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**MIXING IT UP:** Friday's mixed doubles draw produced more heated action at Servus Credit Union Place. Left, Team World's Carmen Schaefer sizes up shot stone. At right, Blake MacDonald, Mirjam Ott, and Ralph Stoeckli track a brick.



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# World crew 'bleeding' badly

**Larry Wood**  
Morning Cup Editor

## North Americans piling up wins through two days of competition

The World Financial Group's Continental Cup is threatening to become the event's biggest blowout in its seven-year history.

Team North America piled on the points again Friday at the Servus Credit Union Place, sweeping three men's results on the night's final draw to take a runaway 90-18 points lead in the four-discipline, Ryder Cup-style curling event.

Mind you, even a 72-point advantage remained a few cuts short of a sure thing with a remaining 292 points up for grabs in skins game and singles today and Sunday.

The most one-sided Continental Cup finish transpired in 2007 at Medicine Hat when the Amerks thrashed the World team 290-110.

"Points-wise," said an elated North American coach Rick Lang of Thunder Bay, "it's not too significant when you look at all the points left on the board. But, I think, psychologically, they (World) might be feeling a little desperate."

No kidding. The World team won only once in nine matches Friday. And it's three-for-18 over the first two days of skirmishing.

To boot, the visitors have exhibited few signs of being a threat when action resumes on the weekend.

"We're bleeding badly," said Norway skip Thomas Ulsrud, the Olympic silver

medallist who will play his Games final adversary Kevin Martin of Edmonton in Sunday night's climactic men's skins final.

"We have to stop the bleeding. The good thing is we play for a lot of points so there's still a chance.

"I certainly hope we can

come back. We need to have a team meeting tonight (Friday). I don't know what (captain) Pal (Trulsen) and (coach) Peja (Lindholm) can tell us but I think everybody on Team World is playing under his standard so we need to get something going here. In skins you can go all

out. If you lose early you can go right back. Every end is a new game. So . . . we'll see."

In the late results Friday, Ulsrud was hammered 9-4 by Pete Fenson of the U.S. while Martin belted Niklas Edin of Sweden by the same score. Edmonton's Kevin Koe completed the demoli-

tion by doubling the count, 6-3, on David Murdoch's all-star lineup.

"The mixed skins will tell a lot," suggested Martin. "You know how skins work? Carryover, carryover, carryover. And they're worth a lot of points. By the end of Saturday's skins, they

(World) need to win roughly 70 per cent of the points. They do that, and they're right back in it.

"And 70 per cent isn't that much to ask in skins game because of all the carryovers. Of course, they still have to make some shots. No, they haven't played very well yet. But it's only two days."

World captain Trulsen was left shaking his head in dismay.

"We have to win a draw, we haven't done that yet," he said. "It isn't looking good right now, is it? We seem to be hitting all the guards. We need some energy here."

Trulsen opined his team will be required to win most of the key matches that close out the competition.

"We have to take almost all the skins and that's hard to do. We don't have (two-time Olympic gold-medal winner) Anette Norberg here. She'd take the big skin. Maybe I should call her and get her in here (on the next plane)."

Two-time Olympic gold winner Norberg piled up skins points in the three previous Continental Cup renditions won by Team World.

"I think the women's results have been the significant difference," said Lang. "In the past, the World relied on some very strong women's teams. This time, our women have been outstanding, dominant and playing well and you see the big score difference."



Top: Jill Officer and Dawn Askin use some elbow grease during Jennifer Jones' 10-6 thrashing of Bingyu Wang on Friday morning. Above left: Niklas Edin's crew works overtime. Above right: Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert take care of John Morris's stone during Kevin Martin's 9-4 evening win over Edin.

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## CONTINENTAL CUP FLASHBACK: MEDICINE HAT 2007

# A good ol' hammerin' in the 'Hat

Morning Cup staff

Team North America won the fifth edition of the Continental Cup in December, 2007, at Medicine Hat by the largest margin in the history of the event.

After the conclusion of the two 55-point women's and men's skins games on the final day, the closing tally read North America 290, Europe 110.

The result broke open a 2-2 tie in previous jousts with each team having prevailed twice since the event was inaugurated in 2002.

North America took the inaugural 'Cup' in Regina in 2002 by a score of 207-193, a competition which came down to the last rock in the last end of the final men's skins game. Europe prevailed in 2003 in Thunder Bay, winning 208-179, while North America rebounded in 2004 in Medicine Hat, when an attendance record of 42,317 was set, notching a 228-172 victory.

The four-day attendance at the Hat for the 2007 event was 26,810.

In 2006 at Chilliwack, it

was Europe's turn to even the score, winning 229-171, as all of the curling medalists from the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino participated.

The final day's play in Continental Cup V became a mere formality since the hosts had clinched the Cup on the previous night's draw by scooping most of the points from three 30-point skins games to reach 210 points, nine more than necessary to claim the trophy.

The final women's skins game pitted then reigning world women's champion Kelly Scott from Kelowna, B.C., against 2007 world bronze medallist and European championship runner-up Kelly Wood of Scotland. After splitting earlier matches in normal team games, Wood a slim 22-21 lead in the skins heading into the final end but Scott was able to make a soft tap for a deuce with her last stone, taking a 12-point skin in the process to make the final score 33-22.

The men's final, featuring 2007 world champion Glenn Howard of Canada and European champion David Murdoch of Scot-



Glenn Howard rang up a 47-8 victory over David Murdoch in the men's final skins game, helping North America wallop the World by a 290-110 score.

land, was no contest. Although Murdoch jumped out to an 8-0 lead after taking a carryover skin in the second end, it was all How-

ard from there — the Canadians taking the remaining six skins in running up a 47-8 final score.

