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When you're on the ice you have a job to do and it's serious. So, no, I'm not gonna smile as I'm coming out of the hack.

—Rachel Homan

Curling's got

SOUL

Core values of respect, fair play, friendship still alive

By PATTI DAWN SWANSSON

Heart Chart Contributor

The question, posed in a newspaper headline last Friday, was gripping, thought-provoking and has given prolonged pause for ponder: Has curling lost its soul?

To many, the very notion that this great, grassroots game has become a soulless enterprise is equal parts disturbing, distressing and indigestible. Surely curling will not — cannot — fall prey to the same trappings that have swallowed large portions of our other pleasurable pursuits and is now the exclusive domain of gym-rat, machine-like

mercenaries.

Yet here we have Mary-Anne Arsenault advising Sean Fitz-Gerald of the *National Post* that the fun quotient in curling is at low tide.

"It used to be that you'd walk into a locker room and everyone was friends," the Nova Scotia skip at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts says. "And now, people barely look at each other. It's all game-face."

Indeed, if one were to observe the countenance of young Rachel Homan at work, there is little to indicate she is at pleasure. The Team

Canada skip goes about the business of defending her Canadian women's curling championship this week in Moose Jaw with steely-eyed resolve. She is intense. Focused. Unflinching. Unsmiling. For this, she has been criticized, yet she has made no apologies. Nor should she.

"It's a sport. It's a business," Homan once told Kristina Rutherford of *Sportsnet Magazine*. "Show me someone who's trying to execute a golf swing or a slapshot, and they're chatting away with their opposition or making jokes. It doesn't happen. When you're trying to perform something and have extreme focus and precision to centimetres, it's impossible to smile. We joke around in between ends, we have fun off the ice — we love to have fun. But when you're on the ice you have a job to do and it's serious. You want to be the best there is. So, no, I'm not gonna smile as I'm coming out of the hack."

Is that any different from, say, Russ Howard during his day's as a curling elitist? Howard always seemed angry, like he held a grudge

against anyone who held a broom. He had a chip on his shoulder the size of a grain silo. Yet he was warm, witty and engaging off the pebble.

Homan wants to win. So did Howard. Go figure.

Not unlike those in any other athletic endeavour, curlers have always sought to achieve great loft. The desire, the drive to be the best . . . that doesn't mean you've sold your soul. It's just that today's curlers travel a different path en route to their goal. Whereas a former Canadian champion like Ed Werenich got by on beer, burgers and back bacon, today's curling studs and studettes spend countless hours in the gym, they surround themselves with more advisors — including nutritionists — than President Obama, and the Olympic Games is the bull's eye on their dart board.

Thus, what we seem to be asking now is this: Are they doing it at the expense of the game's core values of respect, friendship, fun, fair play and a reach-out-and-touch-me relationship with fans?



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Fans are encouraged to wear green Saturday.

Wear green this Saturday

Celebrate Saskatchewan Day Saturday at 2015 Scotties

Saturday is playoff day at the 2015 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, but it's also going to be a day for fans to show off their Saskatchewan pride.

It's going to be Saskatchewan Saturday at Mosaic Place, with fans encouraged to wear green for the two playoff games — the Page playoff game at 10 a.m. (all times Central) followed by the semifinal at 3 p.m. — and show their provincial pride off for the national viewing audience on

TSN.

"It's fitting that the only province in Canada that has curling as its official sport is hosting one of the best Scotties ever," said 2015 Scotties host committee co-chair Glenn Hagel. "Even if you're not from Saskatchewan, green goes great with everything, right?"

The Saskatchewan Roughriders Rider Pep Band will be on hand for the semifinal to pump a little more green into what should be a lively crowd.

Soul

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I suppose to answer accurately, we would first need to define the soul of curling. Is it the two-sheet rink somewhere on the frozen tundra of Saskatchewan, Alberta or Manitoba? Is it the icemaker at that two-sheeter?

Yes and no. To me, as one who played the game at a bottom-feeder level but wrote about it at the highest footing, the soul of curling is summed up in two words: The people.

The best curlers in the world are everyday you and I. They are mothers and fathers and daughters and sons and sisters and brothers. They hold down every-day jobs, go to school or stay home to raise a family. They are not curlers who happen to be people; they are people who happen to be curlers.

And that is on display in abundance at the Scotties in Moose Jaw.

For example, her work done on Monday morning, Jennifer Jones stepped away from a sheet of pebbled ice and approached a man in the pews at Mosaic Place. Brent Laing held a toddler in his arms. Reaching out and down, he handed

the child to Jones, who beamed like only a mother can.

