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BY PAUL WIECEK

A DREAM SEASON FOR KOE

Skip Kevin Koe, third B.J. Neufeld, second Colton Flasch and lead Ben Hebert take the storied walk down centre ice with the ultimate prize — the Brier Tankard.

It is months later and still B.J. Neufeld is having a hard time believing his team's good fortune.

"That is a day and night I will never forget," says the 33-year-old Winnipegger. "If you were dreaming it up, you would dream it exactly like that."

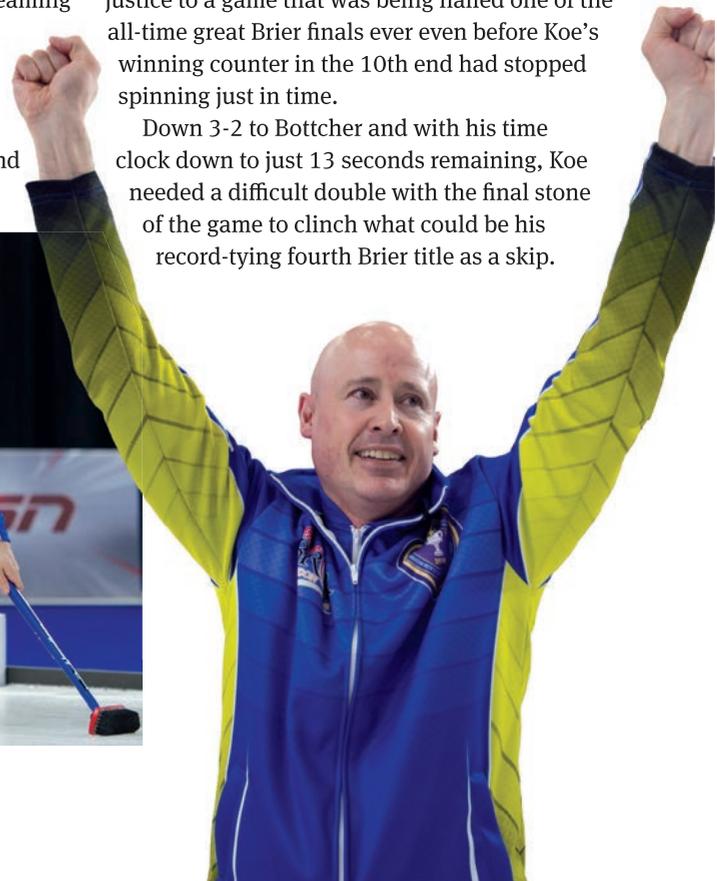
The "that" to which Neufeld refers is, of course, the 2019 Tim Hortons Brier final. History has recorded that Alberta's Kevin Koe — with Neufeld at third, Colton Flasch at second and Ben Hebert at lead — defeated Team Wild

Card's Brendan Bottcher 4-3 in front of a packed house in Brandon, Manitoba's Westoba Place.

But that clinical description does not begin to do justice to a game that was being hailed one of the all-time great Brier finals ever even before Koe's winning counter in the 10th end had stopped spinning just in time.

Down 3-2 to Bottcher and with his time clock down to just 13 seconds remaining, Koe needed a difficult double with the final stone of the game to clinch what could be his record-tying fourth Brier title as a skip.

With his time clock down to just 13 seconds remaining and needing to score two for the win, Kevin Koe executed a difficult double with the final stone of the game to clinch a 4-3 decision and his record-tying fourth Brier title as a skip.



With the stone three-quarters of the way down the ice, Neufeld had his doubts. “When it hit the hogline,” Neufeld recalls, “I didn’t think we were making that shot.”

But a vigorous sweep by Flasch and Hebert held the line and when the dust had settled, Koe had his game-winning deuce and a piece of curling history, joining the great Ernie Richardson, Randy Ferbey and Kevin Martin as the only skips to win four Briers.

For Neufeld, who joined Koe in the summer of 2018 after an agonizing 11-year run with a hard-luck Mike McEwen team many think might be the greatest team never to have won a Brier, the moment — in front of a home-province crowd — was redemption, release and a dream come true all wrapped into one.

And for Koe? Strangely enough for a guy who’d been there and done that three times before, it felt much the same.

“A shot to win the Brier — you dream of having those,” says Koe. “And to make it, even better. And especially the way we made it — with some great sweeping, a great team shot.

“And then not knowing at first if (the shooter) would stop in time.... It just all came together.”

Yeah it did. And that’s the exact same thing you can say about the first-year team that was Koe’s foursome in 2018-19.

Having finished out of the medals at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea, Koe went looking for a change following the season and heading into a new Olympic quadrennial. Out were third Marc Kennedy and second Brent Laing and in came Neufeld and Flasch, the latter of whom had had some success over the years curling with Saskatchewan’s Steve Laycock, and had most recently been skipping his own team.

The four men had modest expectations for their first year together. “We were just trying to build a foundation and camaraderie and just try and get settled into our roles on the team,” says Neufeld. “Any new team you’ve got to figure out your place on the team and start getting good at that.”

And Koe? “I knew the upside was definitely there,” says the 44-year-old native of Yellowknife. “But obviously we came together a lot more quickly than any of us expected.”

Neufeld says it all happened unusually smoothly. “We just found an ease among each other, gelling and really getting along. We had a really good team dynamic early on. And it was never forced — it was easy right away and it got easier as the year went on.

“And as the season went on, we started to think we have a really good team here right out of the gate. And if you have Kevin Koe as your skip, you always have a chance to win big events.”

While the team didn’t win any Grand Slam events in its first season together, the foursome did qualify



Above: B.J. Neufeld, right, joined forces with Kevin Koe in the summer of 2018 and the pairing worked right from the beginning. For Neufeld, the Brier win in front of a home-province crowd was redemption, release and a dream come true all wrapped into one.

Left: Team Alberta skip Kevin Koe, standing, was in tough against Team Wild Card’s Brendan Bottcher, who took a 3-2 lead into the 10th end of the gold-medal match. The game has been hailed as one of the all-time great Brier finals.

for three Slam finals and at season’s end won the Pinty’s Cup as the best Slam team.

And as a final act in a remarkable season, they won the Grand Final of the inaugural Curling World Cup over China’s Qiang Zou.

Throw in an undefeated run at the Brier and you had the perfect season — with one agonizing exception.

Playing in the 2019 Pioneer Hi-Bred World Men’s Curling Championship before a home-country



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Needing to bite the button in the eighth end of the world final, Kevin Koe came up light, handing Sweden a steal of two and a 4-2 lead. A theft of three more in nine led to handshakes and a silver medal for Canada.

crowd in Lethbridge, Alberta, the Koe foursome had a chance to put a cherry on top of the whole thing with a world title.

And heading into the eighth end of the final against Sweden's Niklas Edin, Koe believed his squad was poised to do exactly that. "We were in position, we had control of that game, tied up with hammer playing the eighth end," says Koe. "You've got a better than 50-50 chance of winning a game like that. And then it came to a crashing thud.

"It all happened so fast."

A series of miscues in the eighth end by Canada had Koe facing three Swedish counters, including two clustered around the button, when he went to throw his final rock.

Needing a bite of the button, Koe came up light and handed Sweden a steal of two and a 4-2 lead. That broke open a tight game and with Canada chasing, a steal of three more for the Swedes in the ninth end prompted handshakes.

A 7-2 loss in the world gold-medal final would go into the books as the only significant blemish on an otherwise near-perfect season.

So where does this Koe foursome go from here? Well, there's unfinished business at the worlds for sure. But the bigger picture remains the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials in Saskatoon in 2021.

Neufeld, who, along with his McEwen teammates, lost the 2017 trials final to Koe, says there would be no bigger prize than to finally compete in his first Winter Olympics.

"Getting to the Olympics and winning the gold medal is still the ultimate goal, no doubt. It's the pinnacle of our sport, only happens every four years and is difficult to do."

And for Koe, it would be a second chance to rinse out the taste of PyeongChang, where his team played well in the round robin but came apart in the playoffs, losing the semifinal to the eventual gold medallist, John Shuster of the United States, and then losing again in the bronze-medal game to Switzerland's Peter de Cruz.

"It was disappointing for sure to come home without a medal," says Koe. "I'm not going to lie. I'd relish an opportunity to get back to the Olympics."

After a remarkable first year together, the question now is: What does this Koe foursome do for an encore in Year Two?



PHOTO: WORLD CURLING FEDERATION/CELINE STUCKI

As a final act in a remarkable season, Denni Neufeld — filling in for Ben Hebert — Colton Flasch, B.J. Neufeld and Kevin Koe won Curling World Cup's Grand Final. Koe earned his trip to the Grand Final with a win at the inaugural CWC event in Suzhou, China, and bookended it in Beijing with a 5-3 victory over China's Qiang Zou.

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The reigning Scotties Tournament of Hearts champions: from left, skip Chelsea Carey, third Sarah Wilkes, coach Dan Carey, second Dana Ferguson and lead Rachel Brown.



TEAM CAREY RELOADS BY GEORGE JOHNSON FOR HEARTS REPEAT BID

Skip Chelsea Carey and her title-winning team from The Glencoe Club in Calgary take confidence from their first-year success, "but we all understand there's plenty of work still to do."

Spending part of the summer at the cabin in Lake of the Woods, as Chelsea Carey has her whole life, is a welcome respite, a familiar refuge, a place to decompress, to relax, to chill.

"If it was up to me I wouldn't look at a curling sheet all summer long," says the defending Canadian women's table-topping curling skip with a laugh.

"I grew up here. I've been coming to this place since I was a kid.

"You just need the down time. Because the curling season is so busy. It can be taxing, when the back half of your season gets crazy, particularly if there's international travel involved.

"Because we're a relatively new team, we need the time together, we need the ice time.

"We also don't live in the same city, so during the season our time together is quite limited, meaning we have no choice but to practice in the summer.

"We need that time together to get to where we want to be."

That'd be the gates of granite's Olympus.
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The melding of Carey and her defending Scotties Tournament of Hearts title-winning team from The Glencoe Club in Calgary — third Sarah Wilkes, second Dana Ferguson and lead Rachel Brown — is, she'll repeat, a process in its formative stages.

"I think that the knitting together is what it's about for the first couple years of any cycle," reckons Carey. "The reality is that if you're with new people, there's a learning curve that's involved.

"We're just getting to know each other as a team.



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At the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, held at Centre 200 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Alberta's Team Carey went 9-2 in the championship pool before running the table come playoff time, edging Ontario's Rachel Homan 8-6 in 11 ends in the final. "You know the potential is there, otherwise you wouldn't commit to the team," says Carey. "So in our first year to win the Scotties was pretty special. Pretty incredible. Pretty crazy."





“So regardless if we’d been together all season — and we weren’t, being without Rachel for the most of the first part — last year that would still be the plan. You just can’t get all the way there in a year. I think it actually takes longer than a whole cycle.

“It’s about getting as close as you can at the right time.”

Improbable? Yes. Impossible? No.

To a point, anyway.

“I’ve taken on two brand new teams and won two Scotties championships, so I’m not all that upset about the changes I’ve gone through, to be quite honest,” she says.

“I’m used to it.

“Do you want consistency in a team? Yes. Of course. Ideally. But if you do it the right way there are some benefits to shaking things up. New blood, excitement, new norms.

“There are positives if you approach it properly and have the right attitude.”

At the 2019 Hearts, held at Centre 200 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Carey and her Alberta reps finished first in the championship pool at 9-2 before running the table come playoff time, edging Ontario’s Rachel Homan 8-6 in 11 ends in the final.

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“So you do take confidence from that but we all understand there’s plenty of work still to do.”

The world championship in Silkeborg, Denmark, as Carey already understood heading in, was a decidedly different animal. A 6-6 round-robin record left the Canadians in a three-way tie for the final knockout spot, but they found themselves eliminated, having lost to both Japan and the United States.

The skip long ago moved on from the disappointment.

“I write it off,” she says. “You do your de-brief, take your lessons and move on. The results are the results. You can’t change them.

“Whether we’d won the thing or not it would’ve been the same process in the de-brief: What did we do well? What could we have done better? How do we get better at what we didn’t do well? What are the steps we take?

“And then park the results.

“Because the results really aren’t relevant to what we’re trying to accomplish moving forward. That’s easier said than done, of course, but it’s the attitude we’re striving for because we honestly thought we did a lot of good things at that worlds.

“Guess what? The world isn’t waiting for us. The world is there. We have to be careful about them surpassing us. They’re that good right now. Everybody goes: ‘Oh, what’s wrong with Canada? They didn’t win.’ Well, it’s harder than it was five years ago, 10 years ago, 20 years ago.

“It’s harder than it was three years ago, in 2016. If you looked at the field three years ago, this year the strength of

Despite a disappointing 6-6 finish at the worlds, Team Canada’s Rachel Brown, Chelsea Carey, Sarah Wilkes and Dana Ferguson have long since parked the results. “I write it off,” says Carey. “You do your de-brief, take your lessons and move on.”

the field, based on world rankings, was way stronger.

“They’re coming at us, hard. What the worlds experience does for you, regardless of what you do there, is prepare you for what you’re up against. Not just in terms of teams, we see those teams at Slams, but the pressure associated with wearing a Maple Leaf.”

The level expectation, the degree of scrutiny, is an eye-opener to the uninitiated.

“I’d done it already but for my teammates at a women’s world championship, that was the first time. So as much as I tried to tell them about my experiences... You can talk until you’re blue in the face, but it doesn’t sink in. You can’t possibly understand.

“One of my teammates looked at me during the worlds and said: ‘This is so hard.’ I said: ‘Yeah, yeah. I know. That’s what I was trying to tell you before we got here.’

“Knowing what to expect is half the battle. You look at people in their first as opposed to their second and third Scotties and the progression they go through. At the worlds it’s that times 100, times 1,000, times whatever.

“The difference between having the Maple Leaf on your back instead of your provincial logo is... insane.”

Beginning Year Two of the process, the Glencoe gang has its sights set on familiar aims.

“I don’t think we’re different than any other team,” Carey reasons. “Everybody wants to win a Slam. Everybody wants to win a Scotties. Everybody wants to win a worlds. Blah, blah, blah.

“It’s no different than any other year.

“The ultimate goal is to represent Canada at an Olympics so you want to put yourself into as good a position to do that as possible.

“Winning consistently leading up to that, learning and getting better as you go is the only way to do it.”