The Continental Cup,

roughly patterned on golf's Ryder Cup, involves four disciplines within the sport, each worth a designated number of points - Team

Games (72 points), Mixed Doubles (36 points), Singles (32 points) and skins Games (260 points). The first side to score 201 is declared the winner. Each member of the winning side receives \$2,000, while the losing side members get \$1,400 each from the \$88,400 total purse.

The overall results showed North America netting 199 out of 260 available points in skins (men's, women's and mixed), 28 out of 32 points in singles, 27 out of 36 points in mixed doubles and 36 of 72 points in team games.

North America clinched the victory in Day Three by taking 73 of 90 available points in preliminary skins competition to conclude the evening session with 210 points, nine more than needed to win.

The end came late, but quickly, as all three skins games fashioned eighth-end dramatics.

The first game to finish was the men's affair involving Randy Ferbey and Andy Kapp of Germany.

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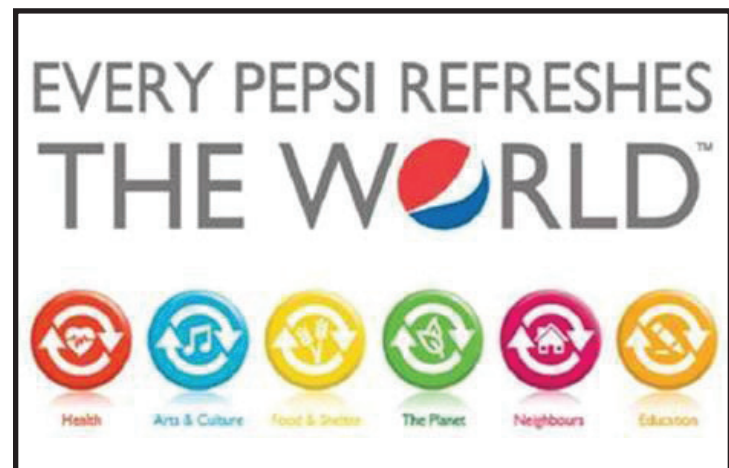
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"It's a game of momentum, you know?" said Fenson. "Our teams are starting to play pretty good and I think everybody's feeding off each other . . . (but) all six of our teams have to keep our heads in it."

North Americans swept the morning women's matches and took two of three mixed doubles tests.

Olympic silver-medal-winning skip Cheryl Bernard of Calgary, playing with Olympic gold-medal-winning lead Ben Hebert of Calgary, defeated Team World's combine of Sebastian Kraupp (Sweden) and global champion Andrea Schoepp (Germany) 6-3 while Winnipeg's Jill Of-

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ficer, the Canadian champion second player, and Edmonton's Blake MacDonald, a world champion third last year, topped Mirjam Ott and Ralph Stoeckli of Switzerland 6-5 on a last-rock hit by Officer.

Team World salvaged its only mixed doubles success when Murdoch (Scotland) and Schaefer (Switzerland) throttled U.S. champions Fenson and Erika Brown 9-4.

"There are a lot of points left. The last time I was involved here we thought we were going to win it on Saturday night and we got beat badly on Sunday," said Lang. "You have to be aware of that. It can change in a hurry. A little momentum means a lot at this point."

Of her mixed doubles win, Bernard credited her younger partner Hebert.


"I didn't want to play in the event," she said. "I was totally out of my element. But Ben was a great sport about it. He did it all. I just held the broom and made a couple of shots."

Added Hebert: "I just got to curl with the hottest 40-year-old I know."

Officer, who doesn't usually throw last rocks to win games, said it was a different feeling to face such a task.

"It was something new, with a different rhythm, playing with somebody different. I'd like to play it again," she said.

In morning team play, the Winnipeg-based Jennifer Jones team clobbered Bingyu Wang's Chinese outfit 10-6, Bernard's Olympians pushed past Mirjam Ott of Davos, Switzerland, by a 7-5 count, and Brown of Madison, Wis., stole two late points to break a tie and defeat Germany's world champion Andrea Schoepp 7-5.



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# locked 'n' loaded

Without his 2009 world championship crew, Lockerbie lad David Murdoch of Scotland picks up and carries on



**LARRY WOOD**  
Morning Cup Editor

David Murdoch wonders if he picked the wrong year to find a solution to Kevin Martin's magic on curling's ice lanes.

Murdoch, directing the 2009 Scottish champion, defeated the Brier-winning Martin juggernaut from Edmonton three times in four nights to win his second Ford Worlds title at Moncton.

It was, indeed, a massive upset and a career apex for Murdoch.

But that was 2009. One year later, something called the Winter Olympic Games cropped up and it proved disastrous for the Scots who went 5-and-5 while Martin breezed through the field to a gold medal.

"I still have the confidence," maintained Murdoch at the Servus Credit Union Place this week.

"But it was a tough year last year. I had some injury problems. There were a lot of expectations as well. Maybe we peaked a little early in 2009. Maybe we should have lost that final and taken a better run at the Olympics. Who knows?"

People are asking, too, whatever became of his 2009 championship lineup? And why he's skipping a European all-star team (two Swiss and a German) this week at the World Financial Group Continental Cup?

"I still feel great, feel confident, and have an abundant desire to do well," Murdoch said. "I still love the sport and the challenges that come with it."

And there is an entirely new set of challenges now for the 32-year-old former Lockerbie dairy farmer. Not only has his former team dispersed, there's been a

total shake-up at the administrative level of Scottish curling.

Murdoch, still employed by UK Sport as its top curler, is one of the few constants.

Gone are long time third Ewan MacDonald, veteran second Peter Smith and lead Euan Byers

who'd been a Murdoch mainstay for years. His new team includes veteran Warwick Smith at third, 2010 Scottish runnerup Glen Muirhead at second and Ross Hepburn at lead.

