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Jacobs, Jones, Martin seize the day

JIM MORRIS
The Morning Roar

A snow storm blew into Winnipeg Wednesday reducing visibility and snarling traffic.

There also was congestion inside the warm confines of the MTS Centre as the country's top curlers maneuvered for playoff spots in the drive to the Sochi Winter Olympic Games.

A home-town crowd roared its approval when Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones edged Ottawa's Rachel Homan 7-6 to clinch first place among the women at the 2013 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials, presented by Monsanto.

Jones improved her record to 5-1 and earned a spot in Saturday's final by stealing a point on the final end when Homan's last-rock draw was heavy.

"That's awesome," said the four-time Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion. "You have to hang in there. You just want to make them make the last shoot. We did that and it worked out for us."

Six rinks are battling for the last two playoff spots heading into today's final women's draw. Chelsea Carey of Winnipeg used a 10th-end steal to beat Val Sweeting of Edmonton 6-4 to move into second spot with a 4-2 record.

Sweeting, Homan, Heather Nedohin of Edmonton and Sherry Middaugh of Victoria Harbour, Ont., are all tied at 3-3. Stefanie Lawton of Saskatoon (2-4) has an outside chance while Renee Sonnenberg of Grande Prairie, Alta. (1-5) is on the outside looking in.

Defending Olympic gold medallist Kevin Martin of Edmonton and Brier champion Brad Jacobs of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., are both 5-0 and will meet tonight in a battle for first place. After that, five teams are in the hunt for the third and final men's playoff spot.

"It could be messy," said Winnipeg's Mike McEwen.

Homan put on a brave face after letting a chance to move into a first-place tie slip through her hands.

"We did everything we could," she said. "We had a heck of a game and we deserved that win.

"That's all right. They got away with one. We'll get them back. We just have to win tomorrow."

In other games Nedohin defeated Lawton 6-4 while Middaugh needed an extra end to beat Sonnenberg 7-6.

Carey said trying to predict the outcome of a round-robin is like guessing which numbers to pick in the lottery.

"Round-robins are amazing," she said. "Everybody always tries to predict what is going to happen and what is too many (losses). It never ceases to amaze you.

"When you think it's going to be clear cut, it's not. When you think it's not, it is. You can't worry too much about that stuff. All we can do is win our games and see where the chips fall at the end."

Sweeting had a chance for the win but was heavy on her last rock, giving Carey the point.

"It was just a little bit too deep," she said. "We struggled a bit to get it going.

"If you told us at the beginning of the week 'win your last game and you are in the playoffs,' we'd be happy with that. We just have to pull it together and get out there and win tomorrow."

Nedohin, the 2012 Hearts champion, is happy to stay alive.

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Soo Crew skipper Brad Jacobs remains undefeated in Winnipeg this week.

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“We feel like we’re playing well,” she said. “It’s a battle out there. It’s coming to last rocks. Some skips are making them and some aren’t.”

Martin and Jacobs sit on top of the men’s table at 5-0. John Morris’s B.C. rink is alone at 3-2. Glenn Howard of Tiny, Ont., Jeff Stoughton of Winnipeg and McEwen are still alive at 2-3. John Epping of Toronto (1-4) has a mathematical chance. Kevin Koe of Calgary (0-5) can only play spoiler. Potentially three teams could end up tied for third after the round robin.

During the afternoon draw Jacobs pumped his fist after a cross-house double set up a 8-6 victory over Morris.

“I was pretty fired up,” said Jacobs, the world championship silver medallist. “I knew if we made that it was pretty much a win.”

Martin scored four in the fourth end then cruised to a 9-5 win over Epping.

“That was probably our best game,” said second Marc Kennedy. “We won two games yesterday pretty much with smoke and mirrors.

“For us it’s just a matter of trying to get things rolling and playing a little bit better. We managed to do that today.”

The second and third-place teams meet in a semi-final. With the men’s draw ending Friday morning, the first-place team won’t have to play again until Sunday.

“I definitely want that day off,” said the 47-year-old Martin. “It’s a tough week, it’s a stressful week. The rest is going to be important.”

Stoughton and McEwen also play tonight with the loser eliminated from the playoffs.

“There is a little bit of a pulse,” said Stoughton, a former world champion. “It’s a long shot.”

In other afternoon games Stoughton downed Koe 10-6 and Howard rebounded from Tuesday night’s heart-breaking loss to Martin by defeating McEwen 6-5.

“The best part is we know there is a sniff,” said Howard, a four-time world champion. “We know we have a chance.”

The women’s playoff picture became muddled during the morning draw when Middaugh beat Sweeting 7-6 and Homan downed Nedohin 5-3. Carey played her part, beating Sonnenberg 6-4. Jones also scored a 8-3 decision over Lawton.

Jones broke open a close game by scoring three points in the seventh end.

“That changed the momentum of the game,” she said. “I thought we were sharp. We made big shots when we had to.

“If you can get better with each game, usually good things come at the end of the week.”

Homan and Nedohin engaged in a chess match. All the ends were single points except for the sixth when Homan notched a deuce by splitting her stones at the top of the house. Her shooter rolled to the back of the house and the guard just bit on the 12-foot.

“We felt really good about that game,” said Homan. “It was a tough game. They were right with us until the very last shot.

“We had to bring our A game.”

Nedohin said it was a tight game where neither team wanted to make a mistake.

“I think it was a bit boring for the first little bit,” she said. “Maybe we should have went (for points) a littler earlier.

“I think both teams played a little bit conservative.”

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The Olympic journey source of documentary

When Ron Goetz began work on a film detailing curling's inclusion into the Winter Olympic Games he believed it would be a fairly straight forward story to tell.

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Goetz soon discovered that curling is always full of twists and turns.

