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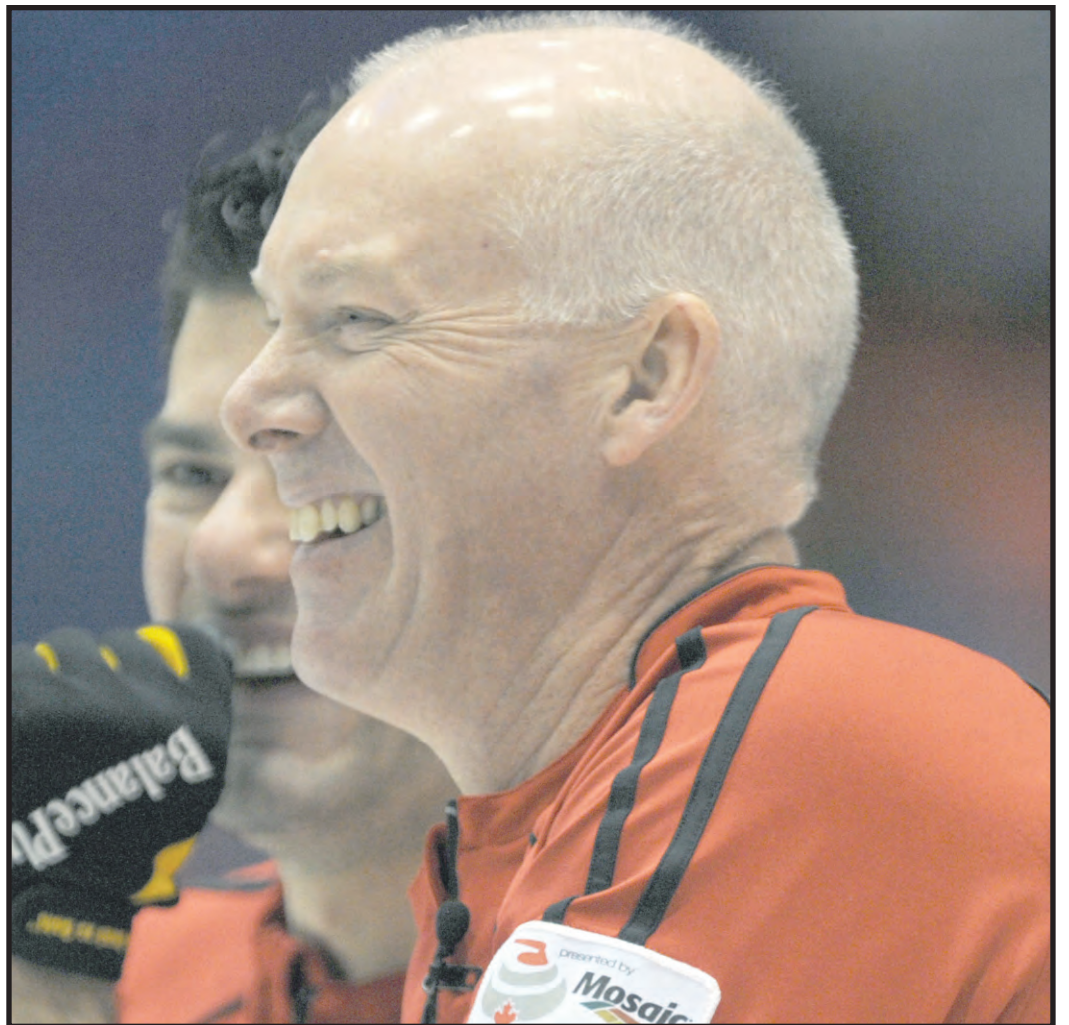


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Winnin' their way in

Kaitlyn Lawes celebrates a Team Jones win, while Glenn Howard enjoys a five-game winning streak. Team Jones takes on Team Lawton and Team Howard battles Team Stoughton in Sunday's Capital One Canada Cup finals. See Pages 2-3.



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Jones or no Jones, same motif

BY LARRY WOOD
Morning Cup Editor

This had the Jennifer Jones team stamp emblazoned all over it.

Another Capital One Canada Cup, another final, even if skip Jones is on hand at Mosaic Place in spirit only.

With regular third Kaitlyn Lawes directing traffic and tossing crisp last stones to the tune of 94 per cent accuracy, the Jones entry advanced Saturday afternoon to the Canada Cup championship test by defeating Heather Nedohin of Edmonton 9-5 in the semi-final.

A year ago, Jones and her Winnipeg crew won the first women's qualifying berth in the Canadian Olympic trials by winning the Canada Cup. En route, the team slipped out of round-robin qualifying in third place with a 3-3 record, and won both the semi-final and the final.

It's the same trail they've followed in at least a couple of Scotties victories . . . and Jones has won four of them.

"I guess it's what this team has been known for over the years but we don't go into an event with a plan like that," said the 23-year-old Lawes with a smile. "We always say that the more games we have on the ice the better, so playing a semi-final isn't a bad thing at all."

She and her team of Kirsten Wall, Jill Officer and Dawn Askin will face Saskatoon's Stefanie Lawton in today's final which hits the freeze at 9:30 a.m.

"We were down one playing the last end without," Lawes recalled of her team's previous collision with the Saskatchewan bunch. "It was a tight game so it should be a good final."

"They'll have the extra incentive, looking for that Trials berth, but it will depend on they handle it. We won't be handing it to them."