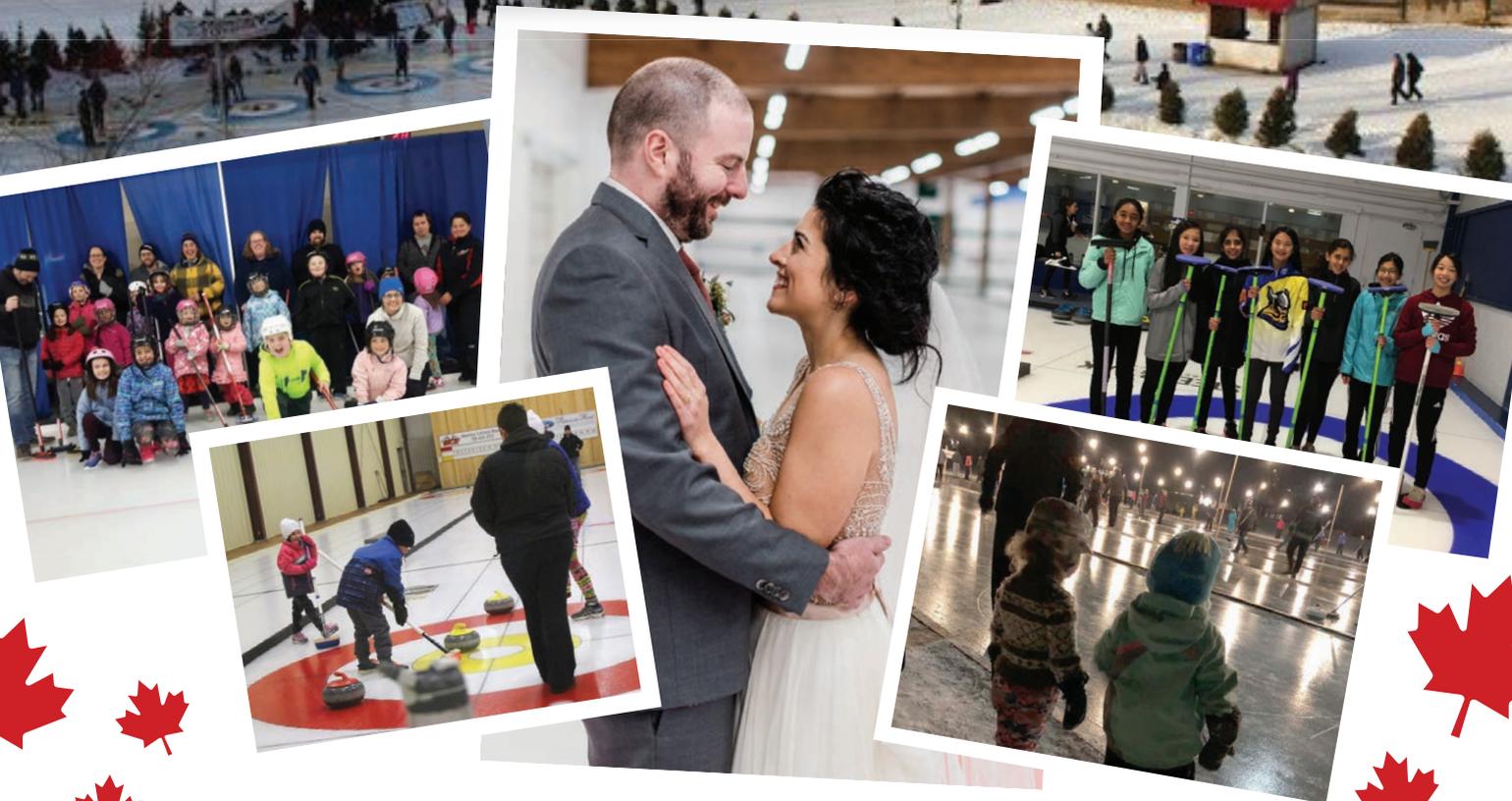
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Tyler Tardi, left, and Sterling Middleton have opted out of playing their final year of junior eligibility to compete at the men's level. "We feel the things that separate us from the big teams is making the right shot at the right time and keeping the games close," says Middleton.

PHOTO: KYLE JAHNS

TEAM TARDI TAKES GAME TO NEXT LEVEL

BY MARIO ANNICCHIARICO

Tyler Tardi and Sterling Middleton have opted out of playing their final year of junior eligibility to compete at the men's level.

Not because the three-time Canadian and two-time world junior champions have virtually done it all in their age group. It's more a matter of developing their game and strategy, and to compete against the top men's teams in the country on a regular basis.

Skip Tardi and his vice-skip, Middleton, have reunited with Tyler's older brother, Jordan, who will play second. The three were part of the first two victorious Canadian junior championship teams in 2017 and '18, representing British Columbia.

Alex Horvath will play lead after winning a national and world title with Tyler Tardi, Middleton and Matthew Hall in 2019. Horvath aged out of junior and Hall has moved back to Ontario to skip his own men's team.

Tardi and Middleton, who have curled together since 2013, are the only two Canadians to win three national junior crowns, which made their decision to move up that much tougher, especially with the 2020 New Holland Canadian Juniors set for their home club in Langley.

"We were talking about (moving up into men's play) the previous season. Not that we would've done it last season, but we were thinking about the future and that we would do it regardless whether we won nationals

“We’re definitely not going in with our hopes too high. We’re going in with expectations of not exactly winning a lot, but with the mindset that we’re going in to learn. We might get wiped out in a few events, but you have to do that to get better. We are fully aware of that.”



PHOTO: MICHAEL BURNS PHOTOGRAPHY

Tyler Tardi skipped his B.C. squad to an unprecedented third straight national junior men’s title last season. “I think it will be a big eye-opener,” says Tardi of the transition to men’s play.

Paul Tardi will be back to coach his sons’ new team this season. “We roped him in for one more year and hopefully we can keep on doing that,” says Tyler Tardi.



or not (in 2019),” says Tardi, who turned 21 in August.

Tardi said he and Middleton “kind of wanted to do men’s anyways, so when we were fortunate to win again, it made that decision a little easier.” But “it’s still tough and I don’t think I’m going to truly know how I feel until the end of the season.”

Middleton, who turns 21 in early December, agrees the decision was difficult. “We were kind of on the same page. We knew that’s what we wanted to do from the start, but it just took a little bit of confirmation and making sure that we both agreed.

“We were either going to both do it or both not do it. We weren’t going to part ways; that was never part of the discussion. I think we made a good choice.”

Not that men’s play is totally new to the crew. Team Tardi has competed against men in previous years and had some success against teams in lower-tiered events, including winning the King Cash Spiel in Maple Ridge, British Columbia, in 2019.

“We’ve had some really good teams over the years. Every one of our Canadian championship teams was a little different, so we’ve gained a lot of experience playing with different people,” says Middleton, who won the 2017 and ’18

national crowns with Nick Meister and Zachary Curtis as leads, respectively.

“We’ve had some really good runs in junior and played really well. We’re just taking the opportunity to just gain an extra year of experience on the men’s tour now and having a bit more focus, especially playing with the other two guys who have aged out. Our focus is to curl with them and stay together as a team rather than to have two of us with a separate focus for the season.”

Tardi and Middleton know the transition won’t be easy.

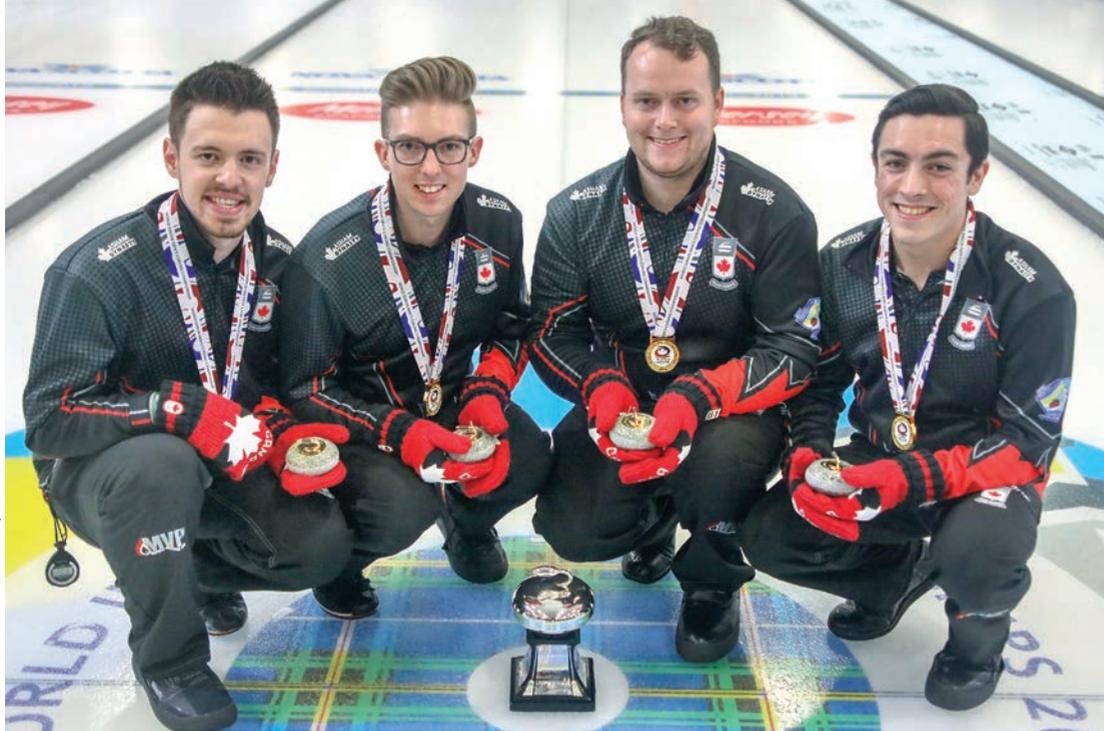
“We’re definitely not going in with our hopes too high. We’re going in with expectations of not exactly winning a lot, but with the mindset that we’re going in to learn,” says Tardi. “We might get wiped out in a few events, but you have to do that to get better. We are fully aware of that.”

And it wasn’t a case of having won everything there is to win at the junior level.

“I was thinking more so for the sake of growth. We’ve grown a lot in junior,” says Tardi. “It’s tough to say right now, but we’re trying to figure out if we would benefit more long-term from making the move now or playing another year in junior and not playing in the men’s circuit as much as we wanted to. Right now it was essentially a gamble to see if we would benefit more for our long-term success. We kind of want to see what’s going to make us better curlers in five or six years.”

They also realize there will be a significant contrast in the competition level.

“The biggest difference, I guess — especially for Tyler and I and Alex with his first year out of junior — is it’s going to be a different feel, just not playing against the same people that we’ve known for years and years,” says Middleton. “Every junior event that we’ve been to, we were comfortable and knew the people that we were playing against. So to be the new team on the men’s tour is going to be different. There’s going to be that little bit of a learning curve to get comfortable and find our fit against teams who have curled against each other for years and years, just like we had on the junior tour.



Up against Switzerland in the gold-medal final, Canada's Tyler Tardi, Sterling Middleton, Matthew Hall and Alex Horvath took a 5-1 lead after four ends and stole a pair in the fifth to put a stranglehold on the 2019 world junior men's crown. It was back-to-back titles for Tardi and Middleton, who have curled together since 2013.

"I think we're ready," adds Middleton. "I don't think we'd make the commitment if we weren't ready. Obviously, it's going to be tough and we can't expect to have the same success that we've had in past seasons. We can't really expect to win the spiels that we're playing in all the time. There's going to be a learning curve of how to keep up with the better teams and I think we're ready for that, especially with the experience we've had in the past.

"We feel the things that separate us from the big teams is making the right shot at the right time and keeping the games close. I think those things we will gain as we go along and gain experience."

"I think it will be a big eye-opener; that our win percentage won't nearly be as high this year," says Tardi. "That might be a little bit of a battle confidence-wise, but I think the more we remind ourselves of what our goal is, the better off we will be.

"I think we're ready," Tardi adds. "Another reason is you can't get very many World Curling Tour points in junior, so with this transition we will be able to focus more on climbing the ladder and maybe achieve some of our goals in a few years that we wouldn't be able to do if we did another year of junior."

His goal is to grow as a team and to accomplish that with his older brother, Jordan, once again.

"We aren't brothers that clash all the time, we get along really well," says Tyler, who played against Jordan on a few occasions in men's events in 2019. "Obviously, we would try to beat each other, but we're both supportive of each other during the wins and losses."

Their dad, Paul, will still coach the crew.

"We roped him in for one more year and hopefully we can keep on doing that," says Tyler, who continued on-line studies last summer



and worked as a bartender in Peachland, while Middleton worked in the pro shop at the Fort St. John Links Golf Course in his hometown. Middleton's now completing a diploma course in sports science at Vancouver's Douglas College.

Their first event was the Stu Sells Oakville Tankard in the first week of September, when the team qualified for the playoffs with a 3-1 record before losing to Kirk Muires. Tardi and Co. then ran up another 3-1 record in round-robin play while attempting to defend the team's 2018 title at the King Cash Spiel in Maple Ridge, in mid-September. Again the team lost out in the first round of the playoffs in a 4-3 setback to wily veteran Wes Craig.

So it's been an interesting start for Team Tardi as it searches to make a name for itself in men's play.

From left: skip Tyler Tardi and his vice-skip, Sterling Middleton, have reunited with Tyler's older brother, Jordan, who will play second, and Alex Horvath, who returns at lead, as the foursome competes against the top men's teams in the country on a regular basis.

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HOME HARDWARE CANADA CUP

Affinity Place » Estevan, Saskatchewan » December 5 to 9, 2018



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Canada Cup champions: from left, Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jocelyn Peterman and Dawn McEwen. It was a record fourth title for Jones, who also won in 2007, '11 and '16. In addition to a big paycheck, the team earned a berth in the Road to the Roar pre-trials.

Just 24 hours before the scheduled opening of the 2018

Home Hardware Canada Cup at Affinity Place in Estevan, Saskatchewan, there were very real concerns that an opening rock wouldn't actually be thrown. A massive power failure had paralyzed southern Saskatchewan and put the ice preparation well behind schedule.



Kerri Einarson fell short in the final against Jennifer Jones, who executed a long runback double takeout for three in the ninth end to take an 8-5 lead coming home.

But a stunning display of tireless work by the ice crew, headed by Jamie Bourassa and Greg Ewasko, to get the playing surface ready on time was followed by a stunning display of curling that ultimately led to championship final victories for Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones in the women's event and Brad Jacobs of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, in the men's.

