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Manitoba on roll and into Sunday's Scotties final



Manitoba skip Michelle Englot continued her run of great curling Friday night by defeating Ontario's Rachel Homan (inset) 9-8 to advance to Sunday's final of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

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Finesse over power

Englot one win away from glory

By CAM HUTCHINSON

HeartChart Associate Editor

Twenty-eight years ago, Michelle Englot won the bronze medal at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. She will have a medal of a different colour Sunday, all these years later, when she plays for gold.

Manitoba scored deuces in the first and third ends, snagged three in sixth end and another in a key eighth end on the way to a 9-8 win over Ontario's Rachel Homan on Friday in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts Page 1-2 game. That summary is over simplifying what was an entertaining game between teams with vastly different styles of play.

Englot is a finesse player through and through, while Homan is the master of the up-weight game. Finesse won Friday night.

Englot, who is 53, is happy to be in the Scotties final. "It's just amazing," she said. "The girls have played so well all week and to come out and have such a solid game tonight feels really good. We'll just keep on doing what we're doing and hopefully play as strong on Sunday night."

She said winning the Scotties would be a crowning achievement in a long career.

"It would be incredible. I have put a lot of time into it. I have such a solid team and we're hoping to just stay the course and stay focussed and relaxed and come out and do what we do."

Englot said playing her game is the key to beating Homan.

"We keep putting the pressure on and eventually she's going to miss," said Englot who has a supporting cast of vice-skip Kate Cameron, second Leslie Wilson, lead Raunora Westcott, alternate Krysten Karwacki and coach Ron Westcott. "We got a couple of misses and took advantage of it. We've been taking advantage of every opportunity."

Homan gave Manitoba full credit for the win.

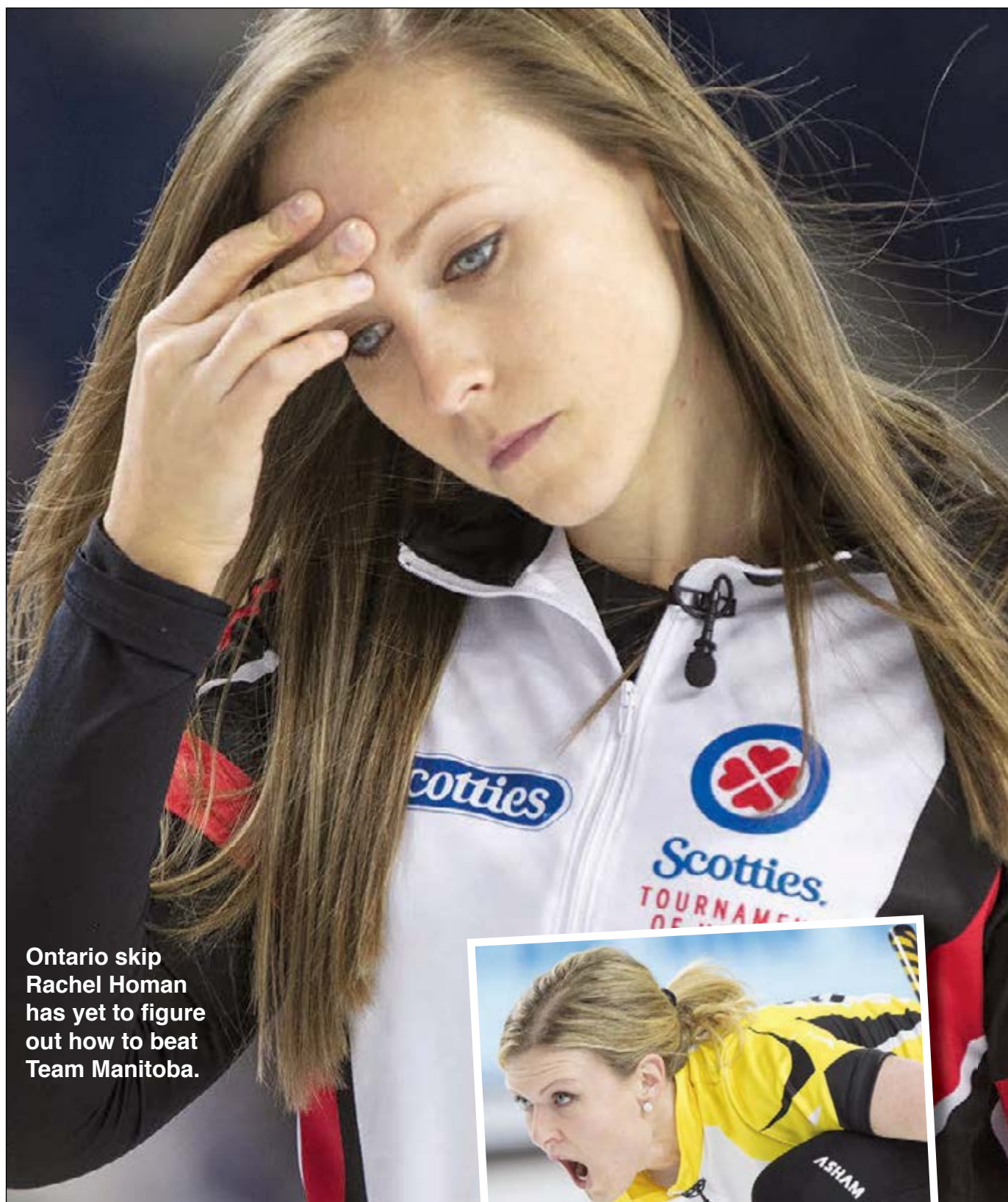
"They played awesome and kudos to them making the final," said Homan, who is backed by vice-skip Emma Miskew, second Joanne Courtney, lead Lisa Weagle and coach Adam Kingsbury. "Hopefully we will see them there again."

