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Crowded at the top Ontario knocks off unbeaten Alberta

By JOHN KOROBANIK

HeartChart Assistant Editor

luesday was a big day for the confidence of Ontario teams at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, but it wasn't a great day for previously unbeaten Alberta.

Krista McCarville and her Northern Ontario team didn't let a 4-0 first-end deficit derail them in the morning while Jenn Hanna of Ontario did the field a favour by knocking off Chelsea Carey of Alberta, 7-5 in the evening.

"Today was a big day for our confidence," Hanna said after she improved her record to 3-3. "We had a rough game (Monday) night and I left the arena not feeling awesome. Today was about confidence and I think we can leave the arena feeling like we're on a bit of a roll."

For Alberta, now 6-1, the loss wasn't a total surprise.

"We knew someone was eventually going to punish us if we kept playing not great," said Carey. "That's how we started that game."

Tuesday had such Ki an ominous beginning for

McCarville that it could have spelled disaster for her relatively inexperienced team.

Instead McCarville, third Kendra Lilly, second Ashley Sippala and lead Sarah Potts "tugged on superman's cape" and played themselves solidly into playoff contention.

Before most people were at work the Thunder Bay foursome had given up four in the first end of their morning game against Prince Edward Island. But they shook that off, stole four themselves in the sixth end and rallied for a 10-8 win.

"In the first end of that first game (P.E.I. skip Suzanne Birt) made two really good shots," said McCarville. "I made both of my shots, but she just made two really good shots to get her four, so there really was nothing we could do. It was unfortunate we had a burnt rock in the end so that kind of put us back a bit."

They came back in the afternoon and posted a 7-4 win over Newfoundland-Labrador. It was a much easier game after they scored three in the fourth end and two in the sixth for a 5-2 lead.

"I'm really happy with the game we had," said

McCarville. "It was a little more open game, a little easier on the nerves, so that's always nice.

"We haven't had a game like that so it feels good and especially now we have the night off to relax.

"We came back our first game. We battled back and showed some perseverance and not giving up. It's a long week so to come out this afternoon and have a game like that feels good."

The two wins left McCarville at 5-1 and trailing on 1 y
Alberta in the standings. That four-ender was long forgotten by the time the

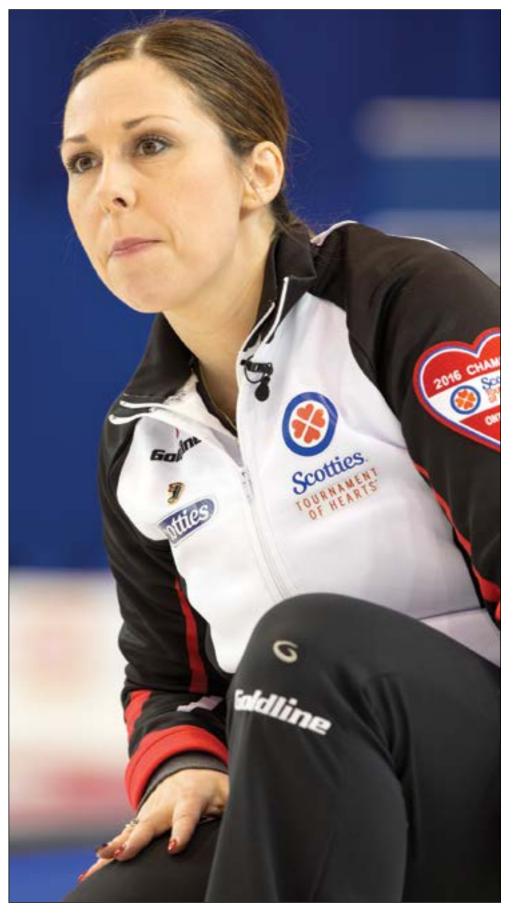
"Oh my gosh, I forgot about that," Lilly, playing in her first Scotties, laughed when asked after their afternoon victory about the day's start. "The P.E.I. team is pretty aggressive, they like to have a lot of rocks in play so there were a couple of ends I went, 'What is going on? There's so many rocks in play.'

team headed out to enjoy a relaxing evening.

