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Alberta skip Chelsea Carey came out firing in her opening-game victory Saturday over Team Canada.

# A good ol' whuppin!

## Alberta's Carey thumps defending champs

By **JOHN KOROBANIK**

*HeartChart Assistant Editor*

Sometimes a good old-fashioned kick in the butt can work wonders for the recipient. Jennifer Jones and her Team Canada mates from Winnipeg were on the receiving end of such a kicking in the opening draw of the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, losing 12-5 to Alberta's Chelsea Carey.

It's not likely, however, that the whuppin' will do anything more than make Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen even more focused the rest of the week.

"It's the first game so we're okay," Jones said after a couple of narrow misses allowed Carey to steal four in the third game to take control of the game.

"It's not the way you want to start but if you're going to lose a game, we always say the first game is the one to lose."

Carey, who skipped a Manitoba team to a 10-4 record and a bronze medal in the 2014 Scotties, made her Scotties debut as an Alberta skip a successful one.

Carey took over the Calgary crew of third Amy Nixon, second Jocelyn Peterman and lead Laine Peters when skip Heather Nedohin decided to take the year off to spend time with her family.

There were questions of how Carey would fit in with the highly successful trio after her attempt to replace Laura Crocker in Edmonton didn't work out as planned. This one appears to be working just fine.

"The easiest part of the transition was the relationship between (third) Amy (Nixon) and I on the ice," Carey said.

"A lot of people were speculating because we're both pretty

intense and fiery, that it would be a disaster. It was the opposite. It was phenomenal right from the start."

The Alberta foursome stole four in the third end and then put an exclamation point on their win with five in the ninth.

"We sort of came in saying even if you lose it's not that big a deal," Carey said of her victory. "What we wanted to get out of today was figuring out the ice and feeling like we're communicating well.

"Everyone played really well. We had a couple of little miscues but the girls made it pretty easy on me for the most part. Winning is a great bonus."

Jones wasn't upset by the loss because of the way her team responded in the second half.

"If you're going to give up a steal of four, the first game is the one to do it in," she said. "I thought we played well in the second half of the game so there's lots of positives to take out of it."

Saying it was "kind of a kick in the butt," Jones added it was "not the way you want to start ... but I'm happy with way we finished."

Jones, who was nearly perfect in winning the morning's Ford Hot Shots final, was off a hair in Game 1 and it cost her big in the third end. Her first rock left Carey the opportunity to throw up a centre guard, forcing Jones to try a wide hit and roll against five Alberta counters.

The hit and roll was the one shot Jones didn't hit perfectly in the Hot Shots and she was narrow on this one, rolling through the house and letting Alberta steal four.

"It was a new path and it just curled a little more," she said of the shot. "I probably underthrew my second one a bit. End of the day we just missed by a quarter of an inch each time so it wasn't that bad. It just worked out really bad on the scoreboard."



Manitoba skip Kerri Einarson won her opener.



# FORD HOT SHOTS

# Near perfect performance

## Jones puts pedal to the metal

By **JOHN KOROBANIK**  
HeartChart Assistant Editor

Olympic champion skip Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg shot a nearly perfect 29 of 30 to win the 2016 Ford Hot Shot competition Saturday at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Jones scored a perfect five points on five of the six shots — hit and stay, draw to the button, draw through port, raise and double take-out. She was inches from a perfect five on the hit-and-roll, scoring four.

Her 29 points easily beat Prince Edward Island third Robyn Green who scored only 13 after leading all semifinalists with 25.

“I already drive an Edge but I was looking at upgrading so this is perfect timing,” Jones said of winning a two-year lease on a 2016 EcoBoost powered Ford Edge Sport SUV, with an approximate retail value of \$49,789.

Green said the \$2,000 she won as runner-up is a “nice bonus.”

Jones, skip of Team Canada here who also won the Ford Hot Shots in 2011, had finished tied for second in the semifinal with Prince Edward Island lead Marie Christianson and won a draw-to-the-button shot to advance to the final. Christianson was \$1,000 as the third-place finisher.

The day began with eight finalists. Jenn

Brine of Nova Scotia, Quebec skip Marie-France Larouche, Selena Kaatz of Manitoba and Sarah Murphy of Nova Scotia were eliminated in the first playoff round.