"It's like going on a journey," said the award-winning executive producer. "You think you're going to be going on a straight highway. As you start driving you see something interesting and make a left turn. Then you make a right turn. It's more of a journey through the story as opposed to a straight line."

Each time Goetz spoke with someone, or dug further into curling's history, it was like peeling back layers of an onion.

"That's where the complexity comes in," he said. "You find out peoples' personalities. You find out those who were opposed to it, who was supportive of it becoming an Olympic sport. Everybody kinds of takes us in a little bit different direction every time we have a discussion."

The working title for the documentary is Sticks and Stones: Curling's Quest for Olympic Glory.

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"Warren (Hansen, of the Canadian Curling Association, pictured) gave us the spine we needed. From there we've gone out and added ribs and things like that," says Ron Goetz, documentary producer of Sticks and Stones: Curling's Quest for Olympic Glory.



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Saskatchewan-based production takes shape

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The film is being made for Saskatchewan Citytv. The end product is expected to be a one-hour television special.

Goetz and members of his crew attended this week's Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials. With Winnipeg being "curling central" it was ideal to conduct interviews and film some of the country's top curlers in action.

The production crew also plans to travel to Las Vegas in January for the Continental Cup.

Curling's Olympic history dates back to the sport being included in the inaugural 1924 Winter Games in Chamonix, France. It also was a demonstration sport at the 1932 Games.

It was a demonstration sport at the 1988 Games in Calgary and again in 1992 at Albertville, France. Goetz wants to bring into the focus the "politicking and manoeuvring" behind the scenes that resulted in curling being officially recognized for the 1998 Olympics in Japan.

"There are going to be a number of secondary stories," he said. "The real story, and the thread of the documentary, is what did it take for curling to become an Olympic sport."

"There were a lot of international people involved but a lot of Canadians had a major part in helping to create the opportunity for curling to become an Olympic sport. We are exploring that."

Goetz also wants to examine curling's history.

"How did it go from a real social event in the 1950s and 60s to an elite sport?"

Work on the project began in September. One of the first peo-

ple Goetz interviewed was Warren Hansen, director of event operations with the Canadian Curling Association. Hansen was a member of the Hec Gervais rink that won the 1974 Brier and has written a book about curling.

"Warren gave us the backbone of the story, he was very helpful," said Goetz. "We needed someone that could give us the history of curling."

"He gave us the spine we needed. From there we've gone out and added ribs and things like that."

Other people interviewed so far include curlers like Ed Werenich and Paul Savage, and long-time sportswriter and Morning Roar Editor-in-Chief Larry Wood, who covered the sport for more than 50 years.

Most people Goetz has contacted have been willing to participate. So far only person has been reluctant.

"We are still working on getting this detractor into the production," he said.

A crew of 25 to 30 people are involved in the production. Goetz expects to collect over 200 hours of film, which must be boiled down to about 50 minutes. He plans to set up a website where people can watch the full, uncut versions of some interviews.

"There are some excellent stories that took three to four minutes to tell," he said. "We're not going to be able to use those in production but (they) are too good to leave behind."

The original idea was to have the production ready to air prior to February's Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Goetz now expects it be ready next fall.

"As we got into it we found the amount of work and the amount of people we talked to, and the story lines, are much bigger than we had imagined at the beginning," he said.

"Curling is a lot more complex sport than people give it credit for."

Goetz, who curls himself, begin his career in television over 30 years ago as production supervisor for CFTK-TV in Terrace, B.C. He went on to become a senior producer for CKCK-TV in Regina.

For the last 15 years Goetz has produced and executive produced factual television programming. He was the producer of the Emmy Award-winning 13 Seconds: The Kent State Shootings, and executive producer of the multi award-winning documentary, Dad.

While working on the curling documentary, Goetz was surprised to learn how many curlers became involved in the sport through their parents.

"It was a family thing," he said.

His appreciation of the sport and the athletes involved has also grown.

"Our main mission is to educate people about the road to the Olympic glory of curling," Goetz said. "What I have really appreciated more is this is truly a pretty significant sport."

"I think other people have not given curling the respect it deserves. These are really finely tuned athletes, like any other sport. I think curling still hasn't received that kind of appreciation. We want to get that in."

"We also want to talk a little bit about the future of curling."

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B Jennifer Jones	*1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	2	X	8	05:15
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C Rachel Homan	*0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	5	09:50
Heather Nedohin	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	08:34
D Sherry Middaugh	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	7	00:59
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*last rock advantage												

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	
A Brad Jacobs	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	2	X	8	01:43
John Morris	*0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	X	6	00:55
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Mike McEwen	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	01:44
C Kevin Koe	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	X	X	6	08:06
Jeff Stoughton	*2	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	X	X	10	10:59
D Kevin Martin	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	0	1	X	9	07:45
John Epping	*1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	X	5	10:12
*last rock advantage												

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A Jennifer Jones	*0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	1		7 00:14
Rachel Homan	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	0		6 01:49
B Val Sweeting	*0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0		4 00:59
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Standings

Women

Jones	5-1
Carey	4-2
Homan	4-2
Sweeting	3-3
Nedohin	3-3
Middaugh	3-3
Lawton	2-4
Sonnenberg	1-5

Men

Jacobs	5-0
Martin	5-0
Morris	3-2
McEwen	2-3
Howard	2-3
Stoughton	2-3
Epping	1-4
Koe	0-5

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SKIP: John Epping
AGE: 30 (March 20, 1983, Peterborough, Ontario)
LIVES: Toronto
FAMILY: Single
YEARS CURLING: 23
OCCUPATION: Sales Consultant (DePuy Synthes)
DELIVERS: Right-handed
HIGHLIGHTS: Skipped Ontario at 2006 (10-3 in Whitehorse, won) and 2007 (6-5 in Kitchener-Waterloo) Canadian Mixed; skipped Ontario at 2004 Canadian Juniors (8-4 in Victoria); played second for Wayne Middaugh at 2009 Canada Cup, 2009 Pre-Trials (won C qualifier in Prince George) and 2009 Trials; won 2012 Players' Championship, skipped at 2012 Capital One Canada Cup (3-3 in Moose Jaw)