Which is what Jennifer Jones was at that very moment. A mother. Not the skip of an Olympic gold-medallist outfit from the St. Vital Curling Club in Winnipeg. Not a former Canadian and world champion. A mother. And fiance to Laing, who is the father of their two-year-old daughter, Isabella. He, too, is a prominent curler who shall participate in next month's Brier in Calgary, but he is, at all times, a father.

Scant minutes later, there was Jones again, with Isabella, this time posing for pics with Manitoba teammate, second Jill Officer, and her three-year-old daughter Camryn.

At some point during the week, these two mothers will happily engage in a team autograph session, as well as an organized, yet informal chin-wag with fans. All participants at the Scotties do this. They do it because the game's got soul.

Still and always.

Patti Dawn Swansson is a longtime sports journalist who has covered the Scotties, the Brier and world curling championships. She has also played against some of the world's elite curlers and lost to every one of them.

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Random thoughts on the Scotties to date

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The Scotties Tournament has passed the halfway mark. Here are some random thoughts on the tournament to date.

■ **Lucky Guys:** Being in an arena for your first taste of live competitive curling, and it includes the Jennifer Jones and Rachel Homan battle on Monday night. It won't ever get better than that. Two of my sons had that opportunity.

■ **Dumb Question(s):** Almost any I asked. You hate to ask a question and have everyone in the scrum roll their eyes. It's even worse when the curler does.

■ **Dumb No Question:** I raced down the stairs to the interview area, hoping to catch Tracy Horgan of Northern Ontario before she left to go to her dressing room. Huffing and puffing, I looked at her blankly and said, "I'm not sure what to ask you. Tell me something?" She did and has been wonderful all week.

■ **Home Team:** You would be hard pressed to find six better people than Stefanie Lawton, Sherry Anderson, Stephanie Schmidt, Marliese Kasner, Lana Vey and Rick Folk to represent Saskatchewan. And to top it off, they're a darn fine curling team.

■ **Fun Interview:** Kaitlyn Lawes talking about the television and print ads she did to promote the Scotties and Brier. She confessed



CAM HUTCHINSON

she isn't pumping a real curling rock and the sweat comes from a water squirter.

■ **Bonus Coverage:** Visit curling.ca for much more Scotties coverage. There are stories, photo galleries, videos, results and live scoring updates. And that's only the half of it. The site is freshened up after every draw. You'll love it.

■ **Second Home:** I live in Saskatoon. If I moved to any other place in Saskatchewan, it would be Moose Jaw. About the only thing wrong with this city is its proximity to Regina.

■ **Scotties No. 1:** If I had to pick between covering the Tim Hortons Brier and the Scotties, I take the Scotties every time. The Scotties could be at the North Pole and the Brier in Hawaii. I pack a parka.

■ **Precision:** Incredible how these curlers can put rocks in the exact spot

over and over again. These games are pretty much won and lost in the four-foot. I'm old enough to remember when rocks biting the 12-foot were problematic.

■ **Great interview:** Joanne Courtney of Team Canada talking about her passion for brushing. At the end of the interview, she thanked Editor Dave Komosky for doing a story on sweeping and for featuring members of the front ends on teams.

■ **Rinse and Repeat:** After a reporter asked a long question, Rachel Homan looked at him and said, "Sorry?" The reporter took a mulligan and asked it again.

■ **Quit It:** After two days of the Scotties, I moved we no longer dwell on the fact Tracy Horgan got in through the pre-qualifying event. She's in it to win it. Besides, she represented Ontario in 2012.

■ **Curling Lesson:** Sitting next to Cathy Gauthier on the media bench. She knows the game. Does she ever.

■ **Never Quit:** It was easy to root quietly for Julie Hastings. No cheering in the press box, right? She lost the Ontario curling final when she was 19. Twenty years later, she won it and has played really well at this Scotties. And she is a great person to interview.

■ **Dancing Curlers:** While waiting for the music to go down and the signal to begin play, Ontario's

Christy Trombley and Stacey Smith treated the crowd to a few seconds of square dancing. I don't think it was a do-si-do, but they rocked.

■ **Family Day:** Seeing Jennifer Jones, Jill Officer and Stefanie Lawton all spending time after their morning games with their little ones.

■ **Deadlines:** We had to have the Heart Chart away to the press at 11 p.m. each night. So far our best is 10 minutes early and our worst is one-minute late. We figure we now have an IOU for nine minutes.

