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# It's business as usual

## Team Canada refuses to push panic button

By **JOHN KOROBANIK**  
HeartChart Assistant Editor

**T**eam Canada got back on even ground while Alberta kept rolling right along Monday evening in the seventh draw at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts at Revolution Place.

Jennifer Jones and her Winnipeg crew of third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen subdued a stubborn Newfoundland-Labrador team 6-4 to even their record at 2-2.

One sheet over Chelsea Carey and her Calgary foursome had their hands full but finally got past Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island (Charlottetown) 5-4. It was Alberta's second win of the day and left them the only unbeaten team at 5-0.

"We played really solid, were never in trouble of giving up multiple points and controlled the game," Jones said after the impressive but pedestrian victory.

Canada scored two in the third for a 3-1 lead and then simply traded singles with Stacie Curtis and her Charlottetown foursome.

"We don't push the panic button," said Jones. "We've been around for a long time so we know what we have to do, make the right shots at the right time."

"We are getting more comfortable with the ice and feeling good."

In the two other evening games, Jolene Campbell of Saskatchewan (Regina) scored three in the fourth end and went on to beat Kerri Einarson of Manitoba (Winnipeg) 8-4

while Jill Brothers of Nova Scotia (Halifax) scored four in the fourth and stole one in the fifth enroute to an 8-7 win over Jenn Hanna of Ontario (Ottawa).

The results left Alberta at 5-0, Northern Ontario at 3-1, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia at 3-2, P.E.I., Canada, Manitoba and Quebec at 2-2, Ontario, B.C. and New Brunswick 1-3 and Newfoundland-Labrador at 1-4.

Carey had a tooth-and-nail battle with Birt from the opening stone to Alberta's final rock, a hit-and-stick for two that gave them the victory.

"It is a good thing," Carey said of having to throw last rock for the win. "You're going to have to at the end of the week so if you don't do it all week it can be a little scary. It's nice to have to make some big shots; this game had a bunch of them throughout so that's a good thing."

Neither team could score anything but singles until the 10th end when Birt's last rock try for a double left Carey the opportunity to get the deuce.

"She made a ton of shots so when she missed one in ten I thought, OK, this is the only chance I had the whole game: I better make it. And I did, luckily."

She also had to make her last shot in the afternoon draw to preserve an 9-8 win over Krista McCarville of Northern Ontario in a battle of unbeaten teams.

It was, Carey said with a sigh of relief, a tough but successful day.



Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville is chugging along at 3-1.



Alberta's Chelsea Carey is off to a blazing start at the Scotties.



**Marie-France Larouche**

# Larouche grounded by friends, family

By **JOHN KOROBANIK**  
HeartChart Assistant Editor

*"It's in our blood, but sometimes you have to focus on other things."*

— Quebec skip Marie-France Larouche

Elite athletes often are so focused on the sport they play they lose sight of the reality that there is life beyond the games. Marie-France Larouche found herself in that position four years ago and did something about it – she quit the game she had been playing virtually her whole life.

She had been a Scotties Tournament of Hearts competitor eight times when she finished 7-6 in Red Deer in 2012 and decided it was time to step away from the ice.

"It was because of my family, I would like to focus on my job and my family because I had another child (her second)," she says today. "And it was too hard for me to lose. When I lost I was so bad. So I decided to quit and make other things in my life."

Curling had consumed her life and she

found it too hard to enjoy the good times because she couldn't shake the bad moments.

She returned to the ice with her life much more balanced and grounded by her family, friends and career.

"For us it's important to have family, to have friends around us, to try to be good with them, to have a life. It's not my paycheque, curling, so I have to have love around me and my friends and my family give me that."

With that support system solidly behind her, the 35-year-old physical education teacher has rediscovered curling after the fire in her belly flared up at last year's Quebec championship.

"Last year when I went to the provincials, when I saw the final, I had butterflies in my stomach so I knew at that moment I would be back."

But she's back with a new attitude.

"I know there's other things in my life," she explains. "When I lose it's a little bit less hard for me. I'm here because I love the sport and love to play against the great teams so I'm better now in my head."