After losing to Manitoba on consecutive nights, Homan would like another shot.

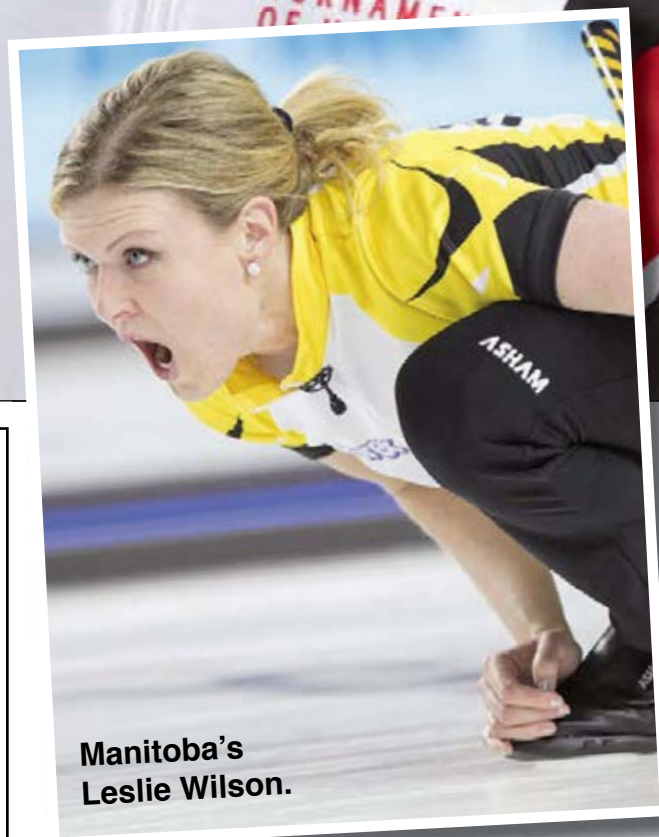
"The first game was kind of a writeoff," Homan said of the 9-5 loss in the final round-robin game. "This was a tight game. They played really well, but if we would have got one or two shots here or there, it would have been a different game. We'll be back strong."

Homan drops to the semi-final Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. ET at the Meridian Centre. She will face the winner the Page 3-4 game between Canada's Chelsea Carey and Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville. That game will be played at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

The bronze-medal game will be played at 2:30 p.m.



Ontario skip Rachel Homan has yet to figure out how to beat Team Manitoba.



Manitoba's Leslie Wilson.

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1-2 GAME

Manitoba (Englot)202 103 010 0 — 9
 Ontario (Homan).....020 020 201 1 — 8

MAN	SH	P	%	ONT	SH	P	%
Westcott	20	62	78	Weagle	20	74	93
Wilson	20	64	80	Courtney	20	67	84
Cameron	20	69	86	Miskew	20	61	76
Englot	20	69	86	Homan	20	64	80
Team Totals	80	264	83	Team Totals	80	266	83

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Manitoba's Kate Cameron has had a heck of a tournament this week.

