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Two keep perfect records alive

LARRY WOOD
Heart Chart Editor

Experience took a step forward at the Scotties Tournament Of Hearts on Sunday night.

Defending champion Amber Holland of Kronau, Sask., faced a must out-turn double-kill with her last rock against Alberta's Heather Nedohin at the Enmax Centrum and was right on the money to slip away with a 6-5 victory and a share of the lead in the 12-team national championship.

Joining Holland at 3-and-0 was two-time champion Kelly Scott of Kelowna, who drew for three with last rock to defeat Ontario rookie Tracy Horgan of Sudbury 9-8 after Horgan had appeared to take control of the issue.

It was the second straight 10th-end three-ender Scott manufactured on the day. She'd earlier rallied to set down Saskatchewan's Michelle Englot 10-8.

The 25-year-old Horgan, who is playing like a far more experienced veteran,

dropped to 2-and-1 along with four-time champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg and seven-time Saskatchewan champion Englot of Regina.

Holland controlled Alberta until Nedohin stole a tying single in the eighth end and a go-ahead point in the ninth.

Playing the 10th, Nedohin succeeded in clearing Team Canada stones until Holland drew her first behind a guard in the four-foot and Nedohin chose to attempt to follow with her last rock but left it hanging and vulnerable to the double.

"I thought she had a pretty good shot with her last one, it just didn't seem to finish as much as mine did," assessed the defender who won a world silver medal last spring.

"If she locks it on there I'm in tough to score but I'd have been shooting probably only for one for sure.

"It's all part of being a skip. You really have to position those rocks sometimes precisely so you make it tough on the other team.

"We were guilty of not putting them in the right spots to let them back in it. In the eighth, when they stole, she positioned her rocks better than I did."

Holland admitted that Alberta presented the most difficult argument of the three she'd faced to that point.

"We had to stay sharp this whole game," she said.

Holland's prescription for the future?

"For us, it's just that we feel comfortable with the ice and how we're throwing. We may need to clean up a few things just to stay sharper in the later ends. The moment you start feeling uncomfortable things don't feel so good out there."

Scott opened with three in second and a stolen 4-1 lead after the third before Horgan turned up the heat and outscored B.C. 7-2 over the next six panels. That left Scott two down with the hammer and vice-skip Sasha Carter managed to twice bury rocks in the four-foot behind guards which set up the win.

Opening Rocks



Heather Nedohin: Up and down day for Alberta

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Horgan's last, an attempting double, hung out and left Scott with a four-foot draw for the winning trio.

"It was tough for them," said Scott. "They played lights out and the skip didn't miss a shot for nine ends. She was making runback doubles and runback sticks.

"I had no trouble with the way we were throwing the rocks but the results weren't within the margins we were looking for. So we'll just take that win and walk away.

"It was the kind of game where we could have just packed it in and decided to start fresh tomorrow but after the ninth end we said, 'let's find a way, let's grind it out'.

"We'd been giving her tough shots and she'd made us look stupid on her tough shots. Those girls can play. They're a solid young team."


Scott said there's still room for improvement from her squad even though it's undefeated.

"By no means are we playing high nineties and coming up with great rock positions so taking three wins is a bonus. But I hope there are signs we'll get better. We have a good handle on this but there's always room for improvement."

Team Canada and B.C. collide this morning at 8:30 in a Draw Five affair while Alberta plays Ontario.

In other evening matches, Newfoundland's Heather Strong of St. John's won her first in four starts, thumping inconsistent Kerry Galusha of the Territories 8-3



 Manitoba third Kaitlyn Lawes after a missed shot against Alberta.

while Quebec's Marie-France Larouche scored with the hammer in the 10th end for a 5-4 duke, handing Spud Island's Kim Dolan her third loss.

"Our coach is really good at keeping us focused on the present and thanks to Jamie (Korab) we just went out there and had some fun and made some shots

— back-to-back shots," said Strong, who stole three points en route. "We've been making shots, but not consecutively.

"Everybody had a flash card and we put those back in our pockets for this game.

"No excuses, but it had been adrenaline and keen ice we're not used to that

got us in trouble. We'd be in too deep. We had to go top tee and we did that in this game.

"A first win will give us some confidence and we're going to take that and sleep a little easier. You have to get on a roll at some point and it's still a long week."

Quebec had control early against the Islanders but lost it when Dolan stole ahead in the seventh end. A deuce in the next exchange enabled Larouche to finagle a position in which she had the last rock on the last end.

"I hope the momentum will stay with us," said the skip from St-Romuald. "We played very well tonight. We are not too stressed. We are learning game by game and I think we will be better and better."

Manitoba's Jones was tripped up 8-6 by the Albertans in the afternoon, a see-saw affair.

Nedohin had Jones on the ropes early, forcing her to draw for one against four stones in the second after a first-end blank.

In the third end, after some early-end misses by the Manitobans, Nedohin was left with a hit for four, but in the first of two measures in the contest, Jones outcounted the fourth Alberta marker and Nedohin settled for three.

"She didn't leave us much of a shot there, a draw or a hit, we're actually pretty fortunate we didn't give up four there," said Jones.

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Nedohin upends Jones, loses tough one to Holland

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Nedohin then forced Jones to another single in four, blanked five, and deuced in six to go up 5-2 and take control of the game.

The teams exchanged deuces in seven and eight (Nedohin got her measure there) and Jones put the pressure on with another deuce in the ninth.

But Nedohin, up one with hammer coming home, left Jones a soft bump on her last shot and she could not outcount an Alberta stone biting the button. Hence Nedohin's last rock was unnecessary.

"I thought the team, as a whole, curled solid all game. Anytime we had an opportunity, we tried to capitalize on that," said Nedohin.

"Jennifer has her draw weight, she typically does, so we knew we had to take advantage of our chances."

"If you have her facing three or four of your colour, obviously that's a good thing.

Despite the setback, Jones was happy with where her team was stationed.

"They (Nedohin) curled really well, and overall, I'm happy with the way we played. They played great, it was a really fun game to play, lots of rocks in play."

Holland stayed unbeaten with a 6-5 win over Rebecca Atkinson of New Brunswick, but it looked like it would be easier than it turned out. Holland was forced to break up a 5-5 tie playing the 10th with her last rock for 6-5 decision.

"We didn't execute real well toward the end of the game and let them come back," said Holland.

For Nova Scotia's Heather Smith-Dacey, last year's bronze medallist, the week has barely started and it's already become a long one. The Bluesosers dropped to 0-3, missing several shots along the way in a 10-3 thrashing at the hands of Tracy Horgan of Ontario who is at 2-0.

It was handshakes in eight.

"I actually don't think I've been playing that bad," said Smith-Dacey.

"The ends they scored big, I made both my shots, so I'm just facing really tough shots. I mean, the team overall isn't executing and we're getting into some trouble. But it's a long week so you just have to continue to play hard and hope for a tiebreaker. Anybody can beat anybody in this field. I expected to be 2-and-1 at this point. Now I don't know."

But she refused to admit to shock.

"Disappointed maybe. But we just have to pick up our game. We're just not executing eight shots in a row

Despite being a rookie skip, Horgan said nerves haven't been a big factor.

"I think we're just getting a lot more comfortable here and we're playing well," she said.

In other the morning, Englot and her team bounced back from deficit Sunday morning to win their second straight such outing, 10-7, by hammering a crushing four-ender on the board in the ninth end against Newfoundland.

"Lana (third Vey) made two great draws and we got mine in there and her's probably turned out as badly as it possibly could for her," said Englot of the result plucked out of crowded rock-strewn rings in the ninth.

Saskatchewan is quickly being noted as no easy target.

"This was good for us after battling back and finally getting control of the game," said Englot.

