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Semifinal

The Comeback Queens!

Hard to keep N. Ontario down

By JOHN KOROBANIK

Heart Chart Associate Editor

s Yogi Berra would say, it was like deja-vu all over again.

Krista McCarville and her Northern

Ontario team just refuse to quit, scoring back-to-back, come-from-behind victories Saturday to advance to today's final at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

McCarville, third Kendra Lilly, second Ashley Sippala and lead Sarah Potts stole three points in the final two ends to upset Jennifer Jones of Team Canada 7-5 in Saturday's semifinal.

They did the same thing to steal their way to victory in the Page 3-4 game with Manitoba earlier in the day.

They are, said Lilly, a team of destiny.

"There's been quite a few things along this week that have us saying to ourselves, 'This is destiny.' We feel this is our year so we're going to bring it the next game," she said.

And McCarville agreed totally.

"Absolutely, we believe that. We've had such a great year together."

They were in a struggle against Jones through five

ends but outscored Team Canada 5-1 in the final five ends to grab the victory.

"I don't even really know what just happened," said a jubilant Lilly. "Throughout the whole week that's pretty much our story. In the last five ends is where we strive. We're able to put the pressure on and steal and it's gotten us to the Scotties final."

Jones had a chance for one in 10 that would have forced an extra end but her final stone draw came up short, letting Northern Ontario steal a single.

"We let that one slip away," said Jones. "But they played a great second half and we just weren't good enough today."

In the second half Jones said she "missed a couple of draws. That hit-and-roll out in nine let the girls down. But we had a great week and hopefully we'll be back."

Jones, seeking her record-tying sixth Scotties championship, and lead Dawn McEwen were scored at a perfect 100 per cent with their shots through five ends.



See N. ONTARIO



The Northern Ontario players were all hugs when they clinched the semifinal win.

ROAD to the **FINAL**







How Alberta made it to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts final:

Game 1: W Can. 12-5 Game 2: W NL 6-4 Game 3: W B.C. 8-5 Game 4: W N. Ont. 9-8 Game 5: W PEI 5-4-5 Game 6: W N.B. 6-4 Game 7: L Ont. 7-5 Game 8: W Que. 6-4 Game 9: L Man. 8-7 Game 10: W N.S. 8-2 Game 11: W Sask 6-5

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Alberta skip Chelsea Carey

N. Ont. skip Krista McCarville



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Lawes	20	70	88	Lilly	20	63	79
Jones	19	58	73	McCarville	20	60	75
Team Totals	80	267	83	Team Totals	80	256	80

N. Ontario

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That, combined with some key misses by Northern Ontario, allowed Canada to score deuces in the first and third ends for a 4-1 lead.

But in the sixth, when Jones came up half a foot short with her last rock draw to the button, McCarville stole one, only the sixth time all tournament that Canada had allowed a stolen point.

The teams traded singles in the seventh and eighth – Jones was a foot too heavy with her last-rock draw for two in seven and McCarville made a cold draw to the button against three Canada counters in eight.

After she and Lawes both missed with attempted doubles in the ninth, Jones was forced to try a hit and stick and when her shooter rolls out it let McCarville steal two for a 6-5 lead.

Jones now play Kerri Einarson of Manitoba in today's 1:30 p.m. MT bronze medal game.

McCarville will play Chelsea Carey of Alberta in today's championship final at 6:30 p.m.

"Hopefully we'll step it up in the first five so we don't have to do this in the last little bit," Lilly said looking ahead to today's final.

"They had a super game against Jennifer Jones so we know we need to play better in the first half," agreed McCarville. "We don't want to get down too much on them."



Team Canada skip Jennifer Jones was a forlorn figure as she approached the 10th end Saturday.

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Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Forgotten amid all the triumphs on the ice is the role of the parents

anadians know all about hockey and figure skating parents and the sacrifices they make to help their children succeed in their chosen sports. We don't often hear about curling parents like Larry and Carol Jones, dad and mom to Olympic and world champion skip Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg.