"From about the third or fourth end of that game and on through (the afternoon) game we've just been playing much better and found our groove a little bit."



Krista McCarville





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Career selling mattresses flushed to pursue curling

helsea Carey's road to the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Heart was long and bumpy before her upset victory over Val Sweeting in the Alberta Scotties validated the difficult decisions she had to make along the way.

Carey took over Heather Nedohin's team of third Amy Nixon, second Jocelyn Peterman and lead Laine Peters this season and upset defending Alberta champion Val Sweeting to earn their spot in the Scotties.

Winning, says Carey, was a validation that it was the right decision to pack up her life in Winnipeg and move to Alberta. That wasn't the toughest decision for the 2014 Manitoba champion.

The bigger decision came earlier. Faced with an ultimatum from her employer in 2013, she elected to quit her job after six years to pursue curling. To do that she then had to sell her condo.

Absolutely it was the right decision, she says today. Being a mattress salesperson wasn't her idea of a lifelong career so it was a question of when, not if, she would give it up. Plus, her team had qualified for the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Olympic Curling Trials that year.



"No way I could have lived with myself and not asked the question every day, what if?" she says today.

She won the 2014 Manitoba championship and then elected to move to Edmonton to take over Laura Crocker's team. That didn't work out as she had hoped so when Nedohin decided to step away from the game for a year, Carey moved to Calgary to skip her team.

"It's been a bit of a roller-coaster," she says of this season. "We had pretty good highs in stretches and pretty bad lows in really bad stretches. Overall it's pretty good if you look at where we sit in the rankings. It's better than it's felt, because of the lows."

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Carey

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It's been a challenge, as it often is with new teams that usually lack consistency.

"We've been figuring things out and haven't had the consistency we would like. But we're getting close to that now that we've worked hard with some of the dynamics ... we're getting better and better with that.

"The surprising thing would be not qualifying in the slams until the last one in Yorkton. That was difficult and challenging because we expected to qualify. It was like we were finding ways not to qualify."

But they straightened things out in Yorkton and came into the Scotties with high expectations, as could be expected from a veteran team.

"We do have a lot of experience and that is important at the Scotties," she said. "When we (Manitoba) went in 2014, we were all rookies."

Nixon is playing in her four Scotties and Peters in her ninth.

"So they're very organized with the behindthe-scenes stuff, like who do we assign this to, we have to figure out what our plan for this thing is, because they've done it before as fifths and players," said Carey. "It's been a cool experience for me because I just go, 'Ok, tell me what I'm doing' and they're both so good and know so much. They've been to Scotties so many times so there's no surprises."



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— Chelsea Carey



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Profile: Manitoba

East St. Paul Curling Club (Winnipeg) Coach: Patti Wuthrich

Kerri Einarson

SKIP

Age: 28

Residence: Camp Morton,

Marital Status: Married to Kyle Einarson

Children: Twin girls, Khloe

and Kamrvn

Employment: Betel Home Foundation Rehabilitation

Single greatest personal achievement: Winning the

Manitoba Scotties

Strong likes: Socializing, spending time with

my family and friends, sleeping

Dislikes: People who drive way under the

speed limit

Favourite food: BBQ ribs Favourite drink: Root beer

Three words that describe you: Friendly,

determined and quiet

Most treasured possession: My grandma gave me her granite curling rock necklace she had won when she went to watch my uncle in the worlds
Other life interests: Slow pitch baseball, camp-

ing, the outdoors

Words to live by: Always follow your dreams

Selena Kaatz

THIRD

Age: 24

Born: Beausejour Man. Residence: Winnipeg Marital status: In a relationship with Connor

Njegovan Children: None

Employment: Staff Accountant, Deloitte Student, Asper School of

Business, University of Manitoba

Single greatest personal achievement: Pass-

ing Corporate Finance

Strong likes: Food, popcorn, chips, candy,

Taylor Swift

Dislikes: Early mornings Favourite food: Spaghetti Favourite drink: Ice tea

Three words that describe you: Happy, outgo-

ing, motivated

Most treasured possession: My headphones Other life interests: Listening to music, Netflix going to the lake, spending time with my friends