"We have to be starting a little bit quicker because that's not always going to happen against the top teams. But when we get down early, our attitude has always been, never give up. It's a long game and with the free guard zone you can always get lots of things happening."

At the same time, Englot admitted she wouldn't mind getting involved in a less-stressful encounter.

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Scotties Poster Girl of the Day



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Quebec

Skip: Marie-France Larouche

Birthdate: 1980 June 5

Birthplace: Lévis

Hometown: Lévis

Delivery: Right

Nickname: Marie

Do you have any superstitions: When I lose with a shirt I don't really feel like wearing it again.

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Michael Jordan, Russ Howard and Céline Dion.

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Beach volleyball because it's played in the sand, it's warm outside and the athletes are tanned.

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? I would like the "Thinking Time" to be adopted instead of the actual time allowed per game. Our team has an aggressive style of play and Thinking time would give us a chance to play more draws as it takes more time compare to takeouts (defensive game).

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? Pop and rock music

Your favourite website: teamlarouche.com

Your favourite vacation destination: Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Your favourite food: pasta topped with cheese

One pet peeve: when somebody plays with loose change in their pocket.

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Camil Larouche my

father. He has been coaching me for 20 years. And if I can I would like to add another influence, I would also say André Ferland because he brought new ideas to the sport and he helped me believe that I could compete with all the teams in Canada.

First on your bucket list? Have a great dinner with good wine and good friends and family.

Favourite pastime between draws at cashspiels? Give kisses to my little boy Justin who is 6 months.

Mixed doubles in the Olympics – thumbs up? Thumbs down? And why? Thumbs up, it's another opportunity to send more athletes of our sport and it brings the possibility to win medals.

One thing most people don't know about you? I studied in Filmmaking

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw the button would be if i would be undoubted making it, but honestly, I would like the shot to be the easiest as possible hearing the simple word "clean".

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Third: Brenda Nicholls

Birthdate: August 9 1972

Birthplace: Quebec city

Hometown: Quebec city

Delivery: Right

Nickname: Little miss B

Do you have any superstitions: Not really

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Oprah, Sandra Schmirler, Simon whitfield (triathlon gold medalist)

Meet the Teams



Team Quebec

Hometown: St-Jean-Chrysostome, Québec

Delivery: Right

Nickname: Amé

Do you have any superstitions: I am a little superstitious especially with my team...we can wear the same curling shirt for a few games in-a-row when we win (but we can wash them between games ;)

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Mohamed Ali, Angelina Jolie, Bob Harper

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Rowing, I loved rowing my grandfather's row boat, I like the feel on the water.

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? When you have an obvious pick you can throw again

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? Pop, dance

Your favourite website: Facebook

Your favourite vacation destination: Costa Rica

Your favourite food: wine and cheese

One pet peeve: The smell of farts

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Bill Tschirhart, great coach, great man.

First on your bucket list? Mediterranean cruise

Favorite pastime between draws at cashspiels? Sleep

Mixed doubles in the Olympics – thumbs up?

Thumbs down? And why? Thumbs up : any curling in the Olympics is good for the sport

One thing most people don't know about you? I'm very shy

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal:

Outturn double take out

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Second: Amélie Blais

Birthdate: April 14, 1987

Birthplace: Limoilou, Québec

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If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Beach volleyball cause I really enjoy this sport and we gotta be in great shape to play

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? I'm not sure what to answer, but I would keep 10-end games in big events

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? I like all kind of music

Your favourite website: www.teamlarouche.com

Your favourite vacation destination: Anywhere in the world, I love to travel and discover new sites

Your favourite food: Pasta

One pet peeve: Lazy people and bad drivers
One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My dad, he made me discover this sport and coached me a few years in junior. He is really passionate about curling and very involved in our curling club.

First on your bucket list? Take some vacation and travel

Favourite pastime between draws at cash-spiels? Spend time with the girls and other teams and sometimes take a little nap

Mixed doubles in the Olympics – thumbs up? Thumbs down? And why? Yes for sure, we would have more opportunities to make it to the Olympics and I love playing in mixed

One thing most people don't know about you? I had the opportunity to run with the Olympic Flame for the 2010 Olympics

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Inturn draw in the 4-foot

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Lead: Anne-Marie Filteau

Birthdate: December 27, 1985

Birthplace: Lévis, QC

Hometown: St-Jean-Chrysostome (Lévis)

Delivery: Right

Nickname: Anne-Ma

Do you have any superstitions?: Because of a French expression, I make sure I put my right foot first on the floor when I get up of bed. It's supposed to bring me luck and I need it, I'm so clumsy!

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Sandra Bullock, Louis-José Houde (Québec humorist) and Terry Fox.

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? It would be tennis because it's always warm and sunny when you train or play. It's also a sport that has a great visibility around the world, particularly for women. Moreover, it's the only occasion where wearing running shoes with a dress is decent!

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? I think I would do an 8 ends game. Maybe it would help to popularize the sport if it's shorter. Also, most of the curling club leagues play 8 ends, so it would standardize the game.

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? I like diversity: rock, pop, techno, classical, instrumental, country, etc.

Your favourite website: Facebook, it has been hard to admit.

Your favourite vacation destination: Walt Disney World, it keeps your heart young!

Your favourite food: Lobster... yum-yum!

One pet peeve: The sound made by people who eat noisily.

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Too difficult to answer... but I would say that every team-mates and coaches I had influenced positively my curling career.

First on your bucket list? Travel on each continent.

Favourite pastime between draws at cash-

spiels? Sports and board games.

Mixed doubles in the Olympics – thumbs up? Thumbs down? And why? Thumbs that hesitate? I think it's a wonderful opportunity to have another curling discipline at the Olympics. But, I don't appreciate the mixed double as much as the mixed 4 player's game.

One thing most people don't know about you? I love extreme sensations! I did bungee, parachute, intense roller coasters rides, hot air balloon, etc.

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: A draw to the button!

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Fifth: Julie Rainville

Birthdate: August 17th 1972

Birthplace: St-Romuald, Québec

Hometown: Lévis, Québec

Delivery: Right

Nickname: Biz

Do you have any superstitions: no

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Roger Federer, Andre Agassi and Kurt Browning

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Golf, it would be exciting to spend most of my time outdoors and in a beautiful environment

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? Number of ends: 8 or 10, but the same in every competition

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? Pop

Your favourite vacation destination: anywhere south!!!

Your favourite food: seafood or roast beef

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My partner Eric, he inspired me and taught me a lot

First on your bucket list? Parachute jump

Favourite pastime between draws at cash-

spiels? Watch TV and take a nap

Mixed doubles in the Olympics – thumbs up? Thumbs down? And why? Down, I would much prefer to have a complete mixed team

One thing most people don't know about you?

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: any shot for a gold medal!!!

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Coach: Camil Larouche

Birthdate: 21/09/53

Birthplace: Roberval, QC

Hometown: Lévis

Delivery: Right

Nickname: Big Cam

Do you have any superstitions Walking before important game

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Barack Obama, Sydney Crosby, Roger Federer

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Michael Jordan for intensity and concentration

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? Adele

Your favourite website: World curling tour
Your favourite vacation destination: Varadero, Cuba

Your favourite food: Lobster

One pet peeve: snake

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Russ Howard for his personality and visibility it has given to curling

First on your bucket list? Travel to China and will be there in may.

Favourite pastime between draws at cash-spiels? Read

Mixed doubles in the Olympics – thumbs up? Thumbs down? And why? Thumbs up for another chance for win a medal

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LARRY WOOD
Editor

The trouble with curling is its seeming total lack of sentiment.

It watches with apparent disinterest as its great players fade over the hill and its history dissolves into the sunset.

Most sports have their own national shrines that celebrate the history of their most noteworthy achievements. Curling has a website and a list of names.

