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Quelle surprise!

While Canada clinches
a Page 1-2 berth,
France pursues its first
playoff game since 1973

French second Lionel Roux, left, and skip
Thomas Dufour talk strategy Wednesday.
With two games left, France is
bucking for playoff
position with
a 6-3 record.



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KEEP YER PANTS ON!: Even while unveiling a new set of pants this week at the FWMCC, modeled after their country's flag, Thomas Ulsrud and his Norwegians haven't "fashioned" the sort of game that got them to the Olympic final at Vancouver. Norway (5-4) still has a shot at the playoff round, though, thanks to Wednesday night's big 7-5 win over Scotland.

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Canucks punch playoff ticket

Larry Wood
Eye Opener Editor

How important is an undefeated record at the Ford World Men's Curling Championship?

"It's still nice to beat all the teams here so we're not going to let up, we're going to keep playing hard," said Canada's Jeff Stoughton on Wednesday afternoon in the wake of his ninth straight win, a 10-6 defeat of Sweden's Niklas Edin.

"It's been a great week so far and we aren't going to let the train stop rolling. We're looking for two great games (today against China and Norway) and to carry on to the Page One-Two playoff."

That Friday night playoff berth was decided Wednesday, but Canada's opponent remains uncertain.

"Everything seems to be working," said Stoughton, who earlier directed a 9-4 conquest of the Czech Republic entry. "We're getting great positioning from (lead) Steve (Gould) and (second) Reid

(Carruthers) and our shots are so much easier when the positioning is great. We haven't been in trouble more than five or six times all week. It's been wonderful."

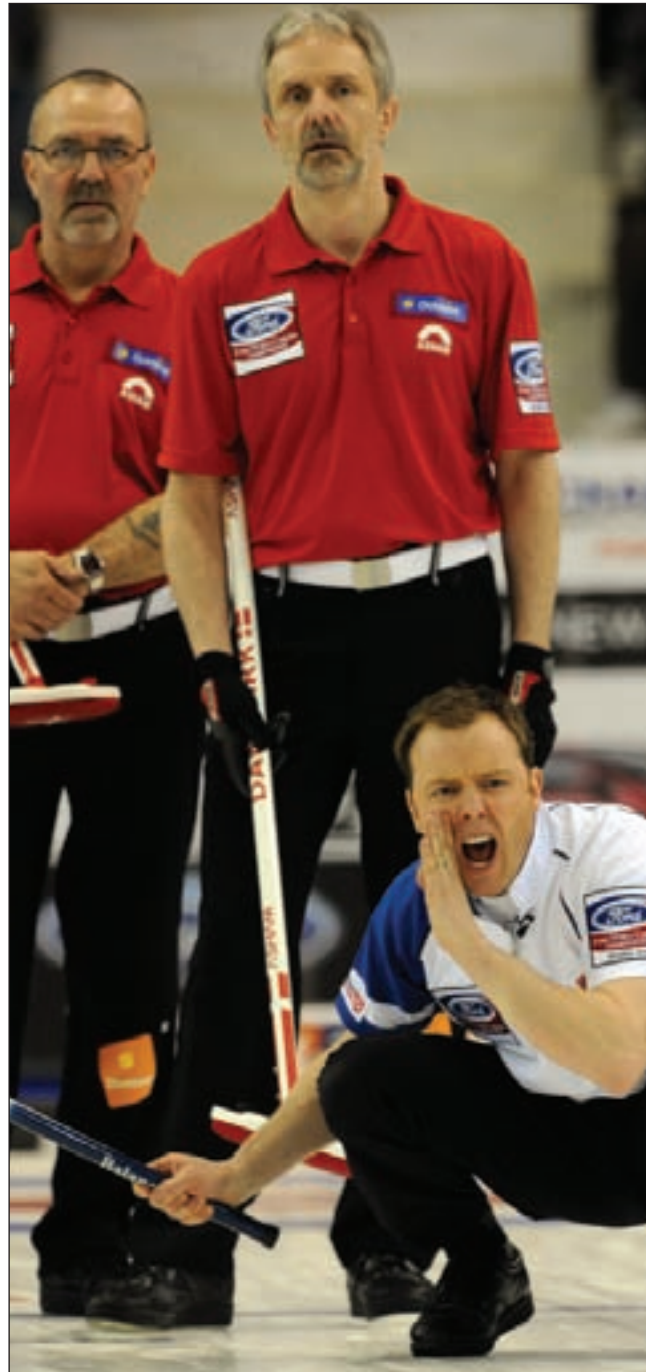
The last team to win the Ford Worlds without a loss was Stoughton's arch-rival from Winnipeg, Kerry Burtnyk, in 1995 at Brandon. Burtnyk went 11-0 in a 10-team field.

The last team to navigate the round robin at the Worlds with an unblemished log was Halifax's Mark Dacey at Gavle, Sweden, in 2004. That, too, was 10 teams.

This is a 12-team affair, hence 11 wins will be required just to sweep the round robin.

"It may not look tough but it sure feels tough," said Stoughton, whose vice-skip Jon Mead is rounding into Brier-shooting form.