■ **Typo:** Dave Komosky and I ate almost every meal we had at Veroba's Family Restaurant. One journalist boycotted it because the typo in its sign drove him crazy. His loss. The food and service are great. Its true.

■ **Portsider:** Val Sweeting is leading the skips here in shooting percentage. Can you imagine how good she'd be if she threw right-handed?

■ **Memo to Rachel:** I've been meaning to tell Rachel Homan that she's a pretty good curler. Maybe she'll read this.

■ **Green is the colour:** Fans are encouraged to wear green to Mosaic Place on Saturday. Watermelon helmets are optional.

■ **Curling Lesson:** A reminder to Riders fans who come to Saturday's games. Please do not throw Pilsener cans onto the ice.

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Big day for Bluenosers

Undefeated Alberta flying high at Scotties

By CAM HUTCHINSON
Heart Chart Associate Editor

Nova Scotia's Mary-Anne Arsenault came into play Wednesday at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts with a 2-5 record. She finished her day at Mosaic Place at 4-5. But that's not nearly the complete story.

The veteran Nova Scotia curler toppled Manitoba's Jennifer Jones from the ranks of the unbeaten on the morning draw with a 9-6 win, and then knocked off two-time defending Canadian champion Rachel Homan 7-6 in the afternoon. Perhaps Alberta's Val Sweeting is lucky the Nova Scotians had the rest of the day off.

Sweeting ran her record to 8-0 with an 8-5 win over Ontario's Julie Hastings on the late draw. In other games, Homan defeated Prince Edward Island's Suzanne Birt 9-5, Jones topped New Brunswick's Sylvie Robichaud 9-7 and Northern Ontario's Tracy Horgan caught Saskatchewan's Stefanie Lawton in the standings, beating the Saskatoon team 6-5. Both are at 5-3. Jones is 7-1 and Homan 6-2.

While Arsenault has "been there, done that," on the national stage, the wins were huge for the two rookies on her team – third Christina Black and second Jane Snyder. Lead Jennifer Baxter has been with Arsenault for five years. Arsenault played on the Colleen Jones teams that dominated curling for a long spell. She is used to banging brushes with the best.

Arsenault enjoyed the day, saying it was her

turn to get some breaks.

"I certainly didn't expect this," she said of the sweep. "We've been playing well. It's just that little hit and roll that we haven't been able to call properly."

Arsenault said Black and Snyder were excited they were getting to play Jones and Homan, let alone win.

"It's kind of amusing actually. As soon as we got our schedule, we saw that we were playing those two teams on the same day. Then we have our Up Close and Personal (session with fans) and (second) Jane (Snyder) said, 'We'll just go and talk about how we just beat the best two teams in the tournament. I guess she had a premonition.'"

Black was ecstatic.

"It is amazing to beat the two best teams in the world – the Olympic gold medallist and the reigning champion here. It's unreal. I watched these guys on TV for the past years: Jennifer for probably the over 10 years has been on the top. And Rachel for the past five years. To play them and now win, you can really believe we deserve to be here, and have what it takes."

Sweeting has bulldozed through the competition so far and has clinched no worse than a tiebreaker spot. It should get more interesting today and Friday, when she meets Team Canada, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Sweeting said she is looking forward to the next two days.

"A big three games left for us," she said. "We're going to have to be strong, but still take it one game at a time. We're in a good position. It is within our control. We've got to keep doing what we are doing and stay in the moment."



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Rachelle Brown

LEAD

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Employment: Teacher Black Gold School Division
Years curling: 16
First major success in curling: Winning the pre-trials in 2013
Loves curling because: Sweeping!
Three words that describe her: Fun, motivated, reliable.
Major curling influence: Kelly Scott
Other life interests: Yoga, weightlifting



FACTS

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Area: 661,848 sq. km
Joined Confederation: 1905
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Capital City: Edmonton
Languages Spoken: 77% English, 2% French, 21% other
Economy: Petroleum, agriculture, technology, tourism.

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Last five years:
 2014: Val Sweeting (8-3 Silver)
 2013: Kristie Moore (1-10)
 2012: Heather Nedohin (7-4 Gold)
 2011: Shannon Kleibrink (6-5)
 2010: Val Sweeting (4-7)
Last championship — Heather Nedohin (2012)
Canadian titles — 6
World titles — None
Other prominent women curlers from Alberta — Cathy King.

