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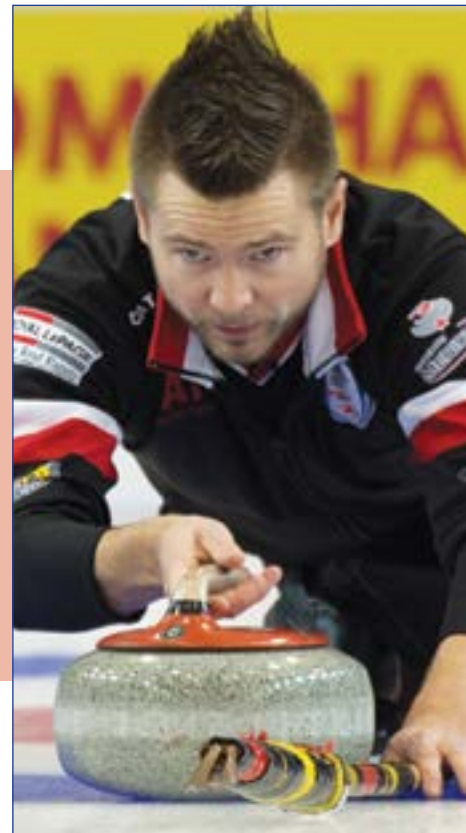
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Revenge is Sweet-ing

Defending champ headed to women's final



Val Sweeting was on her game in the women's semifinal.

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SEMIFINAL

Team Sweeting	002	000	020	1 — 5
Team Jones.....	000	011	001	0 — 3

Sweeting	D	H	%	Jones	D	H	%
Brown	20	69	86	McEwen	20	78	98
Ferguson	20	75	94	Officer	20	71	89
Olson-Johns	20	74	93	Lawes	20	75	94
Sweeting	19	75	99	Jones	20	70	88
TOTALS	79	293	93	TOTALS	80	294	92

By GRANT GRANGER

Morning Cup Assistant Editor

Revenge was sweet for Val Sweeting Saturday afternoon.

The Edmonton skip responded from being dispatched to a tiebreaker by Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones on Friday to book a spot in today's women's final at the 2015 Home Hardware Canada Cup, presented by Meridian Manufacturing.

Sweeting defeated Jones 5-3 in Saturday afternoon's semifinal before a pro-Sweeting crowd at Revolution Place. They will play Rachel Homan's Ottawa-based team, which ran up a 5-1 record to finish first in the round-robin, in today's final at 11 a.m.

"They're (Homan's team) playing well, but I thought we had a really great day today so regardless of how well their team is playing we have to make our shots. We've just got to focus on ourselves and make our shots the best we can and see where it falls," said Sweeting.

Sweeting, third Lori Olson-Johns, second Dana Ferguson and Lead Rachele Brown will be seeking their second straight Home Hardware Canada Cup title, having won the 2014 version in Camrose, Alta.

Sweeting took a slightly circuitous route to the semifinal. Heading into Friday's final draw she was sitting pretty in second place with a 4-1 record. But Jones, with third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen snatched the semifinal spot away from her by

blitzing Sweeting 9-2.

That put her in a second-place tie with Jones and Sherry Middaugh of Coldwater, Ont., but Jones got the nod because her team had the best cumulative pre-game draw to the button for the first-end hammer during the round-robin. Sweeting then took care of business by beating Middaugh 7-3 in a tiebreaker Saturday morning to determine who would meet Jones.

"(Friday) night's game looked really bad on the scoreboard and stat-wise but I didn't feel like we were that off. I just think we got caught up in the paths," said Sweeting. "There were a couple where it was good out of my hand clean, but it just didn't do what we thought it would. Knowing we were throwing the right weight at the broom, it helped that it just wasn't a completely flat game. We just kind of brushed it off and forgot about it."

In the semifinal, Sweeting just had to make a draw to the eight-foot in the tenth end to win.

"They played great and we just couldn't get anything going," said Jones. "We just kind of gave them an out every end and they made it. They played great and you can't give a team outs, and that's what we did. At the end of the day we're happy with our event and hopefully we'll keep that going to the end of the year."

Jones, the 2015 Scotties Tournament of Hearts Canadian women's champion, will be back in Grande Prairie in late February for the 2016 Scotties.