Words to live by: Shake it off

Liz Fyfe

SECOND

Age: 28

Born: Winnipeg Residence: Winnipeg Marital status: Married,

husband Kevin
Employment: Wedding
planner (self employed), Instructor for Rocks & Rings,

Stella & Dot Stylist Single greatest personal achievement: 2008

Canadian Junior Curling Champion, starting my own wedding planning business

Strong likes: Relaxing, the spa, hanging out with my pup and husband, staying active

Dislikes: Driving in rush hour!
Favourite food: Steak and asparagus, pasta and garlic bread

Favourite drink: Long Island Iced Tea Three words that describe you: Loyal, outgoing, ambitious

Most treasured possession: My pup and wed-

ding/engagement rings

Other life interests: Working out, fashion and beauty, weddings, bad Reality TV!

Words to live by: "Never give up on a dream because of the time it will take to accomplish it.

The time will pass anyway."

Kristin MacCuish

LEAD

Age: 23

Born: Winnipeg

Residence: Landmark, Man. Marital status: Dating Jared Kolomaya Children: None

Employment: Corporate sales rep for IDC Communications

Single greatest personal achievement: Winning the 2016 Scotties provincials!

Strong likes: Camping, hanging out with

friends and family

Dislikes: People who drive slow!

Favourite food: Pizza Favourite drink: Water

Three words that describe you: Outgoing,

sarcastic, determined

Most treasured possession: My new Scotties

necklace and my Manitoba jacket

Other life interests: Hot Yoga, Slow Pitch, Netflix Words to live by: If the plan doesn't work, change the plan but never the goal

Briane Meilleur

FIFTH

Age: 23

Residence: Winnipeg Marital status: Single Children: None

Employment: CAD Technician for EuroCraft Office

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Single greatest personal achievement: Winning back to back junior provincial titles in 2010 and 2011.

Strong likes: Winning, sports, working out, being active. Dislikes: Losing at anything.

Favourite food: Probably mashed potatoes as

silly as that is.

Favourite drink: Screwdriver

Three words that describe you: Modest,

competitive, fun

Most treasured possession: Probably sports

related medals/trophies/clothing.

Other life interests: Baseball, playing beach volleyball in the yard, watching sports, playing sports. Words to live by: Everything happens for a

reason.

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2015: Jennifer Jones (10-1 Gold)

2014: Chelsea Carey (9-2 Bronze)

2013: Jennifer Jones (11-0 Silver) 2012: Jennifer Jones (9-2 Bronze) 2011: Cathy Overton-Clapham (4-7)

Last championship — Jennifer Jones (2015)

Canadian titles — 9

World titles — 2 (Connie Laliberte 1984, Jennifer Jones

Other prominent women curlers from Manitoba — Chris Pidzarko, Peggy Casselman.













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CURLING QUIZ

- 1. What's in a name? Well, the Canadian women's curling championship has gone by many names, but they all mean the same thing—the winner is the best team in Canada. The event was initially known as:
 - a) The Macdonald Lassie.
- b) The Dominion Diamond D Championship.
- c) The Dominion Diamond Hot Rocks Bonspiel.
 - d) The Macdonald Ladies Brier

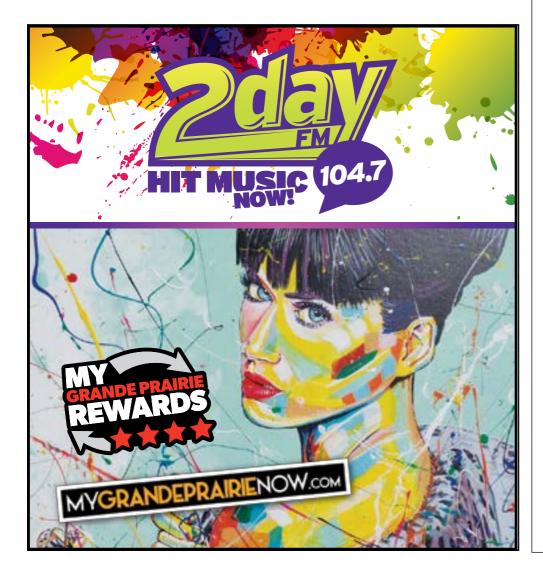
2. This is the first thing on Alberta lead Laine Peters's bucket list:

- a) Attend Wimbledon and the U.S. Open with former Nova Scotia teammate Nancy Delahunt.
 - b) Go skydiving with Delahunt.
- c) Appear as a contestant on the Price is Right.
- d) Pose for the next Women of Curling calendar.
- 3. This former Scotties champion once ran for the mayor's office in St. Catharines, Ont.:
 - a) Alison Goring
 - b) Marilyn Bodogh
 - c) Marilyn Darte
 - d) Heather Houston



- 4. She said it: "I'm not really the fighting type, but a lot of people seem to give me credit for being small and feisty. So you know what? I'll say bring it on. I'll take on anybody."
 - a) Manitoba third Kaitlyn Lawes.
 - b) Saskatchewan third Ashley Howard.
 - c) Alberta third Amy Nixon.
 - d) B.C. skip Karla Thompson.
- Aside from being noted curling commentators, Cheryl Bernard, Linda Moore, Vic Rauter and the late Don Wittman have this in common:
- a) All were born in Carrot River, Sask.
- b) All are graduates of Miles Macdonell Collegiate in Winnipeg.
- c) All are recipients of the Joan Mead Builder Award.
- d) All played on a mixed team with Paul Gowsell.

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Profile: Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown Curling Complex (Charlottetown) Coach: Danny Christianson

Suzanne Birt

SKIP

Age: 34

Born: Summerside, P.E.I. Residence: Charlottetown,

Marital status: Married to

Trevor Birt

Children: Daughter, Jesse

Employment: Mom and

curler

Single greatest personal

achievement: Giving birth to our daughter Strong likes: Family, friendships and training in

Dislikes: Crime, fake people, and bulgarian

split squats

Favourite food: Italian

Favourite drink: Fruit smoothies

Three words that describe you: Shy, calm, and

Most treasured possession: Netflix, reading, being on vacation in the sun and in the pool, family suppers and friends get-togethers Words to live by: Be appreciative for things

that people do for you. Be thankful!

Robyn Green

THIRD

Age: 32

Residence: Charlottetown Employment: Lab technologist at the Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island Single greatest personal achievement: Running three full marathons in one



Strong likes: Running,

wine, popcorn

Dislikes: Being late, olives Favourite food: Thai food, popcorn

Favourite drink: Wine

Three words that describe her: impatient,

independent, quiet

Most treasured possession: My popcorn ma-

Other life interests: Running, cooking, skiing,

knitting, the beach

Words to live by: Begin each day with a grate-

ful heart

Meaghan Hughes

SECOND

Age: 30

Born: Charlottetown Residence: Charlottetown Marital status: Married to Ryan Giddens

Children: None **Employment:** Lawyer Single greatest personal achievement: Not losing keys for over four years

Strong likes: Gardening Dislikes: Leg press Favourite food: Veggies! Favourite drink: Wine

Three words that describe you:

Calm,cool,collected

Most treasured possession: Roots sweater

circa 1995

Other life interests: Cooking and eating Words to live by: Always walk on the sunny

side of the street

Marie Christianson

LEAD

Age: 27 Born: Halifax

Residence: Charlottetown Marital status: Not married

or single Children: None **Employment:** Registered

Massage Therapist, Yoga Teacher

Single greatest personal achievement: Playing here at the Scottie's is

defintiely a dream come true

Strong likes: Yoga Dislikes: Onions and basketball Favourite drink: White Russians

Three words that describe you: Intuitive,

determined and friendly

Most treasured possession: I am grateful for

everything that I have

Other life interests: Yoga, golf

Words to live by: Every challenge is just an

opportunity to prove you can do it.