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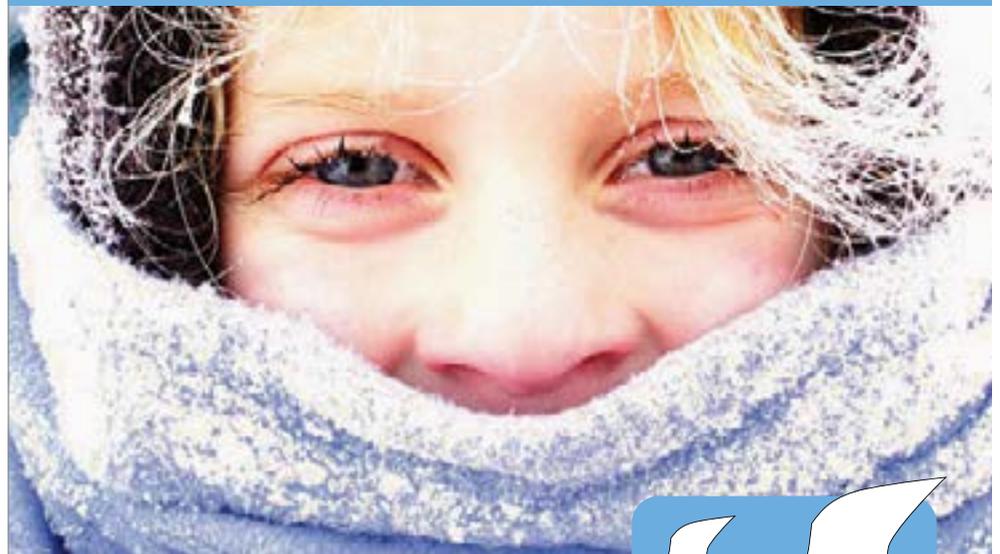
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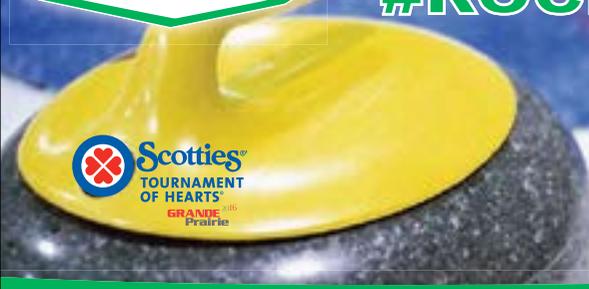


Newfoundland and Labrador's Julie Deveraux looks anxious.

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# What's right with being left?

## Southpaws make their mark at Scotties

By **DAVE KOMOSKY**

HeartChart Editor

There's no denying it, skips Karla Thompson (British Columbia) and Suzanne Birt (Prince Edward Island) are serious minorities at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

To begin with, both are left-handed, a rare breed indeed. Southpaws are usually few and far between at major Canadian curling events, and those who make it usually play lead or second, so to see two women throwing skip rocks at the Scotties is rare, especially in back-to-back years. Edmonton's Val Sweeting and Birt threw in last year's Scotties.

That's understandable. Only 10 per cent of the population is left-handed, and of those, males outnumber females two-to-one.

But lefties have a long and storied history in the Canadian women's curling championship, and Thompson and Birt are just adding to that at this year's Scotties.

Consider this: never has a left-handed skip won the Canadian men's curling championship, and they've been playing the Brier since 1927.

But just look at the women lefties. Saskatoon's Vera Pezer won three times as a skip (1971-72-73) and played third for Joyce McKee's national champions in 1969. Another lefty, Lindsay Sparkes of Vancouver, skipped her team to two national titles (1976, 79) and won a third time playing third for Linda Moore in 1985.