"I didn't achieve much last year,"

admits Murdoch, "and a lot of people retired after the Olympics and we have a whole new

deal and a whole new challenge putting a whole new team together. It will take time to gell the team. But we're four good shooters

and I think we're starting to see some results now."

Peter Smith, who'd been around since the late 1980s, retired outright. Byers "didn't want to take the time away from home with

a new baby girl." MacDonald "just got married — he wanted to spend more time at home."

"It's been a tough four or five years for the team," said Murdoch, whose life has been curling for at least that

long an amount of time. "Everybody wanted to take some time out and this is the perfect year to do that.

"They (old teammates)

might come

back next year, they might not. But I've got my new team and that's what I'll be doing."

He admits his position is "a dream job, isn't it?"

"You don't want to give it up. You want to keep doing it. Hopefully, with a new team, we can continue with the results."

But there are many new fingers yanking strings.

"There's been the appointment of five new coaches, including Olympic coaches for the new go-round," Murdoch admits.

"We've now got Soren Grahn, who was Niklas Edin's coach in Sweden, as our Olympic coach, and Rhona Martin will be the women's Olympic coach.



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Ferbey led 11-10, with a nine-point skin on the line.

When Kapp tried but missed an angle raise with his last rock, Ferbey's counters gave the skin to North America, making the final score 20-10 and moving the overall score at that moment to 180-80.

Then it was over to the mixed skins game, where Howard and Andreas Schwaller of Switzerland were playing the eighth end, worth 15 points after a seventh-end carryover.

Howard made a raise-double-takeout with his last rock, forcing Schwaller, with hammer, to attempt a draw to the button, just to force the game to a tiebreaking procedure (closest to the but-

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ton). But Schwaller's stone appeared to pick up debris halfway down the sheet, handing the 15-point skin and the 24-6 final result to North America on a steal. That moved the host point total to 195.

That left the issue to the women's skins, where

Debbie McCormick of Madison, Wis., led Liudmila Privivkova of Russia 14-1, with another 15-point skin on the line, once again because of a seventh-end carryover.

Privivkova watched her final stone float between two others while trying to

rub and roll, leaving McCormick, the 2003 world champion, a soft tap and roll to count a deuce and net the skin.

The game score read 29-1, the overall score 210-80.

"I actually didn't know that shot was to win (it all), so I didn't really think about it," said McCormick later. "We had a great feeling all weekend. This is my third Continental Cup, so I'm really excited to get a gold medal and my name on the trophy (for the first time)."

McCormick enjoyed a banner three days. She teamed with Scott Pfeifer to win a mixed doubles match in Day One's first draw, twice defeated Denmark's Angelina Jensen in women's team games, and won her singles competition over Privivkova before skinning her Russian rival again.

Said North America captain Pat Ryan, himself a three-time Brier and two-time world champion:

"It takes the pressure off. I can't complain. If you can win, you win as fast as you can and get it over with. They (the players) were all great; they played like a team's supposed to.

"Just a great bunch of people, we had a lot of fun."

"What can I say?" asked a disappointed Europe captain, Rhona Martin, who won Olympic gold in 2002.

"We were beaten by the better team. We knew it would be an uphill struggle. We had two teams that

have never played skins in their lives.

We just had to keep fighting and make them have to play shots. I'm pretty gutted that this is the way it turned out.

But from the first day, we knew, everybody here knew, that it was going to happen. It was a case of when, not if."

### North America 290, World 110

#### North America

(players and points scored)

Glenn Howard (87), Richard Hart (60), Brent Laing (81), Craig Savill (57), Coldwater, Canada. Total: 285.

Kelly Scott (58), Jeanna Schraeder (64), Sasha Carter (42), Renee Simons (39), Kelowna, Canada. Total: 203.

Debbie McCormick (51), Allison Pottinger (45), Nicole Joraanstad (45), Natalie Nicholson (45), Madison, Wis. U.S.A. Total: 186.  
Randy Ferbey (28), David Nedohin (47), Scott Pfeifer (53), Marcel Rocque (28), Edmonton, Canada. Total: 156.  
Jennifer Jones (52), Cathy Overton-Clapham (52), Jill

Officer (22), Dawn Askin (22), Winnipeg, Canada. Total: 148.

Todd Birr (25), Bill Todhunter (25), Greg Johnson (10), Kevin Birr (19), Mankato, Minn. U.S.A. Total: 79.

#### World

(players and points scored)

Kelly Wood (30), Jackie Lockhart (35), Lorna Vevers (32), Lindsay Wood (35), Stirling, Scotland. Total: 132.

Andy Kapp (26), Andreas Lang (33), Holger Hohne (20), Andreas Kempf (20), Fussenm Germany. Total: 99  
Andreas Schwaller (21), Ralph Stoekli (21), Thomas Lips (15), Damian Grichting (15), Baden, Switzerland.

Total: 72.

Angelina Jensen (12), Madeleine Dupont (14), Denise Dupont (18), Camilla Jensen (12), Tamby, Denmark. Total: 56.  
David Murdoch (9), Niklas Edin (8), Peter Smith (8), Euan Byers (8), Lockerbie, Scotland. Total: 33.

Liudmila Privivkova (7), Olga Jarkova (7), Nkeiruka Ezekh (7), Ekaterina Galkina (8), Moscow, Russia. Total: 29.

#### Mixed Doubles:

North America 27, World 9  
Singles: North America 28 (including 8-point bonus), World 4  
Teams: North America 36, World 36  
Skins: North America 199, World 61



Debbie McCormick of Madison, Wis., had a banner three days at the 2007 Continental Cup in Medicine Hat.

# One year later, vivid five-ring memories



**TERRY JONES**  
Sun Media Columnist

Watching the World Financial Group Continental Cup at the Servus Credit Union Place rekindles memories of another international show . . . the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Curling was never anything like that before. Curling never saw anything

like that before.