"We're thrilled to be coming back. Hopefully the ice will be as good as it was this week because it was fantastic," said Jones.



Jennifer Jones will be back for the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.



Kevin Koe's crew had a lot to celebrate after their semifinal win.

Koe looking to finish job in men's final

Fights off tired but game Epping

By **GRANT GRANGER**
Morning Cup Assistant Editor

Kevin Koe started strong in the Home Hardware Canada Cup, presented by Meridian Manufacturing, this week. Now his Calgary team is looking to finish strong by winning it all.

Koe, who last won the title in 2008, never trailed in defeating Toronto's John Epping 7-6 in an extra end in Saturday evening's semifinal at Revolution Place.

"It feels good for sure. That was a big game," said Koe, who plays with third Marc Kennedy,

second Brent Laing and lead Ben Hebert. "They played great. We were always in control, never down, but they just never went away. It was a good battle for us and nice to pull it out."

Koe will meet Winnipeg's Mike McEwen in today's final at 5 p.m. McEwen, the defending Home Hardware Canada Cup champion, and Koe, the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier champ, were tied for first at 5-2 after the round-robin, but McEwen was awarded top spot by virtue of his win over Koe during the eight-team round-robin.



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"It'll be tough," said Koe of the final. "We actually had a great game with them in the round-robin (Friday afternoon). They played great. I don't know what their percentages were, easily over 90 as a team, I'm guessing. We played good all week with the exception of one game in the round-robin and we've had a good year and we've just got to keep doing what we've been doing."

In the semifinal's extra end, Koe gently tapped back one of his own stones to the edge of the button to out-count Epping's finesse draw with his final shot. Fortunately, he's comfortable making big shots.

"You just kind of get used to it," said Koe. "Obviously you have a bit of a routine and try and keep every shot the same. I had a good feel on the weight there and we'd played a lot in that spot so it felt good and the guys swept it perfect."

Epping scored two in the tenth to bring on the extra end. He made a draw to the four-foot after Koe's attempt to blast two Epping stones only got rid of one.

Up until then, the key end looked like it was going to be the seventh when Koe scored two to take a 5-3 lead after Epping rolled out with his final shot just as he appeared set to force Koe to settle for one. He followed that up by forcing Epping to take one with a draw to the four-foot when he made a nice tap out to lie two.

"Disappointed at the end result but pretty proud of how we played and grinded the day out," said Epping. "It was overall a great learning experience with guys that haven't been to this level or stage. It's good to be out there in a game like that. We had a blast."

Epping took a long road to get to the semi. His team of third Mat Camm, second Pat Janssen and lead Tim March were

SCOREBOARD

SEMIFINAL

*Team Koe	200	100	201	01	—	7
Team Epping.....	010	020	010	20	—	6

Koe	D	H	%	Epping	D	H	%
Hebert	22	87	99	March	22	85	97
Laing	22	79	90	Janssen	22	78	89
Kennedy	22	79	90	Gamm	22	70	80
Koe	21	71	85	Epping	22	74	84
TOTALS	87	316	91	TOTALS	88	307	87

required to win five games in 32 hours. They won their final three round-robin games – two on Friday and one Saturday morning – before winning a 7-5 shootout with 2015 Tim Hortons Brier winner Pat Simmons of Calgary in a tiebreaker in the afternoon to advance to the semi.