"I mean, after yesterday's draw and after the game against the U.S. it was exhausting because you want to win so badly. It takes a lot out of you. We've played five of the last six draws so



we're tuckered out."

Canada's last-rounder tonight (7:30 p.m.) is against Olympic silver medallist Thomas Ulsrud.

"I don't know where Norway sits right now," said Stoughton. "They may still be in there, but if we can get rid of them we're certainly not going to take them lightly and if they're not eliminated we want to eliminate them so we don't have to play them again later.

"I think we're sitting in a really good spot and we're going to enjoy this."

The Draw-13 decision over Sweden appeared to be another breeze for the Canucks but Stoughton waved off the suggestion.

"The score looks convincing but they're never out of the game so you're out there grinding away," he said. "To get that early four was a bonus and that three in the fourth was pretty well icing on the cake."

Canada led 7-3 after four and hammered granite through to the eighth when Edin's Swedes (5-3) tossed in the towel.



Far left, Tom Brewster and Scotland are still easily within shouting distance of the playoffs. Above, things went sideways for Niklas Edin and his Swedish rink on Wednesday with a pair of losses. At left, Jeff Stoughton and Canada are a perfect 9-0.

"It was a game against Canada that we didn't expect to win if we didn't play our best and we didn't," said the Swedish skip.

"We had too many easy misses in the beginning. But we have some more games that we have to focus on now. We're confident we can bounce back. We're still playing well, we have different opponents coming up. This has nothing to do with the rest of the games."

While idle Canada remained undefeated Wednesday night, most of the possible threats to a Canadian victory stumbled to varying degrees.

Scotland's Tom Brewster

fell two games off the pace (7-and-2), losing 7-5 to hard-charging Norway while Switzerland's Christof Schwaller fell 7-4 to Germany's Andy Kapp and Sweden's Edin added to a miraculous string of bad luck in losing 6-5 to Jiri Snitil's Czechs in an extra end.

Edin appeared to have his match won and a 6-3 record in concrete until his last-rock nose hit in the 10th end picked on debris, rolled out and left Snitil with a second chance at stealing the decision in an extra end.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sweden: Thai food, milk, the Professor, Steve Jobs envy, 100-metre dreams, and Will Ferrell worship

Skip: Niklas Edin

Home: Karlstad
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Curler
Employer: Swedish Olympic Committee
Date Of Birth: July 6, 1985
Place Of Birth: Örnsköldsvik
Marital Status: Girlfriend
Name of spouse/partner: Lotta Lennartsson
Favourite food: Thai
Favourite drink: Water
Favourite book: Hm... The Book of Eli (heh heh, I don't read much)
Favourite movie: The Shawshank Redemption
Favourite TV show: House, Two and a Half Men
Favourite vacation destination? Just a sunny, warm place will do
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Usain Bolt, Achilles, Gregory House
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Athletics: Sprint 100 metres! Fastest man on earth = coolest man on earth

If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? I would take away the blank ends. I think that would make the game more interesting, no teams would benefit from going too defensive if you still lose hammer by not scoring! (Unless you're already up enough to win that way)

Three things you always travel with: Computer, tooth brush, drivers licence

First on your bucket list (to do before you kick the bucket): Olympic gold medal!

What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That we are bad athletes in an easy "sport"
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw the button or a triple raise quad ;)

Third: Sebastian Kraupp

Nickname: Sebbe
Home: Karlstad
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Student/curler/shop assistant

Employer: Swedish Olympic Committee/H&M
Date Of Birth: May 20, 1985
Place Of Birth: Stockholm
Marital Status: Single
Favourite food: Asian
Favourite drink: Milk
Favourite book: Hamilton series by Jan Guillou
Favourite movie: Forrest Gump
Favourite TV show: Friends
Favourite vacation destination: Ski resort and a warm place
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Steve Jobs, Albert Einstein, Jessica Alba

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Tennis. Travel the world and earn a lot of money

If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? One hack in the center
Three things you always

travel with: PC, MP3 player, flip-flops

First on your bucket list (to do before you kick the bucket): Olympic gold

What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That sweeping isn't demanding
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the button

Second: Fredrik Lindberg

Home: Karlstad
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Curler
Employer: Swedish Olympic Com-

mittee
Date Of Birth: Feb. 2, 1986
Place Of Birth: Stockholm
Marital Status: Girlfriend
Name of spouse/partner: Elin Mårtensson
Favourite food: Thai
Favourite drink: Milk
Favourite book: Blindness by Jose Saramago
Favourite movie: Inception
Favourite TV show: How I Met Your Mother
Favourite vacation destination: Somewhere warm . . . not the Sahara though
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Albert Einstein, Julius Caesar, Jerry Seinfeld

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Soccer, one of the largest sports in the world, lots of attention . . . and it's really fun!
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be,

and why? Take away blank ends, gives more offensive games
Three things you always travel with: Passport, computer and iPod
First on your bucket list (to do before you kick the bucket): Win an Olympic gold medal
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? You don't have to be fit and an athlete
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the button