THIRD: Scott Bailey
AGE: 43 (March 12, 1970, Brampton, Ontario)
LIVES: Brampton
FAMILY: Wife Darlene; children Nick (18), Kaitlyn (15), Makenzie (5)
YEARS CURLING: 31
OCCUPATION: Business Owner (Bailey Contracting)
DELIVERS: Right-handed
HIGHLIGHTS: Played lead for Ontario skip Wayne Mid-



daugh in 1998 (won), 2001 (third place) and 2005 Brier; 1998 Ford Worlds (won), 1997 and 2001 Canadian Curling Trials, 2004 and 2009 Canada Cup; 2009 Pre-Trials (won C qualifier in Prince George) and 2009 Trials; alternate for Kevin Martin team at 2005 Canadian Curling Trials; won 2012 Players' Championship; played third for skip John Epping at 2012 Capital One Canada Cup

SECOND: Collin Mitchell
AGE: 44 (September 23, 1969, Freeport, Bahamas)
LIVES: Brooklin

FAMILY: Wife Le-Ann; sons Ryan (13), Scott (11), Adam (9)
YEARS CURLED: 33
OCCUPATION: President (W. Mitchell & Son Mechanical Ltd.)

HIGHLIGHTS: Played second for skip Mike Harris at 1997 Canadian Curling Trials (8-2 in Brandon, won); played second for Canada skip Mike Harris at 1998 Olympic Winter Games (7-2 in Nagano/Karuizawa, silver medal); played second for John Base at 2007 Canada Cup (1-4 in Kamloops)

LEAD: David Mathers
AGE: 22 (May 12, 1991, Ottawa, Ontario)
LIVES: Kitchener
FAMILY: Single
YEARS CURLED: 12
OCCUPATION: Insurance Broker (Erb and Erb Insurance Brokers)
DELIVERS: Right-handed
HIGHLIGHTS: Played second for Ontario skip Mat Camm at 2010 Canada Cup and 2011 M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors (runner-up); won 2012 Players' Championship; played lead for skip John Epping at 2012 Capital One Canada Cup
ALTERNATE: Trevor Wall
COACH: Jim Wilson

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SKIP: Kevin Koe
AGE: 38 (January 11, 1975, Edmonton, Alberta)
LIVES: Calgary
FAMILY: Wife Carla; daughters Ava (8) & Lila (6)
YEARS CURLING: 25
OCCUPATION: Surface Landman (Talisman Energy)
DELIVERS: Right-handed
HIGHLIGHTS: Skipped Alberta at 2010 (11-3 in Halifax, won) and 2012 (10-4 in Saskatoon, runner-up) Tim Hortons Brier; skipped Canada at 2010 Capital One World Men's (11-2 in Cortina d'Ampezzo, gold medal); played in two Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials: as skip in 2009 (4-3 in Edmonton), as third for John Morris in 2005 (6-3 in Halifax, third place); played in 10 Canada Cups: as skip in 2003 (2-3), 2007 (4-2), 2008 (6-1, \$28,200, won), 2009 (3-2 in Yorkton), 2010 (5-3 in Medicine Hat, third place), 2011 (3-3 in Cranbrook) and 2012 (4-3 in Moose Jaw), as third for skip John Morris in 2004 (runner-up), 2005 and 2006 (third place); skipped Alberta at 2000 Canadian Mixed (10-3 in Lethbridge, won); skipped Yukon/NWT at 1994 Canadian Juniors (8-4 in Truro, runner-up); member of Team North America at 2008 (lost, in Camrose) and 2011 (won, in St. Albert) World Financial Group Continental Cup; won 2004 Players' Championship; leading money winner on World Curling Tour for 2012-13 season with \$110,700

THIRD: Pat Simmons
AGE: 39 (November 21, 1974, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan)
LIVES: Calgary
FAMILY: Wife Cindy; daughter Makena (8), son Max (6)
YEARS CURLED: 30
OCCUPATION: Chiropractor
DELIVERS: Right-handed
HIGHLIGHTS: Played in six Tim Hortons Briers: as skip for Saskatchewan at 2005 (6-5 in Edmonton), 2006 (5-6 in Regina), 2007 (7-4 in Hamilton) and 2008 (9-4 in Winnipeg, third place); as third (fourth stones) for Saskatchewan skip Steve Laycock in 2011; as third for Alberta skip Kevin Koe in 2012 (runner-up);



skipped at 2009 Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials (2-5 in Edmonton); won 2009 Pre-Trials B qualifier as skip in Prince George; played second for Saskatchewan skip Randy Gilewich at 2004 Canadian Mixed (5-6 in Schumacher); skipped at 2003 (2-3), 2004 (1-3) and 2008 (2-3) Strauss Canada Cup in Kamloops, played third for skip Kevin Koe at 2011 and 2012 Capital One Canada Cup; played in three Canadian Juniors for Saskatchewan: as third for skip Neil Cursons in 1994 (6-5 in Truro) and 1995 (8-4 in Regina, third place); as second for skip Scott Bitz in 1992 (7-6 in Vernon); won gold medal at 2005 Karuizawa Invitational, as skip

SECOND: Carter Rycroft
AGE: 36 (August 29, 1977, Grande Prairie, Alberta)
LIVES: Sherwood Park
FAMILY: Wife Sheila; son Jayden (17), daughter Leah (8)
YEARS CURLING: 26
OCCUPATION: Business Owner (Prairie West Ventures &