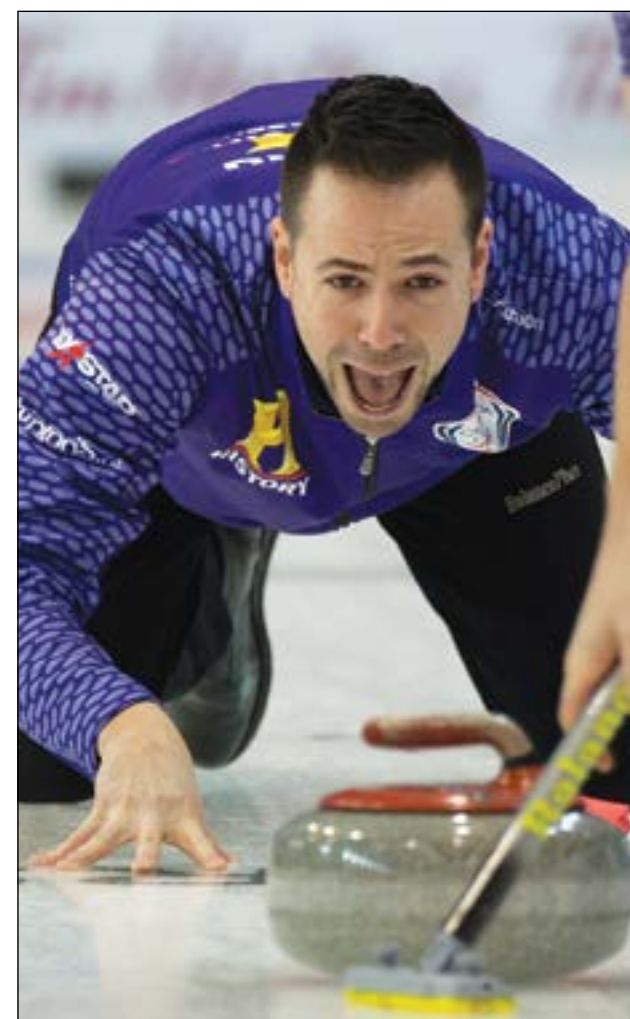
Epping shrugged his shoulders when asked if fatigue was a factor.

"It had to, I guess. I don't know. It had to," he said. "I would like to think maybe we would have been better under pressure but I thought we hung in there for being as tired as we were. We tried not to show it if we were."

Now Epping's focus turns to winning Ontario and play in the 2016 Tim Hortons Brier scheduled for March 5-14 in Ottawa.

"We really want to be at the Brier, especially in Ontario. It would be really special," Epping said.

The men's and women's winning teams at the Home Hardware Canada Cup will receive \$14,000. They'll also earn two other valuable rewards. They will get the first berth in the 2017 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Curling Trials in Ottawa. That will determine Canada's representative to the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.



John Epping's team finally ran out of gas.

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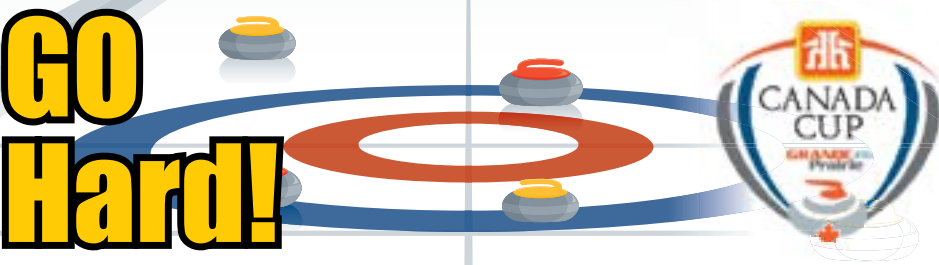


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Mike McEwen discusses strategy with B.J. Neufeld.

McEwen gets a helping hand

By **GRANT GRANGER**
Morning Cup Assistant Editor

As Kevin Koe second Brent Laing slid into place to do a media scrum he spotted Winnipeg skip Mike McEwen and quipped, "Hey Mike, when you going to take us to dinner?"

He was teasing because Koe's 7-4 win over fellow Calgarian Pat Simmons meant McEwen and Koe finished the round-robin at the Home Hardware Canada Cup, presented by Meridien Manufacturing, tied for first at 5-2.

But because McEwen, the defending Home Hardware Canada Cup champ, won their head-to-head match he got the bye straight into today's final (5 p.m.). However, if Simmons (4-3) had won his team would have received the bye and McEwen forced to play in the semifinal.

Hence the dig by Laing, although Koe's victory meant they wouldn't have to play a tiebreaker which was Simmons' fate.

McEwen's team was 2-2 after the first two days. Since then they seemed to have

gotten stronger with each game, starting with the 5-4 win over Koe and then beating 2014 Olympic champion Brad Jacobs 8-6 in the evening.

"We had one of our best ever days in our team history the way we played (Friday). We can't play much better than that," said McEwen. "It's nice not to have us bounce around, we were able to maintain that level. That was exciting to see because we haven't played that well this year, (at least) not like yesterday."