Lead: Viktor Kjaell

Nickname: Vikke
Home: Karlstad
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Curler
Employer: Swedish Olympic Committee
Date Of Birth: June 13, 1985
Place Of Birth: Västerås
Marital Status: Engaged
Name of spouse/partner: Sandra
Favourite food: Asian
Favourite drink: Milk
Favourite book: Millennium
Favourite movie: Forrest Gump
Favourite TV show: Two and a Half Men, Scrubs

Favourite vacation destination: A warm and sunny place far away from home
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama and Tom Hanks

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Downhill skier
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? The blank ends, to make the game more offensive
Three things you always travel

with: Computer, iPod and passport
First on your bucket list (to do before you kick the bucket): Olympic Gold medal
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That we are not "real" athletes
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the button

Fifth: Oskar Eriksson

Nickname: The Professor
Home: Härnösand
Delivery: Left
Occupation: Curling trainer
Employer: Swedish curling academy
Date Of Birth: May 29, 1991
Place Of Birth: Karlstad
Marital Status: Girlfriend
Name of spouse/partner: Maya
Favourite food: Asian
Favourite drink: Milk
Favourite book: Robinson Crusoe
Favourite movie: The Shawshank Redemption
Favourite TV show: Entourage
Favourite vacation destination? To a nice lake for a fishing trip
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Will Ferrell, Freddie Mercury, Albert Einstein
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Soccer or disc golf. The skills in soccer and the feeling in disc golf
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? I would take away the blank ends, if you blank the end the opponent gets last rock in next end
Three things you always travel with: Passport, computer, deodorant
First on your bucket list (to do before you kick the bucket): Olympic Gold medal
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That curling isn't a sport. People think it's so easy
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: 10 feet double across the house.

Coach: Peja Lindholm



From left, Fredrik Lindberg, Viktor Kjaell, and Niklas Edin.

Seven little words can make a difference

Seven little words — that's not the way we do it!

Seven little words — we never did it that way before!

Curling is no different from many other volunteer-directed organizations. We have all heard some version of those seven words as the justification for decisions. Or, really, for the decision not to change.

Earlier this year, I wrote an editorial on my website (www.thecurler.com) about the Manitoba clubs which, believe it or not, still do not have internet in their buildings.

Specifically, I was talking about the decision to install an internet connection and



RESBY COUTTS
For the Eye Opener

wireless internet as a service to media. My proposition was that those clubs who see internet as an important tool, and wireless as a service to members and media, are the clubs which are most viable and which will still be viable

20 years from now.

They are the ones who see something new as an opportunity and not as a challenge.

Internet by itself won't make the club viable. The attitude which allows them to make the decision does.

That's why I am so impressed with the 15 or so members of about 10 executives who have decided to spend some of their time this week in a Business of Curling session.

For them, this week in Regina is not all play and no work.

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Dufour heads up a French revolution

If you happen to be a curler looking for a challenge the size of Mont Blanc, playing in France would be your ticket.

Don't believe it? Check with Thomas Dufour, the 39-year-old ski guide who has been trying for the last decade to elevate the level of the game in his home country.

Mont Blanc just happens to be the highest mountain in Europe and Dufour lives right underneath it . . . in Chamoinix. He and his curling team have been practising there, in the hockey arena, for years.

They're still waiting for sports officials to decide the game is worth an exclusive home, which is to say a curling club complete with sheets of curling ice.

France has been involved at the world men's curling championship since 1966,



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Eye Opener Editor

don't you know? That's 46 years! It was only the seventh nation to join the world curling party, seven years after the event was invented. So there always have been rocks and brushes and the odd curler in France, but never any curling ice, per se.

Sacre bleu!

"More and more people know about curling but we

still have no facilities for the game," admits Dufour, who has skipped French teams in six of the last eight Worlds and the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

"We have no clubs, we have no membership. It's difficult. On the players side, we have to make the media come and the money come and try to do something about growing the sport."

There appear to be more deaf ears and blind eyes in French curling circles than a lot of other European jurisdictions. But Dufour perseveres, beating the same old drum.

He won his sixth game at a Worlds for the third time on Wednesday. The French record for wins is seven, logged by Pierre Boan in 1973 on roughly the same Saskatchewan grounds. Nobody else has won six. But

the notice back home is negligible, it seems.

"We have come from nowhere," Dufour says. "We were very proud to go to the Olympics but it's not the only goal. We want the curling to improve in France."

"The Olympics is very big in France but the world curling championship and the European curling championship, they really are nothing."

In fact, France isn't really considered a winter sports nation.

"In the Alps you can find good skiers and good ski teams and the French hockey team is not bad. That's about it."

Dufour and long time mate Tony Angiboust have formed a new team this year. The old one led the French league in commitment.

Five years ago, they trav-

elled to Montreal and spent the Christmas holidays and some time thereafter training for the team's first Worlds as a unit. They worked with coach Dan Rafael, who went on to perform wonders with the Chinese and now is head coach of the Italian national curling program.

"We really wanted to perform well," Dufour recalled at the 2007 show in Edmonton. "We'd given a lot of time for curling. We were just sick and fed up with losing games too easy. We wanted to have fun on the ice and play good games. If we lost and we played well and we were close — OK, we lost. But we decided there'd be no more shaking hands every time after six ends. We were tired of that. We would either try to improve or just stop curling."

Oh yes, and . . .