Majestic Rentals)
DELIVERS: Right-handed
HIGHLIGHTS: Played in 2000 and 2006 Brier, 2001 (won) and 2005 Canadian Curling Trials, 2002 Olympic Winter Games (silver medal), 2005 (won), 2006 (won) Strauss Canada Cup, all as second for skip Kevin Martin; played second for skip Kevin Koe at 2007, 2008 (won), 2009, 2010 (third place), 2011 and 2012 Canada Cup, 2009 Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials, 2010 (won) and 2012 (runner-up) Tim Hortons Brier and 2010 Capital One World Men's (gold medal); member of Team North America at 2002 (won, in Regina), 2008 (lost in Camrose) and 2011 (won, in St. Albert) Continental Cup; skipped Alberta at 1998 Kärcher Canadian Juniors (9-4 in Calgary, runner-up), losing final to Ontario's John Morris; won 2000 and 2005 Players' Championship

LEAD: Nolan Thiessen
AGE: 33 (November 6, 1980, Pilot Mound, Manitoba)
LIVES: Edmonton
FAMILY: Wife Christine Sinclair; daughters Taylor (15), Tyra (10)
YEARS CURLING: 22
OCCUPATION: Chartered Accountant
DELIVERS: Right-handed
HIGHLIGHTS: Played lead for skip Kevin Koe at 2007, 2008 (won), 2009, 2010 (third place), 2011 and 2012 Canada Cup, 2009 Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials, 2010 (won) and 2012 (runner-up) Tim Hortons Brier and 2010 Capital One World Men's (gold medal); played lead for Manitoba skip Mike McEwen at 2001 Kärcher Juniors (10-4 in St. Catharines, runner-up); won gold medal at 2003 World University Games, as lead for Canada skip Mike McEwen; member of Team North America at 2008 (lost, in Camrose) and 2011 (won, in St. Albert) World Financial Group Continental Cup

ALTERNATE: Jamie King
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Cash only in the Patch last night!

Wednesday's party in the Patch featured a remarkable tribute to country music's legendary "Man in Black". When David James and Big River took to the stage, the large crowd of party-hearty curling fans could have sworn they were listening to Johnny Cash in person.

The West Coast group set the tone for another night of fun in the Patch in the RBC Convention Centre with their homage to the late, great country music star.

And the party carries on tonight with Wonderland, a Regina-based band that's always a favourite with the fans at Season of Champions events across the country.





Artist Rachel Nickerson is capturing the excitement of the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings in her own unique style. Since Sunday, with the assistance of under-painter Jessie Johnson, she has produced a painting every 24 hours in the Graham/Donalds concourse of MTS Centre. The results of her talents will be up for auction 5 p.m. Saturday in the Patch.



Junior Star Kyle Steeves hanging out with Kevin Martin and the crew before Wednesday's afternoon draw.



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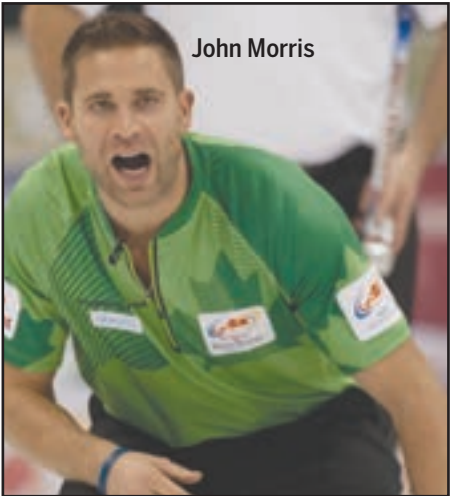
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SKIP: Jeff Stoughton
AGE: 50 (July 26, 1963, Winnipeg, Manitoba)
LIVES: Winnipeg
FAMILY: Wife Hali Weiss; children Riley (22), Cole (19), Elizabeth (10)
YEARS CURLED: 36
OCCUPATION: Manager, Financial Systems (Air Canada)

DELIVERS: Right-handed
HIGHLIGHTS: Skipped Manitoba at 10 Briers, winning three: in 1991 (6-5 in Hamilton), 1996 (11-2 in Kamloops, won), 1999 (10-3 in Edmonton, won), 2000 (9-4 in Saskatoon), 2006 (6-5 in Regina), 2007 (9-4 in Hamilton, third place), 2009 (10-5 in Calgary, runner-up), 2010 (7-4 in Halifax), 2011 (11-2 in London, won) and 2013 (9-4 in Edmonton, runner-up); skipped Canada at three Ford Worlds, winning twice: in 1996 (10-1 in Hamilton, gold medal), 1999 (9-2 in Saint John, silver medal) and 2011 (12-1 in Regina, gold medal); skipped at 1997 (5-4 in Brandon), 2001 (5-4 in Regina), 2005 (8-3 in Halifax, runner-up) and 2009 (5-3 in Edmonton, third place) Canadian Curling Trials; skipped at 2004 (3-2), 2005 (5-2, third place, \$13,500) 2007 (2-3), 2008 (2-3) Strauss Canada Cup in Kamloops; skipped at 2009 (5-2 in Yorkton, third place), 2010 (3-3 in Medicine Hat), 2011 (4-3 in Cranbrook) and 2012 (6-1 in Moose Jaw, won, \$24,000) Capital One Canada Cup; won 2009 Pre-Trials A qualifier in Prince George; skipped Manitoba at four Canadian Mixed, winning twice: in 1988 (10-2 in North Bay, won), 1989 (9-5 in Brandon, runner-up), 1991 (10-4 in Thunder Bay, won) and 1994 (6-4 in Leduc); won 2003 Players' Championship; member of Team North America at 2012 WFG Continental Cup (lost, in Langley)

OLYMPIC MEMORIES: "My favourite Olympic memory is not actually a single event it's the whole 1976 Summer Olympic games that were contested in Montreal. Canada hosting the games, me a young buck trying to figure out which sport I could become an Olympian! Ha! The thrill of watching the competition and understanding the high level of performance it took all of these athletes to get there was what stood out for me. My favourite Olympian was Ben Johnson, right up until the time he was caught doping. My favourite curling Olympian would of course be my teammate Marc Nichols.