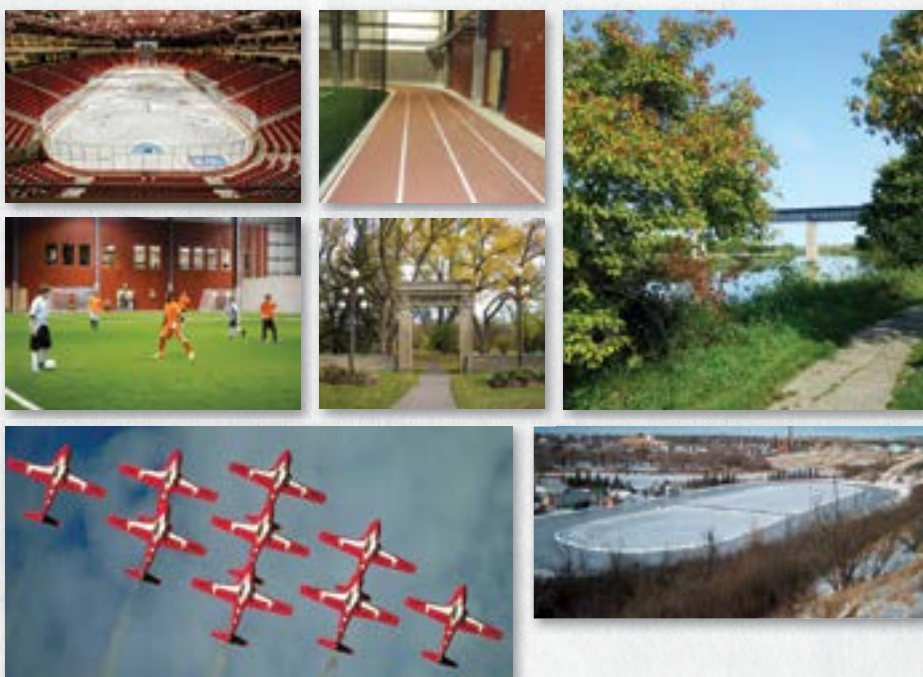
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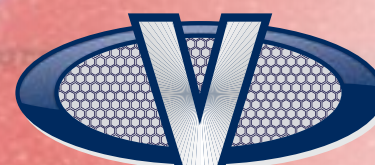
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Profile: Alberta

Lori Olson-Johns

THIRD

Born: Nov.24, 1976
Age: 38
Residence: Edmonton
Family: Married to Cody Johns and have two daughters, Lexi 5 and Ava 4
Employment: Physical Education teacher
First major success in curling: Junior Alberta champion in 1992
Loves curling because: Four players contribute to every shot. It is a sport that bridges the generations from little rockers to grandparents. It holds tradition, sportsmanship and national pride.
Curling would be better if: Team Ulsrud performed at every fifth end break.
Three words that describe her: Active, committed, compassionate.
Major curling influence: My parents. They have taught me the sport and supported my goals all my life.



Dana Ferguson

SECOND

Born: Edmonton
Age: 27
Residence: Edmonton
Family: Mom and dad, 3 brothers
Employment: Curling Development Coach for the University of Alberta
Years of Curling: 19
First Major Success in curling: High school provincials (2004-2005) or Pre-Trials 2013
Loves curling because: It challenges me, it makes me happy, I love to compete while doing something I love with people I like.
Curling would be better if: More events in tropical destinations.
Three words that describe her: Loud, outgoing, vivacious.
Major curling influence: Kevin Martin.
Other life interests: Tennis, Slo-pitch, volleyball.



HOME CLUB:
Saville Community Sports Centre
Edmonton

FIFTH: Sarah Wilkes
COACH: Garry Coderre

Val Sweeting

SKIP

Born: Redvers, Sask.
Age: 27
Residence: Vegreville
Family: Son, Jaxen (age 3)
Employment: Case Processing Centre
Years curling: 18 years
First major success in curling: Winning the 2010 Alberta Scotties.
Loves curling because: It means less time I have to spend at my real job.
Curling would be better if: It paid enough so I didn't have to work at all
Three words that describe her: Calm, shy (if I don't know you), funny (after I do know you).
Major curling influence: Sandra Schmirler
Other life interests: Slo pitch, gym, spending time with my son.

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Profile: Saskatchewan

Sherry Anderson

THIRD

Born: Prince Albert
Age: 51 years young
Residence: Delisle
Family: 3 stepchildren, 6 step grandchildren
Employment: Partner in C&S Promotions
Years curling: 43 years
First major success in curling: Saskatchewan provincial winner 1994
Loves curling because: Curling has it all – strategic aspect, physicality, great team mates, social aspect. The list goes on.
Curling would be better if: I don't know if I would change anything about the game
Major curling influence: Ed Werenich
Other interests: golf, caddying, fishing, reading, gardening.