Defending Scotties champion Nedohin appeared to have the Jones mystique solved early on Saturday, jockeying in front 3-1 after opening with a second-end

deuce.

But a fifth-end triple proved an early change of direction. It gave Lawes and her team a 4-3 edge and, as it turned out, all the opening it required to build confidence and maintain control of the issue.

In the end, Nedohin needed a deuce to tie in the final end. When third Beth Iskiw inadvertently killed her own counter with a raise, Nedohin was left looking at three opposing counters. She made a valiant effort by hiding her first rock in the back four but Lawes threw a perfect follow to freeze, leaving Nedohin with no last shot.

"I was super-comfortable to have draw weight all game which is a nice feeling to have as a last-rock thrower," said Lawes. "Heather gave me a nice path to follow. She threw it really well but she gave me the read and it turned out to be a great team shot."

"They were still within a point after getting that three in the fifth but it gave us the confidence that if we kept it close we'd be fine. Knowing what your rocks are doing and reacting is a nice feeling to have."

Said Nedohin:

"It was a great game by both teams. Any time you look back at the scoreboard there's always an end you'd have liked to capitalize upon but there were still five ends to play and the score was close. We're please with the way we played all week and we put ourselves in a position to make the semi-final."

The match was tighter than the final score indicated. Nedohin's troops — Iskiw, Jessica Mair and Laine Peters, narrowly out-shot their counterparts on



Heather Nedohin and Laine Peters: The Alberta squad came up short in Saturday's semi-final.

the Lawes squad but the Winnipeg skip made the difference with her immense performance.

Neither team was playing for Trials activity. They were the only teams at Mosaic that already had locks on berths in the eight-team gauntlet at Winnipeg's MTS Centre a year from now.

Nedohin also has a lock on a Scotties berth in February. Her team will fit take a fit for the Team Canada togs.

The prize difference for the final tilt is \$5,000 with the winner taking home \$14,000 plus \$2,000 per round-robin win and 45 CTRS points and the loser collecting \$9,000 plus \$2,000 per round-robin win and 30 points.

Nedohin and her unit — Beth Iskiw, Jessica Mair and Laine Peters — pocketed \$13,000 and 25 points.

Eliminated heading into Saturday's playoffs, Calgary's Crystal Webster won \$6,000, Sherry Middaugh of Coldwater and Chelsea Carey of Winnipeg took home \$4,000 each and Cathy Overton-Clapham of Winnipeg claimed \$2,000.



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Howard stays red-hot, ousts McEwen

BY LARRY WOOD
Morning Cup Editor

Two games into opening day at the Capital One Canada Cup skirmish at Mosaic Place, Glenn Howard was moaning, groaning and trying to explain why his 2012 world-champion curling team was 0-and-2 and performing with much less than scintillating alacrity.

This morning, the team that rose to planetary prominence a year ago in Berne, Switzerland, is prepping to play for the top prize at the December curling tournament they won two years ago at the Medicine Hat Arena.

What a difference a few days and a host of curling shots can make, right?

“We sat in that locker after those first two games and we weren’t happy, we weren’t feeling good, we were awful,” said Howard, whose Coldwater, Ont., juggernaut of Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing and Craig Savill had just administered a 9-6 thrashing to Winnipeg’s Mike McEwen in the latest Canada Cup semi-final.

The result: Howard advanced to this afternoon’s championship final (2:30) against Jeff Stoughton of Winnipeg.

“I mean, the first day was horrible,” Howard added. “We didn’t pick up on the ice. We were awful. I mean awful! All the four us! What the heck were we going to do?”

“Our coach Scott Taylor would say to us, ‘whenever you guys are laughing and having fun out on the ice you play your best’. So I said to the guys, ‘Scotty would say, no use getting down, just go



It was one of those nights for Winnipeg’s Mike McEwen.

out, see what happens.” And it went from there. And the weight was lifted from our shoulders.

“It was Epping, then Martin and Gushue, and lo and behold, we adapted to the ice and here we are in the final!”

“We knew if we lose another one we’re probably done. So we decided, why get down, why get discouraged, we’re better than we showed in the first two games. Let’s just go put there and get some confidence and we did.”

Howard said he does not ever recall losing two in a row out of the gate.

“Not in a big event like this, not with a field like this,” he said. “In the Brier, sometimes, you may be able to get away with a couple of losses. Here, you can’t. Not against these teams.”

Indeed, this semi-final fracas was a matter of record in short order. Howard opened with a three-spot. He surrendered a single in the third end. In the fourth, with McEwen looking for fistfuls of dynamite looking to break up Howard’s great wall of granite in the four-foot, Howard manufactured another three-spot and a 6-1 lead.

“The first three ends were terrible,” said McEwen. “We started so well this morning and then this was like we forgot how to curl. I don’t know what happened. We made so many mistakes early-on. We looked like night and day. It was a little disappointing.”

“I mean, down 6-1 to a team like that? We probably had opportunities if we’d converted all our chances, maybe even make him throw his last rock. But that’s not going to happen very often against Glenn Howard or maybe anybody of that calibre.”

McEwen managed a couple of deuces to close the gap but when his last rock rubbed a guard in the eighth end and Howard hit for two of his own and a 9-5 edge, the jig was up.

This afternoon’s showdown features teams that last collided with big-time pride and big-time loot on the line in the 2011 Tim Hortons Brier final at London, Ont. Stoughton prevailed in that one.

But this will be Stoughton’s first-ever Canada Cup final. It will be Howard’s fourth.