There are not enough words to describe how I would feel if I had the honour of wearing that maple leaf on my back in Sochi!"

THIRD: Jon Mead
AGE: 46 (April 10, 1967, Regina, Saskatchewan)
LIVES: Winnipeg
FAMILY: Wife Eileen; daughters Sophie (11), Charlotte (4)
YEARS CURLED: 33
OCCUPATION: Business Development Consultant

DELIVERS: Right-handed
HIGHLIGHTS: Played for Manitoba in five Briers, winning twice: in 1999 (won), 2000, 2006, 2011 (won) and 2013 (runner-up); played in 1999 (runner-up) and 2011 (gold medal) Ford Worlds; played in 2004, 2005 (third place), 2010, 2011 and 2012 (won) Canada Cup, all as third for



skip Jeff Stoughton; played third for Wayne Middaugh at 2009 Canada Cup; played third in four Canadian Curling Trials: for skip David Smith in 1997 (5-4 in Brandon), for skip Jeff Stoughton in 2001 and 2005 (runner-up), for skip Wayne Middaugh in 2009; won Pre-Trials C qualifier in Prince George, as third for skip Wayne Middaugh; won 1986 Canadian Juniors (12-0 in Red Deer); runner-up at 1987 World Juniors (9-2 in Victoria), as third for Manitoba/Canada skip Hugh McFadyen; won 2003 Players' Championship; member of Team North America at 2012 WFG Continental Cup (lost, in Langley)

OLYMPIC MEMORIES: "For me, there is nothing that compares to the Olympics in sport. For two weeks, it amazes me how it unites a country, and how we cheer for over-night sensations doing such remarkable things. I so admire the dedication of these athletes who spend a lifetime investing everything they have for their one single moment..

For me, I am very fortunate to have had the chance to prepare and compete with a real Olympian. I have witnessed from the inside what makes a true Champion. Mark Nichols, who I am very proud to call my teammate, embodies all that makes up an Olympian. Nobody trains harder and with a greater purpose. He is the fiercest of competitors, but competes with true respect and humility. It is a special occasion when you get to see Mark make a young athlete's day when he puts his Gold Medal on their neck for a picture. But to spend a day or week with Mark, you would never hear from him that he has ascended this pinnacle of sport. Mark is all that I think we should hope for in our Olympians. Strength, humility, and perspective. I have been around the block a couple of times now, but this youngster has taught me a few new tricks. For that I am truly grateful."

SECOND: Reid Carruthers
AGE: 28 (December 30, 1984, Winnipeg, Manitoba)
LIVES: Winnipeg
FAMILY: Single
YEARS CURLED: 16
OCCUPATION: Substitute Teacher (Louis Riel School Division)
DELIVERS: Right-handed

HIGHLIGHTS: Played second for Manitoba/Canada skip Jeff Stoughton at 2011 (won) and 2013 (runner-up) Tim Hortons Brier, 2011 Ford World Men's (gold medal), 2010, 2011 and 2012 (won) Canada Cup; alternate for Manitoba (skip Kerry Burtnyk) at 2008 Tim Hortons Brier; skipped Manitoba at 2003 Kärcher Juniors (4-8 in Ottawa) and 2008 Canadian Mixed (5-6 in Calgary); member of Team North America at 2012 WFG Continental Cup (lost, in Langley)

OLYMPIC MEMORIES: "My fave Olympic memory is of the 1996 100M men's final. Donovan Bailey broke through as the new world record holder in the 100m beating out the favourites after a fault filled start to the finals. I remember watching his races leading up to the final and thinking he might have a chance to medal. Seeing him surpass all the other competitors during the last 30 meters was electrifying!

To don the maple leaf in Sochi would be an indescribable feeling. It would be a tremendous honour to represent the country that you love and grew up in. It gives me shivers just thinking about that opportunity."

LEAD: Mark Nichols
AGE: 33 (January 1, 1980, Labrador City, NL)
LIVES: Winnipeg
FAMILY: Wife Colette
YEARS CURLING: 26
OCCUPATION: Personal Trainer (True North - Focus Fitness)
DELIVERS: Right-handed

HIGHLIGHTS: Won gold medal at 2006 Olympic Winter Games; won 2005 Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials, both as third for Brad Gushue team skipped by Russ Howard; played third for Newfoundland/Labrador skip Brad Gushue at 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007 (runner-up), 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 (bronze medal) Briers, 2005, 2006, 2007 (third place), 2008 (third place) Strauss Canada Cup, 2009 Canada Cup and 2009 Pre-Trials; 1999 (third place), 2000 (runner-up) and 2001 (won) Kärcher Canadian Juniors; 2001 World Juniors (gold medal); skipped Newfoundland and Labrador at 2005 Canadian Mixed (10-3 in Prince Albert, won); member of Team North America at 2006 Continental Cup (lost, in Chilliwack); played second for skip Randy Ferbey at 2010 Canada Cup,

played lead for skip Jeff Stoughton at 2012 Capital One Canada Cup (won) and 2013 Tim Hortons Brier (runner-up)

OLYMPIC MEMORIES: "I've always been a huge fan of the Olympics. From a very young age, I remember being glued to the TV whenever there were Canadians competing! One of my favourite Olympic memories are from the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, and watching Donovan Bailey win the gold medal in the 100m, and then watch him anchor the 4 x 100m relay team to a gold medal only a few days later.