Christianson and Nova Scotia second Blisse Joyce were eliminated in the semifinal.

The 22nd year of the annual competition saw curlers attempting six different shots: Hit and Stay, Draw the Button, Draw the Port, The Raise, Hit and Roll and Double Takeout. Each shot is awarded points on a scale from 0-5 depending on the end result of the shot.

Last year at the Scotties, Newfoundland/Labrador’s Heather Strong won her second consecutive Ford Hot Shots title. Previous Ford Hot Shots winners at the Hearts are the Territories’ Kelli Turpin and Kerry Galusha, British Columbia’s Sherry Fraser, Kelley Law (twice) and Kristy Lewis, Alberta’s Marcy Balderston and Cheryl Bernard, Saskatchewan’s Kay Montgomery, Manitoba’s Gerri Cooke and Jill Officer, Ontario’s Andrea Lawes, Jenn Hanna and Rachel Homan, New Brunswick’s Allison Farrell (Franey), Prince Edward Island’s Suzanne Birt (Gaudet), Nova Scotia’s Colleen Jones, Saskatchewan’s Amber Holland and Team Canada’s Jennifer Jones.



Gerald Wood, general manager Western Region, Ford of Canada, with Team Canada skip Jennifer Jones who was on fire in the Hot Shots final.

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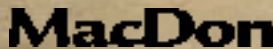




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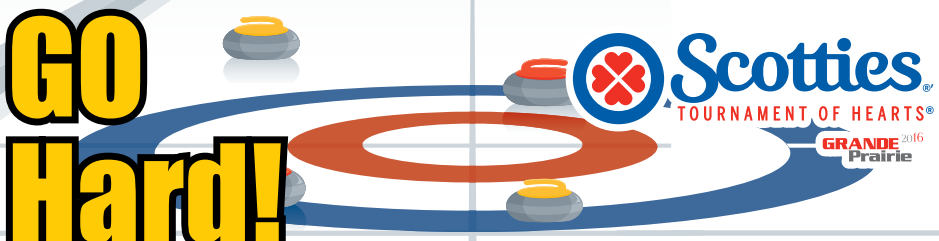

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# Profile: **New Brunswick**

## Curl Moncton (Moncton) Coach: **Charlie Sullivan**

### Sylvie Robichaud

#### SKIP

**Age:** 35  
**Born:** Moncton  
**Residence:** Moncton  
**Marital status:** Married to Jeremy Quillian  
**Employment:** Blue Thunder Construction Ltd. — Financial Controller  
**Dislikes:** Arriving late  
**Favourite food:** Mom's spare ribs  
**Favourite drink:** Water and coffee  
**Three words that describe you:** Patient, friendly, loyal  
**Other life interests:** Camping, hiking, zumba, movies, travel  
**Words to live by:** Live in the moment



### Rebecca Atkinson

#### THIRD

**Age:** 33  
**Born:** Halifax, NS  
**Residence:** Rothesay, N.B.  
**Marital status:** Married to Kevin Boyle  
**Employment:** Lawyer, Cox & Palmer  
**Strong likes:** Friends, sunshine, coffee, the beach  
**Dislikes:** Mornings, being cold  
**Favourite food:** Cookies  
**Favourite drink:** Gin  
**Three words that describe her:** Caring, funny, particular  
**Most treasured possession:** My family and friends  
**Other life interests:** Adventure club, poker club



### Marie Richard

#### SECOND

**Age:** 34  
**Born:** Moncton  
**Residence:** Moncton  
**Marital status:** Shane Reid  
**Children:** Two children — Alia Reid 8 and Hayden Reid 6  
**Employment:** Royal Bank, Bill Payment Investigation Agent  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Buying my first home  
**Favourite food:** Seafood  
**Favourite drink:** Water  
**Three words that describe you:** Hard-working, reliable and patient  
**Other life interests:** Camping  
**Words to live by:** Everything happens for a reason



### Jane Boyle

#### LEAD

**Age:** 42  
**Born:** Saint John  
**Residence:** Sussex, N.B.  
**Marital status:** Married to Chris Doherty  
**Children:** None  
**Employment:** Civil Engineer  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Becoming a professional engineer  
**Strong likes:** Spending time with family and friends  
**Favourite food:** Anything someone else cooks.  
**Favourite drink:** Frozen White Russian  
**Three words that describe you:** Determined, dedicated, organized  
**Words to live by:** Live each day to the fullest.