“These guys have been around so long,” said Howard of Stoughton. “This is just going to be another final against one of the best players on the planet. If we come out and play like we did today I like our chances. If we don’t play that way we probably won’t win.”

Kevin Martin leads the league with seven Canada Cup final appearances. Randy Ferbey has been in five. John Morris skipping in two. Kevin Koe in one.

“To finish in the top three in a field of this calibre is an accomplishment and a little bit of money helps,” said McEwen, who never has played in a Canada Cup showdown. “And the points will help, too.”

“This environment is so similar to the Olympic Trials — 10 ends, seven or eight teams. I think we’re almost in a position where it’s a formality that we’ll be there (at the Trials). So we’re pretty comfortable where we’re at in the two-year standings.”

McEwen departed Saturday night with \$13,000 and 25 points. Stoughton and Howard will argue about \$23,000 and 75 points with \$14,000 (45 points) going to the winner, in addition to \$2,000 per round-robin victory for both.

Long gone on Saturday night were teams of Koe (\$8,000), John Epping of Toronto (\$6,000), Martin of Edmonton (\$2,000) and winless Brad Gushue of St. John’s, who was blanked in all departments.



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Brad Gushue had a long week in Moose Jaw, but he always has some interesting things to say.

Jawin' quips and quotes

A notebook of thoughts from this week's Canada Cup curlers

What they said at the Capital One Canada Cup, before and after . . . and what you may have missed . . .

Kevin Martin (Edmonton) — “Sochi! That’s what’s driving me. That’s all that’s driving me. That’s the goal on the horizon. It’s just a matter of waiting for it. I think we still have the desire and the drive. It’s such a big carrot. That’s what my mind is focused on. Hopefully we can get back to consistent play by the end of this season — obviously we don’t have that right now — so we have it to peak at the right time next year . . .”

Chelsea Carey (Winnipeg) — “We’ve been in a lot of finals including the last two weeks. We haven’t won yet in the provincials and here. But it doesn’t really bother us. If you get to the final you figure you’ve had a pretty good ‘spiel. I don’t know what it takes to win those last games. We can’t do much more. I tell everybody that. In the final here last

year we didn’t play well after playing really well all week. That was different.

We learned something from that — how to prepare differently for it. Provincial finals? You can’t take much from those. You just have to show up and play well and hope it’s your turn. You can’t win a final if you’re not in a final and I’ve always believed there’s some fate involved in those so you just have to get there and hope it goes your way.”

Mike McEwen (Winnipeg) — We’re sitting so good for points right now. But I’d love the feeling of winning something with significance to get straight into the Trials. It would also feel very good and help



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our confidence.

Sherry Middaugh (Coldwater) — When you play in seven or eight events you can’t expect to do well in all of them. We’ve been playing really well. It’s just hard to maintain that consistency for so many months. When we put our name in the hat for China, then they changed the date. No regrets. We got to go. We missed Red Deer and Saskatoon but we got the best of both worlds and it took a bit of the stress off the point-watching. There’s big pressure, too, at our provincials. I know, I get it, because I’ve been in this process for a while but it’s hard on the body and the system. I mean, we’re on the ice in August and we’ll be on it until April. She (Rachel Homan, speaking of the Pre-Trials bloodbath) has only been in it for a couple of years. Just wait until she’s been in it for, like, 25 years!!!!

Brad Gushue (St. John’s) — “Everybody talks about the up-and-coming teams and we’re not mentioned but we’re the youngest team here. I think I’m the second-youngest skip, I’m still pretty young but I think everybody’s sick of seeing me slubbing around for the last 15 years.

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I really think this game, especially at the skip's level, is an experience game and you can't beat the experience that guys like Jeff (49), Glenn (50) and even Kevin (46) have had. Even though I've been out there for 15, it isn't 30 and those extra 15 years will allow me to learn a lot more and make fewer mistakes. So, I just try to stick around, get better and try to get the right mix of guys."

Crystal Webster (Calgary) — "It's tougher this year. Teams are playing more. And playing well. So we know we have to bring our game every weekend. The big difference is that every big event you go to has every single top team in it. So you never catch a break. We went to Brantford and the pools were so tough. We went 2-and-3 and we felt we played pretty well."

Glenn Howard (Coldwater) — "Yeah, we've been a little bit slow out of the gate, I can't deny that. Coming in here, we just want to win every game — that's always our goal — and we're not doing that. Our forte usually is we're a couple of shots better than the other guy. Coming in here, we're a couple of shots lower than we normally are. We've had some horrible starts to games this year so I thought playing 10 ends would be good here. It requires a little more patience."

Kaitlyn Lawes (Winnipeg) — "Overall I've learned a lot in four years. Definitely, I've learned a lot more patience. Playing with Jennifer (Jones) and, before that, Cathy King, I've matured and learned my strengths and worked on my weaknesses."

Sherry Anderson (Saskatoon) — "We've been playing well all season and we seem to be on track here. We're in a pretty good position in points. Bottom line, though, is we want to win everything we play in. We win this we'd have the Trials spot and would that make life easier for the next 12 months? Sure it would. But our focus now is to just keep playing like we have been playing."

John Morris (Calgary) — "We've been playing a lot this year. It's one of the busiest schedules we've had in awhile. We wanted to make sure we were out there competing a lot, and making sure we don't get rusty. We haven't always been quite as sharp as we would have liked. But there's been positives we can take out of it, too. A lot more teams are stepping it up this year and that's good for the game, too."