One difference between this year and last year's final is the winner will be the first to snag a berth in the 2017 Roar of the Rings Curling Trials to determine who will represent Canada at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

One thing that's still the same is the winner will also be named to North America's team at the 2016 World Financial Group Continental Cup, presented by Boyd Gaming, in Las Vegas Jan. 14-17.

"I know it's higher stakes (with the Trials berth), but it still feels the same. We really wanted to play in the Continental Cup," said McEwen.

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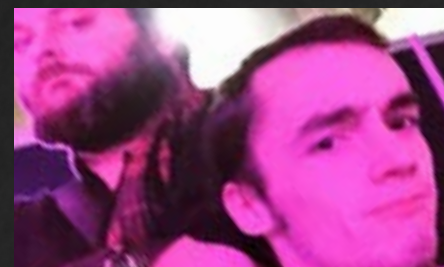
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AN APPETIZER

A look back on the week

By **DAVE KOMOSKY**

Morning Cup Editor

The main course is yet to come in February, but as an appetizer the Home Hardware Canada Cup, presented by Meridian Manufacturing, had some very tasty treats for the good folks of Grande Prairie and surrounding area.

Unfortunately, too few of them bellied up to the buffet table.

“We would have liked to attract more people,” said event manager Terry Morris, who will fill the same role next year when the much larger Scotties Tournament of Hearts rolls into town.

The Home Hardware Canada Cup offered much the same goodies as curling fans will see at the Scotties, with fewer volunteers, and Morris agreed the event played out pretty much the way he expected.

The five-day event had draw after draw of fantastic curling by some of the country’s best teams, a horde of friendly and helpful volunteers, a Patch that offered great music, food and plenty to do, and some pretty decent weather.

“All in all, it’s been pretty good,” said Morris, looking over the events and competition held in Revolution Place and the in-house Patch over the past few days.

“Attendance has been a little light. That was a bit disappointing. But overall the atmosphere around the arena has been pretty good.”

This is the fourth Canada Cup that Morris has orchestrated and he can usually anticipate the numbers.

But he missed out on this one.

“It (attendance) was not what we anticipated,” he said.

Morris agreed that with Christmas coming up and the tough economy facing



Albertans these days, both played a factor in the attendance.

But the meat of the week is coming up and Morris expects things to pick up in the Patch and in the stands.

The event will have one Edmonton team — Val Sweeting — in the final, and that should help boost attendance.

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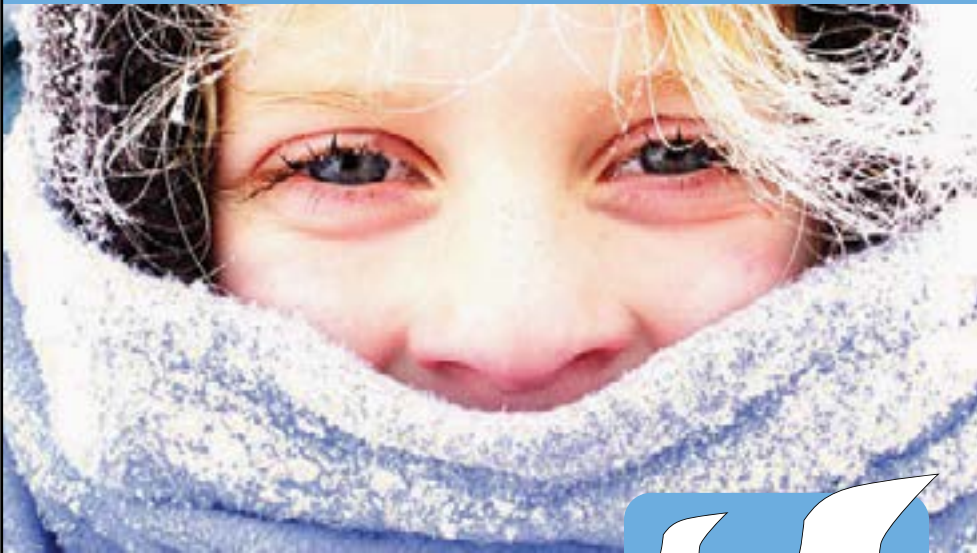
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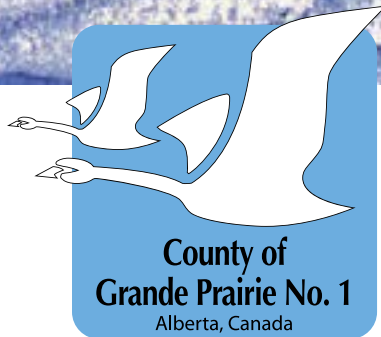
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Jennifer Jones and Brent Laing are taking a renewed interest in the mixed doubles.