### Nicole Arsenault Bishop

#### FIFTH

**Age:** 34  
**Born:** Moncton  
**Residence:** Riverview, N.B.  
**Marital status:** Married to Carmen Bishop  
**Employment:** Dietetic Internship Coordinator Assistant  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Completing my Masters of Science (Nutrition) in two years while working full-time.  
**Strong likes:** How our lead, Jane, is so organized!  
**Dislikes:** Wasting time and being late  
**Favourite food:** Mom's spaghetti  
**Favourite drink:** Pina Colada (with and without alcohol!)  
**Three words that describe you:** Peppy, loyal and positive  
**Most treasured possession:** My two cats, Penny and Cali  
**Other life interests:** Painting old furniture to sell and travelling with my husband.  
**Words to live by:** A goal without a plan is just a wish.



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**Last five years:**  
 2015: Sylvie Robichaud (4-7)  
 2014: Andrea Crawford (6-5)  
 2013: Andrea Crawford (6-5)  
 2012: Andrea Kelly (5-6)  
 2011: Andrea Kelly (3-8)  
**Last championship —** Mabel DeWare (1963)  
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**World titles —** None.  
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# CURLING QUIZ

**1. If you see the Alberta team in the Heartstop Lounge this week and say hello to "Wee," you're talking to:**

- a) Skip Chelsea Carey.
- b) Third Amy Nixon.
- c) Second Jocelyn Peterman.
- d) Lead Laine Peters.

**2. Prince Edward Island skip Suzanne Birt, a former Canadian and world Junior champion, had a special kind of experience last year when this happened:**

- a) She gave birth to twin daughters.
- b) She won half a million bucks on a scratch-and-win lottery ticket.
- c) She got married.
- d) She appeared on Dragon's Den.

**3. Brett Popplewell of Sportsnet Magazine has described this repeat Scotties champion as: "An incomparable skip whose forceful determination is as integral to her team's success as Mick Jagger's charisma, John Lennon's genius or Gwen Stefani's style."**

- a) Rachel Homan of Ontario.
- b) Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia.

- c) Jennifer Jones of Manitoba.
- d) Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan.

**4. She was the last non-skip to win the Ford Hot Shots competition:**

- a) Jill Officer, Manitoba.
- b) Robyn Green, P.E.I.
- c) Megan Cormier, NWT.
- d) Annie Lemay, Quebec.

**5. True or False: The first official curling club in Alberta was formed in Lethbridge in 1887.**

**ANSWERS**

1. Alberta third Amy Nixon answers to the nickname "Wee."  
 2. Suzanne Birt became \$500,000 richer with a winning scratch-and-win ticket in March.  
 3. Popplewell was writing about five-time champion Jennifer Jones.  
 4. Since Jill Officer earned the keys to the car in 2008, only skips have won the Ford Hot Shots.  
 5. True. Although folks were curling in Calgary a couple years earlier, the first official club was formed in Lethbridge in 1887.



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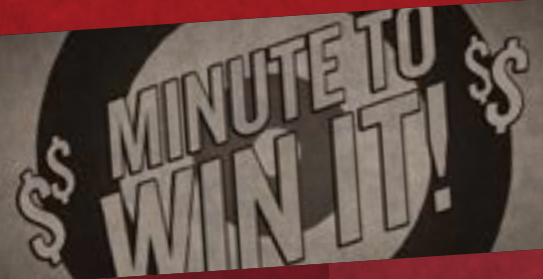
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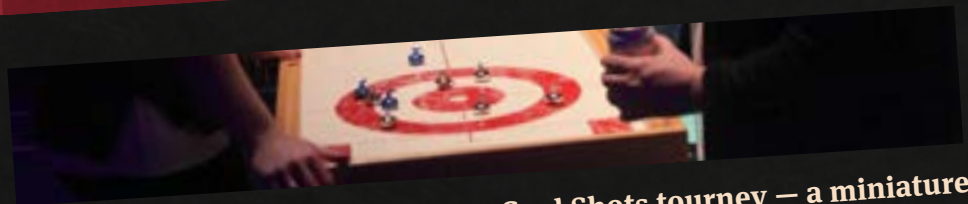


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This past January, a total of 62,498 fans attended the 2016 World Financial Group Continental Cup, shattering not only the event attendance record (which was set in Las Vegas in 2014), but also the record for any curling event ever staged in the United States.