The curlers of the world, including Canada's Kevin Martin with gold and Cheryl Bernard with silver departed a scene like they'll never experience again.

And when it came to a conclusion, many of the curlers were almost in tears that it was over.

"I'm just so sad that it ended like this and we'll never get to play in front of those raving fans anymore," said Canadian women's lead Cori Morris.

It was wild and crazy and terribly uncurling-like from ear-bursting start to the end when John Morris sat in the hack waiting to throw his rock until the crowd had finished an impromptu rendition of O Canada.

You could make a case that it all started with a pair of pants.



The jester-like diamond-patterned pants Thomas Ulstrup's team showed up wearing against Canada in

the first draw of the tournament were festival-like.

The pants became such a huge hit that when Nor-

way's King Harald arrived at the venue to watch a game, the players presented him with his own pair.

Switzerland's Mirjam Ott was a pre-tourney favourite at Vancouver.

In the end, Ulstrup declared: "I didn't think these pants were going to lose."

In addition to the King of Norway, the King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustav, Princess Anne of Great Britain, Prime Minister Stephen Harper (twice), Carl Lewis, Wayne Gretzky, Kip Keino, Mike Weir and Donald Sutherland also watched games at the venue.

There was Kristie Moore of Grande Prairie becoming the most pregnant (five-and-a-half months) woman ever to compete in the Olympic Winter Games when she was brought in as a substitute for one end.

There was eventual gold-medal winner Anette Norberg of Sweden explaining why they hadn't had much success since winning gold four years ago in Turin: "Divorces and babies. Two of each."

There were examinations of curlers, men's curlers, as sex symbols.

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# Viktorsson, Ulsrud earn coronations on the continent

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After three years of falling at the last hurdle, Thomas Ulsrud of Norway finally took European gold when he beat Rasmus Stjerne of Denmark 5-3 at the Le Gruyere Euros in December at Champéry, Switzerland.

Meanwhile, Sweden's Stina Viktorsson beat Eve Muirhead of Scotland 8-6 in a high-class women's final.

The men's affair was a tense game, with three blank ends. The Norwegians opened with a single and, after blanking the second, the Danes levelled in the third. Norway took another single in the fourth and then, after blanking another end, Denmark levelled again at 2-2 with one in the sixth.

**Eve Muirhead, left, dropped the European women's final to Stina Viktorsson of Sweden.**

The first break-through came in the seventh end when Stjerne failed on an attempted double take-out, and Ulsrud had a hit-and-stay to score two for a 4-2 lead.

Denmark could only reply with a single in the ninth end, and then, thanks to a double takeout from third Torger Nergard, Ulsrud was able to draw his final stone right to the button for one point and his historic win.

After the game, an elated, Ulsrud said: "It just feels beautiful to have gold. We have been so close for so many years now - we have been in the Page 1-2 playoff for the last four years and been in the final for the last three years, so it's unbelievable, it's perfect. In the last end when our third made a double clear-out, I was pretty confident we would win."

"We even celebrate big when we win silver, so we will top that here."

Stjerne, whose team performance was one of the

big surprises of the week, said: "We were playing the best team here and I think the final was a matter of experience. We didn't have the guts to go for it as we did in the other games. They were playing really well. But we are now the top national team at home, and we can get silver in the Europeans, so we'll go back to Denmark and try to qualify for the Worlds".

Norway finished with a 9-2 record while Denmark was 8-4, identical to the Switzerland record that earned the men's bronze medal. Christof Schwaller defeated Andy Kapp of Germany 7-4 in the bronze scuffle.

Russia and the Netherlands finished at the bottom of the 10-team A group and were relegated to B for next year. Italy and Latvia won B gold and silver and rose to the A group.

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Our guests include captain Neil Harrison (Canada) and coach Rick Lang (Canada) for Team North America and captain Pål Trulsen (Norway) and coach Peja Lindholm (Sweden). In addition to their current role at the Continental Cup, they also boast a long list of achievements as competitors on the international curling scene. So, you can be sure the conversation will be lively!

Tomorrow - 4:00 – 6:00 pm

autograph **session**

The entire lineup of athletes at the Continental Cup will be getting together on the 2nd Level Concourse, Servus Credit Union Place this afternoon to sign autographs for the fans. All competitors for both Team North America and Team World will be there... a group that includes a virtual "who's who" of championship curling.



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“UK Sports is coming up with a good chunk of funding for curling so we’ll see what their ideas are and what they plan to do for the next three years.”

The only other constant in the land of the thistle is Eve Muirhead’s women’s team — Kelly Wood, Lorna Vevers, Anne Laird — which remains intact.

“But, yeah, there have been a lot of changes and a lot of shakeups, and new plans are being put in shape. It’s interesting.”

Murdoch’s brought his new front end to North America for one Slam ven-

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ture but left Warwick Smith at home and picked up New Brunswick’s Jamie Gratton at third.

“All the guys are coming out for the Skins next week,” said Murdoch.

“Then there’s the Scottish championship and we hope we can start a new roll.”

Murdoch missed the Euro championship last month after losing a qualifier to veteran Hammy McMillan.

As for this week, Mur-

doch is playing a lone hand.

“This was a chance to play with four good curlers,” he said. “It’s another challenge, for sure, because we’ve never played together, but if we communicate well, and the two Swiss guys know each other inside-out, we’ve got a chance . . . maybe.”

Murdoch, of course, is the first to admit he’s never found much consistency in several previous visits to the Continental Cup.

“You’re right,” he said with a grin.

“But thanks for reminding me.”

“I am never,” insisted Martin, “going to be a sex symbol.”

There was Mirjam Ott of Switzerland, the favourite in the women’s event, crashing and burning with three early losses, battling back with six straight wins and then losing both games in the medal round.