"We also wanted to play at the Worlds every year — we hadn't been there so often."

France showed up in three of the 13 Worlds previous to 2007, in fact. Dufour has directed traffic in every renewal since.

"We worked with Andre Ferland (of Trois-Rivieres, Que.) for two years prior to the Olympics, so now we have no more real coaches but it seems to be working for us this week," says Dufour. "We have a kind of team leader and an experienced curler. Not a real coach."

"We weren't so happy with the Olympic effort. We were involved a lot, the team arrived in good shape . . . two months too early."

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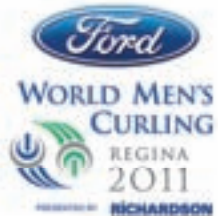


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They are showing the will to explore new ideas. They could sit in the stands and have another hot dog but they are spending some time looking for that new idea which can help our sport thrive in their community.

From time to time, I have had the opportunity to speak at one of these sessions. As with most other such gatherings you inevitably hear the comment, “I enjoyed the speakers but I really got a lot of good ideas from the other people there”.

The Business of Curling meetings focus on new ideas and they create an opportunity of sharing. That’s something else we haven’t been good at in our sport — sharing. It seems like we have always viewed the club across town as the competition and not the next branch office of the same company.

Across Canada, and around the world, it is an exciting time in the sport of curling. The game is

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happening in areas which probably never heard of it a decade ago. Curling is seeing new people at the door in many parts of Canada.

We have to find ways to make our sport more welcoming to those folks when they knock on the door. We have to find ways to recognize their interests and needs and schedules which may not be (probably are not) the same as those of us who have been part of the sport for a few years.

Am I talking about you, or about your club? I probably

am if you can’t instantly tell me at least one new thing which has happened in the past year where you curl.

It doesn’t have to be anything real big. A new draw format, a different approach to melding new players into existing teams, an internet link to help teams find a new bonspiel to play in. Something as simple as changing the colour of the rings from the traditional red and blue might be a start, and I realize that can be a huge decision.

That’s not the colour of our rings! – seven little words.

Why bother to make such a change! – seven little words.

Lock the door for the last time! – seven little words.

If you’re a curling volunteer who never has heard about the Business of Curling program, find out about it. If you haven’t ever had the chance to attend one, ask when it is going to hap-

pen in your area.

And here’s a note to Manitobans in the audience. It is time for Manitoba to do it again. Look for details soon on a Business of Curling session to be held in the fall of 2011. It is time for us to begin talking about new ideas and how we are going to take advantage of the huge opportunity for which we have been chosen — hosting the 2013 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials.

Let’s try a couple of new things! – seven little words.

Resby Cou tts is vice-president for Curl Manitoba, sometime media personality and longtime curling volunteer

While the action continues on the ice at the Brandt Centre, new ideas are being introduced at this week’s Business of Curling session in Regina.



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2011 FWMCC: **NOTEBOOK**

‘Coaching is not on my radar,’ says Mead

Eye Opener staff

Canadian vice-skip Jonathan Mead of Winnipeg was asked about any future yearnings to follow people like fellow Winnipegger Ray Turnbull on the European coaching circuit.

“Would I coach upon retirement?” he repeats the query. “Well, not with European teams. I would rather work for Canadian teams. I’ve gotten so much out of our system.

“I don’t have any problem

with the top players going over there. But my personal choice would be to work here. But . . . coaching is not on my radar.”

Mead says most of the current crop of European teams are more than capable.

“They (teams like the French) just have to get out and play against the best, more and more,” he says. “I don’t know them enough but they play exceedingly well. They call a good game.

“The only thing they have to do is play more.”

Meanwhile, Edmonton’s Blake MacDonald, the

third player for last year’s world championship rink at Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy, directed by Kevin Koe, has confirmed his departure from the team and will take a hiatus from the sport.

And back on the ice this week, Norway’s Thomas Ulsrud denies any nervousness playing in front of the sizeable crowds at the Brandt Centre.

“I love playing in front of the big crowds,” he says.

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Another 32 teams hit the tables today to battle for the final berth. You can be one of them just by signing up for free in the Patch. The Cool Curling champs walk away with the \$300 cash prize with \$240 going to the second place team and \$100 for third.

There's only one word to describe the added value of every ticket...

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The best curlers in the world will be on hand to meet with all the fans today at the Team Autograph session in the **FANfest** section. If you happened to miss any of your favourites during the week, all the competitors at the Ford World Men's Curling Championship will be back to sign one more time Saturday, April 9.

Today 12:00 pm Canada & Korea
Saturday 3:30 pm All teams

up close and personal

Saskatchewan's Braeden Moskowy, Kirk Muyres, Colton Flasch and Matt Lang prevailed at the 2011 Canadian Junior Men's Curling Championship. Twenty-five years earlier, Ed Luchowich and Neil Houston won the 1986 World Men's Curling Championship. Today, they'll share the spotlight for the Up Close and Personal interview in **Keith's Patch**.