Jennifer got an early introduction to the sport, her nose pressed against the glass at the St. Vital Curling Club watching her parents curl, so it was almost natural she would take to the game. But to become one of the world's absolute best she needed the support of her parents.

"They've been such big supporters. I really don't think I could have done it without them," says Jones who is here seeking her sixth Canadian championship. "They have always been in my corner. Even if we needed some extra money to get to an event they would find ways to help me with that.

"And my dad actually taught me curling when I was younger. Up until about five years ago he was probably my main source of practice. He would come every time I practised, which was pretty much every day, and would



hold the broom and help me. So he was a huge influence and sacrificed a lot of his time for me to have success."

Alberta champion Chelsea Carey also says she wouldn't be here if not for her parents, in two totally different ways.

Carey considers her mother "super mom" for all she did for Chelsea and her sister while dad, Dan, a travelling sales rep and competitive curler, was away for weeks at a time.

"My mom had to take us to all of our lessons and keep our lives organized and she was working full time. I don't know how she did it. It's incredible for me to think about it now, the number of nights I was committed to with all my lessons and curling, and my sister was the same. Just the logistics of it seemed impossible, but she managed to get it done. And she's just my biggest supporter, always



has been."

Carey says she may have given up curling if not for her dad, a former Brier champion who has coached her from Day 1

"I wouldn't have gotten through half the stuff in my life, I wouldn't have played half as good as I did at the Scotties in 2014, probably wouldn't have won the province, probably wouldn't have stuck with curling. He was my inspiration, he was my coach, he was everything, my mentor, my hero, the reason I'm here."

Sacrifice is not a word that Carol Jones would use to describe the support she and her husband have given Jennifer.

"I don't call it a sacrifice, I call it a blessing," says Carol. "I want to say we were there for her. But that's just what moms and dads do.

"I have made her rice Krispy cakes in the hotel because that's her favourite, I have sown on buttons, taken out a spaghetti stain on a shirt, those kind of things you just do as a mom. That's my life and I love it. I wouldn't want to not be able to do that."

Larry always had the car ready to pick up Jenn and drive her wherever she needed to be for her curling, and both parents almost always stayed around to watch.

"It's given us so much pleasure that I can't honestly say it was a chore," says Larry. "We love watching her play, we love her team and all of our families have become family."

While mom and dad gladly gave of their time, resources and knowledge as their daughter developed into world and Olympic champion, their support continues today, reaching into another Jones generation, Jennifer's two-year-old daughter Isabella. Carol gave up her own curling to be a grandma, travelling to events to look after Isabella so Jennifer could remain focused on her curling.

So how does one repay a parent for all that time, money and support?

Simple, says Jennifer, "say Thank You."

"As a mom that's all I would ever want. I think how you repay them is to enjoy what you're doing and for them to see the pure joy and happiness that you get from doing what you love to do."





They've been such big supporters. I really don't think I could have done it without them.

parents Larry and Carol.

— Jennifer Jones





Parents

FROM PAGE 4

And Carol feels exactly the same way. "Yes, I feel absolutely the same way. I've been thanked many times by her and her husband (Brent Laing). We get gifts and things and I don't need those, I just need to hear her say 'Thanks mom, thanks dad for being there."

Carey says she says thanks by "putting in the work and trying to be successful

"I don't want them having given it up for nothing. Our wins are their wins ... I try to share those things with them and give them as many as possible. I feel like I'm playing for them as much as for myself."

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The one thing Larry and Carol have given up is winter holidays to warm locale. Instead their holidays have been to places like Grande Prairie in February.

As the mother of a growing young girl, Jennifer hopes she can be the mom for Isabella that her mom was for her.

"I know I'm biased but I think my mom is the greatest mom in the world. She's the kindest, most generous, has the best perspective on life. She's just an amazing woman and she's what I aspire to be. She's what everybody should be and hopefully I can be that for Isabella. Help her believe in her dreams, help her believe in herself and help her live every second of life to the fullest."

"Oh boy," says Carol. "That almost brings tears to my eyes."