Jill Officer (Winnipeg) — "I don't know (about Las Vegas if you're going to the Trials). It's a good question whether to go or not if you're in the Olympics. It's hard to say. There are probably pros and cons to going. It's hard for me to say because I've never gone through the process of preparing for the Olympics. The Worlds is not the same, I don't think. From my understanding it's a whole different thing, right? I mean, Vegas would be a great place to have a Continental Cup. The good thing is it would be on arena ice. But aside from the nightlife, the Continental Cup is a very exhausting event. There's no down time so you'd have to have a plan in place if you were going to play in it. I think if it's going to benefit the game, particularly in the U.S., then I don't think that's a bad thing. I don't know about the timing of it, heading into the Olympics. but . . . I think you'd have to wait until you're in that situation and put a lot of thought into it. But going to the Continental Cup is always a nice carrot."

Gushue — "You never know who is playing in the right position until you try them out. I think we've been playing good, I want to emphasize that, but it has been a struggle because we haven't won as much as I think we've deserved considering the way we've played. It comes down to the fact we make a lot of mistakes that teams that have been at this level for a long time don't make. We've had inexperienced misses and sometimes you have to learn by making those mistakes. And I've missed shots to win games and the onus in those cases is solely on me which doesn't help, either."

Webster — "Our confidence is really high. We have a lot of talent on our team, and I think we have a commitment level that's probably second to none. Sooner or later, you have to be confident that it's going to pay off, and it's feeling good so far."

Howard — "I think the curling associations should specifically market our game to the hundreds of thousands of hockey fans out there who are going to be bored and ticked off (by the NHL lockout). This is a great opportunity to get some of those fans to watch more curling and hopefully get out there and play it. Curling is the best sport on ice and hockey is second-best. Hopefully all the people out there will realize that I'm telling the truth."



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Organized curling in Manitoba celebrates its 125th anniversary during the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings next December in Winnipeg.

Specifically, Friday Dec. 6 is the 125th birthday of CurlManitoba, formerly the Manitoba Curling Association, and originally the Manitoba Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

It will be the second of two special celebrations in

2013 — the first being the 125th annual MCA Men's Bonspiel in January.



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The history books tell us the Manitoba Branch of the RCCC was established for three main reasons. The organization would strive to maintain connections with curlers and with the mother club of curling in Scotland; it would try to help locals keep up with changes in the sport; and it would organize a bonspiel to provide competition and allow locals to prove their abilities on the ice against all comers.

Nearly 20 years before Alberta and Saskatchewan became Canadian provinces, curlers from across the west, from the U.S. and even from Scotland would travel to Winnipeg for what became an unofficial world championship. The winner of the bonspiel was viewed far and wide as "the best in the game".

The bonspiel grew in size from decade to decade, reaching a record entry of 1,280 in the 1988, the 100th anniversary year. That number is recognized as a Guinness World Record largest-ever bonspiel — and it does not include the entries in Seniors and Masters events.

The entry dropped back and was capped at a more practical 512 for most of a decade in the late Nineties and early years of the 21st century.

In recent years, the entry level in the 350 range has raised concerns in the minds of some. But others point out that 350 entries is a lot of teams and the 'spiel is still deemed the world's largest.

CurlManitoba's board has decided that a tradition will end with the 125th MCA bonspiel. It was a controversial decision when the board declared that beyond 125, it will no longer be a men's-only event. Controversial from both sides,

of course. Some said, "why wait" while others said, "why change".

CurlManitoba is again targeting 512 entries for what may well be the last 'big bonspiel'. Who knows what the future holds?

There are only 16 clubs in Winnipeg these days, with nearly 100 fewer sheets of ice than 25 years ago. To accommodate the entry this year will require travel beyond city limits to nearby three- and four-sheet community curling rinks.

For those who played in the 100th, this year's MCA Spiel will seem small by comparison. For those who didn't it will be the biggest curling event they may ever curl in and no doubt it will create memories for a lifetime.

The dates are Jan. 17-21, 2013. You can enter through the CurlManitoba website (www.curlmanitoba.org).



The Party Line

your guide to what's goin' on

one last tip of the cap!



By Brett Hopper



It's been an incredible five days of championship curling in Moose Jaw during the Capital One Canada Cup. The competition on the ice has been intense and the party's been rocking hard every day in The Original 16 Patch.

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"We go for the souvenirs first thing," says Darlene Burnett, who made the trip to Moose Jaw from Carlyle with her friend Brenda Skoczylas, from Estevan. "The jackets are really nice and they're fun to show off when we tell stories."

"We've had a lot of fun," adds Skoczylas when asked if bringing out jackets from other curling events evokes memories the two friends have shared. "I think the jackets from this event look great and comparing from year-to-year is interesting."

"The form-fitted jackets have become big sellers," comments Robin Henry from Event Max Merchandising & Promotions Ltd., the official supplier of merchandise for the



Capital One Canada Cup. "I'm always blown away when people tell me they've been collecting these items for 25 years because they represent personal connections for fans of the game."

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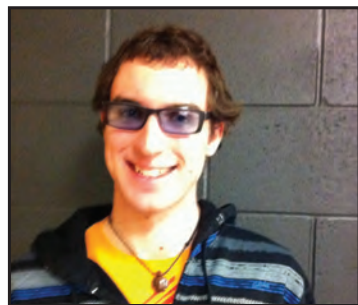
"Those ornaments have been selling really fast," notes Linda Howe, who works in the souvenir store. "They look really nice done up with the event logo."