Jones, curling with vice-skip Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jocelyn

WOMEN'S FINAL

Kerri Einarson	*100 200 110 X	5
Jennifer Jones	020 021 003 X	8

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Team Einarson

Kerri Einarson	70%
Val Sweeting	78%
Shannon Birchard	95%
Briane Meilleur	91%
Team totals	84%

Team Jones

Jennifer Jones	86%
Kaitlyn Lawes	81%
Jocelyn Peterman	84%
Dawn McEwen	81%
Team totals	83%

SEMIFINAL

Jennifer Jones	*100 310 201 X	8
Rachel Homan	001 001 020 X	4

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs

	Wins	Losses
Jennifer Jones	2	0
Kerri Einarson	0	1
Rachel Homan	0	1

Round robin

	Wins	Losses
Kerri Einarson	6	1
Jennifer Jones	5	2
Rachel Homan	5	2
Casey Scheidegger	4	3
Laura Walker	3	4
Chelsea Carey	2	5
Allison Flaxey	2	5
Darcy Robertson	1	6

PRIZE SUMMARY

Jennifer Jones	\$21,500	Laura Walker	\$4,500
Kerri Einarson	\$18,000	Chelsea Carey	\$3,000
Rachel Homan	\$12,500	Allison Flaxey	\$3,000
Casey Scheidegger	\$6,000	Darcy Robertson	\$1,500

Peterman and lead Dawn McEwen, made history as the first four-time Canada Cup champion, and did it in style with an 8-5 win over Kerri Einarson's team from Gimli, Manitoba, in a final highlighted by a wonderful long runback double takeout in the ninth end to score a decisive three.

"It was just the way the score was," says Jones of the decision to play the risky shot in the ninth end. "Trying to hold them to not get two in the last end is challenging, so we thought it was worth the risk. I like throwing that shot, it looked good out of my hand and I knew it was going to be close. I just wasn't sure we would stick the shooter and it stuck around."



Brad Jacobs, Marc Kennedy, E.J. Harnden and Ryan Harnden won their first Canada Cup title in a tightly contested 5-4 win over Kevin Koe. Jacobs conceded a steal of one in nine to keep hammer and then made a hit with his final rock for the winning point.

Team Einarson had finished on top of the round-robin standings with a 6-1 record, followed by Jones and Ottawa's Rachel Homan at 5-2.

In the semifinal, Team Jones was an 8-4 winner over Team Homan to get into the final.

Team Jones not only took home the Canada Cup trophy but \$14,000 for winning the final, plus \$7,500 for its five round-robin wins. Team Einarson collected \$9,000 for finishing second and an additional \$9,000 for its round-robin wins.

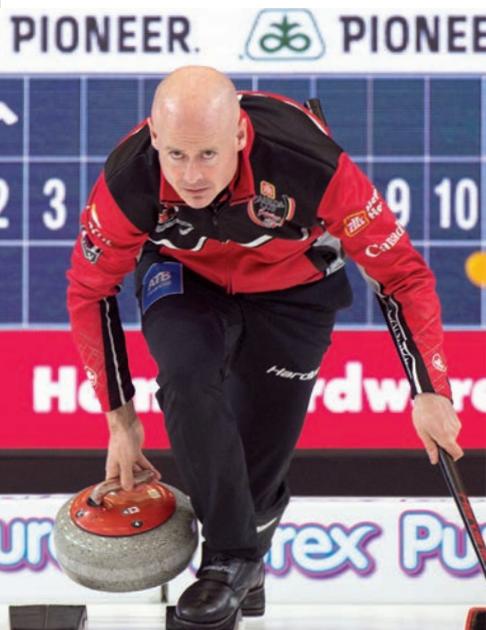
On the men's side, Jacobs headed to Estevan without longtime vice-skip Ryan Fry, who was taking some time away from curling, but with a pretty solid replacement in Marc

Kennedy, who joined E.J. Harnden at second and Ryan Harnden at lead.

That lineup led the round robin with a 5-1 record, followed by three teams at 4-2 — Calgary's Kevin Koe, Brad Gushue of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Brendan Bottcher of Edmonton.

Koe and Bottcher faced off in a third-place tiebreaker, with Koe taking two in the 10th end for an 8-7 victory.

In the semifinal, Koe rallied from a 5-1 deficit through six



Kevin Koe and his Calgary mates rallied from a 5-1, sixth-end deficit to prevail 7-5 over Brad Gushue in the Canada Cup semifinal to secure a spot in the final.

MEN'S FINAL

Kevin Koe	001 010 011 0 4
Brad Jacobs	*200 100 100 1 5

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Team Koe		Team Jacobs	
Kevin Koe	78%	Brad Jacobs	80%
B.J. Neufeld	84%	Marc Kennedy	95%
Colton Flasch	86%	E.J. Harnden	91%
Ben Hebert	94%	Ryan Harnden	94%
Team totals	85%		90%

SEMIFINAL

Brad Gushue	*020 021 000 0 5
Kevin Koe	001 000 221 1 7

TIEBREAKER

Kevin Koe	*001 030 200 2 8
Brendan Bottcher	010 201 030 0 7

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Brad Jacobs	1	0
Kevin Koe	2	1
Brad Gushue	0	1
Brendan Bottcher	0	1
Round robin	Wins	Losses
Brad Jacobs	5	1
Brad Gushue	4	2
Brendan Bottcher	4	2
Kevin Koe	4	2
John Epping	3	3
Matt Dunstone	1	5
Reid Carruthers	0	6

PRIZE SUMMARY

Brad Jacobs	\$24,000	John Epping	\$6,000
Kevin Koe	\$17,000	Matt Dunstone	\$2,000
Brad Gushue	\$13,000	Reid Carruthers	0
Brendan Bottcher	\$8,000		

ends with deuces in the seventh and eighth ends and singles in the ninth and 10th for a 7-5 win over Gushue.

In the final, though, it was Team Jacobs coming out with a 5-4 win — a first Canada Cup victory for the 2014 Olympic champ.

"This is a great event, top Canadian teams — men and women — so any time you can sneak out a win like this it means a lot," says Jacobs. "You only get so many opportunities to win events like this. To put this on our résumé feels great."

Team Jacobs took home \$14,000 for winning the Canada Cup, plus \$10,000 for its five round-robin victories. Team Koe pocketed \$9,000 for finishing second and \$8,000 for its four round-robin victories.

Women's round-robin victories were worth \$1,500 compared with \$2,000 for the men, because the women had one extra team in their field based on a tie in the qualifying process, and thus one extra round-robin game in which to win money.

WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP CONTINENTAL CUP

PRESENTED BY BOYD GAMING

Orleans Arena » Las Vegas, Nevada » January 17 to 20, 2019



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It would have been one of the most dramatic comebacks in the history of the World Financial Group Continental Cup but, as sometimes happens in Las Vegas, it wasn't in the cards for Team North America.

Team World, on the other hand, hit the jackpot by securing its first Continental Cup victory since 2012, ending a six-year winless streak.

After earning a big lead partway through the event, Team World needed nearly every skin it could take during the final draw to pick up a 34-26 victory at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"It really sucked losing last year because we were really close," said Swedish skip Niklas Edin, who won his third cup in 11 attempts. "So we were really determined to play well and the whole group played awesome. We have a really young group and if this team comes back, North America will be in trouble."

Canadian teams representing North America were Brad

Team World is all smiles after winning the 2019 World Financial Group Continental Cup. After earning a big lead partway through the four-day event, Team World needed nearly every skin it could take during the final draw to pick up a 34-26 victory.

Gushue, Kevin Koe, Jennifer Jones and Rachel Homan. Jeff Stoughton was North America's coach and Jill Officer was the assistant coach.

Team World came out with a vengeance on opening day, winning all nine points available through mixed doubles and women's team play.

While North America had a better showing on the ice on Day Two, Team World continued to control the pace and tone of the competition. North America edged the World by winning four of six mixed doubles games over the first two draws of the day. But the men's teams could muster only a half-point during the team-play draw, courtesy of a Koe tie against Scotland's Bruce Mouat. Team World ended the day with a comfortable lead of 13.5 to 4.5.



Team World's Jennifer Dodds and Bruce Mouat crushed Rachel Homan and Ben Hebert 12-3 in mixed doubles action, taking six points in the opening end.



Joanne Courtney, Rachel Homan, B.J. Neufeld and Ben Hebert celebrate after a 7-4 win in mixed team play helped put Team North America back into contention.



"That was so much fun," said Team World's Anna Hasselborg, far right, who skipped her "scrambled" team of Jennifer Dodds, Lauren Gray and Agnes Knochenhauer to a 6-5 win over North America's Rachel Homan.



"I knew it wasn't over until the scoreboard said it was over," said Scotland's Eve Muirhead after sealing the victory for Team World.



A wild celebration erupts and the bench begins to empty when Team World wins the race to 30.5 points in dramatic style. It went right down to the wire; in the eighth end Team World's Eve Muirhead punched out a North American rock to score a pair against Rachel Homan for 2.5 points in skins play, giving the World its first triumph since 2012.

TEAM WORLD

Team de Cruz, Switzerland
Peter de Cruz, Benoît Schwarz,
Sven Michel, Valentin Tanner

Team Edin, Sweden
Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson,
Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren

Team Hasselborg, Sweden
Anna Hasselborg, Sara McManus,
Agnes Knochenhauer, Sofia Mabergs

Team Mouat, Scotland
Bruce Mouat, Grant Hardie,
Bobby Lammie, Hammy McMillan

Team Muirhead, Scotland
Eve Muirhead, Jennifer Dodds,
Vicki Chalmers, Lauren Gray

Team Tirinzoni, Switzerland
Silvana Tirinzoni, Alina Pätz,
Esther Neuwenschwander, Melanie Barbezat

Captain: David Murdoch, Scotland
Coach: Fredrik Lindberg, Sweden
Assistant coach: Christoffer Svae, Norway

TEAM NORTH AMERICA

Team Gushue, Canada
Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols,
Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker

Team Homan, Canada
Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew,
Joanne Courtney, Lisa Weagle

Team Jones, Canada
Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes,
Jocelyn Peterman, Dawn McEwen

Team Koe, Canada
Kevin Koe, B.J. Neufeld,
Colton Flasch, Ben Hebert

Team Shuster, United States
John Shuster, Chris Plys,
Matt Hamilton, John Landsteiner

Team Sinclair, United States
Jamie Sinclair, Sarah Anderson,
Taylor Anderson, Monica Walker

Captain: Pete Fenson, United States
Coach: Jeff Stoughton, Canada
Assistant coach: Jill Officer, Canada

World Financial Group Continental Cup Results

MIXED DOUBLES COMPETITION

Round 1

N.A.	Gushue/Weagle	*102	012	10	7
World	de Cruz/Neuenschwander	030	400	03	10
N.A.	Homan/Koe	010	200	XX	3
World	Mouat/Dodds	*602	031	XX	12
N.A.	Peterman/Gallant	*012	000	0X	3
World	McMillan/Chalmers	100	311	3X	9

Round 2

N.A.	Jones/Nichols	020	101	00	4
World	Michel/Pätz	*103	010	21	8
N.A.	Walker/Shuster	000	300	10	4
World	Eriksson/Hasselborg	*111	011	01	6
N.A.	Lawes/Walker	002	010	0X	3
World	Wranå/Knochenhauer	*210	103	1X	8

Round 3

N.A.	Courtney/Neufeld	*101	010	0X	3
World	Schwarz/Tirinzoni	020	105	1X	9
N.A.	Anderson/Landsteiner	010	011	10	4
World	Lammie/Muirhead	*303	100	01	8
N.A.	McEwen/Hebert	202	011	0X	6
World	Sundgren/Mabergs	*010	100	1X	3

Round 4

N.A.	Miskew/Hamilton	*212	102	0X	8
World	Hardie/Gray	000	030	1X	4
N.A.	Sinclair/Plys	*202	010	21	8
World	Edin/McManus	020	101	00	4
N.A.	Flasch/Anderson	*012	011	02	7
World	Tanner/Barbezat	100	200	30	6

Mixed doubles competition totals:

Team N.A.	4 points
Team World	8 points

TEAM COMPETITION

Women

N.A.	Jennifer Jones	020	000	10	3
World	Eve Muirhead	*000	102	02	5
N.A.	Rachel Homan	001	020	0X	3
World	Anna Hasselborg	*110	301	2X	8
N.A.	Jamie Sinclair	*200	100	11	5
World	Silvana Tirinzoni	022	011	00	6

Men

N.A.	Kevin Koe	020	002	0X	4
World	Peter de Cruz	*200	310	2X	8
N.A.	John Shuster	*020	020	00	4
World	Niklas Edin	200	200	03	7
N.A.	Brad Gushue	002	002	00	4
World	Bruce Mouat	*020	100	01	4

Team competition totals:

Team N.A.	.5 points
Team World	5.5 points



Dino Manuel, World Financial Group's supervisor of strategy and execution, presents the 2019 Continental Cup trophy to Team World captain David Murdoch. After a disappointing loss last year, Team World was determined to halt a six-year winless drought.

Three new event formats debuted on Day Three of competition. Team World fared well in the women's and men's team scrambles — which mixed men's and women's teams to form new same-gender lineups — with four wins in six games during the first two draws. But North America came back in the final draw, which featured mixed team play (two male and female players making up four-player mixed teams). Games were worth two points each and North America swept all three, earning six points in the process. Suddenly, after being down by as many as 11 points, North America was back in contention with only a five-point deficit at 17.5 to 12.5.

There was a lot on the line during the final day, with six skins games being played for up to five points each. For Team World, it was a chance to put the pedal to the metal and leave its opponents in the rear-view mirror. For North America, it was a chance to come back from a slow start and continue its dominance of the event with a seventh straight win.

Team World extinguished any flickering flames North America had ignited the following morning. Team World secured 11.5 of a possible 15 points in the first draw of the day and was just 1.5 points away from victory.

But North America made Team World work for every point in the final draw and nearly mounted an improbable comeback. The Canadians and Americans kept winning or pushing skins far enough into the games that a North American win was entirely possible. It took Team World until the eighth and final end to secure the win, courtesy of Eve Muirhead's takeout for two against Homan.

"I knew it wasn't over until the scoreboard said it was over. My heart's still beating. It's really exciting," said Muirhead. "They came so close and kept crawling back, and back and back. To play that last shot was really exciting. You're not just playing for your team (on the ice), you're playing for the entire team."