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## Highland Curling Club (Regina) Coach: Brie Jedlic

### Jolene Campbell

#### SKIP

**Age:** 34  
**Born:** Saskatoon  
**Residence:** Regina  
**Marital status:** Married to Greg Campbell 6 years  
**Children:** Stella 4, Norah 2  
**Employment:** Norwex Independent Sales Consultant  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Qualifying for the 2016 STOH while starting a direct sales business and while being a mom to my two girls, with No. 3 on the way!  
**Strong likes:** Curling, Roughriders, winning  
**Dislikes:** Losing, morning sickness  
**Favourite food:** Cheese  
**Favourite drink:** Coffee & red wine, which makes this pregnancy thing tough!  
**Three words that describe her:** Affectionate, funny, honest  
**Other interests:** Camping, Snow boarding, golf, baking  
**Words to live by:** Whether you are the lion or the gazelle, when the sun comes up you'd better be running!



### Ashley Howard

#### THIRD

**Age:** 26  
**Born:** Orillia, Ont.  
**Residence:** Regina  
**Marital status:** Single.  
 Who would sign up for that father in law!  
**Children:** None  
**Employment:** Senior Marketing Coordinator, Saskatchewan with KPMG  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** My degree- (BBA Hon. Marketing) — attended 5 universities over 6 years.  
**Strong likes:** Curling, Tim Hortons, sleeping  
**Dislikes:** Driving in a whiteout, sunburns  
**Favourite food:** Chicken fingers  
**Favourite drink:** Tea  
**Three words that describe you:** Funny, hard-working and passionate  
**Most treasured possession:** Green Saskatchewan jacket  
**Other life interests:** Sports and napping  
**Words to live by:** Everything happens for a reason



### Callan Hamon

#### SECOND

**Age:** 22  
**Born:** Regina  
**Residence:** Regina  
**Marital status:** In a relationship  
**Children:** None  
**Employment:** Grade 4/5 teacher  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Making it to the Scotties, receiving my degree  
**Strong likes:** Children, curling, summer  
**Dislikes:** Tomatoes  
**Favourite food:** Pizza  
**Favourite drink:** Root beer  
**Three words that describe you:** Friendly, shy, hard-working  
**Most treasured possession:** Phone — contains all my pictures  
**Other life interests:** Camping, knitting, travelling  
**Words to live by:** Do unto others as you would have them do to you



### Ashley Williamson

#### LEAD

**Age:** 23  
**Born:** Regina  
**Residence:** Regina  
**Marital status:** In a relationship  
**Children:** None  
**Employment:** FYi Doctors  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Making it to the Scotties.  
**Strong likes:** Travelling  
**Dislikes:** Onions  
**Favourite food:** Pasta  
**Favourite drink:** Pepsi  
**Three words that describe you:** Quiet, positive, determined  
**Most treasured possession:** Pictures of all my memories  
**Other life interests:** Camping, softball, Netflix, travelling  
**Words to live by:** Every day is another chance to do something great



### Candace Chisholm

#### FIFTH

**Age:** 36  
**Born:** Regina  
**Residence:** Maryfield, Sask.  
**Marital status:** Married to Brad Chisholm  
**Children:** Cooper 12 and Beau 9  
**Employment:** Grain Buyer at Viterra  
**Single greatest personal achievement:** Still working on it  
**Strong likes:** Competitive sport  
**Dislikes:** Losing  
**Favourite food:** Chocolate  
**Favourite drink:** Depends on the time of day  
**Three words that describe her:** Hard-working, determined, respectful  
**Most treasured possession:** My family  
**Other life interests:** Watching my kids in sports  
**Words to live by:** Dream as if you'll live forever; live as if you'll die tomorrow



### FACTS

**Population:** 1,132,640  
**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:**  
 2015: Stefanie Lawton (8-3) Bronze  
 2014: Stefanie Lawton (8-3)  
 2013: Jill Shumay (6-5)  
 2012: Michelle Inglot (5-6)  
 2011: Amber Holland (9-2 Gold)  
**Last championship** — Amber Holland (2011)  
**Canadian titles** — 11  
**World titles** — 3 (Sandra Schmirler in 1993, 1997; Marj Mitchell in 1980)  
**Other prominent women curlers from Saskatchewan** — Vera Pezer, Joyce McKee.