And, this week at the Scotties, an exhibit in the Prairie Pavilion, adjacent to the Heart Stop Lounge, adjacent to the Enmax Centrium.

Hockey has its own mausoleum in Toronto. And it's a biggie. Canadian football has a longstanding one in Hamilton. Golf's hall of fame and museum is in Oakville, Ont., at the RCGA's Glen Abbey site. The Canadian motorsports hall and museum is situated in Halton Hills, Ont.

Golf and motorsports? Even in a winter sports nation, these fair-weather pursuits have their own buildings full of tributes to notable practitioners.

And then there's curling. Its hall requires a heaping helping of imagination. It was formally established in 1972 with then Canadian Curling Association prez Irl England of Calgary spearheading the idea along with Edmonton's Bud Olson, the vice-prez, and Winnipeg's Noel Buxton.



An abbreviated version of the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame is on display this week in the Prairie Pavilion, adjacent to the Enmax Centrium and the Heart Stop Lounge. An initiative of the Governor-General's Curling Club, it's definitely worth a visit and will be re-created again in two weeks at the Credit Union Place in Saskatoon. GGCC members Terry Morris (left) and Darwin Daviduk of Edmonton are in charge this week. But there's far, far more memorabilia in store that it's possible to display in Red Deer. What Canada really needs, folks, is a permanent Hall of Fame. Heart Chart editor Larry Wood has made note of this dire need for some years. (See column).

Since then, in addition to an ongoing collection of artifacts and archives, some 360 people (including 25 double selectees) have been elected to the shrine. The list includes 236 men and 124 women in categories of curlers, builders (some qualify as both curlers and builders) and other builders that qualify strictly as inaugural presidents of province/territorial associations or past-

presidents of the national curling association.

Most sports go out of their way, also to any lengths, to realize permanent historical sites. Canadian baseball established a hall and museum in St. Mary's, Ont. Horse racing has its own temple at Woodbine in Toronto. Canoeists have a museum in Peterborough, skiers have one in Ottawa, soccer in Vaughan, Ont., lacrosse in

New Westminster, B.C.

The list of those that have funded their own showcase buildings run the gamut — badminton, basketball, bowling, boxing, swimming, tennis, rowing, rugby, volleyball, wrestling, yachting, even chess for goodness sakes.

Curling? Uh-uh. Not. Nada.

It's rather sad. One of Canada's greatest winter

sports, now an Olympic fixture, has its chronology stacked up on more than 200 pallets in a cobwebbed Ottawa warehouse, including chunks of hardware, silverware and collections of pins.

Proposals for halls and museums at several locations have emerged and submerged over the years. Monotonously. None have panned out. Lip service has

runneth over. Best-laid plans have been unceremoniously washed away. The past possibilities are the stuff of dreams that went poof!

Back in the mid-Eighties, officialdom attempted to make use of its collective history by transporting segments to the various arenas where Briers were taking place.

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 Team Canada fans in the house Sunday afternoon.







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Meet the Teams



Skip: Kerry Galusha
 Birthdate: November 3, 1977
 Birthplace: Yellowknife, NT
 Hometown: Yellowknife, NT
 Delivery: right
 Nickname: Double K

Do you have any superstitions: Of course I do!! I have quite a few...just ask my teammates.

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Rihanna, Ellen DeGeneres and Gillian Michaels

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Tennis because you make lots of money and tennis players are super muscular and strong.

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? I would change all games to 8 ends.

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? Love Rihanna.

Your favourite website: www.oldnavy.ca do most of my shopping online. You have to when you live up where we live!

Your favourite vacation destination: Maui

Your favourite food: Pizza

One pet peeve: People who don't know how to stop at a 4 way. You stop, let the person who was there first go then you go! Not the other way around!

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? I would say my entire family. It helps to have that support all of the

time and people who understand the game and what it takes to be on top.

First on your bucket list? Travel the world.

Favourite pastime between draws at cashspiels? Shopping!

Mixed doubles in the Olympics – thumbs up? Thumbs down? And why? Thumbs Up. It would be more exposure for curling so why not?

One thing most people don't know about you? That Jamie Koe is my twin brother.

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the four foot.

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Third: Sharon Cormier

Birthdate: July 8, 1964

Birthplace: Regina, SK

Hometown: Yellowknife, NT

Delivery: Right

Do you have any superstitions: Follow the same routine after a win and then change or vary after a loss.

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: My Mom, and my two Grandmothers. All deceased but would love to chat with them again. Perhaps they could chip in and cook the dinner!

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Golf because I like the clothing and it is a summer sport so I wouldn't be so cold all the time.

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? Probably the time

restriction because we like to use all of our time allotment.

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? Any type of music but mostly top 40.

Your favourite website: Facebook or Google.

Your favourite vacation destination: Las Vegas.

Your favourite food: Cinnamon buns or a good steak dinner.

One pet peeve: People who talk through meetings/presentations and then ask questions that have already been covered by the speaker.

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My father, Al Delmage because he taught me how to curl and has supported me unconditionally throughout the years.

First on your bucket list? Make a difference in someone's life.

Favourite pastime between draws at cashspiels? Relax and grab a bite to eat.

Mixed doubles in the Olympics – thumbs up? Thumbs down? And why? Thumbs up for sure.

Anytime our sport has an opportunity to gain world exposure it is a good thing.



Yukon/Territories

One thing most people don't know about you? I rather play with my grandson than go out with friends.

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: A draw to the pin with the sweepers guiding it into place.

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Second: Wendy Miller

Birthdate: March 3, 1981

Birthplace: Fredericton, NB

Hometown: Oromocto, NB

Delivery: lefty

Nickname: le lion

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Do you have any superstitions: I do whatever my skip wants when it comes to superstitions.

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Lanny, Dino and Sparky from TSN.

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? The lingerie football league, I think I'd be a good tackler.

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? We should spice it up a bit by allowing players to heckle each other during the game; then we'd find out who's mentally tough.

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? Kenny G

Your favourite website: facebook - who doesn't love creeping?

Your favourite vacation destination: Leduc, Alberta

Your favourite food: peanut butter

One pet peeve: People who tell me I'm loud.

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Kerry Galusha - for letting me play on her team.

First on your bucket list? Steal Russ Howard's job (I'm ok with being his sidekick too)

Favourite pastime between draws at cash-spiels? Shopping - we live in the North so any type of mall with stores that aren't Wal-mart or Canadian Tire is exciting.

Mixed doubles in the Olympics - thumbs up? Thumbs down? And why? Thumbs up as long as I don't have to beat anyone named Kevin in a qualifier. Who doesn't love mixed?

One thing most people don't know about you? I used to tap dance.

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Stoughton spinner takeout.

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Lead: Shona Barbour
Birthdate: July 4, 1979

Birthplace: Calgary, Alberta

Hometown: Inuvik, NT

Delivery: Right

Nickname: Barbs

Do you have any superstitions: Lots of superstitions about keeping things the same during win streaks and changing it up during losing streaks. And studies show that black uniforms win more games (across all sports)!

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Tiger Woods, Serena Williams and Derek Jeter

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Tennis because there is big \$\$ and a jet setting life.

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? Most people say to change to thinking-time but I would just like more time in general. I don't like feeling rushed during a game.

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? I always add some country music to the team playlist/CD.

Your favourite website: www.globeandmail.com

Your favourite vacation destination: It seems like I only ever go to Yellowknife to see my curling team.

Your favourite food: Vietnamese Food

One pet peeve: People texting when you are talking to them.

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My mom (Patricia Fielding) got me into the sport and still travels around to events with our team. She also brought me to the 1994 Brier in Red Deer, to see the big show for the first time

First on your bucket list? Go to Antarctica

Favourite pastime between draws at cash-spiels? Watching The Food Network, shopping, playing Skip Bo, short naps.