Stephanie Schmidt

SECOND

Born: Saskatoon
Age: 25
Residence: Regina
Family: Newly-wed, husband Aryn Schmidt
Employment: Designer, Look Agency
Years curling: 20
First major success in curling: Being Team Saskatchewan at Canada Games in 2007
Loves curling because: The combination of athleticism and strategy can be addictive. And, good people curl. I've made so many life-long friends in every age group.
Curling would be better if: There were no more "picks".
Three words that describe her: Creative, mischievous, loyal.
Major curling influence: Mary-Anne Arsenault & Kim Kelly (whom I had the pleasure of playing with in 2012).



HOME CLUB:
Nutana Curling Club
Saskatoon

FIFTH: Lana Vey
COACH: Rick Folk

Stefanie Lawton

SKIP

Born: June 20, 1980
Age: 34
Residence: Saskatoon
Family: Husband Mike, daughter Kate 3.5 years old, son Eric four months old
Employment: Chartered Professional Accountant at Cameco - currently on maternity leave.
Years curling: 24
First major success in curling: 1997 Saskatchewan junior provincial championship and third at the nationals.
Loves curling because: Great friends, competitiveness, and the great times.
Three words that describe her: Competitive, practical, fun.
Major curling influence: My family, Bob and Linda Miller, siblings Cheryl, Ryan, and Marliese.
Other interests: Gardening, golfing, skating, biking, swimming.



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Profile: Saskatchewan

Marliese Kasner

LEAD

Born: Prince Albert
Age: 33
Residence: Shellbrook
Family: Husband Tyson and two boys Will 3.5 and Dallan almost 2
Employment: Teacher
Years curling: 23
First major success in curling: 1997 won the Saskatchewan junior provincial.
Loves curling because: It is a wonderful team sport.
Curling would be better if: It was played in a hot climate.)
Two words that describe her: Intense, competitive.
Major curling influence: Parents and siblings.
Other interests: Skiing, golf, lake.



FACTS

Population: 1,033,381
Area: 651,900 sq. km
Joined Confederation: 1905
Motto: "From many peoples strength"
Capital City: Regina
Languages Spoken: 95% English, 1% French, 4% other
Economy: Grain farming, beef cattle, food products, machinery, oil and gas production, potash.

SASKATCHEWAN AT THE SCOTTIES

Last five years:
 2014: Stefanie Lawton (8-3)
 2013: Jill Shumay (6-5)
 2012: Michelle Inglot (5-6)
 2011: Amber Holland (9-2 Gold)
 2010: Amber Holland (6-5)
Last championship — Amber Holland (2011)
Canadian titles — 11
World titles — 3 (Sandra Schmirler in 1993, 1997; Marj Mitchell in 1980)
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They're oldies but goodies

By CAM HUTCHINSON
Heart Chart Associate Editor

Julie Hastings' team is an anomaly in competitive sports. Keeping a team together for 20 years is something more likely in beer-league slo-pitch than in curling at the highest level in the land.

Through thick and thin, having children and taking time off for travelling, Hastings and the team that was put together in 1994 is now representing Ontario at their first Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Holy smokes! In 1994, Kaitlyn Lawes turned six, the Toronto Maple Leafs were in the playoffs and Kevin Martin had hair.

That's how long Hastings, her twin sister, Christy Trombley, Stacey Smith and Katrina Collins have curled together.

"You know what? The dream is always there," Hastings said. "I think the dreams were huge back then because we were so young. Now, 20 years later, the dreams are attainable. We know what to do. We know what work has to be done — nutritionally, exercise-wise and practise-wise. We've done all the hard work for sure."

"We were established in 1994. We took some years off in between. There are a couple of us with children and a couple of us went travelling. There were some years off where we didn't play, but every year we could play together, we did play together."

What's the secret to their longevity?

"We have a tremendous amount of fun together. That is the core of our team. We work



Julie Hastings

really hard. We trust each other. We know everybody on the team is doing whatever we need to do to keep this team together and to perform at the level we play at."

Hastings lost the Ontario final in 2014 to Allison Flaxey. This year, Hastings defeated Sherry Middaugh in the final game.

She said losing the final in 2014 was part of the process.

"That gave us a tremendous amount of experience going into this year."