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1. Match the curler with her job:

Jenn Hanna Stay-at-home mom Ashley Sappala Lawyer Rebecca Atkinson Lab Technician, fallahs

LifeLabs
Jolene Campbell Supervisor for Public
Safety Canada

2. Sylvie Robichaud made her third appearance as skip for New Brunswick at the Scotties, but she's noted for at least one other thing on the national curling stage:

- a) She scored an 8-ender in the final of the Canadian Junior Women's Championship.
- b) She played the bagpipes during the opening ceremonies of the Scotties.
- c) She was the only female skip at the 2012 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships.
- d) She won the Ford Hot Shots event at her previous Scotties appearance.
- 3. True or false. Saskatchewan skip Jolene Campbell is playing pregnant this week.
- 4. If you were to ask a Scotties curler about the experience of climbing to a Mount Everest base camp, it would be:

 a) Jill Officer.



Gather round folks, we're going to test your curling know-how

- b) Geneva Chislett.
- c) Steph Jackson-Baier.
- d) Sarah Potts.

5. Quebec skip Marie-France Larouche's pet peeve is:

- a) Rude people.
- b) People who don't do the speed limit but drive in the fast lane.
- c) English-speaking people who don't try to speak French in Quebec.
- d) People who play with the spare change in their pocket.

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It's not that we don't want to. We do. We're newspaper people. We want to get the final story.

But with the Revolution Place seats empty and the HeartStop Lounge deserted on the post-event Monday, it makes no sense to produce a paper.

So that means tomorrow curling fans who have been reading about the Scotties in the HeartChart this week will have to find the final results elsewhere, beginning with the Curling Canada's website. You will find everything you need right there at www.curling.ca

Our next print production will be the Tim Hortons Brier in Ottawa. Hopefully there will be plenty of our Alberta readers on hand to pick up the first edition, hot off the press. And if not, they can always read our papers online on the Curling Canada website.

But before we go, we want to thank a bunch of people who have helped us get the paper out to you on a brief, but daily basis.

Of course, we'd like to thank the competitors for their time and courtesy. It's hard to talk to reporters after a tough loss, but these folks do it consistently and without complaint.

We'd also like to thank all the volunteers who worked the media room, our print partners at Webco Leduc, and to event manager Terry Morris of the Grande Prairie committee for his help and guidance.

But mostly we'd like to thank you, the readers, for your interest.

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Manitoba's Kerry Einarson (right) couldn't hold off a determined Northern Ontario team.

NEVER GIVE UP

N. Ontario fights back for huge win

By JOHN KOROBANIK

HeartChart Associate Editor

orthern Ontario skip Krista McCarville says her team never surrenders and they gave a perfect demonstration of their resiliency Saturday in winning the Page 3-4 game of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts 7-5 over a tough Manitoba team.

McCarville and her Thunder Bay crew trailed from the second end on, didn't get rattled by a burned stone in the fourth end that led to a deuce for Manitoba, and stole three points in the final two ends for the win.

"We're fighters, we don't give up," Mc-Carville said proudly of her team that includes third Kendra Lilly, second Ashley on Saturday. Sippala and lead Sarah Potts.

"I think it kind of shows what we've done this whole week," McCarville said of her team's comeback after falling behind 5-2 through seven ends.

"We've been down the first half of the game in a lot of our games and we've really battled back the last five. Coming into the game we just said no matter what, as long as we're not mathematically out of it we're going to keep plugging along, fight hard and show that we're supposed to be here."

They did just that, finishing with a 7-4 round-robin record, the same as Kerri Einarson's Manitoba team, and then overcoming some erratic shooting and a bad early break

In the 10th, Potts buried one of her stones on the button and Manitoba struggled to get at it. Einarson finally did get it moved into the four foot and was shot. But McCarville used her final stone, a delicate draw, to tap back the Manitoba stone and leave Northern Ontario sitting two.

Einarson tried an angle raise of one of her stones but it didn't work.

Manitoba was in control of the game through the seventh with a lead built partly off a burned Northern Ontario stone in the fourth.