Mixed doubles in the Olympics - thumbs up? Thumbs down? And why? Thumbs up. I play in a weekly Doubles League and love it.

One thing most people don't know about you? I am close to finishing my yoga teacher training certification or that I am REALLY claustrophobic

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Sweeping any last rock to win the game.

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Fifth: Megan Cormier

Birthdate: July 18th, 1989

Birthplace: Yellowknife

Hometown: Yellowknife

Delivery: Right

Nickname: Megs

Do you have any superstitions: My pre game routines

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Ellen Deggeneres, Chris Brown, Jarome Iginla

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Moguls, It looks extremely challenging

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? The Four rock rule, Because than i could throw peels!

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? Rap/ R&B

Your favourite website: Google!

Your favourite vacation destination: Las Vegas

Your favourite food: Scalloped Potatoes

One pet peeve: When people ask me a million questions when I first wake up

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My mom, I've always seen how hard shes worked to get to where she is.

First on your bucket list? Bungee jumping!

Favourite pastime between draws at cash-spiels? Shopping

Mixed doubles in the Olympics - thumbs up?

Thumbs down? And why? Nope, i dont even have enough time in my life to watch the ladies and mens draws.

One thing most people don't know about you? I love to bake

Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Run back Double

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Coach: Fred Koe

Birthdate: March 8, 1947

Birthplace: Aklavik, NT

Hometown: Aklavik, NT

Nickname: coach

Do you have any superstitions: a few

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Marie, Elvis and Shania

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Golf - I love the sport and the travel

If you could change any rule in curling, which rules would it be, and why? Timing - extend it back to 75

What music, if any, do you listen to the most? Country

Country

Your favourite website: curlingzone

Your favourite vacation destination: South sea islands

Your favourite food: caribou

One pet peeve: arrogant curlers

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Kerry - my daughter - she has taught me patience

First on your bucket list? Win lottomax

Favourite pastime between draws at cash-spiels? poker

Mixed doubles in the Olympics - thumbs up?

Thumbs down? And why? Up - more exposure for curling

One thing most people don't know about you? I am the father of Kerry Galusha, and Kevin and Jamie Koe.

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Today – 5:00 pm

Teams Newfoundland/Labrador & Prince Edward Island



The teams will be on hand in the HeartStop today through Thursday to sign programs, shirts and curling memorabilia and pose for photos with the fans. And, if you miss any of your favourites during the week, they'll all be back for a special Saturday session.

- Tomorrow** – 5:00 pm Teams Saskatchewan & New Brunswick
- Wednesday** – 5:00 pm Teams Ontario & British Columbia
- Thursday** – 5:00 pm Teams Quebec & Northwest Territories/Yukon
- Saturday** – 2:30 pm All team session (excluding the two semi-final teams)

up close and personal

Today – 5:15 pm

Teams Northwest Territories/Yukon & Quebec

Up Close and Personal welcomes another two teams to the HeartStop for a relaxing break from the pressure of competition... and the chance to sit down and chat with the fans.

It's familiar territory for the guests of the day with the Quebec and the Northwest Territories/Yukon representatives sharing the stage to take questions from the crowd. Quebec's Marie-France Larouche is making her seventh trip to the Scotties – number three was right here in Red Deer in 2004 – and Kerry Galusha is back for a ninth shot at bringing home the first title for the Territories. The northern-most skip in the field got off to her best start ever with a win in this year's Ford Hot Shots skills competition.



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- Wednesday** – 5:15 pm Teams Alberta & Canada
- Thursday** – 5:15 pm Teams Prince Edward Island & Newfoundland/Labrador

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- Draw 4** Laurie Kubos – \$11,290 Rocky Mountain House, AB

Draw 4 - 50/50 winner Laurie Kubos from Rocky Mountain House, AB.

Today's junior stars

The Junior Stars program has given 24 young curlers from clubs throughout the Red Deer region the chance to share the spotlight with the players. As honorary members of the Scotties teams, they will appear with them in pre-game ceremonies.



Junior Stars Rylan Gray and Martina Hubl with Team Ontario before the fourth draw.

1:30 pm Draw _____
Team Quebec

- Chantele Croderson Lacombe Curling Club
- Presley Battle Delia Curling Club

6:30 pm Draw _____
Team Canada

- Payton Doll Red Deer Curling Club
- Taylor Marko Stettler Curling Club

Family Day at The Scotties



Lindsay Makichuk
Guest Columnist

The Heart Chart is pleased to introduce our columnist-with-a-local-touch for the 2012 Scotties – 24-year-old Lindsay Makichuk, a Red Deer College student who played for Alberta at the 2010 Scotties in Sault Ste. Marie. Lindsay's offerings will appear daily in the Chart daily. Happy Family Day everyone!

I can't think of a better way to spend Monday of this long weekend than to come on down to the Centrium with your family and watch curling!

My own dear parents came down to catch some of the curling action.

(As all you students know, parent visits usually mean care packages of great food, thanks mom!).

Speaking of great families, there are groups of player's families and friends around the Centrium with some of the most awesome team clothing I've seen!

Dressing up at the Scotties is always encouraged whether you're family, a friend or a fan.

I've seen some pretty great outfits in the crowd. From crazy wigs to face paint, bright clothing,

cap, hats and funky leggings, this is a gang of the best-looking people I've ever seen!

The seats have been full with bright colours and even brighter personalities; keep up the great energy, curling fans!

On ice, the curlers sure appreciate your support.

When you cheer, it gives them a huge confidence boost to keep making great shots.

So keep making lots of noise for the hard-working ladies out there.

There are so many reasons you've "gotta be

here" (to quote a familiar phrase); you get to cheer on your favourite players live, watch four great games at once, and there's always something going on at the Heart Stop lounge and it's an overall exciting atmosphere.

On ice, the curlers sure appreciate your support. When you cheer, it gives them a huge confidence boost to keep making great shots.



A big thanks to the local businesses that support the Scotties!

I bought groceries the other day, and was very pleased to see the great

display the grocery store had!

Many businesses around Red Deer have put up Scotties themed displays, and they all look great! Thank you to these businesses for showing your support for the Scotties.

I encourage all of you to the businesses and restaurants in Red Deer – preferably the ones for which you see advertisements for around the Centrium, and check out their displays!

Now I'd like to give a shout out to our transportation committee.

This is partially because I'm sticking with the family theme (as my aunt happens to be one of the very qualified drivers), but mostly because they have a pretty big responsibility.

These volunteers keep

long hours, and are always on the go. They are doing a great job of keeping the teams safe and where they need to be.

As a player, having a driver service is very much appreciated.

I've had many great drivers at events, and some of the best stories I've heard have come from trips on the way to and from the rink.

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B.C. • Scott

They must be wondering, out there in Lotusland, if Kelly Scott, indeed, can be beaten at the provincial Scotties tournament.

Scott, the former world junior champion as a Manitoba and former world women's champion and two-time Scotties champion, hasn't lost a B.C. Scotties scuffle in eight years.

She has missed the national Scotties only once in that span and in 2009 her failed to make it beyond regionals, hence its failure to win B.C.

The team boasted a meteoric rise from the get-go in 2005 when it finished 8-5 at the St. John's Scotties and later lost the Olympic trials when Shannon Kleibrink of Calgary scored three in the last end for a one-point duke.

Scott's first Scotties win arrived the next year and she repeated in 2007, adding a world triumph in Aomori, Japan. In 2008 the velvet touch disappeared and the team managed a mediocre 5-6 record wearing Team Canada colours.

But this marks the third straight return for Scott since then. She was 7-5 in 2010 and the same in 2011. And she's minus regular pregnant vice-skip Jeanna Schraeder this time out, has moved second Sasha Carter into the third-rock role and conscripted 21-year-old junior grad Dailene Sivertson to hold the broom as vice-skip and throw second stones while Jacquie Armstrong returns for her third straight year at lead.