She said playing some Slam events helped prepare the team for the Scotties and exposed them to arena ice.

"It is not as big an adjustment as you might think for a rookie team like ours. It's more the crowds, the excitement and those kinds of scenarios we are getting used to."

"There are a few more shots available in

your arsenal when you play on arena ice. The big swing — the swoop — is there. Sometimes you don't get the consistency like that in a club setting. And with the weight, you can really drag a rock here. The sweepers can really make your shots for you in the arena."

While she isn't scoreboard watching, she thinks making the playoffs is doable.

"Our team is definitely capable of it. We need to put together a few more shots and be a little more precise on some of our come-arounds. We have had some games where we have done well with that style of play. We have to bring it up another little notch to get there."

"The goal is to make shots. You can set goals and speculate where you want to be at the end of the week, but we have to focus on the next shot at hand and that's where we want to be."

She said the off-ice changes the team made included focusing on mental preparation, nutrition and exercise.

She said changes have been made slow and steady.

"You can't change 10 things at one point in time. For our team, we try to work on two or three things every season and perfect that and then move onto the next thing the next season. And it comes together in this package 20 years later."

Indeed it has.

Hastings was asked if they are better curlers now than they were 20 years ago.

"I think the whole team is. The team has grown in 20 years. We have so much experience. I think we work really well together. I think today we are the best at what we are doing."



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STANDINGS

	W	L
Alberta (Sweeting)	8	0
Manitoba (Jones)	7	1
Team Canada (Homan)	6	2
N. Ontario (Horgan)	5	3
Saskatchewan (Lawton)	5	3
P.E.I. (Birt)	4	4
Ontario (Hastings)	4	4
Nova Scotia (Arsenault)	4	5
N/L (Strong)	3	6
N. Brunswick (Robichaud)	2	6
B.C. (Knezevic)	1	8
Quebec (Mann)	1	8

SCHEDULE

TODAY

9 a.m. Draw

A — B.C. vs. Newf/Lab; B — Nova Scotia vs. Quebec; C — P.E.I. vs. Manitoba; D — N. Ontario vs. Ontario

2 p.m. Draw

A — P.E.I. vs. Ontario; B — N. Ontario vs. Manitoba; C — New Brunswick vs. Saskatchewan; D — Alberta vs. Canada

7 p.m. Draw

A — Canada vs. New Brunswick; B — Alberta vs. Saskatchewan; C — Newf/Lab. vs. Quebec; D — Nova Scotia vs. Saskatchewan



LINESCORES

Draw 11

9 a.m.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Nova Scotia (Arsenault)	*1	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	— 9
Manitoba (Jones)	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	— 6
Ontario (Hastings)	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	x	— 7
Newf/Lab (Strong)	*0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	x	— 4
B.C. (Knezevic)	*0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	x	— 5
N. Ontario (Horgan)	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	x	— 7
Quebec (Mann)	*2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	x	— 6
P.E.I. (Birt)	0	4	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	x	— 10

Draw 12

2 p.m.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Quebec (Mann)	*1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	— 6
Alberta (Sweeting)	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	— 8
N. Brunswick (Robichaud)	*2	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	— 8
B.C. (Knezevic)	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	— 7
Canada (Homan)	*0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	— 6
Nova Scotia (Arsenault)	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	— 7



Manitoba skip Jennifer Jones. A classic delivery.

*Saskatchewan (Lawton)	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	x	— 4
Newf/Lab (Strong)	*0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	— 2

Draw 13

7 p.m.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
Saskatchewan (Lawton)	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	— 5
N. Ontario (Horgan)	*1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	— 6
Canada (Homan)	*0	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	2	x		— 9
P.E.I. (Birt)	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	x		— 5
Ontario (Hastings)	*0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	x		— 5
Alberta (Sweeting)	1	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	x		— 8
Manitoba (Jones)	*3	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	0		— 9
P.E.I. (Birt)	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1		— 7