From the first moment I watched them, I always dreamed of competing at the Olympics. To wear the Maple Leaf and represent Canada at the biggest sporting event in the world is something that I have trouble putting into words. It is the highlight of my curling life, and something that only a few people get to experience (I wish more could!). To represent Canada in Sochi, and wear the Maple Leaf once again would be so much bigger than anything I could have ever imagined.

ALTERNATE: Garth Smith
OLYMPIC MEMORIES: "My favourite Olympic Moment was watching the US Men's hockey team beat the USSR in 1980. That is really what "juiced" my interest in the Olympics, and especially the Winter Olympics. Watching the Canadian Men's Olympic hockey team win Gold in Salt Lake City in 2002 was a mind blowing day and experience - watching the Canadians break a 50 year drought was truly spectacular and most memorable for me. Watching the Gushue Team (with Mark Nichols) win the Olympic Curling Gold for Canada was very special, and it would mean the world to me to be able to join him and the other guys on Team Stoughton as Canadian representatives in Sochi."

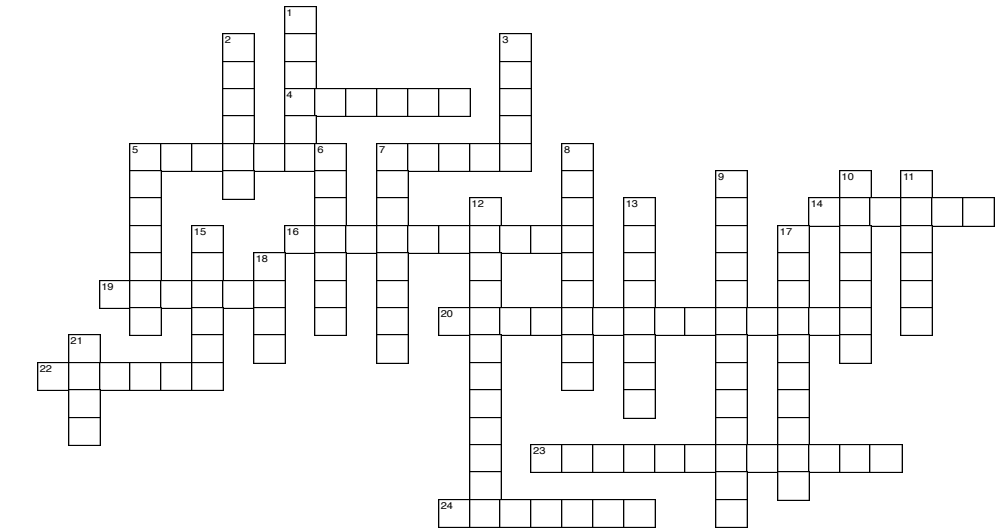
COACH: Rob Meakin
OLYMPIC MEMORIES: "I have a few favourite Olympic Memories. My earliest recollection of the Olympics would be in 1976 when Montreal hosted the Summer Games. I was 11 years old and remember watching Nadia Comaneci scoring perfect 10's in her gymnastic routines which was something unheard of at that time. In 2006 I went to the Olympics in Torino as the Assistant National Coach for USA curling. Everything about that experience is a great memory for me. Finally the most recent memory would have to be Sidney Crosby's overtime winning goal to capture Gold at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. What a great moment for Canada!

I have two favourite Olympians. Trevor Porritt who wore Canadian colours at the 84 & 88 Summer Olympic Games in the sport of field hockey. He was a big supporter of my curling career and a good friend. Mark Nichols is my other favourite Olympian. I was in Torino to witness the Gold medal being placed around Mark's neck and can only imagine what that feels like. I admire his work ethic and am very happy he's on our team!

It's a special feeling and a privilege to wear the Maple Leaf on your back. The sense of pride you get when you represent Canada is overwhelming, so to be able to do that with these guys at the Olympics in Sochi would be a dream come true!"



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Time For Trivia

- (Note: The 1991 Labatt Brier and Scott Tournament of Hearts constituted the 1991 trials for the 1992 Canadian teams bound for the Albertville Winter Olympics).*
1. Among team alternates in the current Trials, name those who haven't played in at least one Canadian junior championship.

2. Name those alternates (men) who have played in a Canadian junior championship.

3. How about those who have won a world junior championship?

4. Name the only female curler who has skipped teams in four previous Olympic Trials.

5. One skip in the current Roar Of The Rings is matching the skipping record with her fourth appearance. Name her.

6. Only one Canadian curler has playing in five Olympic Trials. Name her and her hometown.

7. Name those male curlers (excluding alternates) in the current Trials field who have competed at this level playing for more than one skip.

8. The previous skips?

9. Name those female curlers (excluding alternates) in the Trials field who have competed at this level playing for more than one skip.

10. The previous skips?

11. Name that province that is the birthplace of the majority of competitors (excluding alternates) in the current Olympic Trials.