There was co-favourite David Murdoch of Great Britain, the defending world champion with a four-game winning streak against Martin, not even making it to the medal round.

There were the American teams, on an avalanche of pre-Games publicity including stops on the late-night talk shows and even *The Simpsons* dedicating a show to the sport, both having horrible Olympics.

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The coaches even benched skip John Shuster for a game.

There was flamboyant Niklas (Tin Cup) Edin of Sweden and his quad-take-out in the bronze-medal game and his spectacular misses against Martin in the semi-final and giving the bronze away to Switzerland as well despite landing that quad.

No missed shots came close to being as memorable, however, as the misses by Bernard in the 10th and 11th ends of the women’s gold-medal game.

With gold on the line after Norberg had twice missed spectacularly to

give the gold away earlier in the game, the Calgary curler twice missed routine shots to win it.

Unknown to those of us on the scene, the curling was being shown on the scoreboard at GM Place prior to the Canada-Slovakia hockey game and the groans on her misses there were even louder than they were at the scene of the crime.

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The women’s final saw-sawed between the two teams five times. The Scots started well, scoring two in the first end with a simple draw by Muirhead.

However, Sweden responded with their own deuce, thanks to a double takeout by Viktorsson.

Scotland could only take a single in the third and when, after blanking the fourth, Sweden scored another two in the fifth, they had a half-time 4-3 lead and built on this with a single steal in the sixth.

Scotland scored two and stole a single in the eighth

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to take the lead again, at 6-5, when a Swedish clear-attempt left one Scottish stone counting.

In the ninth, Muirhead

could only move one Swedish stone rather than the two she was looking for, and this gave Sweden a draw for another two and a 7-6 lead.

In the 10th end, Muirhead failed in a last attempt to shift all three stones in a Swedish cluster and the Swedes stole an insurance point.

Viktorsson, who represented Swedes in the 2008 Worlds at Vernon, said couldn’t “realize the fact I’m champion” in the aftermath of the match.

Muirhead, who lost last year’s World final at Swift Current to Andrea Schoepp of Germany, said she thought her last shot “was there.”

“We wouldn’t have gone for it if we didn’t think it was there,” Muirhead said. “I think if my stone had swung another inch . . . well, when those come off, great, but I missed it.”

“All these silvers will make the gold even more valuable when it comes.”

Switzerland’s Mirjam Ott won bronze with a 9-5 win over Liudmila Privivkova of Russia.

Finland and the Netherlands suffered relegation to the B group for next year while the Czech Republic and Italy moved up from B to A.

**Thomas Ulsrud of Norway won the European men’s title in December.**



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# Continental Cup trivia time

1. Name the single player in the current Continental Cup who has amassed the highest individual-aggregate points total in previous editions.
2. How many points accumulated?
3. Name the single player in the current Continental Cup who has amassed the second-highest individual-aggregate points total.
4. How many points?
5. Name the single player in the current Continental Cup who has amassed the third-highest individual-aggregate points total.
6. How many points accumulated?
7. Name the player (Including coaches) in the current Continental Cup who has played in more world curling championships than any other.
8. How many championships.
9. How many world titles, if any?
10. How about the player here (including coaches) who has played in the second-most world championships?
11. How many championships?
12. How many world titles, if any?
13. Of the 12 competing skips here, how many never have played in the world curling championship?
14. Name those skip(s).
15. Name every player in the current Continental Cup (excluding coaches) who played in the world curling championship prior to 1995 (and the year(s) in which they played).

## Answers

1. Kevin Martin
2. 141 points.
3. Jennifer Jones
4. 100 points.
5. David Murdoch
6. 92 points.
7. Andrea Schoepp
8. 17 world championships.
9. Two world titles.
10. Monika Wagner
11. 14 world championships.
12. Two world titles.
13. One skip.
14. Cheryl Bernard
15. Kevin Martin (1991), Andrea Schoepp (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991), Monika Wagner (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991), 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991).

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# the pause that refreshes

**After a much-needed break, China's Bingyu Wang and Co. are back on the ol' granite trail**



There was constant jabber last curling season about burnout and fatigue.

Some players were wiped out from following the long grind leading to the Winter Olympic Games.

Some said they needed a break.

Some wanted to take a year off.

Others talked of out-and-out retirement and then followed through.

Probably none had more legitimate complaints of wear and tear than Bingyu Wang and her young teammates from China.

And yet there were really few complaints. Even though it was obvious, last March at the World women's slugfest in Swift Current, that an endless six-year quest through the Gobi desert of world curling was taking its toll on the squad that had exploded virtually from nowhere to win the world title in a matter of a half-decade.

"We were tired," Wang admits, rather reluctantly, "but we keep playing."

You get the idea that's the way it works in Wang's home country. An admission of anything less than total readiness is unacceptable when you are, in fact, a tool in a government sports program.

Wang and her mates — Yin Liu, Qingshuang Yue and Yan Zhou — probably could count the hours on one paw during which they weren't thinking and eating curling over a period stretching back to 2005. That's when they were thrust on a rollercoaster that seldom allowed them to see the lights of their home town, never

mind the flicker of their home fires.

"No other curling team I know ever played to their kind of schedule," says former coach Dan Rafael of Montreal, who's now languishing in Pinerolo, with the Italian national teams.

Youth helped this unit. The girls were young, agile, in a class by themselves physically and mentally.

The entire plan was aimed at Olympic gold but the team peaked a year early at the Worlds. Strain was evident, if only barely, at Vancouver where it settled for a bronze medal.

Still, the light dawned on somebody at some level in the Chinese sports hierarchy. Like, these girls need a break!

"We have been together every day for three years or more," says Wang. "Thinking the same way, always curling, leaving no time for small things."

"That's why we needed a free time. It was good for us.

"This isn't only for curling. You go outside and you can learn other things, watch other people, and it broadens your scope of interest. That's great.