ADJUSTMENT

Olympics force Canada's elite curlers to give mixed doubles a serious look

By **DAVE KOMOSKY**

Morning Cup Editor

It boggles the mind to consider that Canada, a powerhouse in curling, sucks at the mixed doubles format. We can beat anybody on the planet at any other curling format, but when it comes to mixed doubles . . . yecch!

Mixed doubles, for some reason, is the country's Achilles Heel. You can look it up. There have been mixed doubles world championships since 2008. Hungary and Russia have won gold medals. Yes, Hungary and Russia. Spain, New Zealand, Austria, France and the Czech Republic have also won medals. None of them are exactly curling heavyweights.

And Canada? The best the Canucks have done has been a third-place finish at the 2009 worlds in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Sweden, Hungary and Switzerland are the current powerhouses in mixed doubles. Canada is No. 6 in the world rankings.

But all that could change in the coming

years. Mixed doubles has been added to the Winter Olympics, and Canada's governing body, Curling Canada, is going all-in, hoping the lure of an Olympic gold medal will get the country's best curlers to take the discipline more seriously.

And that, in a nutshell, has been the country's problem. Canada's marquee players have, up to now, turned their noses up at the recently-invented format since it first came on the scene, and it has shown on the world stage.

It's going to take a major culture change for Canada's top curlers to consider adding mixed doubles curling to their schedules, and Jeff Stoughton, Curling Canada's newly-minted mixed doubles program manager, is charged with making that happen.



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Team Koe	5	2
Team Simmons	4	3
Team Epping	4	3
Team Gushue	3	4
Team Jacobs	3	4
Team Laycock	2	5
Team Carruthers	2	5



Draw 10
8:30 a.m.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
*Team Epping	1	1	0	2	0	5	0	x	x	x	9
Team Carruthers	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	x	x	x	4

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Team Koe	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	7

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
*Team Laycock	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	4
Team McEwen	0	4	0	2	0	0	2	2	x	x	10

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Team Gushue	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	x	8
*Team Jacobs	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	x	5

Men's Tiebreaker
1:30 p.m.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
*Team Epping	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7
Team Simmons	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5

Women's Tiebreaker
8:30 a.m.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Team Middaugh	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3
*Team Sweeting	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	x	7

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NOTEBOOK

Rycroft enjoying old home week

By **GRANT GRANGER**

Morning Cup Assistant Editor

Welcome home.

The Home Hardware Canada Cup, presented by Meridian Manufacturing, was a bit of 'old-home week' for **Carter Rycroft**. The second for Calgary's **Pat Simmons** grew up just north of Grande Prairie in Sexsmith.

"I don't get to do it very often," said Rycroft of playing close to home. "As everybody knows, Grande Prairie puts on a great show. It's awesome to see. This is one of the better venues, in my opinion, and I'm being probably a bit biased as far how the volunteers go, as far as how they put it on, and just the community as a whole.

"I'm having lots of fun, I'm seeing lots of people, lots of old faces, just like these two old guys over here (referring to two local reporters about to interview him)."

Overtime ban?

There's a ton of good curlers here. There isn't a whole lot of difference between the skill and talent level of each and every player. While there were a few blowouts, the vast majority of the games were closely contested.

So that's why this fact is a bit surprising: through the entire men's and women's round-robins of 10 draws and 49 games, there was only one match that went extra ends. And that didn't occur until Draw 8 Friday afternoon when Winnipeg's **Reid Carruthers** put a dent in 2014 Olympic champion **Brad Jacobs'** hopes of his Sault Ste. Marie squad winning here with a 7-6 win.

High five

There were nine four-enders in the round-robin, including two each by Winnipeg teams skipped by **Jennifer Jones** and **Mike McEwen**. But **John Epping** of Toronto scored the only five in the last round-robin draw Saturday morning.