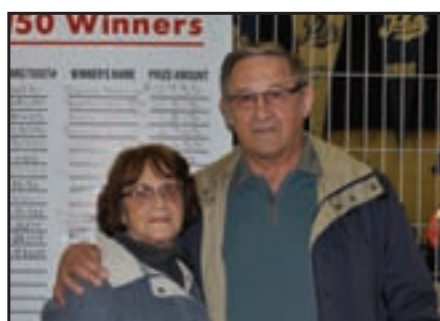


Today 4:30 pm - Members of Braeden Moskowy's 2011 Canadian Junior Men's Championship team and Ed Lukowich and Neil Houston from the 1986 Men's World Championship team.

Braeden Moskowy, Kirk Muyres, Colton Flasch and Matt Lang.

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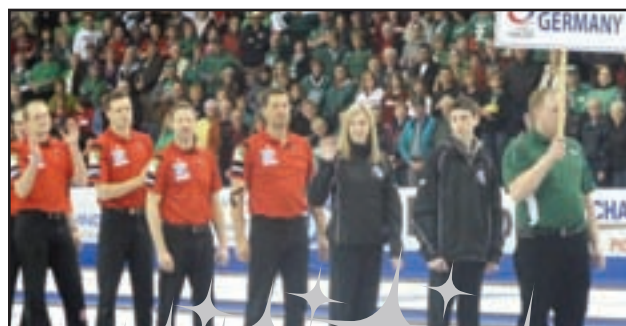


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The winners are:

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- Draw 13** Fred Kurulak – Biggar, SK – \$9,623

50/50 winner Fred Kurulak of Biggar, SK.



Twenty-four young Saskatchewan curlers were selected through a random draw for the SaskEnergy Junior Stars program. Two will be introduced as honorary members of each of the teams in special pre-game ceremonies.

Jill Martens and Chase Martin with Team Germany in the Brandt Centre before the Tuesday evening draw.

Today's SaskEnergy Junior Stars are:

1:30 pm Draw

Team China

Alanna Dickie
 Quentin Van der Schaaf

Estevan
 Estevan

7:30 pm Draw

Team Norway

Tomas Smale
 Jaci Hutton

Wadena
 Regina

junior stars

“At the Olympics we were a little burned, or something. But we were pleased to get seventh place, which is more than France can expect for a country with no curling.”

Adds Ferland, who remains a close friend of the team and is a spectator this week at the Brandt: “They burned out. There were injuries. They were fed up by the time the Games came. Tired of curling. You need to have the feeling that you want to play. When you don’t have that, when you’re tired of it, you’re wasting your time.”

This year, the team arrived for the Worlds only six days early in order to acclimatize.

“We used to come much earlier,” Dufour admits, “but we don’t have the money any more. Right now, we don’t have 98 per cent of the money we had last year.

“We hope our result here will give us more points and impress our federation that we need more funding. It will be very difficult to keep on going, the way it is this year.

From Page 6 WOOD

It will not be possible to have any success at this level. We hope they will see we are very serious and give us the chance to perform well again. We try to make those points but we have to keep pushing and with a good result we should expect something.”

The team holds one practice per week in Chamonix. And most weekends, sessions in Basel, Switzerland.

“It is two-and-a-half hours driving for us,” says Dufour. “Each way. Then we stop playing curling for seven days. It’s not the best way to improve but it is the only way we can make it.

“We try to play all the tournaments on the European circuit. It keeps us somewhere, but not where we would like to be. We would like to be at the level where we can be 85 per cent during a week like

this, competing with players who already are funded.”

Coaching for the future is a subject floating up in the air.

“We are in contact with a few coaches,” says Dufour. “But nothing is certain. We won’t know where we stand financially before June. But we have to plan now. And we are still aiming for another Olympics.”

Angiboust is a novice ski guide. Rookie second Lionel Roux is from Marseille but lives in Lausanne, Switzerland. Rookie lead Wilfrid Coulot is a pastry chef from Besancon.

“They are doing much better than I expected,” says Ferland. “I believe much better than they were expecting, too.

“They’ve had less practice this year. They have the two newcomers on the team . . . very good curlers, but newcomers. They haven’t spent much time training and the result really is surprising.

“I think they’re doing well because they are loose, there is no pressure on them. That’s

the key factor for them. They have nothing to prove.”

Ferland says he tried to switch the batting order prior to the Olympics, with Angiboust throwing last rocks.

“It didn’t work then but it was the right decision,” says the Quebecer. “I think Thomas struggles a bit with the stress of throwing the last rocks, the key shots. He can do it, but it’s hard work for him. It’s not natural. We worked hard on that and he improved. But Thomas’s technique is not consistent. Sometimes his rocks react differently. He’s not easy to read. This year, with Tony sweeping and throwing fourth, it has turned out very well.”

Angiboust isn’t long on verbal communication.

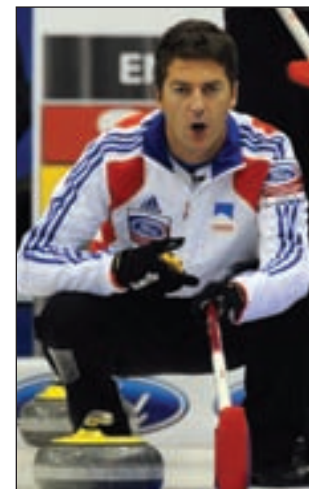
“I like to sweep and throw rocks,” he was saying the other day. “Tell me what to throw and I’ll throw it. I don’t want to be bothered thinking about strategy and shot-calling.”