Howe, along with Wendi Goldbeck, travelled from Regina to work in the souvenir store, helping everyone pick out the cherished memorabilia curling fans have come to enjoy from all Season of Champions events.

"We have some really cool pins this year for trading," says Goldbeck as she shows off new items available at this year's lineup of events. "We also have these really funky felt hats for the traders to put their pins on."

Don't be the one who didn't get your hands on some great souvenirs. The store will be open for business today during the final day of competition. But, the hours of operation will depend on availability of merchandise... and every item sporting a Capital One Canada Cup logo is going fast!

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Familiar faces win at Asia-Pacific

China still reigns as champion of curling in the Pacific-Asia region.

Both the Chinese men's (Rui Liui) and women's (Bingyu Wang) teams celebrated last weekend after winning the finals of the Pacific-Asia championships 2012 in Naseby, New Zealand.

China men won gold after defeating Japan 6-2. Japan took silver while Australia won bronze after defeating Korea 10-7.

The Chinese women defeated Japan 10-4 in their final. Korea won the women's bronze-medal game 9-3 against Australia.

In the men's final, Japanese skip Yusuke Morozumi kept his side in the game early after China decided to blank the first end. Morozumi made a triple takeout and then another double take-out with his second stone in the second end, which forced China to take a single point.

China stole another point in the third end, surrendered one in the fourth end, and the teams exchange singles in the fifth and sixth.

But China broke it open in the seventh with two points courtesy a simple draw shot by Chinese skip Liu.

The Japanese skip was short with his last draw to blank the eighth end, then yielded a stolen point in the ninth.

Playing with Liu were third Xiaoming Xu, second Jialiang Zang and lead Dexin Ba.

The Japan team — skip Morozumi,



Bingyu Wang

third Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, second Tetsuro Shimizu and lead Kosuke Morozumi — also qualified for the Ford World Men's Curling

Championship at Victoria, March 30-April 7, although Morozumi indicated he thought his team would have to win the national title in February prior to advancing,

Said Liu: "We were not bad but we need to continue improving our mentality and physically in order to do well at the world championship.

In the women's final, Wang, with third Yin Liu, second Qingshuang Yue and lead Yan Zhou, led 3-2 playing the fifth end when Japan skip Satsuki Fujisawa executed a triple takeout to take a point and square the account.

But Fujisawa was inches wide with an attempted tapback in the sixth end leaving Wang a draw for four points.

Japan answered with a single in the seventh and Wang wrapped it up with a three-spot in the eighth.

"It was a very important win for us," said Wang, "because at the last world championship we didn't play well.

"I think we needed a win to get our confidence back and we have done that here by winning the gold medal."

Fujisawa, with third Miyo Ichikawa, second Emi Shimizu and lead Chiaki Matsumura, also qualified to compete at the Capital One World women's scuffle at Riga, Latvia, in March, 2013.

Australia's veteran Hugh Millikin juggled his lineup for the bronze-medal tilt, dropping to second stones, dropping Paul Palangio to third and elevating Sean Hall to throw last rocks.

The Oz squad was rewarded for early

pressure when they forced a mistake from Korea in the first end. The final draw from Korean last-rocker Chang-Min Kim clipped a guard and Australia stole three points.

The Koreans managed to tie it in the second and third, then gave up three points in the fourth and fifth. Korea scored two in the sixth but Hall executed a double-kill in the seventh to post a three-ender for a 9-5 advantage.

Hall also made a triple-kill in the 10th to clinch it after Kim battled back with singles in the eighth and ninth panels.

The women's bronze affair was more one-sided.

Korea, skipped by Eun-Jung Kim, took advantage of hammer in the first end to score two points, added two more in the third and a fifth-end steal for a 5-1 edge on Australia's Kim Forge, who played third stones while Laurie Weeden tossed the last bricks.

The Aussies scored one in the sixth, stole one in the seventh, then gave up a killing four in the eighth.

China finished with an 11-1 women's record while Japan was 8-5, Korea 9-4, Australia 4-9, Bridget Becker of New Zealand 3-8 and Olga Ten of Kazakhstan 1-9.

The Chinese men finished 8-1 while Japan was 6-3, Australia and Korea each 5-4, Randie Shen on Chinese Taipei 2-4, Peter DeBoer of New Zealand 1-5 and Alex Orlov of Kazakhstan 0-6.

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2013 Ford Worlds head to The Island

MORNING CUP STAFF

Global championship curling is headed back to Victoria.

The 2013 Ford World men's championship will be held at the 6,500-seat Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre March 30-April 7, 2013, the same venue which hosted the very successful 2005 Ford World Men's which drew 116,167 fans in the first year of the second separation for the men's and women's championships.

Kate Caithness of Scotland, president of the World Curling Federation, says:

"We're delighted to be returning to Victoria. Previous events held at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre have been hugely successful and a great platform for what is one of the pinnacles of the sport."

She should be delighted. Victoria is one fine place to visit in the spring.

This will be the 21st time that Canada has staged the World men's championship since 1959, the fifth time it's been hosted by the province of B.C. (1966, 1987, 1998 and 2005) and the second time in Victoria.

Veteran host-committee co-chair Keith Dagg, who ran the previous Worlds is equally excited.

"My co-chair, Chris Atchison (chaired the 2009 Scotties), and myself, along with the entire curling community, are thrilled," says Dagg, "that the Ford World is returning to Victoria."