It came in the sixth end against **Reid Carruthers** of Winnipeg, who trailed Epping 4-3 without the hammer.

"They were taking some risks because they were down to us so they kind of went for it and left a couple of ours around, and when you take chances like that it can really backfire," said Epping, who then cruised to a 9-4 win in seven ends. "It was probably not indicative of how the game went, they played better than that. But the did take some chances."

Epping was one of those to score four. But it didn't work out so well for him as Saturday. It came in the second end against Simmons Friday afternoon. It gave Epping a 4-1 advantage but that quickly evaporated and Simmons went on to win 8-6.

"I think I had a bit of a straight rock. I threw a couple of shots we thought were pretty good

and they didn't go as planned," said Epping, who managed to follow that disappointment with an 8-6 win over **Brad Gushue** of St. John's, Nfld. "That was really nice to bounce back with a win (Friday) night and this morning."

Fall out

Gushue's team went into the Home Hardware Canada Cup on a roll. They lead the Curling Canada team standings and have won six times on tour.

Despite the strong start, what's gained him the most notoriety across the country this season was his face plant on the ice at an event in Truro, N.S., on Halloween Day.

"It's unfortunate. We've won six times on the tour but people only want to talk about the fall," said Gushue, who has just bit of colour left over from the black eye and stitches he received as a result of the fall. "Unfortunately, all this high level curling and I'm known for the fall."

Call the cops

Although **Sherry Middaugh's** squad from Coldwater, Ont., was playing their third consecutive draw when they took on **Val Sweeting** of Edmonton in Saturday's women's tiebreaker, she felt it was more a matter of missed opportunities than not being rested for the 7-3 loss.

"Just a couple of missed shots there. I hit-and-rolled out on a hit for two in the seventh which would have tied it. I missed a couple of kind of circus shots, but was close in the sixth where we just missed it and gave them a steal of one," said Middaugh.

They started the round-robin Wednesday with a pair of wins, but Dark Thursday cost her — an 8-4 loss to Sweeting and a 4-3 defeat to **Tracy Fleury**, the only victory the Sudbury, Ont., crew had this week. Middaugh squeaked into the tiebreaker by ending the 25-game win streak of Ottawa-based **Rachel Homan's** rink.

"Our second day, if we would have split those we wouldn't have been in a tiebreaker. But all-in-all to beat Rachel to put us in a tiebreaker situation, you have to forget about those two losses and feel it's just one more win."

She laughed heartily when asked if she forgot to notify the Grande Prairie RCMP the team was in town. As the *Morning Cup* reported earlier this week, many of Middaugh's successful event this year have come when the team's picked up a ticket from the local constabulary.

"We needed to get a speeding ticket or a parking ticket, right? That was the issue, we didn't drive a vehicle and we just walked across the street (from their hotel). We needed a jaywalking ticket, I needed to call them."



CURLING QUIZ

1. Tracy Fleury became skip of the Tracy Horgan team that represented Northern Ontario in the 2015 Scotties Tournament of Hearts because of this:

- a) The team members fired Tracy Horgan.
- b) Tracy Horgan ran off and got married.
- c) Tracy Horgan was feuding with her sister, third Jenn Horgan.
- d) Tracy Horgan retired to have

children.

2. If members of the Rachel Homan and Brad Jacobs teams get together for a feast of chicken wings, they're going to get them from:

- a) Swiss Chalet.
- b) KFC.
- c) M&M
- d) Pinty's

3. True or false: Emma Miskew is a young woman but she works for one of the oldest establishments that is as old as the country, the Canadian Senate.

4. Steve Laycock of Saskatchewan is a three-time provincial champion in this sport:

- a) Hoseshoe pitching.
- b) Slo-pitch.

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- c) Bareback riding.
- d) Tractor pull.

5. Skip Reid Carruthers of Winnipeg is a school teacher who's also known as Rama or Brip and never loses at this board game:

- a) Monopoly.
- b) Risk.
- c) Trivial Pursuit.
- d) Clue.



ANSWERS

3. It's true. Emma Miskew is a project planner for the Red Chamber, the Canadian Senate.

4. Steve Laycock might know how to pitch horseshoes, ride a horse and drive a tractor, but he's a three-time slo-pitch champion.