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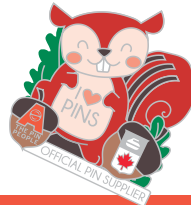


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By **JOHN KOROBIK**

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Hey Grande Prairie residents, you'll have to forgive Jenn Hanna; she was still a little shocked herself when she made this comment, in jest: Who wouldn't want to go to Grande Prairie in February?

Hanna, here as the Ontario champion chasing the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts title, scored a stunning upset of Rachel Homan's team in the Ontario final. If there was one team everyone expected to be here, it was Homan ... the best women's team in the world this year.

But strange things happen in sports. And that's why Hanna was a little taken aback when asked about going to Grande Prairie, just moments after beating Homan in the Ontario final.

"I had never even let myself get to the point thinking that we might win Ontario, until Sunday morning," the 36-year-old said. "At that point I said to somebody, 'Where are the Scotties anyway?' I had no idea.

"So when we won (Ontario) I was so tongue-tied to say anything in the interview. I had no idea what to say. I'm really sorry if that came out as an insult. It certainly wasn't meant to be."

Hanna and her sister Stephanie, playing

second, are back at the Scotties after an 11-year absence that included Jenn's three-year hiatus from the competitive side of curling.

Hanna won Ontario in 2004 and 2005 and was a major player for a number of years after that until life got in the way. When she gave birth to her third child, Hanna found there weren't enough hours in the day for competitive curling, full-time work and being a mother of three young children.

"It was a necessary decision and one I wanted to make because I wanted to be home with the kids," she said of her decision to step away from curling. "I'm never going to get back the years of them being little so I didn't want to spend every weekend on the road and I didn't want to use up my vacation time for curling. I wanted to be able to spend time with them. And I have a husband who tends to travel a lot for work."

Once she knew they were through having children and she returned to work a year ago after a prolonged maternity leave, she realized something was missing.



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# SCOTTIES SCOREBOARD



## STANDINGS

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

## SCHEDULE

### TODAY

8:30 a.m. Draw

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

1:30 p.m. Draw

A — Qual. vs. Alta.; B — Que. vs. Sask.; C — N.S. vs. N. Ont.; D — N/L vs. N.B.

6:30 p.m. Draw

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

## LINESCORES

### Draw 1

1:30 p.m.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
Quebec (Larouche)	*0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	4	x		— 9
Ontario (Hanna)	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	x		— 5
B.C. (Thompson)	*0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	1		— 8
N.W.T. (Galusha)	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0		— 5
Alberta (Carey)	*0	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	x		— 12
Canada (Jones)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	x		— 5
Sask. (Campbell)	0	1	0	5	0	0	4	0	1	x		— 11
Nova Scotia (Brothers)	*1	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	x		— 7

### Draw 2

6:30 p.m.

P.E.I. (Birt)	*1	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	1	x		— 9
N/L (Curtis)	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	x		— 5
N. Ontario (McCarville)	*0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1		— 6
N. Brunswick (Robichaud)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0		— 3
B.C. (Thompson)	*1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	x		— 2
Manitoba (Einarson)	0	3	0	0	1	2	4	0	x	x		— 10

\* — Last rock



Saskatchewan skip Jolene Campbell was in fine voice Saturday at the Scotties.

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# Hanna

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“My family building years are over, here I am back at work and what about me? I kind of lost myself a bit. It’s very easy to identify myself as a wife, as a mother, as an employee, but I lost Jenn in the mix.”

And when her six-year-old daughter said she wanted to grow up to be a “mommy, just like you” Hanna also realized she was sending the wrong message to her children. So curling again became a big part of her life. The Hanna sisters hooked up with Brit O’Neill and Karen Sagle to form the rink that showed curling in like riding a bike, you never forget how.