MIXED TEAM PLAY

Mixed

N.A.	*020	102	2X	7
World	101	010	OX	3

TEAM N.A.: Brad Gushue, Kaitlyn Lawes, Brett Gallant, Dawn McEwen

TEAM WORLD: Bruce Mouat, Jennifer Dodds, Bobby Lammie, Lauren Gray

N.A.	201	020	02	7
World	*010	102	00	4

TEAM N.A.: Rachel Homan, B.J. Neufeld, Joanne Courtney, Ben Hebert

TEAM WORLD: Anna Hasselborg, Oskar Eriksson, Agnes Knochenhauer, Christoffer Sundgren

N.A.	*011	120	10	6
World	100	002	01	4

TEAM N.A.: John Shuster, Jamie Sinclair, Matt Hamilton, Monica Walker

TEAM WORLD: Benoît Schwarz, Alina Pätz, Peter de Cruz, Melanie Barbezat

Mixed team play totals:

Team N.A.	6 points
Team World	0 points

TEAM SCRAMBLE

Women

N.A.	*001	011	03	6
World	100	300	20	6

TEAM N.A.: Jennifer Jones, Sarah Anderson, Jocelyn Peterman, Monica Walker

TEAM WORLD: Eve Muirhead, Alina Pätz, Vicki Chalmers, Melanie Barbezat

N.A.	*010	030	10	5
World	002	301	00	6

TEAM N.A.: Rachel Homan, Kaitlyn Lawes, Joanne Courtney, Dawn McEwen

TEAM WORLD: Anna Hasselborg, Jennifer Dodds, Agnes Knochenhauer, Lauren Gray

N.A.	001	002	OX	3
World	*210	310	1X	8

TEAM N.A.: Jamie Sinclair, Emma Miskew, Taylor Anderson, Lisa Weagle

TEAM WORLD: Silvana Tirinzoni, Sara McManus, Esther Neuenschwande, Sofia Mabergs

Men:

N.A.	*100	030	3X	7
World	011	001	OX	3

TEAM N.A.: Kevin Koe, Chris Plys, Brett Gallant, Ben Hebert

TEAM WORLD: Bruce Mouat, Sven Michel, Bobby Lammie, Valentin Tanner

N.A.	101	001	10	4
World	*010	020	01	4

TEAM N.A.: Brad Gushue, B.J. Neufeld, Matt Hamilton, Geoff Walker

TEAM WORLD: Niklas Edin, Grant Hardie, Rasmus Wranå, Hammy McMillan

N.A.	010	000	1X	2
World	*002	121	OX	6

TEAM N.A.: John Shuster, Mark Nichols, Colton Flasch, John Landsteiner

TEAM WORLD: Benoît Schwarz, Oskar Eriksson, Peter de Cruz, Christoffer Sundgren

Scramble competition totals:

Team N.A.	2 points
Team World	4 points

SKINS COMPETITION

Mixed: Round 1

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
N.A.	0	0	0	0	.5	0	0	0	.5
World	*.5	.5	0	1	0	.5	1	1	4.5

TEAM N.A.: Mark Nichols, Jamie Sinclair, Brett Gallant, Taylor Anderson

TEAM WORLD: Oskar Eriksson, Anna Hasselborg, Christoffer Sundgren, Sofia Mabergs

Mixed: Round 2

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
N.A.	.5	.5	0	0	0	0	3	0	4
World	*0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

TEAM N.A.: Brad Gushue, Sarah Anderson, Geoff Walker, Monica Walker

TEAM WORLD: Niklas Edin, Sara McManus, Rasmus Wranå, Agnes Knochenhauer

Women: Round 1

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
N.A. Jennifer Jones	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
World Silvana Tirinzoni	*0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

Women: Round 2

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
N.A. Rachel Homan	*0	0	1.5	.5	.5	0	0	0	2.5
World Eve Muirhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	2.5

Men: Round 1

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
N.A. John Shuster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
World Peter de Cruz	*0	1	.5	.5	0	1	0	2	5

Men: Round 2

Points available	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	5
N.A. Kevin Koe	0	1	.5	.5	.5	0	1	0	3.5
World Bruce Mouat	*0	0	0	0	0	.5	0	1	1.5

Skins competition totals:

Team N.A.	13.5 points
Team World	16.5 points

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN JUNIORS

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Art Hauser Centre and Prince Albert Golf & Curling Club ›
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan › January 19 to 27, 2019

Both the junior men's and women's

curling champions etched themselves into the history books with impressive feats.

British Columbia's Tyler Tardi won an unprecedented third straight national junior title and Alberta's Selena Sturmey ran the table with a flawless record at the 2019 New Holland Canadian Junior Men's and Women's Curling Championships at the Art Hauser Centre and Prince Albert Golf & Curling Club in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Tardi and vice-skip Sterling Middleton surpassed the likes of John Morris, Craig Savill and Brent Laing by winning their third Canadian junior title. Tardi and Middleton — the only duo to win the event three times in a row — were joined by Ontario expat Matt Hall at second, Alex Horvath at lead and Tyler's father Paul Tardi as coach.

The week mostly went off without a hitch for the team from the Langley and Victoria curling clubs, with only one round-robin loss to Manitoba's JT Ryan. British Columbia bested the field with a 9-1 record and earned a direct berth to the final.



The 2019 Canadian junior men's champions: from left, British Columbia skip Tyler Tardi, third Sterling Middleton, second Matt Hall and lead Alex Horvath. Down by a pair to Manitoba's JT Ryan after seven ends, the B.C. crew turned it up a notch, scoring a deuce in eighth and then stole their way to a 7-5 victory with singles in ninth and 10.

Saskatchewan's Rylan Kleiter (8-2) and Manitoba's Ryan (7-3) battled in the semifinal game, with Manitoba gaining the edge in a 9-3 win thanks to scores of three in the seventh and four in the ninth with hammer.

In the final, Tardi jumped to an early

lead with a score of three in the second end, but Ryan battled back in the middle ends to take a 5-3 lead after seven. British Columbia took control of the final three ends with a hammer-deuce in the eighth and steals of one in the ninth and 10th ends to defeat Manitoba 7-5.

"It's unreal the fact that this has (now) only been done twice and how this is such a rare feat," said Tardi of his accomplishment with Middleton. "It's an incredible feeling and to be doing it with one of my best friends is extra special."

On the women's side, Alberta's Selena Sturmey, vice-skip Abby Marks, second Kate Goodhelpsen, lead Paige Papley and coach Amanda-Dawn St. Laurent from the Saville Community Sports Centre in Edmonton became the first undefeated team since Rachel Homan did it in 2010. Only six teams had accomplished this feat before Sturmey since the first national junior women's event in 1971.

Alberta soared through the round robin with a 10-0 record to acquire its spot in the final.



Despite his team's loss in the final, Manitoba skip JT Ryan said it was one of their best games ever. "It just wasn't enough. It was an inch here or there."



British Columbia skip Tyler Tardi won a record-setting third straight Canadian junior men's title, surpassing the likes of John Morris and Charley Thomas.



It was a first-team junior men's all-star sweep for British Columbia with the honours going to Tyler Tardi, Sterling Middleton, Matthew Hall and Alex Horvath.

Junior Curling Championships in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, later that month. Tardi, the defending world champion, defeated Switzerland in the final to join Morris and Charley Thomas as the only skips to win back-to-back world junior men's titles. Sturmay and her team earned silver medals, losing to Russia in the final.

Lastly, the mixed doubles pairing of Calissa Daly (Ontario) and Jacob Horgan (Northern Ontario) with coach Nick Saturnino (Northwest Territories) won the gold medal in the mixed doubles tournament, which featured all of the players and coaches who didn't qualify for the playoffs at the 2019 New Holland Canadian Juniors.

Daly and Horgan were 7-3 winners over Mackenzie Zacharias (Manitoba) and Emerson Steffler (Ontario) in the final. Saturnino won both gold and silver, as he also coached the Zacharias/Steffler team.

In a tiebreaker game, British Columbia's Sarah Daniels (7-3) defeated Quebec's Laurie St-Georges (7-3) by a score of 8-6 to earn the last spot in the semifinal. After that, Daniels took advantage of an early-game four-ender to defeat defending women's champion Kaitlyn Jones (7-3) of Nova Scotia in the semifinal 9-7.

But British Columbia's run through the playoffs ended there. During the final, Alberta strung together three consecutive

steals in the third through fifth ends on its way to a 9-6 victory to win Alberta's 10th national junior women's title.

"It's definitely super exciting. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I'm not going to be going to school a whole lot," said Sturmay, who also represented Canada at the Winter Universiade. "But that's okay. I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be the ride of a lifetime for sure."

Both teams competed at the World

JUNIOR MEN'S FINAL

Manitoba (JT Ryan)	000 220 100 0 5
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	*030 000 021 1 7

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Manitoba		British Columbia	
JT Ryan	82%	Tyler Tardi	83%
Jacques Gauthier	78%	Sterling Middleton	88%
Jordan Peters	83%	Matthew Hall	84%
Cole Chandler	88%	Alex Horvath	94%
Team totals	82%	87%	

SEMIFINAL

Saskatchewan (Rylan Kleiter)	*000 001 020 X 3
Manitoba (JT Ryan)	010 010 304 X 9

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	1	0
Manitoba (JT Ryan)	1	1
Saskatchewan (Rylan Kleiter)	0	1
Championship round	Wins	Losses
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	9	1
Saskatchewan (Rylan Kleiter)	8	2
Manitoba (JT Ryan)	7	3
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	6	4
Alberta (Desmond Young)	5	5
Quebec (Vincent Roberge)	5	5
Newfoundland/Labrador (Greg Blyde)	5	5
Nova Scotia (Graeme Weagle)	4	6

Seeding round

	Wins	Losses
New Brunswick (Jack Smeltzer)	6	3
Ontario (Samuel Steep)	5	4
Prince Edward Island (Tyler Smith)	4	5
Yukon (Trygg Jensen)	2	7
Northwest Territories (Sawer Kaeser)	1	8
Nunavut (Javen Komaksiutiksak)	0	9

Round robin*

Pool A	Wins	Losses
British Columbia (Tyler Tardi)	6	0
Saskatchewan (Rylan Kleiter)	5	1
Newfoundland/Labrador (Greg Blyde)	3	3
Ontario (Samuel Steep)	3	3
Alberta (Desmond Young)†	3	3
Yukon (Trygg Jensen)	1	5
Nunavut (Javen Komaksiutiksak)	0	6

Pool B

	Wins	Losses
Quebec (Vincent Roberge)	4	2
Northern Ontario (Tanner Horgan)	4	2
Nova Scotia (Graeme Weagle)	4	2
Manitoba (JT Ryan)	4	2
New Brunswick (Jack Smeltzer)	3	3
Prince Edward Island (Tyler Smith)	2	4
Northwest Territories (Sawer Kaeser)	0	6

* Top four teams in each pool advanced to the championship round, remaining teams to the seeding round. All teams carried their full win-loss records forward.

† Defeated Ontario 5-4 in a tiebreaker to advance to the championship round.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S FINAL

British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	100 002 030 X	6
Alberta (Selena Sturmay)	*011 210 103 X	9

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

British Columbia		Alberta	
Sarah Daniels	62%	Selena Sturmay	72%
Kayla MacMillan	78%	Abby Marks	75%
Jessica Humphries	71%	Kate Goodhelpsen	79%
Sarah Loken	91%	Paige Papley	83%
Team totals	76%	Team totals	77%

SEMIFINAL

Nova Scotia (Kaitlyn Jones)	010 201 102 0	7
British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	*104 010 020 1	9

TIEBREAKER

British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	010 100 400 2	8
Quebec (Laurie St-Georges)	*002 002 020 0	6

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Selena Sturmay)	1	0
British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	2	1
Nova Scotia (Kaitlyn Jones)	0	1
Quebec (Laurie St-Georges)	0	1

Championship round	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Selena Sturmay)	10	0
Nova Scotia (Kaitlyn Jones)	7	3
British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	7	3
Quebec (Laurie St-Georges)	7	3
Manitoba (Mackenzie Zacharias)	6	4
Northern Ontario (Kira Brunton)	5	5
Saskatchewan (Sara England)	5	5
New Brunswick (Justine Comeau)	5	5

Seeding round	Wins	Losses
Newfoundland/Labrador (Mackenzie Glynn)	5	4
Ontario (Thea Coburn)	4	5
Prince Edward Island (Lauren Ferguson)	2	7
Host (Skylar Ackerman)	2	7
Northwest Territories (Tyanna Bain)	2	7
Nunavut (Sadie Pinksen)	0	9

Round robin*

Pool A	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Selena Sturmay)	6	0
British Columbia (Sarah Daniels)	5	1
Nova Scotia (Kaitlyn Jones)	4	2
Northern Ontario (Kira Brunton)	3	3
Ontario (Thea Coburn)	2	4
Host (Skylar Ackerman)	1	5
Nunavut (Sadie Pinksen)	0	6

Pool B	Wins	Losses
Manitoba (Mackenzie Zacharias)	5	1
Quebec (Laurie St-Georges)	5	1
Saskatchewan (Sara England)	4	2
New Brunswick (Justine Comeau)	4	2
Newfoundland/Labrador (Mackenzie Glynn)	2	4
Prince Edward Island (Lauren Ferguson)	1	5
Northwest Territories (Tyanna Bain)	0	6

* Top four teams in each pool advanced to the championship round, remaining teams to the seeding round. All teams carried their full win-loss records forward.



Alberta's Selena Sturmay, Abby Marks, Kate Goodhelpsen and Paige Papley were unstoppable in their quest for gold. "We were able to get a handle on the ice conditions early this week and I think that was a huge factor in how well our team played," said Sturmay.



Down 5-1, B.C.'s Sarah Daniels mounted a solid comeback, taking two in the sixth end, forcing Alberta to one in seven and tacking on three in the eighth to tie the game at 6-6. But Alberta put the game out of reach with a score of three in the ninth for a 9-6 lead.



Selena Sturmay, who led Alberta to its fifth women's title in eight years, joined an exclusive list of skips who have guided their teams to undefeated runs at the Canadian juniors. Alberta soared through the round robin with a 10-0 record to earn its spot in the final.