ABOVE: Team Manitoba has won two big games against Ontario's Rachel Homan, and now needs one more win to clinch the Scotties title Sunday.

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McCarville punches ticket



Northern Ontario skip Krista McCarville qualified for playoffs.

Northern Ontario in playoffs

It's a final four that will feature no shortage of compelling Page playoff matchups at the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville rolled to a 10-6 win over Kerry Galusha of the Northwest Territories (5-6; Yellowknife) on Friday morning at the Meridian Centre in the final round-robin draw to clinch the fourth and final playoff spot.

With the win, McCarville, vice-skip Kendra Lilly, second Ashley Sippala, lead Sarah Potts, alternate Oye-Sem Won Briand and coach Lorraine Lang advance with their 8-3 record to today's Page playoff 3-4 game.

And awaiting them there will be the defending champs — Chelsea Carey's Team Canada foursome from Calgary, who finished third in the round robin with a 9-2 record thanks to their 7-4 win over Alberta's Shannon Kleibrink (5-6; Okotoks).

That game, of course, would be a rematch of last year's Scotties gold-medal game in Grande Prairie, Alta., where Carey, vice-skip Amy Nixon, second Jocelyn Peterman, lead Laine Peters, alternate Susan O'Connor and coach Charley Thomas prevailed in a thrilling final.

This time, the stakes will be a berth into tonight's 7:30 semifinal.

"We obviously wanted to get into the playoffs, so we're happy and we're playing well," said McCarville. "This is what we're really looking forward to, playing the top teams in the Scotties, playing at this elite level and feeling the excitement of the fans."

Northern Ontario won the round-robin roundup on Thursday over Team Canada, 8-4 on Thursday, but Carey said Saturday was a new opportunity for her team.

"I think it's a fresh start; the ice is way different than it was yesterday and we're excited to get out and play," said Carey. "We know they're a good team, and we'll have to be at our best, but we feel like we're playing pretty good."

"We know its going to be a close game, we know they'll probably play better against us than they did yesterday," added McCarville. "But it's all we can ask for. We'll just go out and play our own game."

The winner will face Ontario's Rachel Homan, who lost 9-8 to Manitoba's Michelle Englot in Friday's 1-2 game. Englot advances directly to Sunday's 7:30 p.m. final.

Alberta's loss likely ended the Scotties career of Kleibrink. A five-time Alberta champ who won Hearts silver in 2008 and Olympic bronze in 2006, Kleibrink's participation in 2017 was very limited due to a back injury. After sitting out most of the games here, she started Friday morning's game against Team Canada before giving way to Heather Nedohin in the early ends, leaving the game to a round of applause from the fans.

In the other Friday morning games, Prince Edward Island's Robyn MacPhee (3-8; Charlottetown) defeated Saskatchewan's Penny Barker (1-10; Moose Jaw) 9-5; and Newfoundland/Labrador's Stacie Curtis (5-6; St. John's) was a 7-4 victor over Nova Scotia's Mary Mattatall (2-9; Halifax).

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20 things you may or may not know about Rachel Homan

Has a tattoo on her sliding foot in honour of her grandfather who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. 'Per ardua ad astra' (through adversity to the stars).

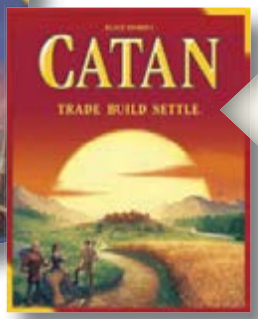
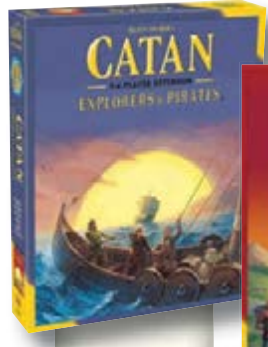
Youngest skip to ever win back-to-back Scotties titles