Sippala's accidental burning of her skip's stone opened the door for Manitoba to score two and take a 3-1 lead.

"I felt really bad that I had let the team

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down," Sippala said. "But they supported me so we just fought through it and that's kind of what we've done all week."

Manitoba had led from the second end but Northern Ontario broke loose for a deuce in the eighth and then stole one in nine for a

"When they got the two I should have just hit and stuck and they wouldn't have gotten two," said a visually dejected Einarson.

"We controlled the whole game. When I hit and rolled out for my second point (in seven) ... that was one of the key points of the game.

"But we've had a lot of great moments. We just have to go out and play for the bronze and play hard."



Brian Baile does any job that needs to be done — including taking out the trash.



VOLUNTEERS

Taking out trash part of the job

There's no show without them

By DAVE KOMOSKY

HeartChart Editor

ike too many Albertans these days, Brian Baile was laid off from his job in the oil sector last year.

But with some time on his hands he did what he thought was useful — and uplifting. He signed up to volunteer for the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Grande Prairie.

It's the second time in a few months he has stepped up to be counted. He also worked the Canada Cup event at Revolution Place in December.

He loved it then and he loves it now. He says he has contributed to his community and has had some fun along the way . . . that is if you consider emptying trash cans as fun.

"That's the high point," laughs Baile, who lost his job as a petroleum technologist at Conoco Phillips in Grande Prairie. "But really, I've had a blast meeting people."

One of his duties is to locate specific curlers as they come off the ice and direct them to the interview area. It's his chance to meet the competitors face-to-face.

Baile says its in his nature to help out.

"You've got to contribute," he says. "If people don't contribute, society will fall apart, I think. It's for the betterment of the community. There's a lot of good volunteers here"

Baile is one of an especially dedicated band of volunteers who help make sure the needs of fans and media at the Scotties are met. The event couldn't be held without them.

Volunteerism has become as much part of a major curling event in Canada as rocks and brushes, allowing those who love the sport and their communities to be part of the festivities.

There are 320 volunteers working this week. You see them all over the place, clad in identical uniforms. While fans are following the players on the ice, volunteers are working on the fringes.

They do a myriad of things, such as logging the miles driving courtesy cars, or carrying flags at opening ceremonies, or directing traffic in the parking lot or, well, picking up garbage. The hours can be long, the thanks few

Each volunteer paid \$75 to help defray the cost of their uniforms and are asked to commit several hours of their time. In return, they received an appreciation banquet prior to the event, plus a chance to be part of the scene.

It isn't easy. Some of them take up to two weeks vacation for the opportunity to volunteer. Many of them get up bright and early in the morning and head to the arena to do all sorts of things.

At the end of the day they return home, tired, and get ready to do it all over again the next day.

They are unfailingly upbeat about their tasks.

These amazing people put the best interest of the curlers, the sponsors and the fans before their own. It's their sweat that ensures the doors can be flung open and fans can come and watch some of the best curlers in the world.

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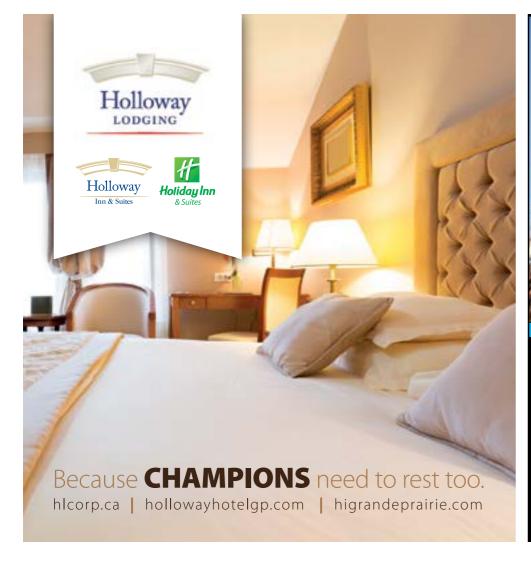
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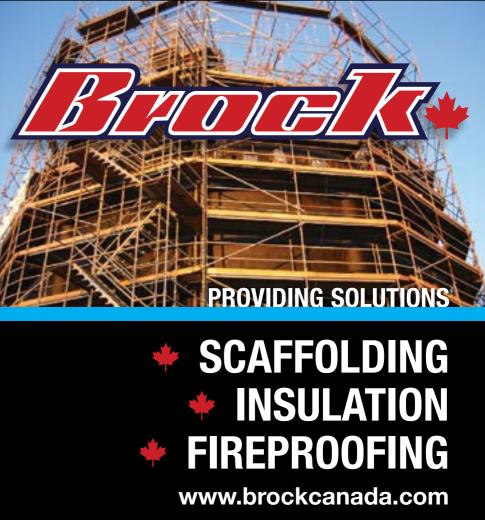