The diminutive Scott points to work ethic and coaching when she's asked the keys to her success. It's not unusual, she says, to find herself, Carter, Armstrong and Sivertson as a combined

yet somewhat lonely presence at times out on the Kelowna Curling Club ice.

"Our coach, Gerry Richard, is fantastic, gives us as many hours as we want of his time at the rink," a beaming Scott told the Vancouver Sun's Gary Kingston at the North Shore Winter Club after she'd directed a tense 6-5 win over 2009 champion Marla Mallett of New Westminster.

"Often we're the only [active] sheet out there. Eleven empty sheets and we're working on something. So, definitely, coaching and work ethic. And the blend of personalities is really a unique thing. This week, for this foursome, it clicked."

Sivertson, a former B.C. junior champion skip, jumped at the chance to move to Kelowna from Victoria in the fall and assume the vice-skip role while throwing second stones for Scott. Now, the 21-year-old is headed to her first Scotties in her first season in women's play.

"The Scotties is called the big show for a reason and there's nothing quite like your first one," said Scott. "We'll never get to experience that again, so we'll go through it with her."

Scott went 7-2 in the B.C. 10-team round robin, then lost the Page One-Two playoff game to Mallett before bouncing back to defeat another former champion, Kelley Law of New Westminster, 9-7 in the semi-final. It was Scott's third straight playoff win over 2000 world champion and 2002 Olympic bronze-medallist Law who lost B.C. finals to Scott in 2020 and 2011.

In the final, Scott led 2-1 after three ends and 5-3 after seven before Mallett, who works

the chewing gum about as hard as her sweepers work the brooms, made a delicate chip and then a terrific draw to the four-foot to count two for a 5-5 tie.

The ninth end was blanked with Scott carrying the hammer into the 10th which was wide open with Scott's foursome continually removing Mallett's centre-line guards until Scott only grazed one with her first rock. Mallett tried to bury around the guard with her last rock but came up short leaving Scott a wide-open draw for the winning point.

"It was a textbook ninth and 10th until I missed my first," chuckled Scott. "Then that made things more exciting, but we didn't make the last rock too scary, which was a good thing."

Mallett, who had to scramble in mid-November to find a front end to enter last-chance qualifying, said it was disappointing to not capitalize on her opportunity, but "we had a really, really good week and I'm very proud of the way the girls played".

Her lineup included Kelly Shimizu, Danielle Callens and Barb Zbeetnoff.

Scott's B.C. three-peat is the first since Kimberley's Ina Hansen won the provincials title in 1962, 1963 and 1964.

"It didn't cross my mind that it was something on our radar," said Scott afterward. "But it's something to be proud of because that's maybe going to be down in the (record) books for a while."

Carter, 37, who was in sick bed for part of the week, curled a sizzling 89 per cent in the final

and said that she and Scott, who have played together since the mid-Nineties, are "starting to ride that crazy experience wave that people talk about".

"We're able to capitalize on opportunities because we've seen them enough," she said.

The team also stays loose with teasing that involves its young newcomer.

"She's got a good sense of humour," said Carter over Sivertson. "She teases us about being old mares and we tease her about being far too young to be here."

Scott cracked a three-ender in the fifth of the semi-final to gain control against her old enemy Law who never was able to get back from a 6-4 deficit.

Trailing Scott's 7-2 round-robin effort was Mallett and Sarah Wark of Victoria at 6-3, a traffic jam involving Jen Rusnell of Prince George, Marilou Richter of Richmond, Nicole Backe of New Westminster and Law at 5-4.

Law nudged Richter 7-6 in a tiebreaker while Rusnell ousted Backe 8-3. Then Law sidelined Rusnell 6-2 and defeated Wark 7-5 in the Page Three-Four fracas.

Mallett scored five in an extra end to win the Page One-Two battle by a 10-5 count.

Rounding out the field, Allison MacInnes of Kamloop was 4-5, Kelly Thompson of Richmond won two of nine starts and veteran Brenda Garvey, skipping a Prince George crew, was winless.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Ottawa's Rachel Homan last year finished fourth at the Scotties after winning the Canadian junior women's championship the year previous. Name the last curler to skip the national junior champion one year and skip in the Scotties the next.

2. She represented which province?
3. In which consecutive years did she win the Juniors, then play in the Scotties?
4. Only one other Canadian junior champion skip advanced to skip a team in the Scotties the following year. Her name?
5. The years she won Junior, and played in Scotties?
6. Every skip in the current Scotties has played at least once at the Canadian junior women's championship. Which current Scotties skip has played in more Canadian juniors than any other?
7. How many junior appearances.
8. How about the skips with the next most appearances?
9. How many appearances?
10. Only one of the current skips represented a province in junior play other than the one she now represents at the Scotties. Name her.

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11. Which provinces?
12. Newfoundland is one of three provinces/territories never to have won the Canadian women's curling championship. Name the other two.
13. Which Alberta centre does not fit in this list – Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie, Peace River, Lethbridge, Beaumont, Red Deer – and why?
14. Has Alberta ever been represented at the Canadian women's curling championship by an out-of-province team. If so, who skipped, when and from where?

Answers



Gold: Andrea Kelly
2. New Brunswick
3. 2005 Junior and 2006 Scotties
4. Suzanne (Gaudet) Bir
5. 2001 and 2002 Junior champ; skipped in the 2003 Scotties.

6. Jennifer Jones
7. Six.
8. Kerry Galusha, Marie-France La-rouche
9. Five.
10. Heather Smith-Dacey
11. Nova Scotia (Scotties), New Brunswick (Juniors)
12. P.E.I., Territories.
13. Peace River doesn't fit because its club hasn't produced an Alberta women's curling champion.
14. Mickey Down of Dawson Creek, B.C. skipped the Alberta champ in 1964.



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Red Deer: A Go-To-Town

TERRY JONES
Sun Media

How did this happen? How did the city which played host to the much-maligned "Redneck Brier" of 1994 become the go-to town for the Scotties Tournament of Hearts?

And how, exactly did women's curling end up this big, with television numbers rivaling those of the men?

"It has become the No. 1 women's sports event in Canada," says Warren Hansen, events manager of the Canadian Curling Association.

"There is nothing else in Canadian women's sport which can compare, with 60 hours of live television with really good numbers and the profile the event and the curlers have developed over the years."

It's happened. And Red Deer becoming the crown jewel location for the jewelry set of sports is a happening.

Red Deer has turned into a place where women curlers come to get their biggest hugs — and they've been getting a lot of them lately.

The Scotties opened here Saturday with a near-capacity crowd after a ballistic evening to open it the night before.

"The pre-tournament night we had here Friday night blew my socks off," says Hansen of Red Deer taking an approach tried for the first time last year at the Scotties in Charlottetown.

"Red Deer took it to a whole new level," he says of the concept of bringing all the curlers to the HeartStop (think Brier Patch) to be introduced to the crowd and be part of a welcoming ceremony way beyond the basic band-and-booze night.

"It was bulging at the seams," he says of the giant party room for 2,500. "We had 300 people lined up outside."

The template will now be used for the Brier next month in Saskatoon and next year in Edmonton.

Red Deer, says Hansen, had a pre-sale which suggests it will follow through during the week.

"It's a good city with a good arena, a strong economy and a good curling history," says Hansen.

But it's the scene around town,



Crowds have been big and boisterous on opening Scotties weekend in Red Deer.

where store windows are decorated in curling themes in a "Show Us Your Hearts" promotion, and especially in the building, which has the curlers raving.