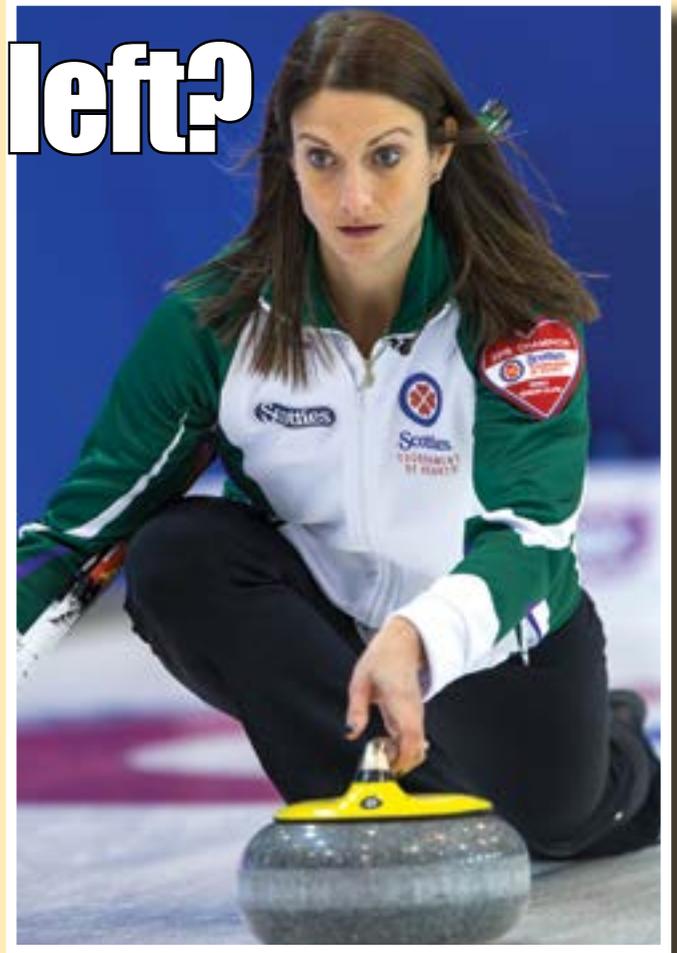
"I think we (lefties) have more than held our own," says Pezer, who is retired and lives in Saskatoon and says she'll be watching the action from Grande Prairie on TV with keen interest, especially the southpaws.

Can either Thompson or Birt come through this year from the portside?

That would be a surprise, considering the depth of the field, but both have some credentials, especially Birt, who came close in her first trip to the Scotties in 2003 when, as Suzanne Gaudet, she went 10-1 before blowing a tire in the home stretch and settling for a bronze. She's now making her ninth trip to the Scotties, but her modest success over the last few years prompted a complete overhaul of her team in the off-season.



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Suzanne Birt overhauled her team this season.

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# Lefties

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Frustrated with a lack of results, Birt formed a new team this year, which includes third Robyn Green, second Meaghan Hughes and lead Marie Christianson. Green is no stranger. She curled with Birt in four of her eight previous trips to the Scotties.

“The last number of years we’d been successful but not the way I’d really hoped and the opportunity (to change) arose,” said Birt about her decision to go in a new direction. “We were trying for years and it was always the same.”

Birt was encouraged by her team’s performance heading into the Scotties.

“We’ve had a very successful season,” she said. “We played in a lot of spiels and we’ve qualified in every spiel we played in. We’re happy with that. We’re going to shoot for that playoff spot. It’s a brand new week after that.”

Thompson has a little weird karma going for her this week. Her maiden name is Sparks.

“People always ask me all the time if I’m related to Lindsay Sparkes,” she says. “But our names are spelled a little different.”

Thompson, supported by third Kristen Recksiedler, Lavery and lead Trysta Vandale, has already reached one goal at the Scotties, earning a spot in the main draw after surviving a four-team pre-qualifying

round-robin event with the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. B.C. was related to the pre-qualifying event after finishing dead last in the 2015 Scotties in Moose Jaw.

But the main draw is proving to be a little more daunting. She is 1-3 after four draws and is in danger of falling out of sight early.

“We need some wins to make playoffs, we’re not really worried about relegation,” she said. “We want to make the playoffs and it’s still in sight. We just need a couple more wins.”

This is Thompson’s second trip to the Scotties. She played third on Allison MacInnes’s B.C. team that finished 5-6 in Regina in 2008.

It may come as some surprise that both Thompson and Birt were at a loss when asked if they knew of any previous left-handed winning skips.

“Don’t know,” said Thompson.

“Um, you got me there,” answered Birt.

But when informed that Pezer and Sparkes had led the charge for left-handed curlers everywhere, both deemed it about time another member of the antipodal paw fraternity won it again.

Thompson and Birt are not alone this year. Thompson’s second, Tracey Lavery, and Karen Sagle, who throws lead rocks for Jenn Hanna’s Ontario team, are also lefties.