Listens to a lot of different music

Won the 2014 Scotties undefeated without ever having to throw her last rock

Won Canada Winter Games Gold in 2007



Loves all board games, especially Catan

Grew up in Orléans, a suburb of Ottawa

Ottawa's Female Athlete of the Year in 2013

Pre-shot routine? Always low fives Joanne Courtney and spins the rock

Loves playing in front of loud, fired-up crowds



Loves to play soccer



She's a big Ottawa Senators fan

Favourite curling moment: 2015 Canada Cup win

Studied at University of Ottawa and University of Alberta

Got married in Las Vegas

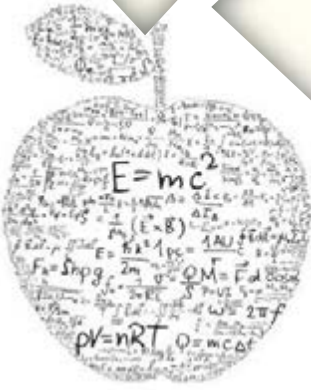


Travelled to Ethiopia on a humanitarian mission

Tells people curling is harder than it looks

Has competed in every province and one territory (Yukon)

Represented Ontario with her brother Mark at 2012 Canadian Mixed



Hates scary movies!



Jones: Is end in sight?

Curling legend enters crossroads of her career

All great careers in sports come to an end. And it will, too, for Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones, one of the most amazing curlers ever to hurl a chunk of granite down the ice.



DAVE KOMOSKY

Could Canadian curling fans be witnessing the start of the inevitable end of that career?

It's a distinct possibility.

Certainly her absence here at the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts could be a portent of what's to come.

Jones was the overwhelming favourite to be back for her

13th appearance at the Scotties. There was just a matter of her rolling through the Manitoba provincials as she always seemed to do and it would be on with the show.

Only sports doesn't always work that way. The Jones Express was derailed in the semifinal game in Winnipeg by former Manitoba champion Darcy Robertson. The loss put Jones, the reigning Olympic gold-medal champion, on the sidelines for



the 2017 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, an event where she has been a dominant force for what seems like an eternity. Jones made her first appearance at the Scotties in 2002, and since that time has been part of the

event, either as Manitoba champion or Team Canada, in 11 more of them. And remember, she missed a possible appearance in 2014 because she was off busy winning an Olympic gold medal for Canada.

That's a staggering record, when you think of it.

Jones is arguably in the twilight of her career, but the question is, how long will that twilight last? It will undoubtedly carry on despite her loss in Manitoba if she triumphs at the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials in December in Ottawa, for which she has already qualified.

Remember, it was the lure of another chance to win an Olympic gold medal that spurred her

to keep her team together for another run at the Holy Grail after her Olympic triumph in Sochi, Russia.

No Canadian curling team has repeated as Olympic gold medallists, and Jones wanted to be the first woman to do it.

But what if there is no trip back to the Olympics? What then? Does she carry on, or does she look for the exit?

After her crushing loss in the Manitoba playdowns, Jones said it's business as usual, with the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings and commitment to the World Curling Tour her focus now.

But what else would anybody expect her to say?

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Canada

Jones

FROM PAGE 6

Sportwriters are always eager to tell athletes when they're done: they've stayed too long at the party; they can't cut it any more, etc.

That's not the case here. Jones, despite a few knee problems in the past, is still in great physical shape, and performing at a very high level. There have been no major cracks in her game or mental sharpness. She still has the drive, effort and talent to win. Look no further for evidence this season than her victories at the Home Hardware Canada Cup two months ago in Brandon, Man., her stellar play in Team North America's winning effort at the World Financial Group Continental Cup last month in Las Vegas, and her victory at Pinty's All-Star Skins Curling Game in Banff earlier this month.

In that sense, she can certainly continue to play for several more years.

So it won't be Father Time rapping on the door that compels the Manitoba legend to leave the game competitively. If anything, it will be life away from the game that could bring the curtain down on one of the greatest curling careers of all time. Jones is 42 now, with two young children at home in Shanty Bay, Ont., where she now lives with husband Brent Laing. She's also a corporate lawyer who undoubtedly will want to get on with her career on a full-time basis. She has been, and will continue to be, a great spokesperson for events, causes and products. And somebody will surely want her for the broadcast booth.

Would she really want to drag out her curling career too much longer when there are so many other

wonderful things going on in her life away from the game?

Besides, she's already one of the most decorated curlers in history, with five national titles, a world championship and an Olympic gold medal on her resume. What else is there to prove? What other mountains are left to climb?

None that we know of, unless there's an intergalactic championship yet to be won.

Plenty of female curlers have carried on into their late 40s and 50s. Alberta skip Shannon Kleibrink, a former Olympian, is 48. Regina's Michelle Englot, who is skipping the Manitoba team this year, is 53.