It’s a strange dynamic. Dufour throws third, skips

and second Roux holds the broom for third stones.

“Tony doesn’t like to hang around the teehead,” agrees Ferland. “He doesn’t want to worry too much about anything but throwing weight at the broom. And he’s succeeded with that.

“These guys had never really been coached. When I came with them for the



French skip Thomas Dufour notes: “We have come from nowhere.”

Olympics, I found it delicate trying to help the team without bothering the team. There were things I’d have liked to change but they were so used to doing things the way they had always done them . . . and many things turned out well.”

Ferland says French curling administrators queried him about coaching the team through to the Sochi Games.

“I told them I’d be 70 by Sochi and that’s too old,” he says. “I know the guys pretty well and I like the format they have right now with Jan Ducroz, who has been with them for years and years, and Philippe Bertrand, a kinesiologist, and a good administrator.”

Ferland wouldn’t be in any rush to install the team on the North American cashspiel circuit, either.

“They’re good enough the way they’re playing now. But I don’t think they’re ready just yet,” he says.

Fact is, there’s too much work still to do . . . at home.




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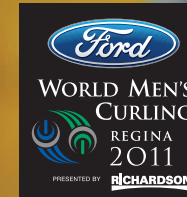
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Time out for trivia

QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Name three players in the current world men's championship who previously won world junior men's championships.

1. In what years and for which skips?

2. Name the curler (or curlers) who has (have) appeared in more world men's championships than any other but has never skipped in a world championship.

3. He (or they) represented which country (or countries)?

4. In how many world championships has he (have they) participated?

5. Regina legend Ernie Richardson won three world men's championships with undefeated records. Name the only skip to win two titles with



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undefeated records.

6. How about the only other skips ever to win the world men's championship with undefeated records? There are five. (Hint: All were Canadians).

7. A total of 22 countries have qualified for play in the world men's curling championship. Name the

10 countries which have previously competed but did not qualify this year.

8. Name the skip of the team to defeat Canada's Ernie Richardson when he won his fourth world title at Perth, Scotland, in 1963.

9. Where was he from?

10. Name the skip of the only team to defeat Canada's Jeff Stoughton at the 1996 world men's curling championship at Hamilton's Copps Coliseum.

11. How about the only two skips to defeat Stoughton at the 1999 world men's curling championship at Saint John's Harbour Station?

12. Name the one country that has produced a world men's champion but has never hosted the event.



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- 12. Norway.
- 11. Andy Kapp, Hammy McMillan.
- 10. Patrick Hurlmann.
- 9. Detroit, Mich., U.S.A.
- 8. Mike Slyziuk.
- Wales
- erlands, New Zealand,
- land, Italy, Japan, Neth-
- England, Finland, Ire-
- 7. Australia, Austria,
- cott.



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- the alternate position.
- 5. Don Duguid.
- 6. Kerry Burnyk, Lyall
- Dagg, Rick Folk, Orest
- Meleschuk, Ron North-



- GoD: Tom Brewster,
- Niklas Edin, Frederik
- Lindberg
- 1. Brewster skipped in
- 1995, Edin skipped in
- 2004, Lindberg played
- lead for Edin in 2004.
- 2. Flemming Davanger,
- Holger Hohne, Peter
- Smith.
- 3. Davanger (Norway)
- Hohne (Germany),
- Smith (Scotland).
- 4. Each has appeared
- in 11 Worlds, including



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The Czech skip executed a tight, precise bury in the four-foot there, and Edin jammed on an attempted runback split double-kill.

"There was no way to draw the button," Edin said afterward. "We had to run it straight back. He made a perfect shot, but he shouldn't have had the chance.

"That pick was so unfortunate. The shot in the 10th was there all the way. It was on the nose until it picked big-time."

Did Edin, who also suffered from a turnaround decision involving a replayed end earlier in the competition against Norway, feel a little snake-bitten?

"Not a little," he said. "A lot."

Scotland now faces idle France (6-and-3) this morning in a game that could decide an opponent for Canada in the Page One-Two playoff match Friday night.

Four other survivors — Germany, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden — were alive

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with four losses.

Here's the way it will unfold today:

Canada (9-0) — 8:30 a.m.
China (4-5), 7:30 p.m. Norway (5-4).

Scotland (7-2) — 8:30 a.m.
France (6-3), 1:30 p.m.
U.S.A. (3-6).

France (6-3) — 8:30 a.m.
Scotland (7-2), 7:30 p.m.
U.S.A. (3-6).

Sweden (5-4) — 8:30 a.m.
Korea (2-7), 1:30 p.m. Switzerland (5-4).

Switzerland (5-4) — 1:30 p.m.
Sweden (5-4), 7:30 p.m.
Korea (2-7).

Germany (5-4) — 8:30 a.m.
Denmark (0-9), 1:30 p.m.
Czech Republic (3-6).

Norway (5-4) — 1:30 p.m.
China (4-5), 7:30 p.m. Canada (9-0).