"Chris and I worked on the 2005 championship, the first ever sports event held at the Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre, and we're proud that 17 of the 22 draws sold out. As a result, the host committee made a significant profit and the city now has a terrific curling program as a legacy of hosting the event."

Canada has won a leading 34 world men's titles since 1959, and is currently the reigning champion, having won in 2012 (skip Glenn Howard), when the competition was held in Basel, Switzerland.

When British Columbia has hosted the Worlds, Canada has not lost. In 1966 and 1987, when held in Vancouver, it was won by Ron Northcott and Russ Howard, respectively. In 1998 in Kamloops, Canada's Wayne Middaugh prevailed and in 2005 in Victoria, Canada's Randy Ferbey emerged from a wild six-way tie for first place to claim victory.

The 2013 Ford Worlds will also determine most of the countries (excluding host Russia) which will qualify for the men's competition at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, based on the cumulative results/standings at the 2012 and 2013 championships.

Meanwhile, the 2013 World women's curling championship will be played in Riga, the capital of Latvia, in March.

Ontario captures Mixed

Ontario won its third Canadian mixed curling title in 50 years this month when Cory Heggstad's Orillia team dominated Nova Scotia's Brent MacDougall 10-3 in the championship final.

The win, at the Town Of Mount Royal Curling Club in Montreal, was the 11th in 13 outings for the Heggstad team of third Heather Graham, second Greg Balsdon and lead Amy Mackay.

MacDougall had to draw full four-foot in the fourth end for a single but was light allowing Ontario a steal of two more points and a 5-1 advantage the winners would not relinquish. MacDougall's team was at or near the top of the standings throughout the competition. He was supported by Christina Black, Kris Granchelli and Jane Snyder representing the CFB Halifax Curling Club. Ontario lost its opening game of the 12-team round-robin competition, 8-3 to Jamie Grattan's New Brunswick squad from Oromocto, then won five in a row before losing 11-4 to Nova Scotia on the 12th draw. Thereafter, Ontario was unbeatable.

The Orillia team closed out the round robin with four straight wins, then squeezed out Michael Fournier's hometown squad from Quebec 9-8 in a chilling extra-end duel before running away with the final. Nova Scotia and Ontario finished the round robin with 9-2 records while Quebec was 8-3. But the Blues drew the bye to the final on the basis of their earlier win over the Heggstad crew.

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TIME FOR TRIVIA

1. Five players in the current field have stepped down to the third position after having skipped teams in previous Canada Cups. They are?
2. There never has been a duplicate runner-up in the Canada Cup women's competition. Can you name all nine previous bridesmaids?
3. One player in Canada Cup history has skipped his own team and also played for three other skips in separate Canada Cup events. Name him. (Hint: He's from around here.)
4. Name the player's three other skips.
5. Three other players in Canada Cup history have played for three different skips in the competition. Name the three. (Hint: Two are playing in Moose



- Jaw this week).
6. Name their skips.
7. Three other women's players and five men's players currently embroiled in the action in Moose Jaw have played in the Canada Cup for two different skips. Can you name the four women?
- 8 How about their skips?
9. And the five men?
10. How about their skips?
11. Name a former Canada Cup champion who never has won a national championship (either Scotties or Juniors or Mixed).
12. She has, nevertheless, represented two different provinces in national championship play. Name the provinces.

Jessica Mair and Beth Iskiw



12. Saskatchewan and Ontario.
11. Sherry Middaugh
10. (Lainy) John Morris, Glenn Howard; (Kennedy) Kevin Koe, Kevin Martin; (Mead) Jeff Stoughton, Wayne Middaugh; (Rycroft) Kevin Martin, Kevin Koe; (Savill) John Morris, Glenn Howard.
9. Brent Lainy, Marc Kennedy, Jonathan Mead, Carter Rycroft, Craig Savill.
8. (Iskiw) Kristie Moore, Heather Nedohin; (Singler) Pat (Rochelleau) Hersikorn, Stefanie Lawton; (Preston) Heather Rankin, Crystal Webster.
7. Beth Iskiw, Sherril Singler, Samantha Nedohin).
6. Breen (Penny) Shantz, Anne Merklinger, Mary-Anne Arsenault), Hebert (Pat) Simmons, John Morris, Dacey, Mary-Anne Arsenault, Heather (Kevin Martin), Peters (Heather Smith-Laycock).
5. Theresa Breen, Ben Hebert, Laine Laycock.
4. Pat Simmons, Glen Despins, Steve Cheryl Bernard, Chelsea Carey.
3. Joel Jordison.
2. Kelly Scott, Marie-France Larouche, Betty, Jennifer Jones, Cathy King, Sherry Anderson, Jan Simmons.
1. Sherry Anderson, Wayne Middaugh, John Morris, Jo-Ann Rizzo, Pat Simmons.

(Answers)

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MORNING CUP STAFF

The gang from Edmonton is going to do it again . . . one more time.

Yup, Alberta's capital city will stage the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier at Rexall Place, March 2-10.

It will mark the sixth time that Edmonton has hosted the Canadian men's curling championship, the last in 2005, and the 13th time it has been staged in Alberta, since the event began in 1927 in Toronto.

Edmonton joins Calgary, Halifax, Saskatoon and Toronto as the only cities to host the Brier on at least six occasions. It also will be the fourth major curling event held in the city in the last eight years, following the inaugural Tim Hortons Brier in 2005, the Ford World men's in 2007 and the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings (Canadian Olympic Curling Trials) in 2009.