**People ask me all the time if I’m related to Lindsay Sparkes. But our names are spelled a little different.**

— Karla Thompson

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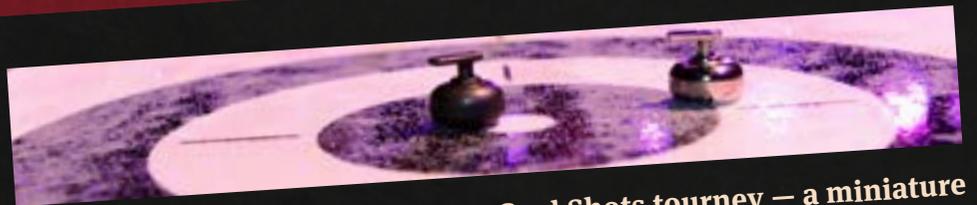


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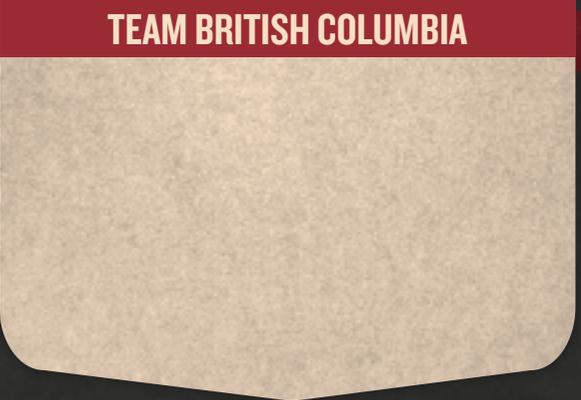
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1. A chance meeting between Team Canada second Jill Officer and skip Jennifer Jones resulted in a curling partnership that has lasted more than 20 years and is still going strong. They first met at:
  - a) Their freshman dance at Dakota Collegiate.
  - b) A Winnipeg Jets fan day.
  - c) At a tryout for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers cheerleading squad.
  - d) A Coke machine at the Highlander Curling Club.
2. Match the curler with her profession:
 

Jill Brother	Kinesiologist
Teri Udle	School teacher
Krista McCarville	Communications specialist
Kristen Recksiedler	Sales and Marketing rep
3. When people talk about sporting juggernauts in Canada, they mention the Montreal Canadiens of the 1950s, who won the Stanley Cup five successive years, or the Edmonton Eskimos, who won the Grey Cup five years in a row, or the Edmonton Oilers, who enjoyed a four-year run as Stanley Cup champions. But curlers from this province held the Canadian women's crown for an

- incredible six straight years:**
- a) Manitoba.
  - b) Alberta.
  - c) Nova Scotia.
  - d) Saskatchewan.
- 4. If B.C. Skip Karla Thompson could compete in an Olympic sport other than curling, it would be:**
- a) Speed skating.
  - b) Figure skating.
  - c) Luge.
  - d) Hockey.
- 5. This former Scotties champion appeared in a CBC episode of This Hour has 22 Minutes in a skit called MVC Most Valuable Curler:**
- a) Linda Moore.
  - b) Kelley Law
  - c) Amber Holland
  - d) Colleen Jones.
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## Stacie Curtis

### SKIP

**Age:** 29  
**Born:** St. John's  
**Residence:** St. John's  
**Marital status:** Married to Justin Curtis  
**Children:** None  
**Employment:** Border Services Officer, Canada Border Services Agency  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Returning to curling from a broken foot to compete at the 2013 Scotties  
**Strong likes:** A good meal, travelling, a warm beach  
**Dislikes:** Dill flavoured anything  
**Favourite food:** Anything Mexican or butter chicken  
**Favourite drink:** Water, tea, margaritas  
**Three words that describe you:** Focused, genuine, a multitasker  
**Most treasured possession:** My passport  
**Other life interests:** Cooking, baking, travelling, pilates  
**Words to live by:** Life is about moments, don't wait for them, create them



## Erin Porter

### THIRD

**Age:** 25  
**Born:** Truro, N.S.  
**Residence:** St. John's  
**Marital status:** Boyfriend, Colin Murphy  
**Employment:** Program Coordinator, Boys and Girls Clubs of St. John's  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Attending a second Scotties!  
**Strong likes:** Food, classical music  
**Dislikes:** Bananas, loud chewers  
**Favourite food:** Pad Thai, Sushi  
**Favourite drink:** Water.  
**Three words that describe her:** Determined, caring, passionate  
**Other life interests:** Hiking, nature, cooking, travel  
**Words to live by:** "Don't stop when you're tired, stop when you're done"