"We stayed alive against really good Swiss guys," said German skip Kapp, who is

riding a three-game winning streak. "It was important today. We lost to those guys twice at Euros. We said it's now our time.

"None of these games are easy. We lost to Tommy Stjerne last year. And you don't know how a game like that with him will go. The Czech team is playing well. No easy games, but we are in a good position. If we keep on playing like today, I hope we can get to 7-4."

Norway's Ulrud, who has been battling from behind throughout, said he was finally happy with his team's performance (against Scotland).

"This is the way we can play," he said. "Trouble is, I have a really sore back from dodging bullets all week. Fortunately, none have hit me yet. But they're getting closer and closer.

"We still have it in our hands now as long as we win the last two.

"But it's not a good position

we're in, I'll be honest."

The last time Ulrud played in a Worlds tiebreaker was during his 1998 debut at Kamloops.

He finished with a 5-5 record.

Scottish skip Brewster gave the Norwegians fair recognition.

"They're a good team, you know?" he said. "Just one of the best in Europe. They played some good shots and we missed some half-chances. The steal in the sixth killed us. I think the weight was there (on a last-rock draw), we just didn't sweep it at the right point. That was a key."

It allowed Norway to take a 6-4 lead.



Rockin' Trivia:

What country has won the most World Men's Curling Championships?

United States	Canada
Switzerland	Scotland

Answer: Canada has won 27 of a possible 42 Men's World Championships.



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Knowledge grows

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NOTES:
Great fun

“We have fun out there with this,” says Ulsrud. “I just wish I could figure out what we’re doing wrong on the ice.”

And in the Canadian camp, Jeff Stoughton explains the differences between skipping a Worlds contender and a Brier contender:

“Everybody expects you to win when you represent Canada in a curling game. You represent your province at the Brier and everyone hopes you win.

“I’ve said it before. The expectations of curling in Canada are that you should come back with a gold medal. Our expectations are just as high. We want to win this.”



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worlds as
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

France: Cheese fondue, hoop dreams, the Rocky Mountains, Corsican vacations, and cabbage soup on celluloid

Skip: Thomas Dufour
(third rocks)

Nickname: Tom
Home: Chamonix
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Ski guide
Date Of Birth: Feb. 12, 1973
Place Of Birth: Chamonix
Marital Status: Relationship
Name of spouse/partner: Pauline
Favourite food: Raclette
Favourite drink: Wine
Favourite book: Les Conquerants de l'Inutile, Lionel Terray
Favourite movie: Life is Beautiful
Favourite vacation destination? Corsica
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Basketball
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? Eight-end games . . . too long
Three things you always travel with: Computer, phone
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw

Third: Tony Angiboust
(fourth rocks)

Home: Chamonix
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Technician at sports events
Employer: Chamonix Sports Club
Date Of Birth: June 10, 1983
Place Of Birth: Chamonix
Marital Status: Single
Favourite food: Noodles
Favourite drink: Beer
Favourite vacation destination? Anywhere with a beach and the sea
Do you have superstitions? xxxx
Three things you always travel with: iPod, camera
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the button

Second: Lionel Roux

Home: Lausanne
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Machine operator
Date Of Birth: Nov. 19, 1970
Place Of Birth: Megeve, France
Marital Status: Relationship
Name of spouse/partner: Helene Grieshaber
Favourite food: Noodles
Favourite drink: Water
Favourite movie: Dune
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Triple takeout

Occupation: Pastry chef, chocolatier
Employer: Baud Patisserie
Date Of Birth: June 25, 1986
Place Of Birth: Besancon

beach and plenty of sun
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Megan Fox, Scooter, Nicolas Crevoisiet
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Biking
Your pet peeves: Heavy traffic
Three things you always travel with: Cellphone, money, credit card

Fifth: Jan Ducroz

Home: Chamonix
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Ski resort owner
Date Of Birth: May 6, 1971
Place Of Birth: Chamonix
Marital Status: Single
Children (name/age): Niklas, 17, and Theo, 14
Favourite food: Cheese fondue
Favourite drink: Beer
Favourite movie: The Usual Suspects
Favourite TV show: Two and a Half Men
Favourite vacation destination? Vancouver and the Rocky Mountains
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party: Russ Howard, Johnny Depp, Shakira

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Ski jumping
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? Just have six minutes per end (that's for my skip)
Three things you always travel with: Camera, phone, and passport

First on your bucket list (to-do list before you kick the bucket): Get a medal at the world curling championship, find a girlfriend, travel all around the world
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That they drink too much
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the button

Coach: Jan Ducroz

Lead: Wilfrid Coulot

Nickname: Will
Home: Besancon
Delivery: Right

Marital Status: Relationship
Name of spouse/partner: Laura Girardet
Favourite drink: Coke
Favourite movie: La Soupe Aux Choux
Favourite vacation destination? Anywhere with a

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

From left, Wilfrid Coulot, Lionel Roux, and Tony Angiboust.