5. If you were any good at Trivial Pursuit, you would know that Reid Carruthers never loses at Monopoly.

1. Tracy Fleury and Tracy Horgan are the same person. She was married in the summer to Brent Fleury.

2. The Rachel Homan and Brad Jacobs teams have both done Pinty's television commercials, so it's a good bet they're Pinty's people when it's time to chow down on a whack of wings.

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Attitude

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Stoughton knows Canada won't have success on the world stage unless the elite players are fully committed to it — not just something to fall back on if their men's, women's or mixed teams falter.

But he says players are starting to take to the new discipline more seriously.

"The players are enjoying it, learning the new game and having fun with it," he told the Canadian Press. "They're trying to figure out what to do and that's the whole idea of this."

Stoughton, an acclaimed curler in his own right (he's a three-time world men's champion out of Winnipeg), was recruited by Curling Canada to rattle the cage and get Canada's top curlers to pay attention to mixed doubles curling. It will be his job to get Canada on the podium at the next two world mixed doubles championships, which serve as Olympic qualifiers. Only eight teams will qualify for the new Olympic event at the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. And one Olympic spot goes to the host nation — leaving only seven positions up for grabs.

So Canada — mighty Canada — will be in tough.

But things are already looking up. For one thing, Stoughton is in place and he has the respect of the country's elite players. Some of them tried the game on for size at the recent Wall Grain Mixed Doubles Classic tournament in Oshawa, Ont., and admitted they liked it.

Calgary's John Morris, who competed here at the Home Hardware Canada Cup, says he "absolutely loves mixed doubles."

"Mixed doubles is a pure form of skill and raw talent," Morris told the Canadian Press prior to competing in Grande Prairie. "The most talented curlers will really shine in this event."

"I love how many calories it burns. After eight ends of mixed doubles, you're just sweating. It's an all-around active game, and I love that."

Mixed doubles is, indeed, a rigorous workout. Players — there are only two aside, unlike traditional four-man teams — have to sweep their own stones after delivering them.

It's possible that the makeup of Canada's mixed doubles team could come from the athletes who competed in Grande Prairie. Many of the players here have already played the game and the pairings make sense. So it wouldn't be impossible down the road to see reigning Olympic champion Jennifer Jones, teamed with her husband Brent Laing, wearing the Maple Leaf at the Olympics in mixed doubles. Or Mike McEwen and his wife Dawn. Or former Canadian women's champion Rachel Homan and Morris. Together they won the inaugural Canad Inns Mixed Doubles Classic in October.

Jones says she's all for the mixed doubles event.

"Brent and I are going to play," she said this week, in Grande Prairie. "It's one of my favourite formats. I get to play with my husband. It just doesn't get any better than that. We're really excited about it and going to try to put some time into it."

"It's fortunate for Brent and I we get to do it together. We practise all the time together so, for us, it's probably an easier fit."



Jeff Stoughton

That's all folks!

The news waits for no one. But our Season of Champions newspaper editors are asking our readers to — at least for our print copies.

Alas, we don't publish the day after Sunday's finals. It's not that we don't want to. We do. We're newspaper people. We want to get the final story.

But with the Revolution Place seats empty and the Patch deserted on the post-event Monday, it makes no sense to produce a paper.

So that means tomorrow, curling fans who have been reading about the Home Hardware Canada Cup, presented by Meridian Manufacturing, in the Morning Cup, will have to find the final results elsewhere, beginning on the Curling Canada website. You will find everything you need right there at www.curling.ca

Our next print production will be the Heart Chart at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, right back here in Grande Prairie. Hopefully there will be plenty of our

Grande Prairie curling fans on hand to pick up our papers, hot off the press. And if not, they can always read our papers online on the Curling Canada website.

But before we go, we want to thank a bunch of people who have helped us get the paper out to you on a brief, but daily basis.

Of course, we'd like to thank the competitors for their time and courtesy. It's hard to talk to reporters after a tough loss, but these folks do it consistently and without complaint.

They were polite and answered our questions with unflinching honesty, something you don't always see in other sports.

We'd also like to thank all the volunteers who worked the media room, our print partners at Webco in Leduc, and to Terry Morris of the Grande Prairie committee for his help and guidance.

A special thank you to the drivers who were pleasant and always on time. But mostly we'd like to thank you, the readers, for your interest.



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