## Julie Devereaux

### SECOND

**Age:** 27  
**Born:** St. John's  
**Residence:** St. John's NL  
**Marital status:** Single  
**Employment:** Registered Nurse, Emergency Room  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Winning the 2007 Canadian Junior Women's championships and getting to represent Canada at the worlds!  
**Strong likes:** Reading, skating  
**Dislikes:** Carrots  
**Favourite food:** Butter chicken  
**Favourite drink:** Tea  
**Three words that describe you:** Compassionate, reserved, happy  
**Most treasured possession:** My Mini Cooper!  
**Other life interests:** Reading, hiking, spending time with family and friends  
**Words to live by:** Everything happens for a reason



## Carrie Vautour

### LEAD

**Age:** 31  
**Born:** Campbellton, NB  
**Residence:** St. John's  
**Marital status:** Married to Nick Harris  
**Children:** None  
**Employment:** Audiologist — Eastern Health  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** My education/career  
**Strong likes:** Making memories with family and friends; a fireplace with a good book or puzzle; sunshine  
**Dislikes:** Being late; fog  
**Favourite food:** Anything homemade, really.  
**Favourite drink:** A nice warm cup of tea.  
**Three words that describe you:** Caring, helpful, forgetful  
**Most treasured possession:** My Le Creuset French Oven  
**Other life interests:** Cooking, travelling, hiking, honing my "Handy-Woman" skills  
**Words to live by:** Enjoy the little things



## Lauren Wasykiw

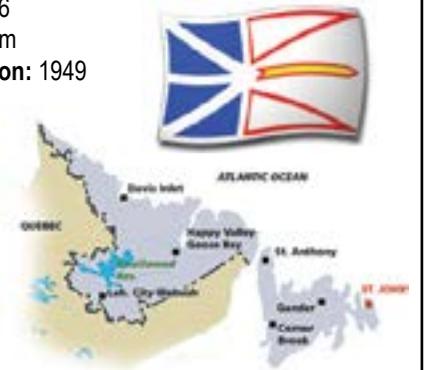
### FIFTH

**Age:** 25  
**Residence:** St. Thomas, Ontario  
**Marital status:** Partner, Cory Ewart  
**Employment:** Recreation Therapist  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Representing Newfoundland & Labrador at the Scotties 2013  
**Strong likes:** The outdoors, exploring new places  
**Dislikes:** Salt beef  
**Favourite food:** Too many to choose a favourite  
**Favourite drink:** Coffee  
**Three words that describe you:** Easy-going, hard-working, quiet  
**Other life interests:** Running, yoga, hiking, and photography  
**Words to live by:** Everything happens for a reason



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 2014: Heather Strong (4-7)  
 2013: Stacie Devereaux (2-9)  
 2012: Heather Strong (4-7)  
 2011: Stacie Devereaux (1-10)  
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Ina Forrest, Darryl Neighbour, Earle Morris, Bob Weeks and Pierre Charette will be formally inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame at the Hall of Fame banquet during Tim Hortons Brier week in Ottawa.

Here's a closer look at the five newest Canadian Curling Hall of Fame members and the 2014-15 Curling Canada Volunteer of the Year.

**Pierre Charette (curler/builder)**

Charette, of Gatineau, Que., is one of the most accomplished players in Quebec curling history, and has devoted countless hours to building the sport, not only in his home province but across the country.

As a player, he is a seven-time Quebec champion — 1989, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2007 — and won-back-to-back silver medals at the Brier, in '98 and '99 playing vice-skip for Guy Hemmings. Charette is the only player to play at the Brier in all four positions, and was the first-team all-star third in 1999 and the second-team all-star third in 1998.

Off the ice, he has played an integral role in the development of the Grand Slam series of events. He is a former president of the World Curling Players Association, and now manages the Grand Slam events from coast to coast.

**Ina Forrest (curler)**

A native of Spallumcheen, B.C., Forrest is one of the world's most decorated wheelchair curlers.

Since taking up wheelchair curling in 2004, Forrest has won three World Wheelchair Curling Championship gold medals

and two Winter Paralympics Games gold medals, and been a valued member of Team Canada since 2007.

Forrest will be attending her eighth consecutive World Wheelchair Championship, beginning Feb. 21 in Lucerne, Switzerland.

**Earle Morris (curler/builder)**

Morris has devoted his adult life to sport of curling, impacting the game in a number of different areas of play, coaching and national performance programming.

His curling career was highlighted by his history-making achievement as the first man to represent three different provinces at the Brier: Manitoba in 1980, Quebec in 1982 and Ontario in 1985, a feat now matched by Ryan Fry.