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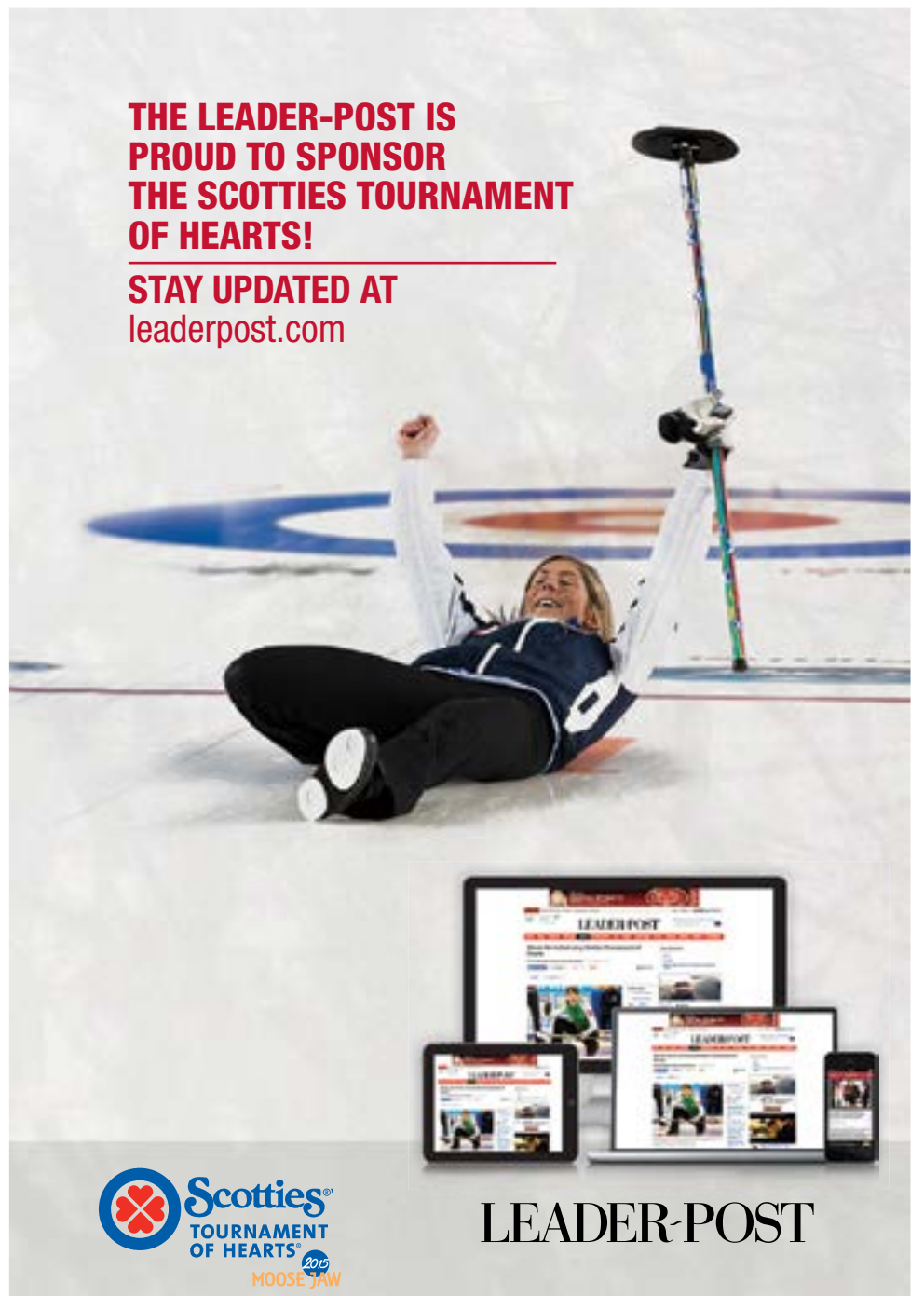
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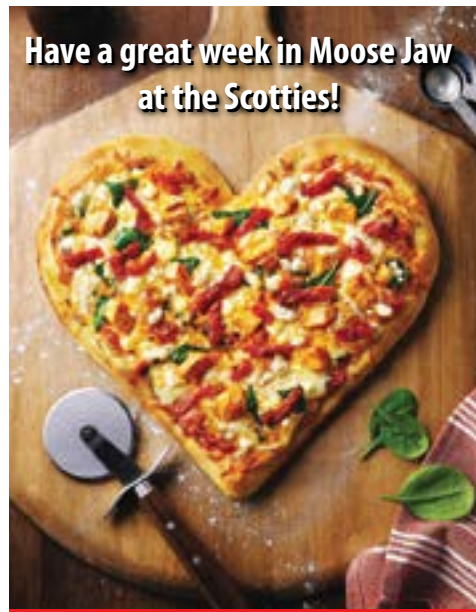
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Ferbs, Jen team up

Pro-Am event shines light on seniors curling

Hall-of-Famer and four-time world curling champion Randy Ferbey has announced Jennifer Jones as the first addition to the Everest-Ferbey Pro-Am roster. Jones, whose Canadian rink brought home gold from the 2014 Winter Olympics, will skip the opposing rink in the first-ever Everest-Ferbey National Pro-Am.