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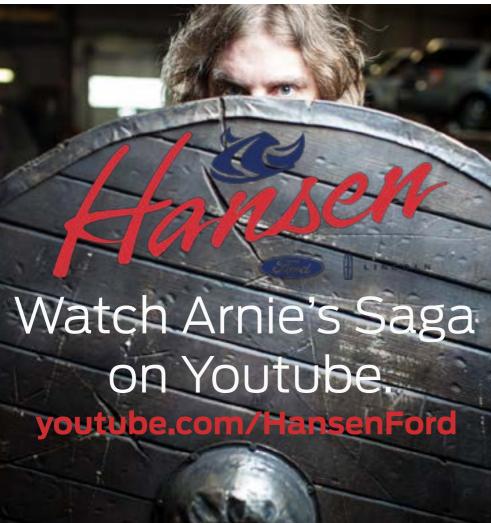
Rebecca Atkinson Lawyer Jolene Campbell Stay-at-home nom

2. Sylvie Robichaud isn't afraid of the boys, because she was the only female skip at both the 2012 and 2014 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships. Her New Brunswick teams reached the semifinal in 2012 and lost a tiebreaker in 2014.

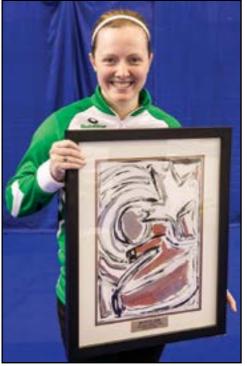


- It's true. Jolene Campbell and hubby Greg are expecting her third child.
- 4. Team Canada second Jill Officer is the mountain climber.
- 5. If you want to annoy Marie-France Larouche, jingle the spare change in your pocket.





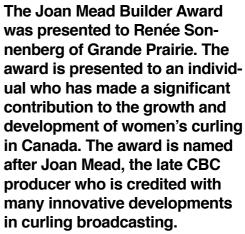
AWARDS





The Marj Mitchell
Sportsmanship Award was presented to Saskatchewan third Ashley Howard. The award, voted on by the curlers, is named in honour of the late Saskatchewan skip who won the first world women's title for Canada in 1980. The award honours an individual who the competitors feel exemplifies the spirit of curling.









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o, here we are, putting the wraps on another Scotties, a Tournament Of Hearts renewal that has been one of the better ones, from the spectacular curling, to the wonderful volunteers and committee members.

And keeping with tradition at the *Heart Chart*, we'd like to pass out some awards as the event comes to a close. Former *Heart-Chart* editor Larry Wood annually wrote something called his Hearts and Heartaches Awards, and it's an idea worth keeping alive.

So, without further ado, the envelopes, please . . .

The 12-team field — Much was made of

the absense of Rachel Homan, Val Sweeting and Stefanie Lawton, but this wasn't a bad field at all. Saskatchewan and Manitoba were pleasant surprises.

The ice — This was Jamie Bourassa ice, which is to say perfect. Give the curlers a perfect sheet and they'll perform wonders, and that's exactly what they did this week.

The curlers — Some won, some lost but they were splendid with the media. No question went unanswered, no interview request denied. Scotties curlers proved once again they are a class act.