12. How many natives of that province?



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MONDAY	8:30am	3	8 HOMAN 2 SONNENBERG	8 CAREY 5 NEDOHIN	8 SWEETING 6 LAWTON	9 JONES 7 MIDDAGH
	1:30pm	4	5 EPPING 9 HOWARD	5 MCEWEN 7 JACOBS	5 STOUGHTON 6 MARTIN	6 MORRIS 4 KOE
	6:30pm	5	9 SWEETING 6 JONES	7 LAWTON 6 SONNENBERG	6 NEDOHIN 3 MIDDAGH	9 CAREY 8 HOMAN
TUESDAY	8:30am	6	4 STOUGHTON 3 EPPING	6 MARTIN 5 KOE	6 JACOBS 5 HOWARD	7 MCEWEN 5 MORRIS
	1:30pm	7	6 NEDOHIN 5 SWEETING	6 MIDDAGH 5 HOMAN	2 SONNENBERG 7 JONES	7 LAWTON 5 CAREY
	6:30pm	8	4 KOE 9 JACOBS	11 MORRIS 5 STOUGHTON	7 EPPING 10 MCEWEN	7 HOWARD 9 MARTIN
WEDNESDAY	8:30am	9	4 SONNENBERG 6 CAREY	8 JONES 3 LAWTON	5 HOMAN 3 NEDOHIN	7 MIDDAGH 6 SWEETING
	1:30pm	10	8 JACOBS 6 MORRIS	6 HOWARD 5 MCEWEN	6 KOE 10 STOUGHTON	9 MARTIN 5 EPPING
	6:30pm	11	7 JONES 6 HOMAN	4 SWEETING 6 CAREY	7 MIDDAGH 6 SONNENBERG	6 NEDOHIN 4 LAWTON
THURSDAY	1:30pm	12	CAREY MIDDAGH	NEDOHIN JONES	LAWTON HOMAN	SONNENBERG SWEETING
	6:30pm	13	HOWARD KOE	EPPING MORRIS	MARTIN JACOBS	STOUGHTON MCEWEN
	10:00pm	TB	women's tiebreaker if two (2) tiebreakers required			
FRIDAY	8:30am	14	MORRIS MARTIN	STOUGHTON HOWARD	MCEWEN KOE	EPPING JACOBS
	1:30pm	TB	tie-breakers (if necessary)			
	6:30pm	WSF		WOMEN'S SEMI FINAL		
SATURDAY	8:00am	TB	men's tiebreaker if two (2) tiebreakers required			
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	6:30pm	WFN		WOMEN'S FINAL		
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A huge upset proved the order of the day in the Olympic men's curling trials at Halifax in 2005.

And, in the women's division, Kelowna's Kelly Scott led the way through the round robin but slipped big-time in the last end of the final.

Prior to the Trials, Brad Gushue of St. John's had conscripted former world champion skip Russ Howard of Moncton as fifth man on the team in order to upgrade experience and strategic advice. Shortly afterward, second Mike Adam volunteered to step aside for Howard, as the team felt that Howard's skills and savvy gave it the best chance to reach the Olympics. Howard, playing as second, was given the right to call the team's shots as a skip would but would defer to Gushue for the final word on calls.

Under international rules, Howard was nominally the skip, holding the broom in the house and sweeping opponents stones behind the teeline. The personnel change was a success. The team dominated the round robin at 8-1, losing only to Pat Ryan (9-5) in Round Five. But there always was the question of whether the stunning run could continue through the playoff round.



Brad Gushue

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Time For Trivia

Answers

1. Lori Eddy, Cori Morris, Amy Nixon
2. Brad Gushue, Scott Howard, Garth Smith.
3. Gushue.
4. Colleen Jones
5. Sherry Middaugh
6. Jan Betker, Regina.
7. Scott Bailey, John Epping, Ben Hebert, Glenn Howard, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing, Jonathon Mead, Wayne Middaugh, Collin Mitchell, John Morris, Dave Nedohin, Mark Nichols, Carter Rycroft, Jim Cotter, Craig Savill, Rick Sawatsky.
8. Bailey (Wayne Middaugh, Kevin Martin), Epping (Wayne Middaugh), Hebert (John Morris), Howard (Russ Howard), Kennedy (John Morris), Laing (John Morris), Mead (Dave Smith, Wayne Middaugh), Middaugh (Russ Howard), Mitchell (Mike Harris), Morris (Kevin Martin), Nedohin (Randy Ferbey), Nichols (Brad Gushue), Rycroft (Kevin Martin), Cotter (Pat Ryan), Savill (John Morris), Sawatsky (Pat Ryan).
9. Sherry Anderson, Lawnie MacDonald, Heather Nedohin, Laine Peters.
10. Anderson (herself), MacDonald (Cathy King), Nedohin (Shannon Kleibrink), Peters (Colleen Jones).
11. (Tie) Manitoba, Ontario.
12. A total of 17 natives of each province.

Puzzle answers from 14

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Gushue was catapulted straight to the final. Winnipeg's Jeff Stoughton was 7-2, Calgary's John Morris was 6-3 and a host of big-name teams were strewn out behind.

Stoughton ran up a 6-1 lead after five ends and cruised past Morris 8-6 in the semi-final.

In the final, where Gushue was to have "no chance" according to an earlier Stoughton prediction, the Newfoundland team led 6-2 after four ends, stealing two in the fourth. Then it hung on for a 8-7 final decision.

Glenn Howard of Coldwater missed the playoff by a game at 5-4. So did the veteran Ryan. Prominent favourites Kevin Martin and Randy Ferbey of Edmonton could do no better than 4-5 records.

At 3-6 were Mark Dacey and Shawn Adams, both of Halifax. Jay Peachey of New Westminster was winless in nine starts.

Scott was projected straight to the women's final with the top record in the women's argument while Kleibrink, who lost three of her first four and then ran up an eventual seven-game win streak, was 6-3 along with Stefanie Lawton of Saskatoon and Sherry Middaugh of Coldwater.

Due to round-robin results, Kleibrink netted a freebie to the semi-final while Lawton was dispensing with Middaugh 9-4 in a tiebreaker.

Kleibrink then defeated Lawton 5-4 in a squeaker semi.

Scott led 7-5 heading into the final end of the championship game but allowed her Calgary foe to junk up the front and when it came down to the last stone, Kleibrink had a takeout for three and an 8-7 victory.

She made it and directed her team of Amy Nixon, Glenys Bakker and Christine Keshen to the Olympic Games.