Ferbey partnered with Everest Funeral Planning and Concierge Service, the new title sponsor of the Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Curling Championships, to create the Pro-Am — a contest open to senior curlers of all skill levels across the country and designed to create awareness for seniors curling in Canada. Participants at CCA Clubs enter for the chance to win a VIP trip to the 2015 Everest Canadian Seniors in Edmonton and to play with Ferbey and Jones in the Pro Am at the event.

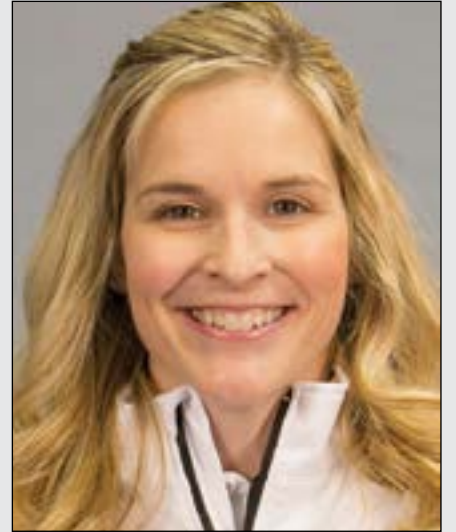
He first announced Jones' participation on Twitter. Noting that her involvement in the event will be a huge treat for senior players and spectators alike, he said: "Jennifer is one of the top



Randy Ferbey

curlers of her generation and having her play in the Everest-Ferbey is a real honour. But I hope she's preparing for some heated competition out there."

"I've been watching the build up to the Everest-Ferbey Pro-Am since November and love what this initiative is doing to promote seniors participation in our sport," said Jones. Adding, "I have great admiration for Randy and I have learned so much from him over the years. But, of course, I can't



Jennifer Jones

wait to step on the ice with my Pro-Am rink and try to teach him a few things."

The Everest-Ferbey National Pro-Am will take place on March 28th at 12 p.m. at the Thistle Club in Edmonton during the 2015 Everest Canadian Senior Championships. The two remaining pro curlers and four contest-winning senior curlers from across the country who will round out the Pro-Am rinks will be announced in early March.

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CURLING QUIZ

Gather 'round, folks, we're going to test your curling know-how.

1. If you're interested in reading a good mystery, you might want to try a book by Brenda Chapman, the mother of this Scotties curler:

- a) Lisa Weagle
- b) Heather Strong
- c) Kristen Fewster
- d) Christina Black

2. Due to her many years with TSN, Linda Moore, who retired this year, was probably the best-known female curling commentator in the game. Name the female broadcaster who is not a former Scotties champion:

- a) Marilyn Bodogh
- b) Cathy Gauthier
- c) Joan McCusker
- d) Cheryl Bernard
- e) Colleen Jones

3. There have been a number of calendar girls among Scotties competitors over the years. Who among the following curlers who have appeared on the Women of Curling calendars:

- a) Jill Officer
- b) Cheryl Bernard
- c) Chelsea Carey
- d) Sarah Wark
- e) Kaitlyn Lawes
- f) Heather Smith
- g) Emma Miskew
- h) All of the above

4. This former Scotties curler co-wrote two

books — Between the Sheets: Creating Curling champions and Between the Sheets: The Silver Lining:

- a) Kelly Scott
- b) Heather Nedohin
- c) Linda Moore
- d) Cheryl Bernard

5. The Ford Hot Shots skills competition is a popular feature at the start of every Scotties. Name the Hot Shots winners who have not won the Scotties:

- a) Heather Strong
- b) Rachel Homan
- c) Jill Officer
- d) Jennifer Jones
- e) Suzanne Birt
- f) Kerry Galusha.

ANSWERS

1. Mystery author Brenda Chapman is the mother of Lisa Weagle, lead with Team Canada.

2. Cheryl Bernard, who replaced Linda Moore in the TSN booth, is an Olympic silver medalist from Alberta but she never won the Scotties. She lost the 1996 final to Marilyn Bodogh.

3. Each of the women listed is a former calendar girl.

4. Cheryl Bernard, Olympic silver medalist, co-wrote the books with journalist Guy Scholz.

5. Heather Strong, Suzanne Birt and Kerry Galusha are Hot Shot curlers who've won the Ford Skills competition, but they're still looking for their first Scotties title.

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