Most under-rated — Manitoba's Kerri

Einarson. For a rookie skip, she's got a lot of iam!

Most intimidating — Jennifer Jones. Must be that Olympic gold medal she owns.

Toughest time — It has to be, hands down, Kerry Galusha and her Territories squad, who lasted all of two days and was out of the competition. Her teary-eyed response to questions tugged at the ol' heart-strings.

Best new addition — Balloon Man, who twisted those balloons into all kinds of neat shapes and creatures, was a nice treat for the kids. And let's face it, kids do come to these events but there's not a lot for them to do.

Let's see this guy again.

Most important win — That would have to be Geneva Chislett's surprise win over British Columbia in the pre-event qualifier. Chislett's's team from Nunavut was never going to qualify for the main draw, and while the ladies from Iqaluit had to go home early, they carried with them a precious victory that may be a springboard for better things in the future for the Polars.



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Biggest surprise — The failure of Quebec's Marie-France Larouche to get anything going this week. They didn't seem to have a spark.

Biggest disappointment — B.C.'s Karla Thompson had to fight her way through the pre-qualifying event, but more was expected from this team. What's happened to B.C. women's curling, anyway?

Biggest shot — Manitoba Kerri Einarson's through-the-port double for three to clinch a playoff spot Friday.

Coolest uniforms: Aren't they all the same? Except for the colours of course. Best colour scheme would be the blue, white and yellow of British Columbia.

Worst uniforms: Alberta. It's not that they aren't colourful and stylish, but what's with the yellow name bar on the back? Fans, and media, can't read the players' names. Blue bar, or at least a blue border on the yellow would make the names easier to read.

Best interview: Carrie Vautour of Newfoundland/Labrador. Talking about her first ever appearance in the national championship, the 31-year-old lead was positively bubbling over with her enthusiasm about her week here. Saskatchewan's Jolene Campbell, Alberta's Amy Nixon and Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville were super good, too.

All-brain team — Amy Nixon (Alberta)



There weren't a lot of fans, but they sure were unique.

senior legal counsel, Legal Services, Mount Royal University; Tracey Lavery (B.C.) Master's degree in social work; Nicole Arsenault-Bishop (New Brunswick) Masters of Science (nutrition); Sarah Murphy (Nova Scotia) forensic engineer.

All-teacher team — Krista McCarville (Northern Ontario), Karla Thompson (B.C.), Callan Hamon (Saskatchewan), Marie-France Larouche (Quebec).



Fair hair — Lots of ponytails this year. **Cool hair** — Ontario's Brit O'Neill.

Pixy Award — Team Canada third Kaitlyn Lawes — again.

Sunniest smile — Amelie Blais. Nonstop. She also gave the best speech at the Scotties' opening banquet.

The fans — There weren't a lot of them,

but they made themselves heard!

Most over-used cliche: "We're having

Biggest non-story — Breast feeding babies.

Photo of the Week — Andrew Klaver's shot in the HeartChart of the B.C. girls celebrating after winning the pre-qualifying round.

Best eateries — Hard to beat Better than Fred's. Great ribs and it's right across the street from Revolution Place. Some good reviews for the The Acropolis, Tito's and The Sawmill.

Watering holes — HeartStop Lounge, of course, but Bar One had its happy hour and a pleasant staff to pour drinks.

The venue — Revolution Place was first rate. Just the right size for the Scotties with hotels and restaurants just steps outside the door. The HeartStop Lounge was only a few vards from the ice surface. What could be better than that?

The attendance — Disappointing, for sure. The economy has hit Alberta hard, and that took a toll on ticket sales. Sad to see because this was a very well run event and the curling was top drawer.

The entertainment — The open mic for local talent was a hoot, and the 'minute-towin-it' was a howl. Bands were super and the best — the Chevelles — was saved for last.

The weather — Sensational for this time of year. Scotties visitors caught a break.

The volunteers — Super, as usual. They could never run a Scotties without the small army of volunteers. A special tip of the hat to Pam Dechief from Estevan.









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