The 2019 first-team junior women's all-stars: from left, Manitoba skip Mackenzie Zacharias, third Katie Follett of Newfoundland and Labrador, second Karlee Burgess of Nova Scotia and lead Samantha McLaren of host Saskatchewan. It was back-to-back honours for Burgess, who was playing in her sixth national junior championship.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars

- Skip Mackenzie Zacharias, Man.
- Third Katie Follett, N.L.
- Second Karlee Burgess, Nova Scotia
- Lead Samantha McLaren, Host

Second-team all-stars

- Skip Sara England, Saskatchewan
- Third Lauren Lenentine, N.S.
- Second Emily Zacharias, Manitoba
- Lead Keira McLaughlin, N.B.

JUNIOR MEN'S ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars

- Skip Tyler Tardi, B.C.
- Third Sterling Middleton, B.C.
- Second Matthew Hall, B.C.
- Lead Alex Horvath, B.C.

Second-team all-stars

- Skip Rylan Kleiter, Saskatchewan
- Third Jacques Gauthier, Manitoba
- Second Jordan Peters, Manitoba
- Lead Bradley Lequin, Quebec

JOAN MEAD LEGACY AWARD

Nova Scotia second Karlee Burgess is the winner of the 2019 Joan Mead Legacy Award. Mead was the CBC's curling producer for many years and produced its curling coverage at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. After she died suddenly in January 2000, the CBC Legacy Award was renamed in her memory and in honour of the great work she had done for curling on behalf of the

CBC. The awards began after the CBC was presented with the Golden Rings Award by the International Olympic Association for its excellence in broadcasting curling from the Nagano games. CBC decided to fund an annual award for junior curlers in Canada as an ongoing legacy of the Golden Rings Award and established the CBC Legacy Awards.

KEN WATSON AWARD

The 2019 winners of the Ken Watson Award are skips JT Ryan and Mackenzie Zacharias, both of Manitoba. The awards are voted on by the players in the New Holland Canadian Juniors and presented to the curlers who best combine playing ability with sportsmanship.

ASHAM NATIONAL COACHING AWARD

The 2019 Asham National Coaching Award winners are junior men's coach Dean Kleiter of Saskatchewan and junior women's coach Michel St-Georges of Quebec. The award winners at the New Holland Canadian Juniors are chosen by coaches, who are asked to select an opposing team coach who best exemplifies the attributes of coaching.

FAIR PLAY AWARD

Junior Men

- Lead Calvin Laforet, Nunavut
- Second Jacob Libbus, Alberta
- Third Dustin Mikush, Alberta
- Skip JT Ryan, Manitoba
- Coach Dean Kleiter, Saskatchewan



Manitoba skips JT Ryan and Mackenzie Zacharias are the recipients of the 2019 Ken Watson sportsmanship awards. The awards are voted on by the players.



Curling Canada's Amy Nixon, right, presents the 2019 Joan Mead Legacy Award to Nova Scotia second Karlee Burgess. The winner is selected by the event officials.

Junior Women

- Lead Adrianna Hendrick, N.W.T.
- Second Sarah Hoag, Saskatchewan
- Third Pearl Gillis, N.W.T.
- Skip Kira Brunton, N. Ontario
- Coach Rodney Guy, N. Ontario

The Fair Play Award winners are selected by the junior men's and women's officials.

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

Centre 200 » Sydney, Nova Scotia » February 15 to 24, 2019



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Skip Chelsea Carey, third Sarah Wilkes, second Dana Ferguson and lead Rachel Brown defeated Ontario's Rachel Homan 8-6 to win the 2019 Canadian women's curling title. The Alberta crew stole their way to victory when Homan, who had two chances to draw for the win — once in the 10th end and again in the extra — came up light on both.



After making almost everything in the first half of the final, Ontario skip Rachel Homan missed several key shots, allowing Alberta to get back in the game.

It was a shocking result for both teams in the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts final, leaving one team elated and the other diminished.

Alberta's Chelsea Carey treated fans at Centre 200 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, to an historic comeback victory over Ontario's Rachel Homan in what was just one of many exciting moments during the 10-day event.

Alberta capitalized on key misses during the final, after Carey, vice-skip Sarah Wilkes, second Dana Ferguson, lead Rachel Brown and coach Dan Carey had led the pack of 16 teams throughout the week.

Alberta's 9-2 record was good for first overall in the Championship Pool and earned its spot in the final with an 11-7 victory against Hearts rookie Robyn Silvernagle of Saskatchewan (8-3) in the Page 1-2 game. Carey took advantage of a Saskatchewan miss in the seventh end

to score four in what was otherwise a tight game.

On the other side of the playoff bracket, Ontario's Homan (8-3) bested Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville (8-3) in the Page 3-4 game by a score of 6-4 to advance to the semifinal. In the semifinal match, Ontario capitalized by placing four well-guarded stones in the four-foot to score four in the sixth end on its way to a 9-7 win over Saskatchewan.

The chain of events set up a memorable gold-medal game between Carey and Homan, which broke numerous Hearts final records in the process. Carey and Homan combined for six stolen ends — the most during a Hearts final — and Carey achieved the largest come-from-behind victory, overcoming a four-point deficit to win 8-6.

"To come back on a team that is such great hitters and front-runners seems impossible when you're down," says

Carey. “But (my teammates) just hung in there with me. Everyone was super positive and supportive and we just grinded it out.”

Ontario jumped out of the starting blocks quickly, opening the game with two steals of one and a score of three with hammer for a 5-1 lead after four ends. At that point Ontario was out-curling Alberta 91 per cent to 63 per cent. Homan was shooting a stellar 91 per cent compared with Carey’s 48 per cent.

But Alberta chipped away at the lead, scoring one in the fifth and back-to-back steals of one in the sixth and seventh ends. Ontario scored one in the eighth and forced Alberta to one in the ninth to hold a one-point lead with hammer in the 10th end. But Homan’s game-winning draw attempt was a couple of inches short, resulting in another steal for Carey to force an extra end. Ontario was once again light on its final draw attempt in the extra end, giving up a steal of two and an Alberta victory.

“I don’t think I even know what just happened. I’m just in shock,” Carey said at game’s end. “We wanted to make her throw

Alberta’s Chelsea Carey stole five points en route to her second Hearts title. “To come back on a team that is such great hitters and front-runners seems impossible when you’re down,” said Carey. “But (my teammates) just hung in there with me... we just grinded it out.”



FINAL

Ontario (Rachel Homan)	110 300 010 0 0 6
Alberta (Chelsea Carey)	*001 011 101 1 2 8

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Ontario		Alberta	
Rachel Homan	75%	Chelsea Carey	65%
Emma Miskew	76%	Sarah Wilkes	64%
Joanne Courtney	90%	Dana Ferguson	86%
Lisa Weagle	85%	Rachel Brown	86%
Team totals	82%		75%

SEMIFINAL

Ontario (Rachel Homan)	002 004 020 1 9
Saskatchewan (Robyn Silvernagle)	*010 100 302 0 7

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Ontario (Rachel Homan)	*201 010 010 1 6
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	010 101 001 0 4

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Saskatchewan (Robyn Silvernagle)	031 001 020 0 7
Alberta (Chelsea Carey)	*200 110 401 2 11

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Chelsea Carey)	2	0
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	2	1
Saskatchewan (Robyn Silvernagle)	0	2
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	0	1

Championship round

	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Chelsea Carey)	9	2
Saskatchewan (Robyn Silvernagle)	8	3
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	8	3
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	8	3
Wild Card (Casey Scheidegger)	7	4
Prince Edward Island (Suzanne Birt)	6	5
Team Canada (Jennifer Jones)	6	5
British Columbia (Sarah Wark)	5	6

Round robin*

Pool A	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Chelsea Carey)	7	0
Ontario (Rachel Homan)	5	2
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	5	2
British Columbia (Sarah Wark)†	4	3
Manitoba (Tracy Fleury)	4	3
Nova Scotia (Jill Brothers)	2	5
Nunavut (Jenine Bdner)	1	6
Quebec (Gabrielle Lavoie)	0	7

Pool B

	Wins	Losses
Wild Card (Casey Scheidegger)**	6	1
Saskatchewan (Robyn Silvernagle)	5	2
Prince Edward Island (Suzanne Birt)	5	2
Team Canada (Jennifer Jones)	4	3
Northwest Territories (Kerry Galusha)	3	4
New Brunswick (Andrea Crawford)	3	4
Newfoundland/Labrador (Kelli Sharpe)	1	6
Yukon (Nicole Baldwin)	1	6

** Team Casey Scheidegger defeated Team Kerri Einarson 7-6 in the wild-card game to advance to the round robin.

* Top four teams in each pool advanced to the championship round carrying their full win-loss records forward.

† Defeated Manitoba 8-5 in a tiebreaker to advance to the championship round.

that draw because that path is pretty slow. So we set out (to do that) at the start of the end, but I still expected her to make it.”

It’s Carey’s second Hearts title after winning the event in 2016 and the first for Wilkes, Ferguson and Brown.

The final game wasn’t the only history made that week. Jennifer Jones broke the record for most victories at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts as a skip. She earned her 141st victory in her final game against British Columbia to surpass veteran skip Colleen Jones of Halifax.

Jones, who finished the week with a 6-5 record and out of the playoff picture, applauded the crowd as she left the ice after attaining the milestone.

“How many people get to play in front of a great crowd and how many people get people to applaud for our performance?” she asks. “I feel very fortunate and lucky to be in that situation. So I wanted to thank them for making our dreams come true, which is what they do every time they come and put a bum in that seat.”

ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars

- Skip Rachel Homan, Ontario
- Third Emma Miskew, Ontario
- Second Jennifer Gates, N. Ontario
- Lead Dawn McEwen, Team Canada

Second-team all-stars

- Skip Krista McCarville, N. Ontario
- Third Kendra Lilly, N. Ontario
- Second Joanne Courtney, Ontario
- Lead Sarah Potts, N. Ontario



Nancy Marcus of Kruger Products presents the Sandra Schmirler Award to Alberta skip Chelsea Carey as the most valuable player in the Hearts playoffs.



The 2019 first-team Scotties Tournament of Hearts all-stars: from left, skip Rachel Homan and third Emma Miskew, both of Ontario, second Jennifer Gates of Northern Ontario and Team Canada lead Dawn McEwen. Homan and Miskew have been first-team all-stars three times and McEwen is a leading nine-time winner.

MARJ MITCHELL AWARD

Northern Ontario lead Sarah Potts won the Marj Mitchell Award for best embodying the spirit of curling at the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The award is named in memory of Marj Mitchell, who skipped Canada to its first world title in 1980. In 1983, shortly after the second Hearts, Mitchell died of cancer at the age of 35. The winner is selected each year in a vote by all players at the tournament.



Kruger Products’ Oliver Bukvic presents Northern Ontario lead Sarah Potts with the Marj Mitchell Award for best embodying the spirit of curling.

JOAN MEAD BUILDER AWARD

Presented in the name of the late CBC-TV producer Joan Mead, the 2019 Builder Award has been presented to Leslie Ann Walsh of St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, for her significant contribution to curling as a coach and to the growth and development of curling in her province. Walsh also has been a major contributor to the sport of wheelchair curling and has been a long-time coach at the popular Whitecap Curling Camp in Atlantic Canada.



Kruger Products’ Oliver Bukvic congratulates Leslie Ann Walsh of St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, winner of the 2019 Joan Mead Builder Award.



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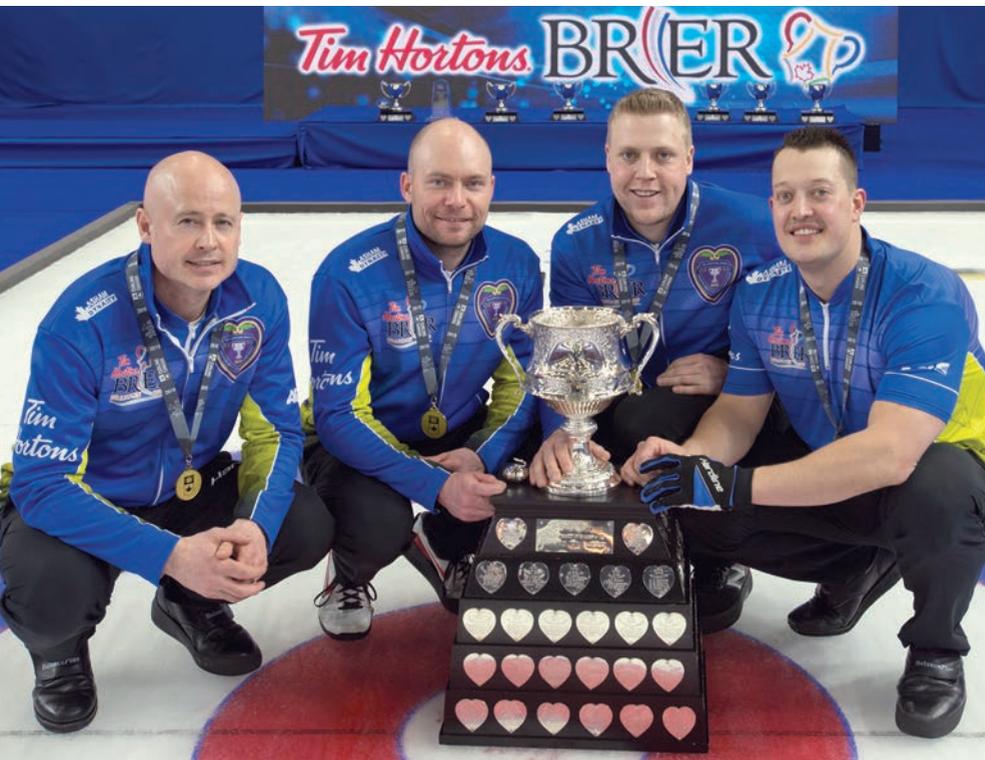
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The 2019 Tim Hortons Brier champions: from left, Alberta skip Kevin Koe, third B.J. Neufeld, second Colton Flasch and lead Ben Hebert. Trailing 3-2, Koe made a difficult double with his final shot in the 10th end — with only 13 seconds left on his time clock — to score a deuce against Team Wild Card's Brendan Bottcher and win the all-Alberta final 4-3.

Koe's first-year team was rounded out by vice-skip B.J. Neufeld, second Colton Flasch, lead Ben Hebert and coach John Dunn, as well as Appelman, who joined the team as an alternate after the Boston Pizza Cup.

"It's awesome, especially a nailbiter like that," says Koe, who was named winner of the Hec Gervais playoff MVP award. "I'm happy for a few reasons — obviously, for winning a Brier for B.J. and Colton. You never know when you get to do that, and they'll be Brier champs forever.