Sinead Dolan

FIFTH

Age: 30 Born: Halifax

Residence: Charlottetown Marital status: Married to

Cory Arseneau

Employment: Manager at Peake's Quay Restaurant

Single greatest personal achievement: Going to the

Strong likes: Popcorn with BBQ seasoning

Dislikes: Mushrooms, most fish Favourite food: cheese Favourite drink: Michalob Ultra

Three words that describe you: Easy to get

along with, hardworking, funny

Most treasured possession: Cell phone Other life interests: Riding my motorcycle, playing pond hockey, playing Catan

Words to live by: Life is too short to be serious all the time, so if you can't laugh at yourself, call

me . . . I'll laugh at you.

FACTS

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND AT THE SCOTTIES

Last five years:

2015: Suzanne Birt (4-7) 2014: Kim Dolan (3-8) 2013: Suzanne Birt (5-6) 2012: Kim Dolan (3-8)

2011: Suzanne Birt (6-5) Last championship — None

Canadian titles — None World titles - None

Other prominent women curlers from Prince Edward Island — Rebecca Jean McPhee, Marie Toole.



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Manitoba coach Patti Wuthrich says matching rocks is key.

Coaches have big job to do

By JOHN KOROBANIK

HeartChart Assistant Editor

Ver wonder what coaches do during practices, as they walk around taking ✓notes, kicking rocks, setting up shot scenarios and chatting with their curlers?

In some ways, especially with the younger teams, they're like parents watching over their children, giving them advice and trying to guide them on the right path of life. Only on the sheets of ice of Revolution Place, the tips the coaches are giving are about deliveries, releases and ice tendencies. Tips designed to help guide the curlers to victories.

'Keep an eye on the gals, their deliveries, give them tips and that," Prince Edward Island coach Danny Christianson says of his duties during practices. "Watching the ice, talking out loud with them to make sure they get used to me. We spend a lot of time on club ice so it's a little different mentality.

"So I try to help them visualize and remind them of things that are different. It's mostly positive reinforcement."

Manitoba coach Patti Wuthrich says the No. 1 thing she's watching is to try to match

"And B, if there's little things that have entered into someone's delivery they can quickly correct it and then give them a chance to continue to throw and reinforce whatever it is.'

Then, she says, she's watching to make sure each player's delivery release is "consistent with the rocks and the ice surface you're going out on because not all ice surfaces allow the same techniques in release.

"Here we seem to have quite a bit of curl, rocks are finishing hard so you want to release and make sure you have enough rotation on it and you're out to the broom."

Most coaches take notes, some more than others, so they know what they want to discuss with the players in post-practice meet-

"I'm a little bit old school," says Christianson, who doesn't take a lot of notes. "I took a few key ones and I'll make a few more when I go in."

On the day before the Scotties kicked off, he was studying the rocks.

"You have some information on them when you come so if you see anything different you make notes about that."

Coaches also want to make sure the players are talking on the ice, especially here where they say communication is vital.

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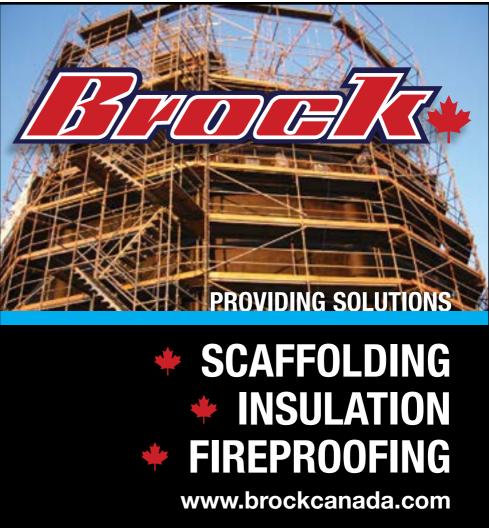
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QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. The Dominion Diamond D Championship was first contested in 1961 at the Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club, with Saskatchewan's Joyce McKee skipping the first official Canadian women's curling championship team. The Saskatchewan girls finished with a 9-0 record.
- Atop Laine Peters's bucket list are trips to Wimbledon and the U.S. Open with Nancy Delahunt.
- 3. A bit of a trick question, because Marilyn Bodogh and Marily Darte are the same person. She was known as Marilyn Bodogh when she ran for mayor of St. Catharines in 2006, and she received



the third highest number of votes (4,412) among the eight candidates.