"Now I have gone to the U.S. and studied and played with three different teams for one (summer) month in (Madison) Wisconsin. It was good. With the old team, you talk a lot about releases and deliveries and strategy but when you are on your own with a fun team you don't think that way. It is not so serious. It is more good time. It opens up your mind to other things."

Obviously, the break which ended when the team played in four autumn 'spiels in Western Canada and won one of them, was more than required. It was a prerequisite to re-organizing the team and launched a new campaign with the 2014

Olympics in the centre of the target.

When the Pacific Rim championship came

along in

No-

will keep us together for the important events."

Playing with an alternate lead after six years together?

"It worked," admits Wang, "but it still was like three-and-one instead of four."

International coaching has been denied the team so far this season.

"We miss Big Dan," said Wang, "but that was his choice. We miss him because he coached us for two years and we got a lot of success."

We may find another

Canadian coach

before the

next Olympics. But I

don't know . . .

member, lead Zhou was taking time off to study.

With a new lead, the team

finished second, losing the final to unsung, home-tanding Korea.

"We lost in the final but played 10 games and had nine great games," says Wang, who still qualified for the 2011 Worlds at Esbjerg, Denmark.

"I think it was good for us to take a break away from each other," she says. "But now we are back together and we know each other and this is very important. We are hoping we will be able to play together for at least four more years."

"I think the break was positive for the team and

"It is a difficult for us. Sometimes we have problems we can't control."

"We feel more comfortable with our travelling now. Everybody is so friendly to us because they know us now."

In fact, the Chinese women probably have a better line on Canadian geography

than that of their own giant nation.

They've spent more time in Canada the past six years.

Meanwhile, Wang admits curling is getting more exposure in the People's Republic since her team played in the Worlds and Olym-

pics.

"But there are not enough tournaments on TV in China," she says, "so maybe they will forget us until we can be successful again."

More people in her country watched Wang curl at the

Olympics than all other Chinese athletes, including short track speed skaters and figure skaters.

"But I think one reason for this is we play more games, and every one of our games was televised, and half of the men's team's games were televised," says the 26-year-old Wang.

"I know that it wasn't just people from my city and the north that were watching. The people from the south were watching and now they want to play. And they are talking about building a curling rink and I've heard a lot more people want to try the game."

"We walk on the street in Beijing and we are known. We are more famous now than before the Olympics. Ten years ago, nobody knew curling in China. (Including the Wang team). You talked of winter sport then, you would have been asked if you were a hockey player."

"I can't believe curling now is so popular but I believe that we have to keep going. In China, there are only two teams of calibre. We have to help other teams to grow and make curling in China more strong in terms of numbers."

Among other things, the Wang team has learned to loosen up even for events like this World Financial Group Continental Cup.

"In the last Continental Cup we just played the games and went home to bed," says Wang.

"This time, we asked ourselves, why don't we go outside and enjoy the small parties and the beer, and tomorrow we can play again?"

"This is a good event to work on communication and we know most of the North American teams and we are good friends already so why should we be shy? We can learn much from the other teams playing with them here as well as against them in other places."



**LARRY WOOD**  
Morning Cup Editor

# Canada, Sweden top global rankings

Morning Cup staff

Sweden continues to top the World Curling Federation's women's rankings and Canada the men's rankings headed into the New Year.

While there is little change to the position of the top curling nations in the world rankings at this stage of the season, the points gap between them is narrowing.

Taking into account WCF

member association finishes at the recent Pacific Curling Championships in Uiseong, Korea, and the Europeans at Champéry, Switzerland, there are several changes to note particularly in the middle and lower end of the rankings:

The Czech Republic's seventh-place finish in the men's A Group event in Champéry and qualification for the 2011 men's world championship means they move up two positions from 15th to 13th place. In winning the silver medal in the

## Czech, Korean men, Latvian women on rise

men's event at the Pacifics and a place at the Worlds, Korea moves up four spots from 20th to 16th place.

In the women's rankings, Latvia moves up one rank to 17th place after they played in the European A Group for the first time ever. The Latvian men, who won the B Group European event, climb up three places

from 24th to 21st.

Turkey, which became a WCF Member Association in 2009, has shot up five places to 31st in the women's rankings after qualifying out of the European C Group and playing in the European B Group in the space of this season. Slovakia has jumped up from 30th to 27th place in

the men's rankings for the same reason.

Points are assigned for top-level placements at the Pacific, European and world championships and also the Olympic Winter Games.

Lower point values are assigned for events dating back as far as six curling seasons.

The next WCF world rankings will be released following this season's world championships.

The Capital One World Women's takes place in

Esbjerg, Denmark, from March 18 to 27.

Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Korea, Norway, Russia, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.S.A. have qualified.

The Ford World men's curling championship will be staged in Regina, Canada, April 2-10. Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Korea, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.S.A. have qualified.