"To win like that only gives our team confidence going forward in close games and in tight situations. We played a great game, but Brendan, he just never goes away. We had him in trouble in (the ninth end) and there were just so many shots he had to be perfect and he was. It's not a surprise. He's a hell of a curler and we're fortunate to come out on top."

Bottcher, backed by vice-skip Darren Moulding, second Brad Thiessen and lead Karrick Martin, got a second chance at playing in the 2019 Tim Hortons Brier by winning the pre-event Wild Card game against Toronto's John Epping, and then went on to post an 8-3 round-robin record in a bid to improve upon the silver medal he won at the 2018 Brier in Regina, where he had lost to Team Canada's Brad Gushue.

It was a star-studded final four, with Koe's Alberta champs at 11-0, followed by the pairing of Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs and Team Canada's Gushue at 9-2.

Northern Ontario got the Page 1-2 game berth by beating Canada, and Team Gushue's bid for a Brier three-peat was ended by Bottcher's Team Wild Card in the 3-4 game, with Wild Card prevailing 7-2.

In the 1-2 game, Alberta raced to a 5-0 lead after two ends and never looked back in a 9-4 win, dropping Northern Ontario to the semifinal against Team Wild Card.

There, Bottcher made arguably the best clutch shot of the event, a triple tap raise in the 10th end to score a winning deuce



Brendan Bottcher's Team Wild Card advanced to the Brier final thanks to his triple tap raise for two and a 5-4 semifinal win over Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs.

Exactly four weeks earlier, they'd met at the Ellerslie Curling Club on the south side of Edmonton in the semifinal of the 2019 Boston Pizza Cup Alberta Men's Curling Championship.

Then it had been Calgary's Kevin Koe taking a 7-5 win over Edmonton's Brendan Bottcher to reach the gold-medal game, where he knocked off Ted Appelman 9-5 to win his sixth Alberta title.

Fast forward to March 10 — the closing Sunday of the 2019 Tim Hortons Brier at Westoba Place in Brandon, Manitoba — and the same teams were on the ice, this time with a Canadian title on the line.

Different circumstance, higher stakes — but, ultimately, the same result as Koe captured his record-tying fourth Brier title as a skip, making a dramatic double takeout with his final shot of the game to score a winning deuce in a 4-3 decision that put a capper on a perfect 13-0 run.

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for a 5-4 victory to set up an all-Alberta final.

It was a nailbiter for 10 ends; Alberta led 2-0 with singles in the second and fourth (stolen) ends, but Wild Card came back with a game-turning deuce in the eighth end and followed up with what appeared to be a monumental stolen point in the ninth for a 3-2 lead.

But Koe was, well, Koe, in the 10th end calmly delivering the game-winner to set off a wild celebration.

“You’re watching greatness with him,” says Hebert of his skip. “He’s top three. He’s ridiculous. I mean, with what this guy has done with his career, he has one blemish of not winning the Olympic Games. Well, he won the Olympic trials, the

hardest event to win. He’s won four Briers with four different teams, so who is the common denominator there? You guys can figure that out. He’s amazing. I love curling with him.”

Bottcher, meanwhile, took another step in what is developing into a brilliant career, just seven years removed from winning the world junior title in 2012.

“For sure we think we’re going to win this eventually. Losing it two years in a row would be much different than losing it 10 years apart,” says Bottcher. “This just cements everything we’ve been doing for the last couple of years, we’re on the right track.”

Kevin Koe and his Calgary-based squad were defeated in their journey to the top of the Brier podium. It was a leading 28th title for Alberta.



FINAL

Wild Card (Brendan Bottcher)	000 000 021 0 3
Alberta (Kevin Koe)	*010 100 000 2 4

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Wild Card

Brendan Bottcher	86%
Darren Moulding	80%
Brad Thiessen	85%
Karrick Martin	93%
Team totals	86%

Alberta

Kevin Koe	93%
B.J. Neufeld	89%
Colton Flasch	94%
Ben Hebert	95%
Team totals	93%

SEMIFINAL

Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	*110 100 100 0 4
Wild Card (Brendan Bottcher)	002 010 000 2 5

PAGE SYSTEM 3-4 PLAYOFF

Wild Card (Brendan Bottcher)	010 010 041 X 7
Team Canada (Brad Gushue)	*001 001 000 X 2

PAGE SYSTEM 1-2 PLAYOFF

Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	001 010 02X X 4
Alberta (Kevin Koe)	*230 200 20X X 9

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs

	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Kevin Koe)	2	0
Wild Card (Brendan Bottcher)	2	1
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	0	2
Team Canada (Brad Gushue)	0	1

Championship round

	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Kevin Koe)	11	0
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	9	2
Team Canada (Brad Gushue)	9	2
Wild Card (Brendan Bottcher)	8	3
Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	6	5
Ontario (Scott McDonald)	6	5
Saskatchewan (Kirk Muyres)	5	6
British Columbia (Jim Cotter)	4	7

Round robin*

Pool A

	Wins	Losses
Northern Ontario (Brad Jacobs)	7	0
Wild Card (Brendan Bottcher)**	6	1
Manitoba (Mike McEwen)	4	3
Saskatchewan (Kirk Muyres)	4	3
Quebec (Martin Crête)	3	4
Yukon (Jon Solberg)	3	4
Prince Edward Island (John Likely)	1	6
Newfoundland/Labrador (Andrew Symonds)	0	7

Pool B

	Wins	Losses
Alberta (Kevin Koe)	7	0
Team Canada (Brad Gushue)	6	1
Ontario (Scott McDonald)	4	3
British Columbia (Jim Cotter)	4	3
Nova Scotia (Stuart Thompson)	3	4
New Brunswick (Terry Odishaw)	3	4
Northwest Territories (Jamie Koe)	1	6
Nunavut (David St. Louis)	0	7

** Team Brendan Bottcher defeated Team John Epping 8-4 in the wild-card game to advance to the round robin.

* Top four teams in each pool advanced to the championship round carrying their full win-loss records forward.



First-team Brier all-star honours went to: from left, Saskatchewan lead Dallan Muyres and Northern Ontario second E.J. Harnden, third Ryan Fry and skip Brad Jacobs. It was the third time that Jacobs and Fry have been honoured, second for Harnden. First and second-team all-stars have been selected at the Brier since 1965.

ALL-STAR TEAMS

First-team all-stars

Skip Brad Jacobs, N. Ontario
 Third Ryan Fry, N. Ontario
 Second E.J. Harnden, N. Ontario
 Lead Dallan Muyres, Sask.

Second-team all-stars

Skip Brad Gushue, Team Canada
 Third B.J. Neufeld, Alberta
 Second Brett Gallant, Team Canada
 Lead Colin Hodgson, Manitoba

HEC GERVAIS AWARD

Presented to the most valuable player in the Tim Hortons Brier playoffs, the 2019 Hec Gervais Award was won by Alberta skip Kevin Koe.



Manitoba lead Colin Hodgson, second Brett Gallant of Team Canada, third B.J. Neufeld of Alberta and Team Canada skip Brad Gushue were named to the 2019 Brier second all-star team. Hodgson shot 92 per cent, Gallant 90, Neufeld and Gushue 88. All-star selections are determined by overall shooting percentages during round-robin play.



Alberta skip Kevin Koe accepts the Hec Gervais Award as the Brier playoff MVP from Curling Canada governor Resby Coutts. Koe also won the award in 2010 and 2016.



ROSS HARSTONE AWARD

Team Wild Card third Darren Moulding is the winner of the 2019 Ross Harstone Award, whose recipient is selected by the players in the Tim Hortons Brier. The award is presented to the player who best combines playing ability and sportsmanship.

Curling Canada governor Resby Coutts presents the 2019 Ross Harstone sportsmanship award to Team Wild Card third Darren Moulding.



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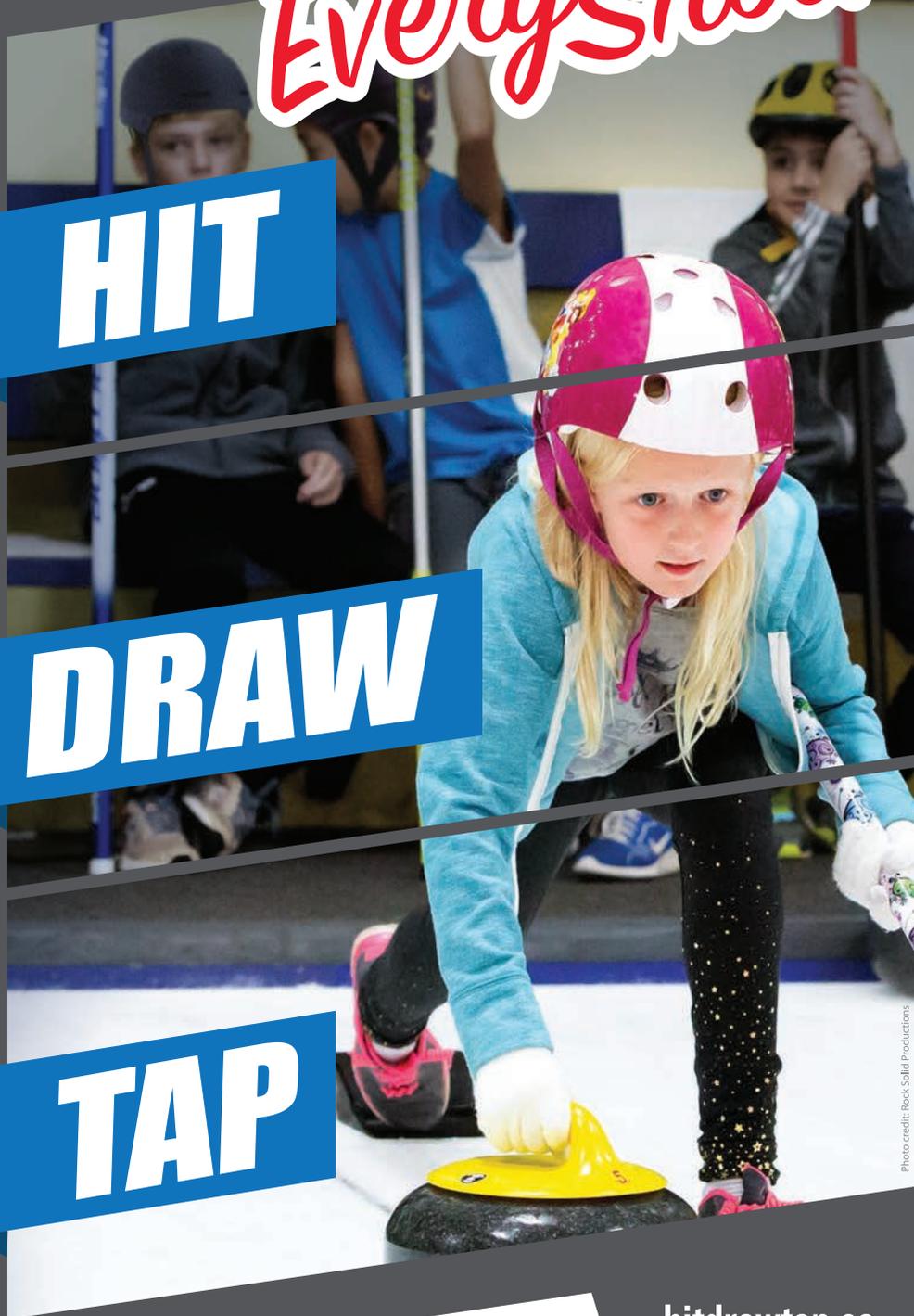


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LGT WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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Suffice it to say, Chelsea Carey has some unfinished business when it comes to the World Women's Curling Championship.

Despite being one of Canada's most talented and consistent skips — she's won a medal every time she's competed at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, including two gold — she's experienced no shortage of frustration at the world level.

That was the case at the 2019 LGT World Women's Curling Championship in Silkeborg, Denmark.

Carey, who had finished fourth with a different lineup at the 2016 world women's championship in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, arrived in Denmark with vice-skip Sarah Wilkes, second Dana Ferguson, lead Rachel Brown, alternate Jill Officer, team coach Dan Carey and national coach Elaine Dagg-Jackson, brimming with confidence after their impressive triumph at the 2019 Hearts in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

But the Canadians would struggle with consistency throughout the round robin in Silkeborg, and it cost them a playoff spot. They finished with a 6-6 round-robin record, tied for the final spot in the playoffs with Japan's Seina Nakajima and Jamie Sinclair of the United States.

Japan, though, had the tiebreaker nod on both North American teams based on round-robin victories over both teams and grabbed the final berth. (Tiebreaker games aren't played at world championships.)

"I mean, obviously, we're gutted with the results and not making the playoffs here," said Carey after the round robin. "But we did a lot of good things and it just didn't go our way. I'm proud of the girls; it was all their first time at this event, and they were incredibly composed. Everybody was calm, we supported each other, we did a lot of good things — it just didn't work out for us."



The 2019 world champions: from left, Swiss skip Silvana Tirinzoni, fourth Alina Pätz, second Esther Neuenschwander, lead Melanie Barbezat and fifth Marisa Winkelhausen. With the championship hanging in the balance and facing three Swedish counters, Pätz coolly drew the button in an extra end to give Switzerland its fifth gold medal in eight years.



The revamped Swiss team — with skip Silvana Tirinzoni, left, tossing third rocks and newcomer Alina Pätz throwing last — paid off with a highly successful season.



Canada's Chelsea Carey and her Calgary-based crew struggled during the week, finishing at 6-6. It was the first time since 1999 that Canada missed the playoffs.



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Sweden's Anna Hasselborg throws the rock to sweepers Agnes Knochenhauer, left, and Sofia Mabergs in the gold-medal showdown. All even after regulation, Hasselborg was a little heavy with her last rock in the extra, leaving the door open for the Swiss to draw for the win.

The opening round-robin game against South Korea's rising star Minji Kim would set the tone; Canada was in control after an eighth-end deuce to go up 6-4, but the South Koreans bounced back immediately with three in the ninth end and Carey missed on her last-rock draw in the 10th to force extra ends.

Canada entered the final day of round-robin competition in contention for a spot in the top six, but those hopes were all but dashed with a 5-3 loss to Sweden's Olympic gold-medallist Anna Hasselborg in the morning draw.

The Swedes, who had bowed to Canada's Jennifer Jones in the 2018 world women's gold-medal game in North Bay, Ontario, finished on top of the round robin in Silkeborg with an 11-1 record, followed by South Korea and Russia's Alina Kovaleva at 9-3 (South Korea was seeded second by virtue of its round-robin win over Russia), Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni (8-4), China's Jie Mei (7-5) and Japan.