Earle was the general manager of the Canadian Curling Association from 1987 to 1989.

**Darryl Neighbour (curler)**

Neighbour, of Richmond, B.C., proved last spring that age is no barrier in the pursuit of athletic excellence.

At the age of 66 (he turned 67 last July), Neighbour added to what had already been a brilliant career by winning his third Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship. He was the vice-skip for Team B.C., skipped by Gerry Austgarden.

**Bob Weeks (builder)**

Weeks has spent most of his journalism career chronicling the sport of curling, and is one of the most respected and wide-read curling journalists on the planet.

In addition to his newspaper and television work, Weeks has authored four books about curling — The Brier: A History of Canada's Most Celebrated Curling Championship; Curling For Dummies; Hurry Hard: The Russ Howard Story (co-authored with Russ Howard); and Curling, Etcetera.

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## STANDINGS

	W	L
Alberta (Carey)	5	0
N. Ontario (McCarville)	3	1
Sask. (Campbell)	3	2
Nova Scotia (Brothers)	3	2
Canada (Jones)	2	2
Manitoba (Einarson)	2	2
Quebec (Larouche)	2	2
P.E.I. (Birt)	2	2
Ontario (Hanna)	1	3
B.C. (Thompson)	1	3
N.B. (Robichaud)	1	3
N/L (Curtis)	1	4

## SCHEDULE

### TODAY

8:30 a.m. Draw

A — Ont. vs. B.C.; B — Man. vs. Que.; C — N.O. vs. PEI; D — N.B. vs. Can.

1:30 p.m. Draw

A — NL vs. N.O.; B — N.B. vs. Alta.; C — B.C. vs. N.S.; D — B.S. vs. Sask.

6:30 p.m. Draw

A — Can. vs. Sask.; B — N.S. vs. PEI; C — Ont. vs. Alta.; D — Man. vs. NL

## LINESCORES

	Draw 6											Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Sask. (Campbell)	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	x	x	—	7
N. Brunswick (Robichaud)	*0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	x	x	—	3
B.C. (Thompson)	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	—	4
Nova Scotia (Brothers)	*1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	—	7
NL (Curtis)	*1	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	2	x	—	10
Quebec (Larouche)	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	x	—	6
Alberta (Carey)	*0	0	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	—	9
N. Ontario (McCarville)	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	—	8

	Draw 7											Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Alberta (Carey)	*0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	—	5
PEI (Birt)	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	—	4
Canada (Jones)	*1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	—	6
N/L (Curtis)	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	—	4
Manitoba (Einarson)	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	x	—	4
Sask. (Campbell)	*0	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	x	—	8
Nova Scotia (Brothers)	*1	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	—	8
Ontario (Hanna)	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	—	7

\* — Last rock



Alberta's Jocelyn Peterman watches closely.

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## QUIZ ANSWERS

- Jill Officer and Jennifer Jones were teenagers when Jen pulled Jill aside near the Coke machine at the Highlander Curling Club and invited her to join her junior team.
- Jill Brothers: Sales and Marketing rep  
Teri Udle: Communications specialist  
Krista McCarville: School teacher  
Kristen Recksiedler: Kinesiologist
- Saskatchewan curlers were rulers of all they surveyed from 1969-



- 74 with skips Joyce McKee, Dorenda Shoenhals, Vera Pezer (3) and Emily Farnham delivering the goods.
- Karla Thompson would like to give speed skating a whirl.
- Colleen Jones was featured in MVC Most Valuable Curler in the Jan. 15, 2008 episode of This Hour has 22 Minutes on CBC.

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# Profile: *Quebec*

**Club de curling Etchemin (St-Romuald) Coach: Pierre Charette**

## Marie-France Larouche

### SKIP

**Age:** 35  
**Born:** Lévis, Québec  
**Residence:** Lévis  
**Marital status:** Boyfriend  
 Ian Belleau  
**Children:** Justin Belleau 4  
 and Florence Belleau 1  
**Employment:** Physi-  
 cal Education teacher in  
 elementary school  
**Single greatest personal  
 achievement:** My family  
**Strong likes:** TV and having a great dinner with  
 friends  
**Dislikes:** When I lose my voice  
**Favourite food:** Italien food (pizza and  
 pasta)  
**Favourite drink:** Good wine  
**Three words that describe you:** Friendly, hon-  
 est, dedicated  
**Most treasured possession:** My children  
**Other life interests:** Cinema, swimming in the  
 waves, dancing, skating  
**Words to live by:** Enjoy life every day