But neither is Jennifer Jones, who has been there, done that.

Then there is this not-so-little question about her teammates. Who knows where they will stand at the end of this latest run. Second Jill Officer is 41 and a mother. Third Kaitlyn Lawes is still in her prime, but who knows if she wouldn't mind skipping her own team. And lead Dawn McEwen? Perhaps she's thinking of giving up the women's game for a chance to take a serious run with husband Mike at the doubles format, which finally has Olympic status.

Then again, maybe that's also in the picture for Jones and Laing. They currently sit No. 2 in the Canadian Mixed Doubles Rankings, and would seem to be a lock to play at the Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials in January 2018 if their four-play team aspirations don't pan out.

And consider this: if Jones and Co. make another four-year commitment to the Olympic dream, that would be 12 years with the same group. Teams just don't stay together that long. The Beatles didn't last that long. Curling teams break up more often than



Jennifer Jones still has the drive, effort and talent to win.

Hollywood couples.

If her team starts to unravel, would Jones want to start again with a rebuilt lineup?

The point is, anything is possible, and the rest of this season, a summer to reflect and the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings in December will tell us a lot.

Jones is an indelible part of curling history. She has delighted fans for years with her achievements, memorable games and brilliant shotmaking.

And she'll likely have more highlights before the year is out.

But after that, who knows for sure?

The good news is she's still in the game, competing at the highest level, doing the amazing things she always does.

So enjoy the time you still have watching her play the game she loves, because the end of her career could come sooner than you think.

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Ontario (Homan)	10	1
Canada (Carey)	9	2
N. Ontario (McCarville)	8	3
Quebec (Bélisle)	7	4
Alberta (Kleibrink)	5	6
NL (Curtis)	5	6
NWT (Galusha)	5	6
PEI (MacPhee)	3	8
Nova Scotia (Mattatall)	2	9
Saskatchewan (Barker)	1	10
B.C. (Mallett)	1	10



SCHEDULE

TODAY

2:30 a.m. Draw

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Canada (Carey) vs. N. Ontario (McCarville)

7:30 p.m.

Ontario (Homan) vs. winner of 3-4 Game.



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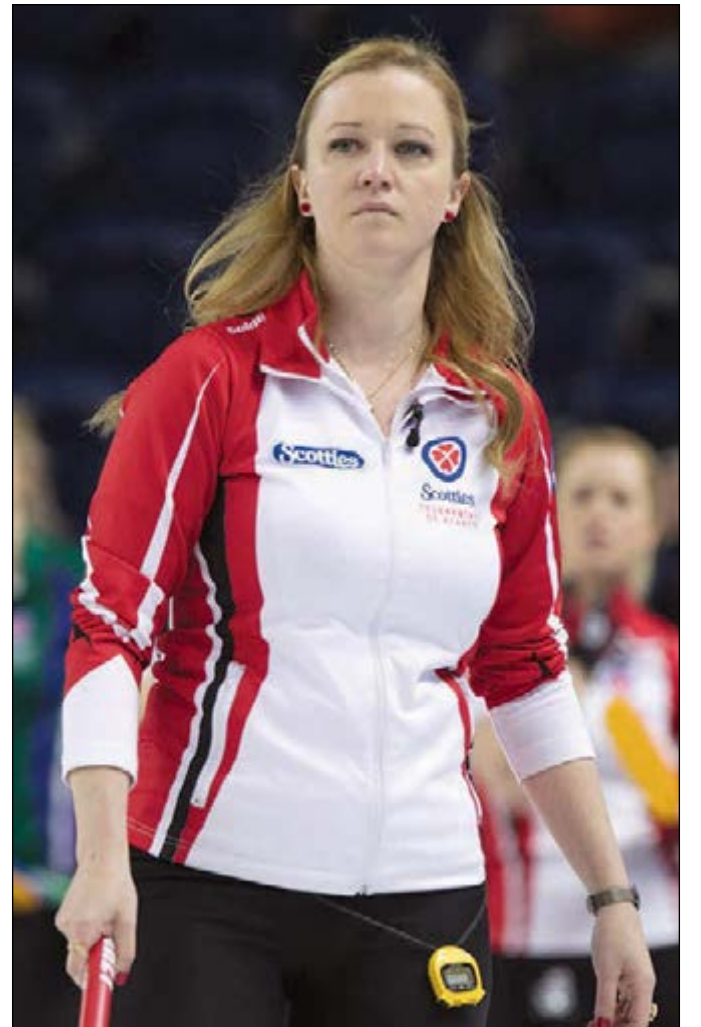
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Saskatchewan (Barker)	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	— 5
PEI (MacPhee)	*0	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	3	— 9
Nova Scotia (Mattatall)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	x	— 4
NL (Curtis)	*0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	x	— 7
NWT (Galusha)	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	x	— 6
N. Ontario (McCarville)	*3	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	x	— 10