"I love it," says Heather Nedohin, the Alberta skip who lost to Kevin Koe's sister Kerry Galusha of the Territories for openers Saturday.

Nedohin, who hasn't been to the event since 2000, has been a regular at the men's show watching her four-time Brier champion husband Dave after four straight trips to the Scotties as a third and a skip.

"This has been awesome in every direction so far, from the banquet to the opening ceremonies to the crowds and the atmosphere they've created here."

Nedohin goes back. "My first Scotties was 1997 in Vancouver and the crowds just didn't come," says Nedohin of the piddly 38,598 which showed up over nine days on the left coast.

The attendance of 112,886 in Red Deer in 2004 was second in the 31-year history of the event under Scott Paper and Kruger sponsorship. And there's every indication this is going to be even bigger and better.

"Only one was bigger, and that one was a one-off in Regina in 1998," says Hansen.

"That was the biggest dance of all, because Sandra Schmirler and her team had just won the gold medal at the 1998 Nagano Olympics and came straight off

the plane to play in their hometown event."

Nedohin was at that one, too. Indeed, she won it that year, playing for Cathy King.

"That was electric. When they came walking in, it was just an incredible scene. There was a huge sign saying 'Thanks for bringing in the gold.' What a moment that was!" she says.

That Scotties drew 154,688. It was the only one which has ever been bigger than the one they had at Red Deer 2004, and the one they look like they're going to have again this year.

It's not that the Scotties is coming close to achieving gate equality with the Brier. It can't play the big buildings. And it has trouble drawing big crowds in most locations.

Hansen isn't going to con anybody that the Scotties has attendance numbers which come close to matching the Brier as the TV numbers — which in the last few years average only a couple hundred thousand fewer than the Brier, and occasional round-robin draws have managed to top the boys for a draw here and there.

"This event really only succeeds very well in Red Deer, Regina and Brandon," says Hansen.

Last year there were only 52,404 in Charlottetown for the nine days of competition. But the TV numbers were competitive with the men.

Kevin Martin's gold-medal win at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic

Games was over seven million with Cheryl Bernard winning silver before six million.

The draws, which bring CFL-sized numbers on TSN for both the Brier and Scotties, don't have the same comparisons when it comes to bums in the seats.

When the Brier is producing attendance totals like the record 281,985 in Edmonton, the numbers here don't compete.

But because the Brier evolved into a big-building sport, using Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Saskatoon in a main rotation with occasional visits to Halifax and the odd Ontario centre, the Scotties has moved up to replace what the Brier used to be across Canada.

In the past 25 years, the Scotties have been held in every province in the country except Quebec and there are plans to head there soon.

Once upon a time the Brier played places like Charlottetown, Kingston, Fort William, Kitchener-Waterloo, Brandon, Hull, Kelowna, Oshawa, St. John's, Saint John, Victoria, Fredericton, Sudbury, Moncton, Chicoutimi, Sault Ste. Marie, Kamloops and, in 1994, Red Deer.

Now those are the sort of places the Scotties goes.

Twice they've been held in Charlottetown, including last year. And both times Kim Dolan has been head of the organizing committee. Now she's was back being skip of Prince Edward Island.

It's the eighth Scotties for the

53-year-old who went to her first way back in 1983 in Prince George, B.C., when the attendance was 17,402.

"It's amazing where it has all come since then," she said.

"The event has really evolved. There were such small crowds and not much profile. The growth has been incredible. The Olympics changed everything. And TSN.

"Yet it is an event which is accessible to a community like ours with a smaller venue."

But no one has witnessed it — indeed been an integral part of it — more than Robin Wilson, the executive director of the event for 29 of her 31 years of involvement since playing in it before Scott Paper took over as sponsor.

"I curled for Lindsay Sparkes," she recalls of the B.C. skip when they won it in 1976 and 1979.

In '76 at Vancouver, she says there were 250 people in the stands watching "and I knew most of them by name".

"I really credit the sponsor for the development," she says.

"It started with dressing the gals different and projecting very feminine images. These are good-looking gals.

"It even includes putting up jewelry as prizes," she says of the four-heart necklace the girls get when they play in their first one and the diamond they get for each return trip.

"After five they get a tennis bracelet and more diamonds for each time they make it to the Scotties. Plus the rings they receive for winning it involve a diamond for each subsequent win. Take a look at Jennifer Jones's ring. It's huge. Diamonds definitely are a girl's best friend.

"It's been very classy since Day One.

"And, I think, having a Team Canada, last year's champion coming back. That's now something they are finally looking at for the Brier. That was driven by the sponsor.

"So much of it involved packaging and branding.

"Then, of course, TSN and then the Olympics."

And there's one other thing, she says.

"The women's game has improved a lot, too."

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Sooner or later, the kinds of energy associated with green kinds of things had to be taken into consideration at the Scotties Tournament Of Hearts

And it turned from consideration to reality at the Charlottetown Civic Centre when Amber Holland of Saskatchewan stunned defending Scotties champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg 8-7 in the 2011 event's championship final.

Hence Holland's current Team Canada status at the Scotties.

There was a bundle of honours at stake for the Jones team — a record-tying four-straight title skein for skip Jones, plus numerous elevations for the remainder of the crew. None of them were realized.

And a large group of green clad fans that accompanied its team was boisterous in celebration when Jones's last-rock double-raise attempt resulted in a spinout that left Saskatchewan counting the winning boulder.

Holland's Saskatchewan team from Kronau, near Regina, dominated the round-robin preliminary and was the strongest team on the week but suffered a glitch heading into the playoffs.

It lost the last game of the round-robin,

then the Page One-Two playoff to Jones, before rebounding to win the semi-final against Ontario and earn another crack at Jones in the final.

"It was a long event so we prepared a little differently," said a jubilant but controlled Holland afterward. "We just tried to make sure we had the energy to get through it."

"We worked hard on our performance and on our mental training and making sure we had the ability to stay focused."

Earlier, Holland had reasoned:

"If we have to be underdogs so be it. We're Saskatchewan. We're the Roughriders. Someone e-mailed me today and said, 'Yah, just like the Riders, keeping us all on the edge of our seats'."

"Hey, not only do we have a Brier drought (1980), we're starting to have a women's drought (1997). But this is why we're here, shooting for that chance to wear that Maple Leaf. That's what it's all about."

And wear it the Saskatchewan team did, even though Jones got off to an early 3-0 advantage in the first end, an initial strike that would have unglued lesser opponents.

At the finish, the issue was tied with the defender in control of the hammer. It ap-

peared Jones required an out-turn chip shot with her last rock after Holland was close to burying her last draw. But Jones instead attempted the double-raise with the in-turn and didn't get all the angles correctly.

"When Jennifer threw the last rock," said Saskatchewan vice-skip Kim Schneider, who had enjoyed an immense shooting performance matched by all her teammates, "I was just holding my breath and all we could do was hope . . . and when it made contact I was screaming at Amber to sweep the rock. We thought she would play a softer weight and tap it. It ran a little straighter, didn't come up and rolled off."

Saskatchewan recovered with two in the second end but couldn't pull even until the sixth exchange when Jones ignored two enemy stones in counting positions and attempted an out-turn bury but left it open and Holland stuck for three.

After that it was a tight-fit until the last exchange when Saskatchewan manufactured the only theft of the contest.

"We decided to throw (the last one) hard and we hit it pretty much where we wanted to," said Jones. "I could have hit a quarter-of-an-inch more but you know that's curling and

that's what makes it so exciting. And they (Saskatchewan) played great today.

"It's been a great ride but we have all sorts of events still to come and I think it's just the beginning for this team."

Jones dumped veteran third Cathy Overton-Clapham prior to the season and replaced her with junior grad Kaitlyn Lawes. Overton-Clapham wound up skipping the Manitoba champion in the tournament and defeated Jones during the round robin but enjoyed little other success.