And it was the Swiss who held the hot hand in the playoffs. They defeated China 7-6 in the qualifying round, and followed up with a 5-3 extra-end win over South Korea in the semifinal.

Finally, in the battle for gold, a crucial steal of one in the ninth proved decisive as Switzerland beat Sweden 8-7 in an extra end — a fifth world title for the country since 2012, and Tirinzoni's long-awaited first.

The Canadians, meanwhile, went home disappointed with the result but proud of the effort and opportunity.

"It's the greatest honour I've ever had, to wear the Maple Leaf," says Carey. "It gives me chills still to put these jackets on. It's tough, you have a target on your back and all that, but it's just the best experience you could possibly ask for. I wouldn't trade it for anything. As tough as this is, as heartbroken I am by the result here, I would never, ever even think about giving up the chance to wear the Maple Leaf."

FRANCES BRODIE AWARD

Chinese fourth Rui Wang is the 2019 winner of the Frances Brodie Award. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in

FINAL

Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	*101 020 200 1 0 7
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	010 201 021 0 1 8

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Sweden		Switzerland	
Anna Hasselborg	78%	Alina Pätz	94%
Sara McManus	81%	Silvana Tirinzoni	73%
Agnes Knochenhauer	91%	E. Neuenschwander	82%
Sofia Mabergs	86%	Melanie Barbezat	89%
Team totals	84%		84%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Japan (Seina Nakajima)	000 110 102 0 5
South Korea (Minji Kim)	*001 002 010 3 7

SEMIFINALS

Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	100 100 010 0 2 5
South Korea (Minji Kim)	*010 001 000 1 0 3

Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	*010 200 201 X 6
Japan (Seina Nakajima)	001 010 010 X 3

QUALIFICATION ROUND

Russia (Alina Kovaleva)	*020 010 00X X 3
Japan (Seina Nakajima)	002 402 12X X 11
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	*210 010 100 2 7
China (Jie Mei)	002 101 020 0 6

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	3	0
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	1	1
South Korea (Minji Kim)	1	1
Japan (Seina Nakajima)	1	2
Russia (Alina Kovaleva)	0	1
China (Jie Mei)	0	1

Round robin	Wins	Losses
Sweden (Anna Hasselborg)	11	1
South Korea (Minji Kim)	9	3
Russia (Alina Kovaleva)	9	3
Switzerland (Silvana Tirinzoni)	8	4
China (Jie Mei)	7	5
Japan (Seina Nakajima)	6	6
United States (Jamie Sinclair)	6	6
Canada (Chelsea Carey)	6	6
Germany (Daniela Jentsch)	5	7
Scotland (Sophie Jackson)	4	8
Denmark (Madeleine Dupont)	3	9
Finland (Oona Kauste)	3	9
Latvia (Iveta Staša-Šaršūne)	1	11

the World Women's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability with sportsmanship. The award was named in honour of Scotland's Frances Brodie, one of curling's pioneering women. Brodie helped establish the women's world championship and chaired the first such event in Perth, Scotland, in 1979. The award was presented for the first time in 1989.

PIONEER HI-BRED WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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For a change, Kevin Koe didn't need a long trip to represent Canada at the 2019 Pioneer Hi-Bred World Men's Curling Championship at the ENMAX Centre in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Koe's three previous trips to world men's championships had taken him to Italy (gold in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 2010), China (fourth place in Beijing in 2014) and Switzerland (gold in Basel in 2016), but this foray was merely a two-hour road trip from his hometown of Calgary to Lethbridge.

And it was a productive trip as Koe skipped Canada to a silver medal.

In the end, Koe's quest for a third world title was ended by a familiar foe — Sweden's Niklas Edin, who joined Canada's Ernie Richardson as the only four-time men's world champion with a 7-2 win over Team Canada, and made it



Swedish skip Niklas Edin, third Oskar Eriksson, second Rasmus Wranå and lead Christoffer Sundgren hoist the world championship trophy for the second straight year. "It feels amazing," said Edin, who joined Canada's Ernie Richardson as the only skip to have won four world titles. "It felt really special, this one — we played so well this whole week."



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After two one-point playoff wins, Canada's Kevin Koe couldn't pull it out one more time in the final. "We really wanted to win this, and it's a little deflating the way it all ended," said Koe.

back-to-back golds following his win over Canada's Brad Gushue in the 2018 final in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Still, for Koe, vice-skip B.J. Neufeld, second Colton Flasch, lead Ben Hebert, alternate Ted Appelman, team coach John Dunn and national coach Jeff Stoughton, it was a wonderful cap to a highly productive first season together as the team begins its quest to represent Canada at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.

"Win the Brier and second in the world championship — you can only ask for one more thing, right? That's to win that game," says Koe. "But second best this year — it's a pretty good accomplishment for this team, but it's hard to put it in perspective right now. We really wanted to win this, and it's a little deflating the way it all ended."

It was, in fact, a grind for the Canadian

champs, who'd claimed Tim Hortons Brier gold three weeks earlier in Brandon, Manitoba.

While Team Koe was able to capture the Brier title with an unbeaten record, it proved to be a rougher ride in Lethbridge. Canada completed round-robin play with a 9-3 record, part of a three-way tie for second place with Switzerland's Peter de Cruz and Japan's Yuta Matsumura, behind the 11-1 Swedes.

But based on the tiebreaker scenarios, Canada finished third and needed to play in the playoff qualifying round against a Scottish team skipped by Bruce Mouat that was riding a four-game win streak to close out the round robin.

Canada would take out the Scots 6-5, while Japan was a 7-6 winner over John Shuster's United States team.



After opening with two blank ends, exchanging singles in three through six, and another blank in seven, Sweden's Niklas Edin broke a 2-2 tie with steals of two in eight and three more in nine, prompting the Canadians to shake hands.

In the semifinal against Switzerland, it was vintage Koe in front of a near-sellout crowd in Lethbridge. He brought the house down with a stunning quadruple takeout in the third end that snuffed out a Swiss threat and forced them to take a single.

The drama continued all the way to the 10th end, where Koe drew for the winning point through a scary port.

That set up a gold-medal game against Sweden, which had earlier dispatched Japan 8-2 in the other semifinal.

The Swedes, though, simply proved unbeatable in the gold-medal match, breaking the game open late with a deuce



The winner of the Colin Campbell sportsmanship award is South Korean skip SooHyuk Kim.

COLIN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Skip SooHyuk Kim of South Korea is the winner of the 2019 Colin Campbell Memorial Award. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in the World Men's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability with sportsmanship. The award was instituted in 1979 to honour the memory of Colin A. Campbell, who served as president of the International Curling Federation (now the World Curling Federation) from 1969 until his death in 1978.

in the eighth end and a steal of three in the ninth and limiting Canada to just a pair of single points.

"It feels amazing," said Edin, who was supported by vice-skip Oskar Eriksson, second Rasmus Wranå, lead Chrisoffer Sundgren, alternate Daniel Magnusson, team coach Fredrik Lindberg and national coach Peja Lindholm. "Probably the best one (of the four wins). I almost started crying after the win, actually. It felt really special, this one — we played so well this whole week."

Switzerland captured the bronze medal with an 8-4 win over Japan.

FINAL

Sweden (Niklas Edin)	*000 101 023 X	7
Canada (Kevin Koe)	001 010 000 X	2

* Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Sweden		Canada	
Niklas Edin	90%	Kevin Koe	78%
Oskar Eriksson	89%	B.J. Neufeld	82%
Rasmus Wranå	89%	Colton Flasch	88%
Christoffer Sundgren	99%	Ben Hebert	97%
Team totals	92%		86%

BRONZE-MEDAL GAME

Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	000 301 000 X	4
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	*001 010 411 X	8

SEMIFINALS

Sweden (Niklas Edin)	*200 300 21X X	8
Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	010 001 00X X	2
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	001 010 020 1 0	5
Canada (Kevin Koe)	*020 001 002 0 1	6

QUALIFICATION ROUND

Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	*200 200 101 0 1	7
United States (John Shuster)	011 011 000 2 0	6
Scotland (Bruce Mouat)	010 200 010 1	5
Canada (Kevin Koe)	*202 000 101 0	6

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	Wins	Losses
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	2	0
Canada (Kevin Koe)	2	1
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	1	1
Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	1	2
United States (John Shuster)	0	1
Scotland (Bruce Mouat)	0	1

Round robin

	Wins	Losses
Sweden (Niklas Edin)	11	1
Switzerland (Peter de Cruz)	9	3
Canada (Kevin Koe)	9	3
Japan (Yuta Matsumura)	9	3
United States (John Shuster)	8	4
Scotland (Bruce Mouat)	8	4
Italy (Joel Retornaz)	7	5
Germany (Marc Muskatewitz)	4	8
Russia (Sergey Glukhov)	4	8
Netherlands (Jaap van Dorp)	4	8
China (Qiang Zou)	2	10
Norway (Magnus Ramsfjell)	2	10
South Korea (SooHyuk Kim)	1	11

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CANADIAN MIXED DOUBLES



Jocelyn Peterman and Brett Gallant.

WORLD MIXED DOUBLES



Sweden's Anna Hasselborg and Oskar Eriksson.

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CHAMPIONS

CANADIAN MASTERS



From left: Saskatchewan skip Delores Syrota, third Bev Krasowski, second June Campbell and lead Sylvia Broad.



From left: Alberta lead Kevin Pendergast, second Randy Ponich, third Rob Armitage and skip Mickey Pendergast.

U SPORTS-CURLING CANADA UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS



From left: skip Kira Brunton, third Megan Smith, second Alyssa Denyer and lead Emma Johnson of the Laurentian Voyageurs.



From left: skip Cameron Goodkey, third Mackenzie Calwell, second Morgan Calwell and lead Brendan Acorn of the Carleton Ravens.

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EVEREST CANADIAN SENIORS

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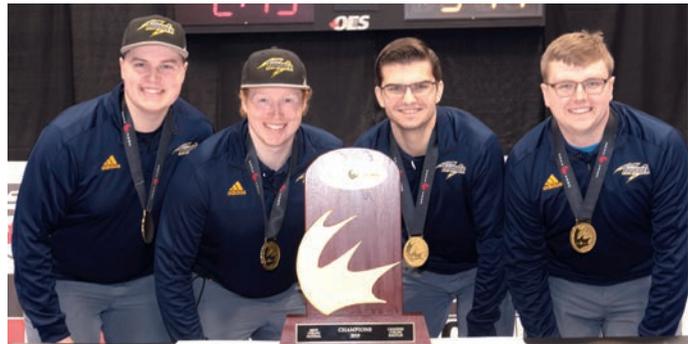
From left: skips Sherry Anderson and Bruce Korte, thirds Patty Hersikorn and Darrell McKee, seconds Brenda Goertzen and Kory Kohuch, and leads Anita Silvernagle and Rory Golanowski, all of Saskatchewan.

CCAA-CURLING CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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From left: skip Kayla MacMillan, third Patty Wallingham, second Sarah Loken and lead Samantha Kell of the Douglas Royals.



From left: Concordia Thunder skip Evan Van Amsterdam, third Tyler Van Amsterdam, second Braden Pelech and lead Cody Holowaychuk.

CANADIAN MIXED



From left: Manitoba skip Colin Kurz, third Meghan Walter, second Brendan Bilawka and lead Sara Oliver.

WINN RENTALS WORLD MIXED

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From left: Canadian skip Mike Anderson, third Danielle Inglis, second Sean Harrison and lead Lauren Harrison.

WORLD SENIORS

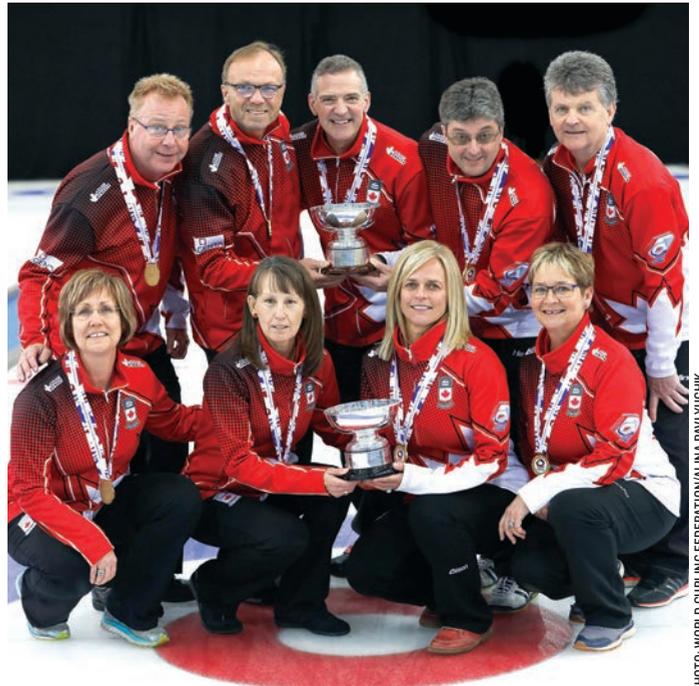


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Front row, from left: lead Anita Silvernagle, second Brenda Goertzen, third Patty Hersikorn and skip Sherry Anderson; (back row) alternate Paul Adams, lead Ken Sullivan, second Morgan Currie, third Ian Macaulay and skip Bryan Cochrane, all of Canada.

WORLD JUNIORS



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From left: Russian skip Vlada Rumiantseva, third Daria Morozova, second Irina Riazanova, lead Vera Tiuliakova and alternate Anastasia Mishchenko.



From left: Canadian skip Tyler Tardi, third Sterling Middleton, second Matthew Hall, lead Alex Horvath and alternate Rylan Kleiter.

CANADIAN UNDER-18S



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Front row, from left: Northern Ontario skip Bella Croisier, third Jamie Smith, second Piper Croisier, lead Lauren Rajala and coach Shawn Croisier; (back row) Ontario skip Dylan Niepage, third Sam Hastings, second Cameron Vanbodegom, lead Treyton Cowell, alternate Chris Inglis and coach Jeff Vanbodegom.

CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR



PHOTO: JEAN-BAPTISTE BENAVENT

From left: coach Bridget Wilson, skip Jack Smart, third Martin Purvis, second Bruno Yizek, lead Anne Hibberd and alternate Wendy Frazier of Alberta.