## WCF Men's Global Rankings

Rank	Country	Points	2009-10	+/-	Rank	Country	Points	2009-10	+/-
1.	Canada	1050	1	0	25.	England	72	23	-2
2.	Norway	819	2	0	26.	Belgium	69	26	0
3.	Scot/GBR	742	3	0	27.	Slovakia	61	30	+3
4.	Switzerland	653	4	0	28.	Estonia	54	28	0
5.	USA	550	5	0	28.	Austria	54	28	0
6.	Germany	516	6	0	30.	Taipei	42	32	+2
7.	Sweden	506	7	0	31.	Poland	40	27	-4
8.	France	413	8	0	32.	Croatia	34	33	+1
9.	Denmark	402	9	0	33.	Greece	28	34	+1
10.	China	365	10	0	34.	Belarus	26	36	+2
11.	Finland	237	11	0	34.	Bulgaria	26	31	-3
12.	Italy	186	12	0	36.	Lithuania	24	35	-1
13.	Czech Rep.	155	15	+2	37.	Iceland	15	38	+1
14.	Australia	147	13	-1	38.	Serbia	13	37	-1
15.	Japan	122	14	-1	39.	Brazil	12	39	0
16.	Korea	118	20	+4	40.	Turkey	4	42	+2
17.	New Zealand	114	16	-1	41.	Andorra	3	40	-1
17.	Ireland	114	17	0	41.	Luxembourg	3	42	+1
19.	Russia	113	18	-1	42.	Kazakhstan	2	41	-1
20.	Netherlands	104	20	0	43.	Liechtenstein	0	42	-1
21.	Latvia	90	24	+3	43.	US Virgin Isles	0	42	-1
22.	Wales	82	22	0	43.	Armenia	0	-	0
23.	Hungary	79	19	-4	43.	Romania	0	-	0
24.	Spain	74	24	0	43.	Slovenia	0	-	0

## WCF Women's Global Rankings

Rank	Country	Points	2009-10	+/-	Rank	Country	Points	2009-10	+/-
1.	Sweden	895	1	0	25.	Poland	61	22	-3
2.	Canada	880	2	0	26.	Slovakia	58	28	+2
3.	China	696	3	0	27.	Croatia	57	27	0
4.	Switzerland	620	4	0	28.	Wales	41	29	+1
5.	Denmark	602	5	0	29.	France	38	26	-3
6.	Germany	570	7	+1	30.	Ireland	31	30	0
6.	Scot/GBR	570	6	0	31.	Turkey	18	36	+5
8.	USA	465	8	0	32.	Lithuania	12	31	-1
9.	Russia	424	9	0	32.	Serbia	12	36	+4
10.	Japan	387	10	0	34.	Taipei	10	31	-3
11.	Norway	254	11	0	35.	Kazakhstan	3	33	-2
12.	Italy	177	12	0	35.	Bulgaria	3	33	-2
13.	Korea	156	13	0	37.	Andorra	0	35	-2
14.	Czech Rep.	141	14	0	37.	Belarus	0	36	-1
15.	Finland	123	15	0	37.	Belgium	0	36	-1
16.	Netherlands	121	16	0	37.	Brazil	0	36	-1
17.	Latvia	118	18	+1	37.	Greece	0	36	-1
18.	England	112	17	-1	37.	Iceland	0	36	-1
19.	Austria	106	18	-1	37.	Liechtenstein	0	36	-1
20.	Hungary	97	20	0	37.	Luxembourg	0	36	-1
21.	New Zealand	93	21	0	37.	US Virgin Isles	0	36	-1
22.	Estonia	76	23	+1	37.	Armenia	0	-	0
23.	Spain	68	25	+2	37.	Romania	0	-	0
24.	Australia	63	24	0	37.	Slovenia	0	-	0

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# CONTINENTAL CUP STATISTICS

(cumulative, through Friday's draws)

## Skips

Name	% age
Kevin Martin (NA)	93
Pete Fenson (NA)	89
Cheryl Bernard (NA)	84
David Murdoch (W)	84
Kevin Koe (NA)	83
Thomas Ulsrud (W)	82
Jennifer Jones (NA)	81
Niklas Edin (W)	79
Mirjam Ott (W)	74
Bingyu Wang (W)	73
Andrea Schoepp (W)	66
Erika Brown (NA)	63

## Thirds

Name	% age
Yin Liu (W)	90
Ralph Stoeckli (W)	86
Shawn Rojeski (NA)	85
Susan O'Connor	84
Nina Spatola (NA)	81
Torger Nergaard (W)	81
Blake MacDonald (NA)	81
Carmen Schaefer (W)	80
John Morris (NA)	78
Sebastian Kraupp (W)	77
Kaitlyn Lawes (NA)	73
Monika Wagner (W)	73

## Seconds

Name	% age
Joe Polo (NA)	90
Carter Rycroft (NA)	89
Fredrik Lindberg (W)	87
Carolyn Darbyshire (NA)	86
Christoffer Svae (W)	86
Marc Kennedy (NA)	84
Andreas Lang (W)	83
Carmen Kueng (W)	80
Corinna Scholz (W)	80
Jill Officer (NA)	77
Qingshuang Yue (W)	75
Ann Swisshelm (NA)	74

## Leads

Name	% age
Viktor Kjaall (W)	92
Ben Hebert (NA)	92
Yan Zhou (W)	91
Havard Vad Petersson (W)	91
Simon Streubin (W)	88
Nolan Thiessen (NA)	87
Janine Greiner (W)	86
Stella Heiss (W)	84
Cori Morris (NA)	83
Dawn Askin (NA)	83
Laura Hallisey (NA)	82
Ryan Brunt (NA)	75

## Teams

Name	% age	Name	% age
Kevin Martin (NA)	86	Niklas Edin (W)	84
David Murdoch (W)	85	Bingyu Wang (W)	82
Thomas Ulsrud (W)	85	Mirjam Ott (W)	80
Kevin Koe (NA)	85	Jennifer Jones (NA)	78
Pete Fenson (NA)	85	Andrea Schoepp (W)	76
Cheryl Bernard (NA)	84	Erika Brown (NA)	75

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## After Day 2



### North America 90

	Team	Doubles	Singles	Skins	Total
Men	30	15	0	0	45
Women	30	15	0	0	45
Bonus	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>

### World 18

	Team	Doubles	Singles	Skins	Total
Men	6	3	0	0	9
Women	6	3	0	0	9
Bonus	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>