"I don't think I would have done anything different," said Jones. "We had the hammer coming home and that's all your ever want and I had a shot to win."

"It was a good game from both teams, lots of rocks in play, good for TV. I don't think anybody had control of it."

The win was Saskatchewan's 11th of the competition against three losses. The defending champion team finished 9-4. In the final, Saskatchewan shooters enjoyed an 84 per cent collective percentage to Team Canada's 74 per cent.

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The Jones team included second Jill Officer, a four-time champ, and three-time winner Dawn Askin.

Holland defeated Jones in their round-robin clash but Jones twice battled from behind to defeat Holland 10-9 in the wild-scoring Page One-Two playoff game.

Holland's team grabbed a 5-2 half-time lead in the semi-final against Ontario's youthful Rachel Homan and gritted in to post a 7-5 decision.

"We just had to focus on the shots, not to watch the scoreboard," said Holland.

The game was more of a run-and-gun affair as opposed to the high-scoring joust of Page One-Two.

"We weren't quite good enough," said Homan. "They were the better team. They deserved it."

Homan said her team was happy with its lot, an acceptable performance for a rookie team at the Scotties.

It was Nova Scotia's Heather Smith-Dacey, though, who earned the right to be the answer to the down-the-road trivia question: Name the first provincial champion ever to win a bronze-medal playoff match at the Scotties.

The Bluenosers dumped Homan and Co., 9-5 in the newly-instituted bronze playoff.

"We learned something from having played them (Ontario) just yesterday," said Smith-Dacey, who was blasted 13-5 in that confrontation and yielded a five-ender en route. "We wanted to try to keep her away from being able to play those big-weight shots she plays so well and try to force a more finesse, soft-weight game. I think we succeeded. We played much better — we made a lot more shots."

The Nova Scotians defeated former two-time champion Kelly Scott of British Columbia 9-8 in a tiebreaker to qualify for the final playoff four. Scott trailed 6-0 early but battled back to make a game of it.

Nova Scotia and Ontario each logged 9-5 records while B.C. was 7-5.

Failing to advance beyond the preliminaries were Alberta (Shannon Kleibrink of Calgary) and P.E.I. (Suzanne Birt of Charlottetown) at 6-5, Manitoba (Overton-Clapham) and Quebec (Marie-France Larouche of St-Romuald) at 4-7, New Brunswick (Andrea Kelly of Fredericton) and the Territories (Kerry Galusha of Yellowknife) at 3-8 and Newfoundland/Labrador (Stacey Devereaux of St. John's) at 1-10.



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SCHEDULE

Feb. 20, 2012	8:30am / (10:30am)	6		ON vs AB	BC vs CA											
Feb. 20, 2012	1:30pm / (3:30pm)	7	NT/YT vs NB	NS vs QC	NL vs MB	PE vs SK	A	NS (Smith-Dacey)								
Feb. 20, 2012	7:30pm / (9:30pm)	8	NS vs BC	MB vs CA	SK vs ON	AB vs NB										
Feb. 21, 2012	8:30am / (10:30am)	9	PE vs NL	NB vs SK	NT/YT vs QC	NS vs MB	B	PEI (Dolan)								
Feb. 21, 2012	1:30pm / (3:30pm)	10	SK vs MB	AB vs BC	NS vs NB	ON vs CA	C	SK (Englot)								
Feb. 21, 2012	7:30pm / (9:30pm)	11	QC vs CA	NT/YT vs ON	PE vs AB	BC vs NL		NL (Strong)								
Feb. 22, 2012	8:30am / (10:30am)	12	NB vs ON	CA vs NS	MB vs BC	SK vs AB	D	NB (Atkinson)								
Feb. 22, 2012	1:30pm / (3:30pm)	13	BC vs NT/YT	QC vs AB	ON vs NL	CA vs PE		Quebec (Larouche)								
Feb. 22, 2012	7:30pm / (9:30pm)	14	PE vs NS	NL vs NB	QC vs SK	MB vs NT/YT										
Feb. 23, 2012	8:30am / (10:30am)	15	AB vs NL	BC vs PE	CA vs NT/YT	QC vs ON										
Feb. 23, 2012	1:30pm / (3:30pm)	16	MB vs QC	SK vs NT/YT	NB vs PE	NL vs NS	A	BC (Scott)								
Feb. 23, 2012	7:30pm / (9:30pm)	17	CA vs SK	ON vs MB	AB vs NS	NB vs BC		SK (Englot)								
Feb. 24, 2012	8:00am / (10:00am)	TB1	TIE BREAKER 1					B	Canada (Holland)							
Feb. 24, 2012	1:00pm / (3:00pm)	TB2	TIE BREAKER 2						NB (Atkinson)							
Feb. 24, 2012	7:30pm / (9:30pm)	TB3 & PP1v2	TIE BREAKER 3 & PAGE PLAYOFF					C	Ontario (Horgan)							
Feb. 25, 2012	11:00am / (1:00pm)	PP3v4	PAGE PLAYOFF						NS (Smith-Dacey)							
Feb. 25, 2012	4:00pm / (6:00pm)	SF	SEMI FINAL					D	Manitoba (Jones)							
Feb. 26, 2012	8:30am / (10:30am)	BRZ	BRONZE MEDAL						Alberta (Nedohin)							
Feb. 26, 2012	1:30pm / (3:30pm)	FNL	FINAL													

STANDINGS

Team	Wins	Losses	Future Games		
			6	7	8
BC (Scott)	3	0	CAN	--	NS
Canada (Holland)	3	0	BC	--	MB
Manitoba (Jones)	2	1	--	NL	CAN
Ontario (Horgan)	2	1	AB	--	SK
SK (Englot)	2	1	--	PE	ON
NT/YT (Galusha)	2	2	--	NB	--
Quebec (Larouche)	2	2	--	NS	--
Alberta (Nedohin)	1	2	ON	--	NB
NB (Atkinson)	1	2	--	NT/YT	AB
NL (Strong)	1	3	--	MB	--
PEI (Dolan)	1	3	--	SK	--
NS (Smith-Dacey)	0	3	--	QC	BC

Game Scores for Draw 3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	
A NS (Smith-Dacey)	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	X	X	5	14:54
NT/YT (Galusha)	*2	0	0	2	0	3	1	2	X	X	10	18:17
B PEI (Dolan)	*2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	8	02:48
Manitoba (Jones)	0	2	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	9	04:22
C SK (Englot)	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	10	01:09
NL (Strong)	*3	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7	01:33
D NB (Atkinson)	*0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	8	00:42
Quebec (Larouche)	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	7	00:49

*last rock advantage

Game Scores for Draw 4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	
A BC (Scott)	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	10	04:25
SK (Englot)	*2	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	8	08:42
B Canada (Holland)	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	06:03
NB (Atkinson)	*0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	5	01:15
C Ontario (Horgan)	1	0	3	0	4	1	1	X	X	X	10	25:23
NS (Smith-Dacey)	*0	2	0	1	0	0	0	X	X	X	3	19:43
D Manitoba (Jones)	*0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	6	00:41
Alberta (Nedohin)	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	8	03:11

*last rock advantage

Game Scores for Draw 5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	
A Canada (Holland)	*0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	6	02:08
Alberta (Nedohin)	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	5	05:39
B NT/YT (Galusha)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	X	X	3	13:40
NL (Strong)	*2	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	X	X	8	19:29
C PEI (Dolan)	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	05:45
Quebec (Larouche)	*0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	04:03
D BC (Scott)	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	9	03:26
Ontario (Horgan)	*1	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	1	0	8	01:02

*last rock advantage

Hall of Fame?

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The exhibits, while far from complete, endured for more than a decade.