- Kaitlyn Lawes of Jennifer Jones's Manitoba team is the feisty curler who's full of P and V.
- 5. Cheryl Bernard, Linda Moore, Vic Rauter and the late Don Wittman are all recipients of the Joan Mead Builder Award, presented for contributions to the growth and development of women's curling.





Sastatehevan

They are among the youngest and least experienced team here, but Saskatchewan, skipped by Jolene Campbell, is hanging tough with the field at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Campbell, third Ashley Howard, second Callan Hamon and lead Ashley Williamson lost two of their first three games but now with four victories they're in the thick of the race to the playoffs.

They hit a speed bump Tuesday evening when they were soundly beaten by Jennifer Jones and Team Canada, but remain upbeat.

"We had a rough start," Campbell said of her Regina foursome. "Those couple of losses we had, we didn't play our best games, but now we're doing what we came to do."

This is Campbell's first Scotties as a skip, although she was in three previously as an alternate with Amber Holland's team. But she is the only member of the foursome with Scotties experience.

This is the first Scotties for Ashley Howard, although she played in two Canadian juniors (2009, 2006), Hamon, who played in the 2011 Canada Winter Games, and Williamson who is in her first ever national championship.

The team had veteran skip Russ Howard coaching them through the season and before they came to Grande Prairie had a team meeting to explain all the distractions the newcomers

"It's more amplified on this ice," says Chris-

tianson. "If you throw six feet different weight

... that sweeping call can be a lot different ...

and it's important the sweepers communicate

that and the person in the house knows what's

Wuthrich agrees that communication is im-

"It puts the onus on the thrower to make sure

Coaches

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coming and how it's coming."

portant here because of the ice.

could expect.

One of the biggest distractions could have been the loss of Howard to the TSN broadcast booth and bringing in as coach Jedlic, a sports psychologist Campbell has worked with for seven years.

"It's been a great adjustment," Campbell said, although they do miss Howard during timeouts in games.

"We do miss Russ, but everything he taught us all season has stuck with us. We're constantly giving each other Russ quotes throughout the game, telling each other things we know Russ would say so he's definitely still out there on the ice with us.

"Lots of times you're just looking for an extra opinion and Candace fills that role wonderfully."

So the team relies heavily on Campbell's experience, even though all of that was as an alternate.

"I'm a rookie skip but sometimes it doesn't feel like it just because the Scotties is familiar," says Campbell who draws on those previous trips a lot.

"The familiarity of the whole event, the people, the camera, the media stuff, the crowds, there's nothing that feels new to me," she says. "It doesn't feel like I'm a rookie skip, although I keep getting reminded that I am."

the broom. On whoever is in the house calling the sweep, they have to anticipate the curl before they see it, so you have to figure out where the spot is on the ice, where the rock is going to start to curl.

"And if the sweepers give you feedback, the speed is good, you want to make sure you catch the curl before it happens because what we see here is once it starts it really curls."

In the end the coaches use the practice time to put positive thoughts into the heads of their curlers and to remind them of how they got to the Scotties.

"At this point it's more reinforcing," says Christianson. "You don't want to make a lot of changes going into the event, just maintain the work that's already been done."