### Friday's Women's Team Results

	Wins	Points
North America	3	18
World	0	0

#### Draw 4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	%age
Mirjam Ott (W)*	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	5	
Cheryl Bernard (NA)	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	7	
<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>							
Janine Greiner	91	Cori Morris	88							
Carmen Kueng	86	Carolyn Darbyshire	86							
Carmen Schaefer	86	Susan O'Connor	88							
Mirjam Ott	72	Cheryl Bernard	81							
<b>Team World</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>Team North America</b>	<b>86</b>							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	%age
Bingyu Wang (W)	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	x	6	
Jennifer Jones (NA)*	4	0	2	2	0	2	0	x	10	
<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>							
Yan Zhou	86	Dawn Askin	80							
Qingshuang Yue	72	Jill Officer	81							
Yin Liu	87	Kaitlyn Lawes	73							
Bingyu Wang	79	Jennifer Jones	77							
<b>Team World</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>Team North America</b>	<b>78</b>							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	%age
Andrea Schoepp (W)	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	5	
Erika Brown (NA)*	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	7	
<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>							
Stella Heiss	92	Laura Hallisey	83							
Corinna Scholz	81	Ann Swisshelm	73							
Monika Wagner	72	Nina Spatola	83							
Andrea Schoepp	70	Erika Brown	83							
<b>Team World</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>Team North America</b>	<b>81</b>							

\* — started game with last rock

### Friday's Mixed Doubles Results

	Wins	Points
North America	2	12
World	1	6

#### Draw 5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	%age
World	*0	*1	*0	*1	*1	*0	*1	*1	5	
North America	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	6	
<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>							
Mirjam Ott	59	Jill Officer	63							
Ralph Stoeckli	67	Blake MacDonald	89							
<b>Team World</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>Team North America</b>	<b>78</b>							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	%age
World	*0	*0	*1	0	*0	*1	1	x	3	
North America	1	1	0	*2	2	0	*0	*x	6	
<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>							
Andrea Schoepp	84	Cheryl Bernard	84							
Sebastian Kraupp	60	Ben Hebert	80							
<b>Team World</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Team North America</b>	<b>81</b>							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	%age
World	0	*3	*1	*0	*3	*2	*0	*x	9	
North America	*2	0	0	1	0	0	1	x	4	
<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>							
Carmen Schaefer	72	Erika Brown	57							
David Murdoch	86	Pete Fenson	74							
<b>Team World</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Team North America</b>	<b>67</b>							

\* — last-rock advantage

### Friday's Men's Team Results

	Wins	Points
North America	3	18
World	0	0

#### Draw 6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	%age
David Murdoch (W)*	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	x	3	
Kevin Koe (NA)	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	x	6	
<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>							
Simon Streubin	97	Nolan Thiessen	85							
Andreas Lang	86	Carter Rycroft	92							
Ralph Stoeckli	91	Blake MacDonald	95							
David Murdoch	82	Kevin Koe	89							
<b>Team World</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>Team North America</b>	<b>90</b>							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	%age
Niklas Edin (W)	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	x	4	
Kevin Martin (NA)*	3	1	0	2	0	3	0	x	9	
<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>							
Viktor Kjaall	91	Ben Hebert	92							
Fredrik Lindberg	86	Marc Kennedy	95							
Sebastian Kraupp	73	John Morris	82							
Niklas Edin	82	Kevin Martin	96							
<b>Team World</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>Team North America</b>	<b>91</b>							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	%age
Thomas Ulsrud (W)*	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	x	4	
Pete Fenson (NA)	0	2	2	0	3	0	2	x	9	
<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%age</b>							
Havard Van Petersson	95	Ryan Brunt	85							
Christoffer Svae	83	Joe Polo	89							
Torger Nergaard	91	Shawn Rojeski	85							
Thomas Ulsrud	75	Pete Fenson	91							
<b>Team World</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>Team North America</b>	<b>88</b>							

\* — started game with last rock

## Today's Matches

### 'A' Skins (9 a.m.)

**Sheet A — Women:** World (Andrea Schoepp) vs. North America (Erika Brown)  
**Sheet B — Mixed:** World (Thomas Ulsrud, Carmen Schaefer, Niklas Edin, Yin Liu) vs. North America (Kevin Koe, Susan O'Connor, Nolan Thiessen, Cori Morris)  
**Sheet C — Men:** World (David Murdoch) vs. North America (Pete Fenson)  
 (20 points available per game)

### Singles (2 p.m.)

**Women**  
**Sheet A — World** (Mirjam Ott)

vs. N. America (Jennifer Jones)  
**Sheet B — World** (Andrea Schoepp) vs. North America (Cheryl Bernard)  
**Sheet C — World** (Bingyu Wang) vs. North America (Erika Brown)

#### Men

**Sheet A — World** (Niklas Edin) vs. North America (Pete Fenson)  
**Sheet B — World** (David Murdoch) vs. North America (Kevin Martin)  
**Sheet C — World** (Thomas Ulsrud) vs. North America (Kevin Koe)

(32 points available for this category; each of these six games is worth four points, or two points for a tie, with an eight-point bonus awarded)

to the team with the highest aggregate score from all matches; each member of the team must throw one of the required six shots)

### 'B' Skins (7:30 p.m.)

**Sheet A — Women:** World (Mirjam Ott) vs. North America (Jennifer Jones)  
**Sheet B — Mixed:** World (David Murdoch, Andrea Schoepp, Torger Nergaard, Bingyu Wang) vs. North America (John Morris, Ann Swisshelm, Marc Kennedy, Nina Spatola)  
**Sheet C — Men:** World (Niklas Edin) vs. North America (Kevin Koe)

(30 points available per game)



## Sunday's Matches

### 'C' Women's Skins Final (11 a.m.)

**Sheet B — World** (Bingyu Wang) vs. North America (Cheryl Bernard)  
 (55 points available)

### 'C' Men's Skins Final (6 p.m.)

**Sheet B — World** (Thomas Ulsrud) vs. North America (Kevin Martin)  
 (55 points available)

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