This week, members of the Governor-General's Curling Club, headquartered in Ottawa, are reviving the process at this Scotties.

In conjunction with the CCA, the red-coated GGCC stalwarts are manning the exhibit from mid-morning through mid-evening Scotties activity. The showcases include some, but far from all, the accumulated memorabilia.

"This is a test run," says Terry Morris of Edmonton. "It was started a year ago at the Brier in London. If it's successful, we'll consider making it a permanent Brier and Scotties feature."

To date, its success would be an understatement. More than 300 a draw have visited the exhibit.

For the record, the Governor-General's Curling Club has been around a lot longer than any plan for a curling hall of fame. Lord Durham first granted patronage to the club in 1874. Since then it has endured with an exclusive membership of 100. Emeritus members currently total an additional 25.

While its new travelling roadshow carries some promise, the GGCC further plans to investigate and eventually spearhead another move to discover a permanent site for a national curling sanctuary.

It won't be the first time.

Manitoba's Buxton secured a five-year, rent-free lease on what perhaps was the most aesthetic prospect to date — the Assiniboine Park Pavilion in Winnipeg. That was eons ago, but it looked like a sure thing. And a beauty, too. In what was then the so-called cradle of curling.

It was a non-taxable site, complete with free lease, and initial funding was generated from a couple of casinos, the 1973 Silver Broom organizers in Regina who made a bundle on the event won by Kjell Oscarus, and a 25-cent Brier ticket assessment that endured for some years.

But two vital links were missing — commercial support and political will. Ingredients that always have been absent from curling in substantial doses.

And so the memorabilia and scrolls of names were turned over to the late Tom Fisher, a former CCA president, and his wife Anne — then of Baie d'Urfe, Que. — who put together the first mobile display that was installed in icehouse concourses at the Brier and Tournament of Hearts as well as the 1991 Worlds at the Winnipeg Arena.

In 1994, a city councillor and curling enthusiast in Kitchener, Ont., developed a proposition centered at an Ontario heritage-site building that was once a civic hall of records. Mike Wagner eased away from the scene to avoid conflict of interest once the ball was rolling and a committee headed by Dot McRae of London was formed and operated for the next four years with a view to occupying the Kitchener building at a cost of \$1 per year.

The committee made funding proposals to the CCA three years running. All fell on deaf ears. The committee hired a private fund-raiser, obtained some of the artifacts from the Fishers, catalogued that part of the collection, hired a permanent archivist (Cheryl Rielly) who had worked for the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in Toronto, arranged for donated services from architects and lawyers, and expended untold hours of volunteer time and money.

The deal looked like a keeper for a time. So much so that a parallel plan to install a museum at the Agridome (now Brandt Centre-Evrax Place) in Regina was derailed leaving several Queen City noses severely disjointed.

In the end, the CCA, after paying off the Kitchener fundraising outfit that raised no funds, pulled the plug on the project. And it has treated direct involvement in subsequent projects as you would a reincarnation of the Black Plague.

A Brandon effort of eight years ago, headed by Troy Nott with the assistance of such experienced hands as those of Reid Lumbard, involved a display building at the Keystone Centre which has housed not only world championships and Olympic trials but a vast Curling World exhibition, to boot.

It was anticipated the feds, province and city would contribute upwards of \$3 million to the project. In addition, mayor Dave Burgess thought he had a corporate sponsor willing to add \$1 million to the pot.

Everything appeared to be clear sailing until a feasibility study estimated costs at \$8 million and Burgess contracted cold feet. Which isn't surprising with untold tax dollars involved.

There have been whispers of a new scheme emerging in Winnipeg concurrent with apparent plans to renovate the ancient Granite Club, hard by the Assiniboine River. But to this point, the volume hasn't been pumped up and the whispers haven't reached official ears.

It's one thing to say you want to build a museum and quite another to fund it and maintain it. But the only people who will make this happen are the people who have the most genuine interest — the people who really care.

Right now, that noticeable number is restricted to certain CCA types and the volunteer squadron assembled by the Governor-General's Curling Club with a view to resurrecting the road show which holds forth at the Prairie Pavilion this week.

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Scotties Notebook



LARRY WOOD
Heart Chart Editor

Kerry Galusha, the Territories skip, is operating a one disadvantage here this week. She had little or no provincial competition en route to Red Deer as a result of the Yukon pulling the plug on sending entries to the Territories playdowns.

Obviously, the Yukon should be penalized for that sort of performance.

"We missed out on six 10-end games," says Galusha. "Those are what we lack. Some of these teams were playing 10 on arena ice. We were a little fearful but, you know, I've never been on a team that's worked this hard. Ever. Ever."

"We had to resort to other things. We played in three 'spiels, we've been working on mental preparation more than we've ever done, we've been training since June. This year I feel so much different. No butterflies. I feel more intense. More focused than I ever have."

Galusha, on the move to rotate her front-end trio:

"It got messed up because Megan Cormier was sick on Saturday night but

we decided last summer that we'd rotate the three front-end players. Every game I have a different front end. When we put it together we wanted Sharon (third Cormier) to join the team but she wanted to stick with her daughter so everyone compromised a bit. I know there are people who don't like it. There are people who don't agree with it. But it has worked for us this year. We have a fresh sweeper every time. Shona (Barbour) switches back and forth, it harder on her, she's played both positions for me so it was a no-brainer for her to be the switch. Wendy plays second and Megan plays lead. I know people don't like it. I read some of the posts. They don't understand it. But it works for us."

B.C. skip Kelly Scott admits she wouldn't refer to her revamped lineup, without long-time third Jeanne Schraeder in tow, as "a championship team".

"Not yet," says the diminutive Manitoba native who won two Scotties with her Kelowna team.

"That's where we want to get to and that's where we want to be so it's good to be back on this platform to test ourselves," she says.

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 Territories Skip Kerry Galusha



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"We're coming along. We haven't peaked but we're on our way upward."

Moving regular second Sasha Carter to third was a move made just prior to the provincial championship at North Vancouver.

"Dailene (Sivertson, who holds the broom for Scott's last rocks) played third in the fall. We tried Sasha playing third in the rings. We took a break after that and thought about it and came back with this plan. This is how we feel we've best aligned our strengths. I get a really good read on Sasha's rocks as to how mine will react. Sasha has swept my rocks forever. I've always had her at that end when I go to throw. Dailene's comfortable in the rings, reading my rocks and the angles. We're all quite settled in our roles now."

"To get back to the Show, I can't tell you how excited I am," says **Alberta's Heather Nedohin**, whose back in the city where she won her world junior title in 1996.

"We never go the easy route," she says. "Physically, we're used to the grind. Mentally, no, you're not used to however many days it is. It's huge that we have three players that can provide Jess (second Jessica Mair) with veteran experience.

"Honestly, I can remember my first Scotties (as third for Cathy King in 1997, 7-5 at Vancouver). You're oblivious and you just go out and play.

"I'd like to finish off what we did in '99 (reach the world final), but ultimately our goal is to finish in the playoffs. It stinks to not make the playoffs."

Ontario lead Amanda Gates reveals she actually has played a game of curling with Johnny "The Hammer" Chow, the hero of the TV commercial.

Ahem! How many curlers in the Scotties can say that?

New Brunswick skip Rebecca Atkinson is a cousin of Nova Scotia lead Teri Lake. Their mothers are sisters who were teammates at the 1975 Canada Winter Games held in Alberta — playing the same positions Becky and Teri are playing here. The skip was Sandy Lusby Huntley, Atkinson's mom, and the lead was Karen Lusby Smith, Teri's mom.

"They were Team N.S., from Amherst," says Lake, who was guest columnist for the Heart Chart's sister publication when they played the 2005 Olympic trials at the Halifax Metro Centre.



 N.B. skip Rebecca Atkinson

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