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Sask. (Campbell)	
Nova Scotia (Bro	thers) 4
Manitoba (Einars	on) 3
Ontario (Hanna)	3
P.E.I. (Birt)	2
B.C. (Thompson)	1
N.B. (Robichaud)	
N/L (Curtis)	1

SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Draw

A — N.B. vs. N.S.; B — Sask. vs. N.O.; C — B.C. vs NL; D — Que. vs. Alta. 1:30 p.m. Draw

A — Man. vs. Alta.; B — NL vs. Ont.; C — N.S. vs. Can.; D — Sask. vs. PEI 6:30 p.m. Draw

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



Draw 8

8:30 a.m.											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Ontario (Hanna)	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	— 6
B.C. (Thompson)	*0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	– 5
Manitoba (Einarson)	*0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	— 5
Quebec (Larouche)	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	— 6
N. Ontario (McCarville)	0	2	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	1	— 10
PEI (Birt)	*4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	– 8
N. Brunswick (Robichaud)	*2	0	1	-	-	0	-	-	-		— 6
Canada (Jones)	0	5	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	X	— 9

1:30 p.m.											
NL (Curtis) N. Ontario (McCarville)	1 *0 0	2 1 0	•		5 1 0		1	-	1	10 x x	Total — 4 — 7
N. Brunswick (McCarville) Alberta (Carey)	0 *0		2 0		0 2	1 0	0 1	0	0	0 1	— 4 — 6
Quebec (Larouche) Nova Scotia (Brothers)	*0 0	0	1 0	0 1	1 0	0 2	1 0	0 1	0	2 0	— 5 — 4
B.C. (Thompson) Sask. (Campbell)	*0 1	2 0	0 1	1 0	0 4	1 0	0 1	0 1	_	1 0	— 7 — 8
Draw 10											
6:30 p.m.											
Canada (Jones) Sask. (Campbell)	1 *1 0	_	3 0 2	2	5 0 1	6 5 0	-	1	-	10 x x	Total — 11 — 5
Nova Scotia (Brothers) PEI (Birt)	*0 0	-	0 2	1 0	0 1	2 0	0 1	3 0	0 1	X X	— 7 — 5
Ontario (Hanna) Alberta (Carey)	*1 0	0 1	0	2 0	2	0 1	_	2 0	0 1	x x	- 7 - 5
Manitoba (Einarson)	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	2	0	x	_ 8

*0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 2 x

Draw 9



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NL (Curtis)

* — Last rock

McEwen beyond excited for hubby

There was probably nobody happier in Manitoba when Mike McEwen finally broke through to win his first Purple Heart earlier this month than his wife Dawn.

After all, she had suffered mightily year after year watching her husband collapse right at the finish line in his effort to represent the province and head to the Brier. Mike, as most curling buffs know, skips one of the best teams in the world. And yet, despite his terrific cashspiel record over the years, his Winnipeg squad was always denied in the provincial final. Last year, when he lost again to Reid Carruthers, made it five times in six years he came up empty.

But not this time.

"I am beyond excited. I'm just so happy for those guys. They had a great week," said Dawn, who is throwing lead stones for Team Canada this week at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. "They came in so prepared this year and probably the most prepared they've ever been and it totally paid off."

It was tough for Dawn in so many ways watching her husband struggle to reach his goal. There were so many provincial, national and world successes in her own career, including an Olympic gold medal, but so many emotional letdowns for her husband.

She desperately wanted him to experience some of the success she's enjoyed.

"But that's sport, right?" said Dawn. "That's what made this so special. There were lots of down moments watching



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over the years. And watching is way worse than playing."

Mike's win sets up an interesting possibility of a wifehusband team winning the national men's and women's championships in the same year.

"I wouldn't be opposed to that," grinned Dawn. "But there's a lot of work for both of us to do."

What's sure to be one of the hottest tickets in the country will go on sale Friday as full-event passes for the 2017 Tim Hortons Brier in St. John's will be available for purchase.

It will be the first time in 45 years that the Canadian men's curling championship, scheduled for March 4-12 at Mile One Centre, has been held in the capital of Newfoundland and Labrador, and already anticipation is at extreme levels.

As part of the St. John's bid for the 2017 Tim Hortons Brier, the local committee took deposits on event passes, and nearly 2,000 of those deposits were converted into event-pass purchases.











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