In fact, event attendance records were established at all three.

In 2005, a record 281,985 fans attended the Brier. In 2007, the World men's attracted 184,970 fans, the best-ever for a men's only World event, while the 2009 Trials drew a record 175,852.

"In 1973, I was throwing rocks at the old Edmonton Hillcrest Country Club when Danny Fink and his team from Manitoba stepped out onto the ice next to me to practise for the Edmonton Brier," says Mark Johnson, host committee chair for the 2013 Brier. Johnson skipped the 2010 Canadian Seniors and 2011 World Seniors champion team from Edmonton.

That 1973 rendition was played in the creaky old Edmonton Gardens. It was the first, in fact, in which the CBC television network installed considerably increased arena lighting which, at times, played havoc with the ice conditions.

"I was in awe watching them throw and then when I attended my first Brier game only days later, I was hooked on the Brier dream. It took me 33 years before I was able to fulfill that dream and represent Alberta in the 2006 Regina Brier (as an alternate player). Believe me, I soaked up every minute of that amazing experience.

"I can't tell you how much of an honour it is to now have the opportunity to be the chairman of the 2013 Brier. Edmonton and the surrounding communities have an excellent reputation for supporting and hosting major events. I fully expect the calibre of play at the Brier to be the best.

"The Brier offers players the unique experience of representing their province or territory in a national championship and with the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games taking place not long after, get ready, curling fans, because it's going to be a great show!"

Tim Hortons began its title sponsorship of the Brier in 2005 and last year extended its agreement through 2014.

The winning team at the Edmonton Brier will represent Canada at the Ford World men's curling championship, March 30-April 7 in Victoria's Save-On Memorial Centre.

Edmonton also hosted the Brier in 1954 (Gardens),



Team Martin hopes to be the home team at the 2013 Brier.

1987 (Agridplex) and 1999 (Rexall).

The Brier has been played in 31 cities across Canada, from Victoria to St. John's.

Manitoba has won a leading 27 Briers. Alberta is next with 25 victories while Ontario has produced 10 winners, the latest last year at Saskatoon when Glenn Howard of Coldwater won the title.

New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Yukon/Northwest Territories have yet to win.



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Capital One Canada Cup Statistical Story

Scoring and Percentages Summary for Draw 10 *Tie Breaker*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
C Team Koe	*1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	7
Team McEwen	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	1	9
KOE	#SH	PTS	PCT	MCE	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Nolan Thiessen	20	70	88	1 Denni Neufeld	19	68	89				
2 Carter Rycroft	20	58	73	2 Matt Wozniak	20	66	83				
3 Pat Simmons	20	62	78	3 B.J. Neufeld	20	77	96				
4 Kevin Koe	20	65	81	4 Mike McEwen	20	68	85				
Team Totals	80	255	80	Team Totals	79	279	88				

Attendance Draw 10: 2409 Total: 20285

Scoring and Percentages Summary for Draw 10 *Semi-final*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
C Team Jones	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	2	9
Team Nedohin	*0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
JON	#SH	PTS	PCT	NED	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Dawn Askin	20	68	85	1 Laine Peters	20	69	86				
2 Jill Officer	20	62	78	2 Jessica Mair	20	64	80				
3 Kirsten Wall	20	55	69	3 Beth Iskiw	20	58	73				
4 Kaitlyn Lawes	20	75	94	4 Heather Nedohin	20	66	83				
Team Totals	80	260	81	Team Totals	80	257	80				

Attendance Draw 10: 3517 Total: 21393

Scoring and Percentages Summary for Draw 11 *Semi-final*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
C Team Howard	*3	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	X	9
Team McEwen	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	X	6
HOW	#SH	PTS	PCT	MCE	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Craig Savill	17	61	90	1 Denni Neufeld	18	68	94				
2 Brent Laing	18	68	94	2 Matt Wozniak	18	66	92				
3 Wayne Middaugh	18	67	93	3 B.J. Neufeld	18	48	67				
4 Glenn Howard	18	66	92	4 Mike McEwen	18	59	82				
Team Totals	71	262	92	Team Totals	72	241	84				

Attendance Draw 11: 3735 Total: 24020



We're outta here folks, thanks for the fun

MORNING CUP STAFF

There's something that you should know about this estimable publication to which you've subscribed the past five days.

What's that? Well, simply, it never gets the final story. Hardly ever. And certainly not this year, either. Sorry about that!

The Morning Cup, you see, does not publish on the post-Canada Cup Monday.

The way the Canadian Curling Association and the Moose Jaw organizing committee figure it, if we're over budget after five days, we won't be going for six.

Oh yes, and there's something else you should know. This publication would not exist without the efforts of the Moose Jaw organizing committee, the CCA and its sponsors. Between them,

they fund the whole shebang. So, save a cheer, also a tiger, for each of them.

Now, what we're asking from you today is this. We set up today's championship final matches in this last edition.

Hereafter, you're on your own. The names of the winners of the 2012 Canada Cup will not be recorded for posterity in the Morning Cup. Not ever, in fact, because there will be no Canada Cup next year, in lieu of (a) the Capital One Road To The Roar Olympic Pre-Trials at the Kitchener-Waterloo Auditorium Nov. 3-10, not to mention the Tim Hortons Olympic Curling Trials, Dec. 1-8 at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg.

