphany. And it has him here at the Ford World Curling Championship at peace with himself, perhaps a little proud of himself for making the move he finally made – the first top team to change skips in the middle of the Brier in history – and excited about embracing his new role on his new team to try



«
TERRY JONES

win a world title. But he had to find it out himself. And he finally came to the conclusion that he is not a skip in the nick of time to call a mid-night meeting with three losses

after Day 3 at the Brier. That's when he demoted himself to third and had Pat Simmons take over as skip to go on an 8-1 run to get them here. Morris could have saved everybody a lot of trouble and called Kevin Martin first. "I just don't see John being a skip. I just don't. Not with his personality," said the back-to-back 2008-2009 Brier skip and Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games gold-medal skip. "John, at the skip position, couldn't just relax. He'd get way too up tight and excited. "But that doesn't matter. To win, you need a top lead, you need a top second and you need a top third. John had proven himself without any question to be one of the best thirds, ever. I don't think anybody would argue that. "For John to play his best, he really has to just focus on his own game, not worry about what his skip is doing, and just concentrate on watching the ice and shooting. "If he does that, he's as good as

it gets," said arguably the greatest curler of all-time, four-time Brier winner and three-time Olympian Martin. "The problem I have with John at the skip position is that he tends to have trouble focusing on the shooting part and tends to over-think the strategy part. Then he gets frustrated, I think. "It's just not something that everybody can do. And it seems to me to hurt John's shooting game when he has to try to think that way. It's just not the way his mind works. And when frustration hits, all sorts of trouble happens. When frustration sets in, it kind of goes downhill from there. "When he doesn't have to worry about the strategy, he really has a talent. When it comes to worrying about which brush to use, soft spots in the ice, knee spots, handprints in the ice, all of that kind of stuff, he's exceptional. "Detail. He's quite good at detail. And I'm not very good at that. For John to use his energy to be detailed in the third position, it's perfect. It's just the way his mind works. But the skipping po-

sition just isn't right for the way he thinks. That's all. He's just not a skip but he's a heck of a third. "That's what I saw when John was a skip before he played for me, that's what I saw when John played for me and all the stuff I saw before is what I saw again this year when he was back playing skip." Martin said that's half the story. The other half as this event gets underway is new skip Pat Simmons. The Old Bear said Simmons coulda, woulda, shoulda won the 2008 Brier skipping Saskatchewan that Martin won in Winnipeg with Morris at third. "Pat should have beat us in the 2008 Brier 1-2 game. He had a pick. He did beat us as far as the game went. He just got unlucky with that pick. And he just proved himself at the Calgary Brier to be a fantastic skip. "When you have John shooting and not worrying about Pat, hey, guess what? You have a Canadian championship team."

PART TWO TOMORROW

“
For John to use his energy to be detailed in the third position, it's perfect ... But the skipping position just isn't right for the way he thinks.

— Kevin Martin

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Sweden (Edin)	1	0
Switzerland (Pfister)	1	0
Czech Rep. (Snitil)	1	1
China (Zang)	0	1
Russia (Arkhipov)	0	1
U.S.A. (Shuster)	0	1
Finland (Kauste)	0	2
Scotland (MacDonald)	0	2



WORLD MEN'S CURLING

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Draw 1		Draw 2	
2:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 XE Total		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 XE Total	
Russia (Arkhipov)	0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 — 4	Norway (Ulsrud)	*0 0 3 0 3 0 0 2 0 1 0 — 9
Japan (Morozumi)	*2 2 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 — 7	China (Zang)	1 1 0 1 0 0 2 0 2 0 — 7
Czech Republic (Snitil)	*0 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 1 0 — 5	Japan (Morozumi)	*0 1 1 0 2 0 0 5 x x — 9
Sui (Pfister)	0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 1 0 1 — 6	Scotland (MacDonald)	0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 x x — 3
Scotland (MacDonald)	1 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 — 5	Finland (Kauste)	*2 0 0 1 0 1 0 2 1 0 — 7
Italy (Retornaz)	*0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 — 6	Czech. Rep. (Snitil)	0 2 1 0 2 0 2 0 0 1 — 8
Sweden (Edin)	*0 0 1 0 0 2 0 1 0 2 — 6	USA (Shuster)	0 3 0 4 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 — 10
Finland (Kauste)	0 0 0 2 1 0 1 0 1 0 — 5	Canada (Simmons)	*1 0 3 0 2 1 0 0 3 0 1 — 11

* Last rock advantage



Scotland's Ewan MacDonald, with two losses, is not flying high.



Finland comes up short against Sweden in Draw 1.

Canada

FROM PAGE 2

That brought the crowd at the Scotiabank Centre to it feet in appreciation. They were back on their feet as they watched Simmons' final rock in the 11th.

Meanwhile, Thomas Ulsrud of Norway began the defence of his world championship with a narrow 9-7 win over Jialian Zang of China. Ulsrud and his team struggled in the first couple ends, but snapped out of it with three in the third. They got three more in the fifth and looked to have control of the match.

"That was a tricky game for us," said Ulsrud. "We struggled at the start, figuring out the ice,

but once we got a handle of it we pretty much controlled the game. We scored multiple points in a few ends. I thought we were going to be cruising, but they came back pretty strong so I had to make a pretty good last shot to win."

China scored deuces in the seventh and ninth ends and forced Ulsrud to make a tough draw to the button to get the win.

Yusuke Morozumi of Japan gave his country its first-ever 2-0 start in the men's world championship with a 9-3 win over Ewan MacDonald of Scotland. Japan ended the game with a five-ender in the eighth.

Q & A

FROM PAGE 3

Q – WHEN YOU'RE NOT DOING THESE EVENTS, WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?

A – I do consulting. I also sell products for most of the major curling suppliers. In the fall I do a lot of installation.

Q – HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN THIS LINE OF WORK?

A – This is my 38th season. My dad was a rec director in the small town of Fort McLeod in southern Alberta and he looked after the rink and the pool, so I sort of fell into it naturally.

Q – IS THERE AN ICE-MAKING SCHOOL?

A – Yes. Curling Canada teaches Level 1, 2 and 3 throughout the country.

Q – ARE YOU HAPPIEST WHEN YOU AREN'T ASKED ABOUT ICE CONDITIONS?

A – You guys in the media will hear before we do when you interview the players if there's a problem, but if we don't hear anything, that's the best.

Q – LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE LONG DAYS.

A – For sure. It's even tougher with install. We did 36 hours the first day, right through, and it's 18 every day after that.

Q – EVER HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE AT AN EVENT?

A – I haven't had a real bad one. But you get a day where you get a few extra picks, or the ice straightens up on you, and those sort of things.

Q – DO CURLERS EVER COME UP TO YOU AND THANK YOU FOR GOOD ICE?

A – Yeah, a lot. At the Brier this year there were guys who didn't even make the playoffs who came up and said the ice was fabulous. Then you know you've done a good job.



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