“We’re a first year team so our expectations

weren’t, ‘We’re setting out to win the Ontario Scotties.’ That’s more of a life dream. To do it in our first year together is pretty unbelievable.

“It was emotional for Steph and I because we had won it back in 2005 and since had taken a few years off competitive curling and got to a place where family is first in our lives and curling has slipped down the list a little bit. So to be able to come back, not only compete but win it was pretty awesome.”

And, she adds, her children now see her as a more complete person who, besides being a mother and a full-time employee, also realized a personal dream “and that’s priceless to me”

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# Qualifying win simply 'amazing'

## B.C. grabs final Scotties spot

By **JOHN KOROBIANIK**

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**K**arla Thompson of British Columbia scored three in the fifth end and then held off veteran Kerry Galusha of the Northwest Territories 8-5 Saturday to win the pre-qualifying final and earn a berth in this year's Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

“It feels amazing right now, I’m not going to lie,” Thompson said after she and her Kamloops team of third Kristen Recksiedler, second Tracey Lavery, lead Trysta Vandale, alternate Sasha Carter and coach Gary Van Den Berghe had finished celebrating their win.

“I don’t know if it felt better to win B.C. or that game so we’re on a high right now.”

Thompson had a tough time of it in the evening, losing 10-2 to Kerri Einarson of Manitoba by giving up three in the second end and steals of two in the sixth and four in the seventh.

While six other teams were playing their first games in the main round robin, knowing it was just Game 1 and they had another six days of curling, B.C. and the Territories knew it was win or go home.

And they played it tight, blanking the first and fourth ends and trading singles in the second and third. It wasn’t until the fifth end that either team showed a crack.

Thompson’s crew managed to hide two counters behind guards and Galusha’s last rock raise was inches wide, bumping a B.C. rock to second counter. Thompson drew inside the four foot to count three.

“The end was looking really great, set up nice,” said Thompson. “I remember Kerry had an unfortunate (shot), didn’t quite curl



**It was bitter loss for Kerry Galusha's Yellowknife team.**

enough and we just capitalized, made the draw at the end.”

Galusha’s Yellowknife team came right back with two in the sixth, an open draw after Thompson missed on her angle raise takeout attempt left the Territories sitting one.

The Territories pulled even at 5-5 with more in the eighth but B.C. countered with a pair in nine and one more in the 10th.

“We’ve got a good handle on the ice and we got rid of some nerves. Hopefully that continues,” Thompson said of having already played four games before even getting into the main tournament.

They lost their first game 8-7 to Nunavut but then won three straight, including two in a row over the Territories.

Galusha and her teammates were a swamp of tears after the loss.

“We felt really good this year,” said Galusha, fighting back tears. “You work so hard to get here and one shot makes a huge difference. It’s tough.”

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# You can help make miracles happen

By **ROBIN WILSON**  
HeartChart Contributor

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation is very proud that Sandra's legacy is living on through her love of family. Sandra died in 2001 leaving behind her husband and two baby girls . . . just eight months and two years old. Those girls, Jenna and Sara, are here in Grande Prairie to answer phones at our annual telethon which is being broadcast live on TSN today. Joining them are Lisa Weagle and Emma Miskew from Team Homan and two-time world champion Marilyn Bodogh, as well as many of the teams curling here at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

We encourage you to drop by the table located just outside the souvenir store, meet Sandra's mother Shirley, and make a



donation. When you donate \$40 or more you can choose between two free books about Sandra and her Olympic gold medallist team — *Gold on Ice* or *Share the Memories*. We will be answering phones from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and taking donations from callers across Canada. If you prefer to donate by phone, please call 1-866-210-6011. You can also go online and donate at [www.sandraschmirler.org](http://www.sandraschmirler.org).



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The Sandra Schmirler Foundation presented a cheque Saturday to Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie. These funds will purchase phototherapy equipment to treat jaundice in babies who are too small or too sick.

We thank you for your generous support because you are helping to save the lives of newborns right across Canada. Anyone who knew Sandra understands that she believed that curling was just a game. Life to her was all about friends and family. That is her legacy. A legacy we are so proud to continue.

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