The next Canada Cup competition will be played in December, 2014, at a site yet to be announced.

Meantime, it has been a large-style slice of

heaven, folks. We at the Cup would like to thank you for your interest. We'd like to thank all the competitors for their time and courtesy. We'd like to thank our supporters for theirs. And we'd especially, also specifically, like to thank Stu Stewart who ran the media room, our print partners at the Moose Jaw Times-Herald headed by Doug Lix and our pals Matt and Doug in the Transcontinental plant in Saskatoon for the jobs they performed on our behalf, and to Rob De-whirst of the Moose Jaw committee for same.

What else is there to say? Have a good final day and don't forget to stay in touch with the CCA website for an announcement regarding the 2014 Capital One Canada Cup. It's certain to be a blast!

Cheers.

2012 CAPITAL ONE CANADA CUP								
DATE	#	TIME	A	B	C	D	E	
WED. Nov. 28	1	9:00 a.m.	4 Middaugh 10 Lawton	6 Martin 7 Epping	9 Stoughton 5 Howard		9 Jones 7 Webster	
	2	2:00 p.m.	7 Webster 4 Carey	2 Gushue 8 McEwen	5 Koe 3 Epping	8 Lawton 5 Nedohin	8 Middaugh 5 Overton-Clapham	
	3	7:00 p.m.	6 Overton-Clapham 9 Jones	7 Stoughton 5 Koe	10 Martin 7 Gushue	5 Howard 8 McEwen	9 Nedohin 7 Carey	
THURS. Nov. 29	4	9:00 a.m.	8 Epping 9 McEwen	5 Carey 6 Lawton	8 Nedohin 6 Middaugh	4 Overton-Clapham 8 Webster	8 Koe 7 Gushue	
	5	2:00 p.m.		7 Webster 8 Middaugh	7 Lawton 5 Jones	10 Stoughton 4 Martin	4 Epping 10 Howard	
	6	7:00 p.m.	5 Gushue 9 Stoughton	3 Jones 8 Nedohin	7 Carey 4 Overton-Clapham	4 Koe 12 Howard	8 McEwen 6 Martin	
FRI. Nov. 30	7	9:00 a.m.		8 Epping 7 Stoughton	7 Howard 6 Martin	8 Middaugh 9 Jones	4 Webster 8 Lawton	
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SAT. Dec. 1	TB	8:00 a.m.	Koe 7 Tie-breakers (if necessary)			McEwen 9		
	SF	12:30 p.m.	Nedohin 5			SEMI FINAL - WOMEN Jones 9		
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	FN	2:30 p.m.	Howard			FINAL - MEN Stoughton		

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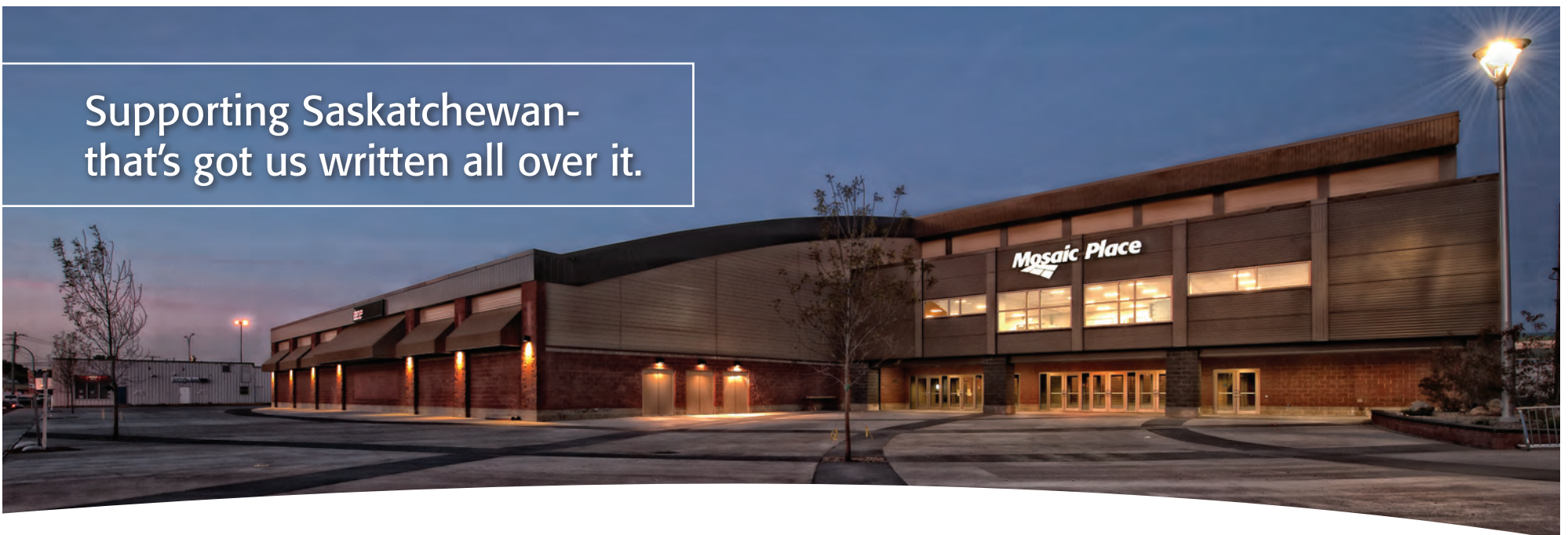
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