At far-flung Torino, Gushue's Newfoundlanders finished the round robin tied with David Murdoch of Great Britain and Pete Fenson of the U.S., one game behind the leading 7-2 mark turned in by Finland's Markku Uusipaavalniemi.

Canada had lost to Sweden's Peter Lindholm 8-7 on account of an extra-end steal, and to Uusipaavalniemi 8-7, and to Italy's Joel Retornaz 7-6 in an extra end.

But Gushue rebounded in the playoffs and throttled the Yanks 11-5 before beating Finland 10-4 for the gold medal.

Leading 4-2 in the sixth, Gushue hammered Uusipaavalniemi with a six-ender that could

have been seven except that Gushue bungled his last free draw after the Finnish skip gassed his last shot.

Finland had edged Murdoch 4-3 in the other semi-final.

Up the track, Ralph Stoeckli of Switzerland and Pal Trulsen of Norway were 5-4. Italy was 4-5, Germany's Andy Kapp and Lindholm were 3-6 and Sean Becker of New Zealand was 0-9.

Anette Norberg of Sweden and Mirjam Ott of Switzerland logged identical 7-2 records to top

the women's round robin while Kleibrink and Dordi Nordby of Norway finished at 6-3.

In semi-finals, the Swiss dumped Canada 7-5 and the Swedes shaded Norway 5-4. But Canada rebounded to claim bronze with an 11-5 rout of Norway.

Sweden shaded Switzerland 7-6 in an extra-end gold-medal final, decided when Norberg and her team scored a last-rock winner after Ott had forced overtime with a deuce in the 10th end.



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Alberta picks up yet another mixed title

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Playing on the same ice in which he suffered a curling heartbreak more than 10 years ago, Darren Moulding got some long-awaited redemption in the final of the 2014 Canadian mixed curling championship.

The 30-year-old skip and his Alberta team from the Coaldale and Airdrie Curling Clubs grabbed the national title with an 8-5 win over defending champion Cory Heggstad of (Orillia) Ontario at the Rideau Curling Club in Ottawa.

It was at this club in 2003 where Moulding’s Albertans lost to Saskatchewan’s Steve Laycock in the final of the Canadian junior men’s championship.

“I thought about it,” admitted a Moulding, whose team was rounded by sister Heather Jensen, Brent Hamilton and his wife Anna-Marie Moulding.

“It’s even the same sheet of ice. It’s something that’s bothered me for 10 years. Just two years ago, somebody was talking to me about it and asked me about the double I missed in seven (against Laycock) and I damn near started to cry. So, yeah, it puts a bit of a lid on that for me. It was something that always chafed me a little bit.”

This was Alberta’s record 10th title at the Canadian Mixed, and the first since Calgary’s Dean Ross prevailed in 2008.

Alberta (9-2 and first place after the round robin) had a slow start, giving up a steal of one to an Ontario team that won three times the day previous to reach the final.

But Moulding came back strong the next two ends, tapping

for a deuce in the second and stealing one in the third when Heggstad missed a double-takeout.

He tied it with single points in the next two ends, and forced Moulding to a single in the sixth before taking his first lead of the game with a great double-takeout in the seventh to score two.

That’s when Moulding turned up the heat. A runback double-takeout from Hamilton set up Moulding’s tap for a deuce to re-establish the lead.

And in the ninth, two Ontario picks left Heggstad in tough. He missed a tough carom off the wide rock and Moulding stole two to put the issue beyond doubt.

“It was a crazy game,” said Moulding. “We had our chances; we almost broke it open in five when I had a shot for five or six. After missing that, I felt like somebody kicked me in the gut. But then you go, ‘OK, we’re tied with the hammer.’

“Someone tells us we’re tied with hammer with five ends to go to win a Canadian championship, you take it, right?

“It’s amazing to share it with this team.

“It’s just one of those things where you want to win more for the people on your team than yourself, right? I think that’s when people perform their best.”

Ontario finished tied with New Brunswick’s Sylvie Robichaud of Moncton at 8-3 following the round robin while Moulding’s 9-2 mark was matched by Shaun Meachem of Swift Current, Sask.

In a tiebreaker, Ontario shaded New Brunswick 9-8, then cracked three in the ninth end en route to a 6-5 decision over

Saskatchewan in the semi.

Alberta had beaten Saskatchewan in the round robin.

The final tally: Alberta 10-2, Ontario 10-4, Saslatchewan 9-3, New Brunswick 8-4, Quebec (Mike Fournier of Montreal) 7-4, Nova Scotia (Rob Harris of Halifax) 6-5, Manitoba (former champion Sean Grassie oif Winnipeg) and P.E.I. (Rod MacDonald of Summerside) 5-6, Northern Ontario (Charlie Robert of Sault Ste. Marie) 4-7, the Territories (Steve Moss of Yellowknife) and British Columbia (Keith Switzer) of Vancouver) 2-9 and Newfoundland (Gary Oke) of Corner Brook 1-10.

Moss and Oke survived a double knockout quallfying play-off previously against Bob Smallwood of Whitehorse and Ed Sattelberger of Iqaluit.

The 2015 Mixed is scheduled for Nov. 8-15, 2014, with the pre-qualifier to take place Nov. 6 -7 at the Granite Club in North Bay, Ont.

It will be the eighth time the Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) has played host to the Canadian Mixed, and the second time the event has been played in North Bay.

In 1988, an up-and-coming skip from Manitoba named Jeff Stoughton won his first national championship.

Thunder Bay has hosted the Canadian mixed on three occasions (1966, won by Manitoba’s Ernie Boushy; 1972, won by B.C.’s Trev Fisher; 1991, won by Stoughton).

Timmins hosted in 1982 (won by B.C.’s Glen Pierce) and 2004 (won by Alberta’s Shannon Kleibrink), while Sudbury played host to the 2012 championship (won by Saskatchewan’s Jason Ackerman).



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