Page Playoff One-Two Game

Manitoba (Englot)	*2	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	— 9
Ontario (Homan)	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	— 8

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Team Canada's Chelsea Carey, who finished with a 9-2 record, plays in today's 3-4 game.



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Q&A

Eugene Trickett

Coach of Newfoundland and Labrador and 2017 Tim Hortons Brier committee member



Eugene Trickett has been a busy man this past week. Besides coaching Team Newfoundland and Labrador at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, he's had to deal with his responsibilities as facilities chairman for the Tim Hortons Brier in St. John's. Trickett took a little time out of his day to discuss preparations for the Brier.

Q. THE SCOTTIES ARE OVER AND NOW IT'S ON TO THE BRIER. YOU MUST BE EXCITED?

A. Out of all due respect to the girls, I can't wait to get home and work on the finishing touches of the Brier.

Q. WILL THIS BE THE BIGGEST SPORTS EVENT HELD IN ST. JOHN'S?

A. I would say short of Canada Games, this might be the biggest event.

Q. THE BRIER WAS LAST HELD IN 1972. HOW DID THE CITY GET IT TO RETURN?

A. This all started when Curling Canada announced they were going to Kamloops, almost five years ago. Brad Gushue tweeted that if they can do Kamloops, why not St. John's? And I tweeted back that I would help out and get some momentum going. A committee was formed, and I came in a few months later to work with Curling Canada to make it a reality.

Q. WHAT KIND OF BRIER DID YOU HOPE TO PUT ON?

A. We wanted it to be a community Brier. For the last three months it's been full-speed promotion, and we've had great support. It's all you hear all day long — talk of the Brier.

Q. HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT BRAD GUSHUE WILL BE REPRESENTING NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR?

A. I think we still would have had very good attendance at a Brier without him, but he's raised the anticipation that he has a very good chance to win the Brier.

Q. WHAT'S THE TICKET SITUATION?

A. There are still some tickets for Newfoundland and Labrador games that will be made available to the public, tickets that some teams didn't pick up or restricted viewing seats. Most, if not all Newfoundland and Labrador games will be sold out. Most of the other draws will have tickets available, for sure.

Q. ARE HOTELS FULL?

A. Most of the hotels downtown are full. But there are still room available at some boutique hotels, and there are bed and breakfasts. Just go on the St. John's website and you can find what rooms are available.

Q. WHY SHOULD CURLING FANS COME TO THE ST. JOHN'S BRIER?

A. No. 1, to see great curling. But also to experience the whole event. It's truly a downtown Brier — everything is downtown. There's the famous George Street, the festival, the harbour, the hospitality, Cape Spear, and you can experience all kinds of weather. I think we're going to put on a great show.



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AWARDS



The Marj Mitchell Sportsmanship Award was presented Friday to Northwest Territories skip Kerry Galusha. The cherished award is voted on by the curlers and is named in honour of the late Saskatchewan skip who won the first world women's title for Canada in 1980. The award honours an individual who the competitors feel exemplifies the spirit of curling.



The Joan Mead Builder Award was presented Friday to Wendy Morgan of Burlington, Ont. The award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the growth and development of women's curling in Canada. The Builders Award is named after Joan Mead, the late CBC producer who is credited with many innovative developments in curling broadcasting.



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H is for Hot Shots.

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A...is for Accessibility. Go ahead. Name another sport whereby the athletes take a daily timeout during their hectic and grinding national championship to sign programs, clothing, photos, equipment and body parts for the faithful who flock to the arena. You can't, because only curlers do it, with official autograph sessions and Up Close and Personal town hall-type interviews.

B...is for Breakfast with Bryan and Cathy. That would be Brian Mudryk and Cathy Gauthier, the TSN gab guy and gab girl who've kept me entertained and informed with their tit-for-tat humor and curling know-how during the morning draws this week.