## Brenda Nicholls

### THIRD

**Age:** 43  
**Born:** Quebec  
**Residence:** Quebec  
**Marital status:** Common  
 law — Vincent  
**Children:** Jesse 4  
**Employment:** Customer  
 service manager at EXFO  
**Single greatest personal  
 achievement:** My son  
**Strong likes:** Curling,  
 Grey's Anatomy, my friends,  
 my family  
**Dislikes:** My bad temper  
**Favourite food:** Cheese  
**Favourite drink:** Wine  
**Three words that describe you:** Motivated,  
 competitive, hardworking  
**Most treasured possession:** Scotties gold  
 chain with diamonds and this year I'm adding to  
 that the gold bracelet  
**Other life interests:** Happy hour, travel,  
 workout  
**Words to live by:** Never give up, just do it



## Annie Lemay

### SECOND

**Age:** 38  
**Born:** Trois-Rivières  
**Residence:** Gatineau  
**Marital status:** Married to  
 Jean-Michel Ménard  
**Children:** Marie-Soleil  
 Ménard 6, and Alexandra  
 21 months  
**Employment:** Canada Rev-  
 enue Agency  
**Single greatest personal  
 achievement:** My family  
**Strong likes:** Trip in the Caribbean  
**Dislikes:** I love food but hate this following  
 question during the week: What do we eat for  
 dinner?  
**Favourite food:** Thai  
**Favourite drink:** Pina Colada, red wine  
**Three words that describe you:** Determined,  
 friendly, honest  
**Most treasured possession:** My kids! Objects:  
 Scotties jewelry!  
**Other life interests:** Activity with the kids, the  
 outdoors, cooking, tennis, cardio-kickboxing  
**Words to live by:** Do your best, never give up,  
 be passionate, and love your family and friends!



## Julie Rainville

### LEAD

**Age:** 43  
**Born:** Lévis, Quebec  
**Residence:** Lévis  
**Marital status:** Partner is  
 Eric Sylvain  
**Children:** None  
**Employment:** HR develop-  
 ment advisor for Desjardins  
**Single greatest personal  
 achievement:** Being able  
 to have a great personal life, a good profes-  
 sional career and being a competitive curler all  
 together  
**Strong likes:** Sports, TV, party  
**Dislikes:** Injustice  
**Favourite food:** Raclette  
**Favourite drink:** Pina colada  
**Three words that describe you:** Determined,  
 generous and honest  
**Most treasured possession:** My family  
**Other life interests:** Golf, tennis, training and  
 spending quality time with family and friends  
**Words to live by:** Have fun



## Amelie Blais

### FIFTH

**Age:** 28  
**Born:** Limoilou, Québec  
**Residence:** Lévis, Québec  
**Marital status:** Single  
**Children:** None  
**Employment:** Massage  
 therapist and owner of Pas-  
 sion Curling  
**Single greatest personal  
 achievement:** Jump in a  
 parachute and the chance  
 to run with the Olympic flame in 2010  
**Strong likes:** Dogs, life, yoga  
**Dislikes:** Shrimp, beer  
**Favourite food:** Pasta  
**Favourite drink:** Water  
**Three words that describe you:** Passionate,  
 determined and organized  
**Most treasured possession:** Olympic flame  
**Other life interests:** Training, golf, hiking,  
 listening to music, cooking  
**Words to live by:** Go hard and always fight for  
 what you want



## FACTS

**Population:** 8,215,000  
**Area:** 1,542,056 sq. km  
**Joined Confederation:** 1867  
**Moto:** "I remember"  
**Capital City:** Quebec City  
**Languages Spoken:**  
 78.1% French, 7.7%  
 English, 14.2% other  
**Economy:** Pulp  
 and paper products,  
 agri-food, aerospace,  
 service sector.



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 AT THE SCOTTIES**  
**Last five years:**  
 2015: Lauren Mann  
 (3-8)  
 2014: Allison Ross  
 (2-9)  
 2013: Allison Ross (3-8)  
 2012: Marie-France Larouche (7-4)  
 2011: Marie-France Larouche (4-7)  
**Last championship** — Lee Tobin (1975)  
**Canadian titles** — 1  
**World titles** — None  
**Other prominent female curlers from Quebec** — Janique  
 Berthelot, Agnes Charette.



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