2011 FORD WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP: SCHEDULE AND RESULTS



Standings (through Wednesday's draws)

Team	W	L
Canada	9	0
Scotland	7	2
France	6	3
Germany	5	4
Switzerland	5	4
Sweden	5	4
Norway	5	4
China	4	5
United States	3	6
Czech Republic	3	6
Korea	2	7
Denmark	0	9



Today's Games

Draw 15 (8:30 a.m.)
 Scotland vs. France
 Canada vs. China
 Korea vs. Sweden
 Germany vs. Denmark

Draw 16 (1:30 p.m.)
 Czech Republic vs. Ger-
 many
 Sweden vs. Switzerland
 China vs. Norway
 Scotland vs. U.S.A.

Draw 17 (7:30 p.m.)
 Korea vs. Switzerland
 Denmark vs. Czech
 Republic
 U.S.A. vs. France
 Norway vs. Canada

Draw 12 Results

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T
Denmark	0	1	0	0	0	1	x	x	x	x	2
Norway*	3	0	1	2	3	0	x	x	x	x	9
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Denmark	77		77		79		50		71		
Norway	85		98		83		88		88		
United States*	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	x	8
Korea	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	x	4
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
United States	69		89		93		90		85		
Korea	88		65		68		66		72		
Czech Republic*	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	x	4
Canada	1	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	x	9
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Czech Republic	79		76		75		67		74		
Canada	94		96		99		81		92		
Switzerland	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	7
France*	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	8
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Switzerland	90		80		85		79		84		
France	89		88		88		81		86		

Draw 13 Results

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T
Canada	0	4	0	3	0	2	0	1	x	x	10
Sweden*	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	x	x	6
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Canada	95		91		97		91		93		
Sweden	92		88		80		77		84		
Germany	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	6
France*	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	5
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Germany	99		93		89		93		93		
France	88		86		85		87		86		
Denmark	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	3
Scotland*	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	x	7
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Denmark	76		57		75		72		70		
Scotland	92		76		78		86		83		
Korea	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	6
China*	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	9
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Korea	94		74		76		79		81		
China	76		75		78		81		78		

Draw 14 Results

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T
United States	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
China*	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	5
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
United States	93		86		78		81		84		
China	85		83		89		78		84		
Norway	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	7
Scotland*	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Norway	94		91		89		87		90		
Scotland	85		68		84		88		81		
Germany*	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	7
Switzerland	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	4
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Germany	78		78		83		82		80		
Switzerland	85		70		61		76		73		
Czech Republic*	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
Sweden	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
%age	Lead		Second		Third		Skip		Team		
Czech Republic	89		89		84		81		86		
Sweden	91		91		86		81		87		

* —started game with the hammer

2011 FWMCC: CUMULATIVE STATS

(through Wednesday's draws)

Skips

Name	% age
Jeff Stoughton (Canada)	87
Thomas Ulsrud (Norway)	83
Christof Schwaller (Switzerland)	81
Tony Angiboust (France)	81
Niklas Edin (Sweden)	81
Tom Brewster (Scotland)	79
Andy Kapp (Germany)	78
Pete Fenson (USA)	77
Jiri Snitil (Czech Republic)	74
Yansong Ji (China)	73
Dong Keun Lee (Korea)	71
Tommy Stjerne (Denmark)	62

Thirds

Name	% age
Jon Mead (Canada)	86
Sebastian Kraupp (Sweden)	85
Greg Drummond (Scotland)	83
Torger Nergaard (Norway)	82
Thomas Dufour (France)	82
Daniel Herberg (Germany)	81
Marco Ramstein (Switzerland)	81
Martin Snitil (Czech Republic)	78
Soo Hyuk Kim (Korea)	76
Shawn Rojeski (USA)	76
Anders Soederblom (Denmark)	71
Dexin Ba (China)	68

Seconds

Name	% age
Reid Carruthers (Canada)	89
Fredrik Lindberg (Sweden)	85
Joe Polo (USA)	84
Christoffer Svae (Norway)	83
Lionel Roux (France)	83
Robert Hurlimann (Switzerland)	81
Scott Andrews (Scotland)	79
Andreas Lang (Germany)	79
Jindrich Kitzberger (Czech Republic)	78
Guangxu Li (China)	78
Tae Hwan Kim (Korea)	77
Peter Andersen (Denmark)	73

Leads

Name	% age
Viktor Kjall (Sweden)	93
Steve Gould (Canada)	92
Haavard Vad Petersson (Norway)	89
Michael Goodfellow (Scotland)	87
Urs Eichhorn (Switzerland)	86
Yoon Ho Nam (Korea)	84
Ryan Brunt (USA)	83
Luan Chen (China)	82
Holger Hohne (Germany)	82
Marek Vydra (Czech Republic)	80
Wilfrid Coulot (France)	80
Jan Nebelong (Denmark)	78

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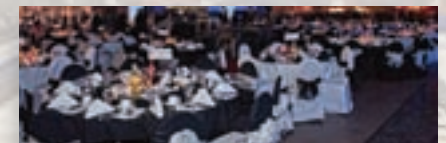
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'STOUGHT' OPPONENT: Canadian skip Jeff Stoughton has led his squad to nine straight round-robin wins through Wednesday. Left, Stoughton calls instructions from the house; right, Stoughton talks strategy with vice-skip and third Jon Mead; below, the Winnipegger shows his smooth delivery style.



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