C...is for Calendar Girls. The 2017 Women of Curling Calendar features, among others, Team Canada skip Chelsea Carey, her second Jocelyn Peterman, Ontario third Emma Miskew and second Joanne Courtney. Proceeds go to various charities.

D...is for "D'oh!" Quebec second Trish Hill tossed the wrong colour rock in a match against front-running Ontario on Thursday morning. But, hey, stuff happens when they roust you out of bed so early. Oh, wait. Turns out it happens in the afternoon, as well. Jocelyn Peterman did it later the same day.

E...is for Englot. Regina import Michelle Englot didn't have a 100 per cent approval rating when she won Manitoba, but there probably wasn't a discouraging word in the Keystone Province when she finished first in the round-robin with a 10-1 record.

F...is for Ford Hot Shots. Ontario skip Rachel Homan won the keys to a fancy, schmancy vehicle for beating teammate Emma Miskew in the pre-event skills contest final.

G...is for the Golden Girls. Mary Mat-tatall (57), Margaret Cutcliffe (61), Jill Alcoe-Holland (57) and Andrea Saulnier (60) turned back the hands of time in winning Nova Scotia, and let's not forget Englot (53).

H...is for the HeartStop Lounge, of course. H Salute!

I...is for Ink. Tattoo girl Kate Cameron has more ink on her body than most newspapers.

J...is for Jennifer Who? In case there was any doubt (there shouldn't have been), the Keystone Province is much deeper than the Jennifer Jones team. For evidence, see: Englot, Michelle; Cameron, Kate; Wilson, Leslie; Westcott, Raunora.

K...is for Kids. They got to skip school during the morning draws and they raised a ruckus.

L...is for Long Haul. Quick. Someone break open a case Bengay or Rub A535 for Kerry Galusha and her gal pals from the Northwest Territories. They were obliged to go through the pre-Scotties qualifying skirmishes, thus they played 15 games compared to 11 for the other outfits.

M...is for Merk. Ice guru Dave Merklinger's four sheets of pebble had more swing than Count Basie and Duke Ellington during the Big Band Era, but a mid-week breakdown in equipment produced serious frost buildup and the curlers were making snow angels on Thursday. Merk worked his magic, though, and he and his crack staff provided the curlers with a playable, albeit tricky, freezeze.



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N...is for Nix. Team Canada third Amy Nixon is a delightful bundle of “hell ya!”

O...is for Over and Out. One never knows for certain, but we might have seen the last of Shannon Kleibrink at the Scotties, and it’s a shame an owie forced the former Olympian into a spectator’s role.

P...is for Pffffffft. That was the sound of the air seeping out of the Meridian Centre scant seconds after Manitoba cracked a four in the first end of their Thursday night showdown with Rachel Homan’s unbeaten Ontario outfit. That big four was the springboard to a 9-5 paddywhacking.

Q...is for the pre-Scotties Qualifying Round, which disappears after this year. Adios and good riddance.

R...is for Relationship. Unlike many other sports, the to-and-fro between curlers and the media isn’t adversarial. Some of the curlers actually like news scavengers.

S...is for Super Sub. Team Alberta became Team Nedobrink when two-time Scotties champ Heather Nedohin took the wheel after skip Shannon Kleibrink’s wonky back put her on the shelf.

T...is for Thief. Somebody should have called a cop this week, what with all

the bandits in the Meridian Centre. There were more than 100 stolen points before the halfway mark of the round-robin.

U...is for Under the Radar. That’s where Chelsea Carey and her defending champions from Calgary spent most of the week. Even as they were winning seven games in succession, most of the focus was on Homan and Englot.

V...is for Vic Rauter, the main TSN talking head who really likes to count rocks in the house and allows Russ Howard and Cheryl Bernard to spew bad puns at will.

W...is for Wisdom. Team Nova Scotia had it in abundance, even if it didn’t show in the standings.

X...is for X Factor. Certain athletes have that special something and Rachel Homan is one of them.

Y...is for Yadda, Yadda, Yadda. Putting microphones on curlers was a genius innovation and the main reason the game is so watchable on TV. Over the years, a few F-bombs and other four-letter blips have been dropped, but that’s OK. It’s reality TV.

Z...don’t be silly. Everyone knows there are no Zzzzzzzzzs during a curling game.

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S is for Super Sub, Heather Nedohin of Alberta.

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