TRAVELERS CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



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From left: lead Mark Yodogawa, second Trevor Bakken, fourth Cody Tanaka and skip Vic Shimizu of British Columbia's Richmond Curling Club, and skip Morgan Muise, third Lyndsay Allen, second Sarah Evans and lead Sara Gartner of Alberta's Calgary Curling Club.

CANADA WINTER GAMES



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From left: Ontario lead Lauren Rajala, second Piper Croisier, third Jamie Smith and skip Bella Croisier.



PHOTO: SUSAN CHONG

From left: British Columbia skip Hayato Sato, third Joshua Miki, second Dawson Ballard and lead Troy Chong.

WORLD WHEELCHAIR



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From left: alternate Xinchun Xu, lead Zhuo Yan, coach Jianrui Li, second Qiang Zhang, third Mingliang Zhang and skip Haitao Wang of China.

MY DAD AND JANET ARNOTT WILL BE WITH ME ALWAYS



BY JENNIFER JONES



"My dad was our team coach for our first few years in women's. I'll never forget winning that first Scotties.... My dad came running down the ice, and I was able to give him the biggest hug right in the thick of the moment." In one of the biggest moments of her sporting career, Jones — with third Cathy Overton-Clapham, second Jill Officer, lead Cathy Gauthier, fifth Trisha Eck and coach Larry Jones — won the 2005 title with "The Shot," an in-off to count four.

I don't think it will come as a surprise to anyone that this curling season will be extremely different for me.

I will have the same teammates, whom I love playing with so much; the same challenges from the best teams in the world that I respect so much; and the same love of the game, the same excitement before a big shot, the same sensation I get from stepping onto a sheet for a practice and the distinct smell of a curling rink.

But something will be missing: Two people who played such significant roles in my development as a person and as a curler passed away this off-season, and to say I'm still feeling the impact of their passings would be an understatement.

My dad, Larry Jones, and my dear friend and mentor, Janet Arnett, had profound impacts on everyone they met, yet they'd be the first to tell you that they're surprised anyone would be making a fuss about them passing away.

But I hope they'll forgive me if I make a fuss about it. They deserve that and so much more.

Growing up, my sister and I were at the St. Vital Curling Club in Winnipeg from when we were babies. Our whole childhoods were spent in that curling rink,

and our daycare was there. We were able to sneak out and watch the curling and when our parents were curling, the staff would kind of babysit us. And I used to beg my parents to take me curling; it was never the other way around.

My dad loved the St. Vital; he started curling there in the Glenlawn High School League in 1955 and was just one of those people who did what was needed around the club, whether it was helping with banquets, coaching juniors, helping organize leagues — he didn't complain; he just got the job done.

I really couldn't wait to get out on the ice with my dad, and the first time he finally said yes, I was so excited. He practised with me from the moment I started curling. All through juniors, we'd go to the St. Vital every Saturday and Sunday mornings and my dad would hold the broom for me.

He was my first coach, and he worked on my slide, my delivery — all of my techniques — and taught in ways that were ahead of their time and are now fairly commonplace among coaches.

He was so passionate about the game; he talked about it all the time. He had such a love of being



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In 2006, Janet Arnott, second from left, joined Team Canada's silver-medal-winning Larry Jones, Georgina Wheatcroft, Jill Officer, Cathy Overton-Clapham and Jennifer Jones as co-coach/fifth. It was the beginning of an enduring relationship between Jones and Arnott, who took over full-time coaching duties in '08.

'My dad, Larry Jones, and my dear friend and mentor, Janet Arnott, had profound impacts on everyone they met, yet they'd be the first to tell you that they're surprised anyone would be making a fuss about them passing away.'

on the ice and I got that from him. It was never about winning or losing; it was just about playing the game.

My dad was our team coach for our first few years in women's. I'll never forget winning that first Scotties (in 2005 in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador). He was sitting behind the bench and he was one of the first people I was able to hug. Who gets to do that in the biggest moment of their sporting career, and one of the biggest moments in our sport? My dad came running down the ice, and I was able to give him the biggest hug right in the thick of the moment. Normally, you have to wait an hour before you get to hug your parents, right?

Even when he stopped coaching us, he was at all of our games. He'd be in the stands, always with a stopwatch in his hand. He was there for Hot Shots, for practices. He liked to see how the pre-game draw-the-button went, and he always said he

could tell how we were doing just by watching our practice. When we were getting piped out before games, I'd always look for him in the stands. And he'd always look back and give me a thumbs-up. That goes back for 20 years — every single game. He'd always look at me, pump his fist and give me a thumbs-up.

And when he was at home in Winnipeg, he was still working with the juniors at the St. Vital. Some people compared him to Yoda, the way he passed on his wisdom on the ice. He loved coaching, he loved helping and he loved seeing the junior teams succeed.

After every single big win he would give me a hug and say: "Ya done good, kid." I spoke with him

on the phone after we won an event in China a few days before he passed away and we had just the



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From left: Canada's Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Elaine Dagg-Jackson, Dawn McEwen, Jennifer Jones, Janet Arnott and Kirsten Wall arrive in Sochi for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. Arnott helped coach Jones to an historic undefeated run. "She was so calming for me.... It was so special to share that experience with her."

best conversation. Just like always, he told me: "Ya done good, kid." I'll never forget that conversation. It was one of the last things he ever said to me. He then told me: "You are pretty good at curling, Honey." Thanks, Dad. My dad always called all his girls Honey and I do the same with my girls. They've heard it so much that their doll babies are called Honey, too. Dad had that impact.

Janet Arnott's impact on my life and my career was different, but in many ways just as significant.

We were looking for a coach and we already had a ton of respect for Janet just from competing against her. I wasn't sure if she would say yes when we approached her about coaching us. We just were looking for a totally new perspective; my dad brought a real coaching, analytical perspective, but we wanted someone to bring that competitive aspect, and we knew right from the first time we sat down with her that Janet would be perfect.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF JENNIFER JONES

Jennifer Jones's first coach, dad Larry — pictured with her at the 1993 Canadian juniors, where Jones made her national skipping debut — "was so passionate about the game; he talked about it all the time. He had such a love of being on the ice and I got that from him. It was never about winning or losing; it was just about playing the game."

Janet and I had this kind of relationship where I could just look in her eyes and I would know what she was thinking, and she could look in mine and know what I was thinking. She was so calming for me. I remember the fifth-end break of the Olympic gold-medal final; Sweden had just scored two to tie the game, and it was a struggle. She just gave me this look — a look that said, Do whatever you have to do. Just fight for it. It was so special to share that experience with her.

I loved her. I had the utmost respect for her — as a person, as a coach. She had a competitive spirit in the most amazing way and it just rubbed off on everybody who worked with her. And she had this great perspective on life.

People always say that having kids changed my perspective. But I've had so many great people in my life who helped guide that perspective, and Janet was definitely one of those people. She was one of the best people I've ever met, and I'm beyond honoured that I got to have her in such a meaningful part of my life.

Both my dad and Janet showed me by example that nothing will ever be more important, or give you more joy and happiness, than sharing life's moments with your family and those you love.

My dad lived every single moment of his life to the fullest. And that's in me — he's part of my soul and my heart, and Janet is there, too. The impact they had on my world is everlasting, and they'll always be with me on the ice this season and forever.

Jennifer Jones is a six-time Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion, two-time world champion and an Olympic gold medallist



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recipients. All 10 scholars enthusiastically took up the challenge not only to raise funds for this scholarship program but to raise awareness of it within their communities.

“It was an amazing opportunity to support the next generation of curlers and

future scholars,” says Dustin Mikush, who, together with Selena Sturmey, ran a Bucket Brigade fundraiser at the U-18 championships in Sherwood Park, Alberta. “Beyond this 2018-19 scholarship year, I

would love to stay involved in promoting Curling Canada’s philanthropic program in any way I can!”

This kind of leadership starts at the top, and Curling Canada’s board of governors also made its mark on the drive to support junior curling in Canada. Led by governor Angela Hodgson, board members embraced the Curling Day in Canada T-shirt campaign, a Curling Canada Foundation initiative inviting Canadians to purchase a T-shirt in support of youth curling programs.

More than 900 T-shirts were sold and members of the Curling Canada board of governors were the first to get involved.

“Getting kids on the ice and into curling is such an important goal for us as governors,” says Hodgson. “It was an easy ask to engage our entire board to show their united support and passionate leadership for the next generation of curlers.”

Curling Canada is committed to getting kids ready for curling and supporting them as they journey towards their recreational or competitive goals. This commitment is made possible only because of the generous support of individuals who are prepared to invest in the sport they love. For more information on ways to support Curling Canada’s philanthropic programs, including how to make a legacy gift in your will, please visit curling.ca/foundation.

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GIVING BACK COMES NATURALLY to all levels of the curling community across Canada, whether that means volunteering at a Learn to Curl session, mentoring the next generation of curlers at your club, leaving a legacy gift for the future of our sport or making a donation directly to one of the many initiatives supporting youth curling development and student-athlete success.

Curling Canada continues to place a high value on investing resources

into the future of our sport. Last year, in collaboration with our member associations and strategic partners, we continued to expand the sport at all levels of youth development.

For example, Hit Draw Tap™, presented by Tim Hortons, was offered by eight member associations — Ontario, Northern Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories and New Brunswick — with two provincial championships of this individual skills competition played on Curling Canada’s men’s and women’s Canadian championship ice.

And the Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings program continued its role as a first step into curling by introducing another 220,000 students to the sport through floor curling in school gymnasiums across the country.

Student athletes benefited from the curling community’s support, but they also demonstrated what giving back really means. A total of \$25,000 in For the Love of Curling scholarships were awarded to 10 deserving young curlers, who were invited to find creative ways to invest back into the scholarship program for future



For the Love of Curling scholars Selena Sturmey and Dustin Mikush ran a Bucket Brigade to raise funds for next year’s For the Love of Curling scholarship program.

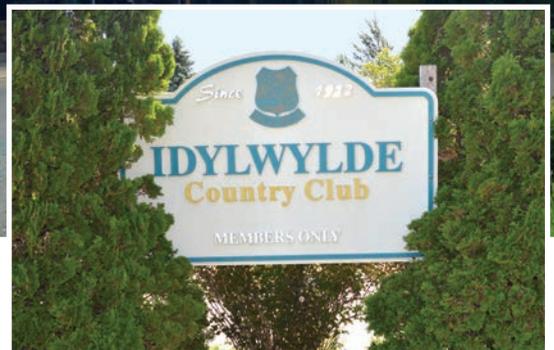


EYES ON THE FUTURE

IDYLWYLDE PROGRAMS BOOST YOUTH CURLING IN SUDBURY



BY DON LANDRY



The bones of the Idylwyld might be a little brittle and creaky here and there. That's how it is with so many storied curling clubs.

However, the blood coursing through the Sudbury, Ontario, five-sheeter's veins is undeniably charged with vitality, keeping the club young at heart, its young curlers on a path to success.

And it's no fluke that it's happening.

As the Idylwyld prepares to host the 2020 Canadian Under-18 Boys and Girls Curling Championships, the hope is that at least one of its hotshot junior teams will be there to represent Northern Ontario, serving as a testament to the dedication the club has exhibited in attracting

a new generation of curling stars, and helping develop them to the point where they can tangle with elite young curlers the world over.

"It's what's really special about the Idylwyld," says teenage skip Bella Croisier, whose team will be looking for a repeat of the U-18 Canadian championship it won last season. "How we help grow (the game)."

The entire Sudbury curling scene is vibrant and healthy and the Idylwyld is most certainly a part of that vigour, says Leslie Kerr, executive director of the Northern Ontario Curling Association.

"A lot of the clubs are being really aggressive with adult learn-to-curl and youth programming," Kerr says of the scene in Northern Ontario. "There's lots of opportunity for kids to get involved in curling."

Of Idylwyld, Kerr speaks glowingly. "The energy is super positive," she says. "They're progressive. They don't react. They're proactive. Always looking forward."

At the Idylwyld, a plan is in place to cater to the differing needs of different classes of curlers, always with an eye to serving each one well. The club might just have something extra special going these days, supplementing programs that are in play at many clubs — such as Little Rocks — with creative additions for older kids and teens.

Idylwyld's junior program is split into two groups — competitive and development. An under-15 bonspiel is held annually for non-competitive kids who don't have a team but like to curl and want to learn new skills.



“Just like any sport, you’ve gotta help keep their interest,” says Idylwyldé’s curling and communications manager Jen Gates of youthful curlers. “We try our best to have that here and we put on a pretty good program for them.”

Gates was born and raised in Sudbury, a decorated junior and women’s curler who is entering her second year at Idylwyldé. She learned to curl at the club as a five-year-old and continued to hone her skills to the point where she’s become a familiar face to curling fans across the country. At the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, she played second for Krista McCarville’s Northern Ontario squad, earning first-team all-star honours along the way.

“We’ve always had a really strong (youth) program,” says Gates, who says she’s grateful for the volunteers and great curlers who helped in her development. Now, as an administrator and instructor, she strives to enrich the programs that can help keep Sudbury’s curling scene strong.

After spending six years in Edmonton as a competitive curler and as an instructor at the famed Saville Community Sports Centre, Gates returned home last year and, while she did bring some ideas with her, she notes that the Idylwyldé already had a strong team of organizers and volunteers in place, including Chris Jillings, who runs the Little Rocks program, and Devon Parry, who co-ordinates the junior curriculum.

Parry, Gates says, had already come up with a program that was designed to assist in ensuring junior players stay interested in the game once they’ve graduated from Little Rocks. In pairing instructional sessions with playing a couple of competitive ends after practice, a balanced approach was struck.

“We created a league where they learn something for half the time and then they’re playing a game for half the time,” says Gates.

Last season, Idylwyldé had 27 players in its junior program, who ranged in age from 12 to 20. That group was split into two camps — competitive and development. The competitive players were those who already had a team, had learned fundamentals and were actively competing under the guidance of a coach.

“We created the development program because we felt that there was a lot of kids out there that didn’t have a team or maybe didn’t want a team,” says Gates. “They really just liked to curl and wanted to come play a couple ends and learn some new skills.

“We felt there was a really big need for that to keep kids into it,” Gates says, adding that she hopes the approach will turn some of Idylwyldé’s casual youth curlers into more serious ones. “Maybe one day they will get a team.”



Idylwyldé skip Bella Croisier, third Jamie Smith, second Piper Croisier and lead Lauren Rajala have been extremely successful the past few seasons, appearing at the national U-18 championships two years in a row, winning gold last year. They also topped the podium at the 2019 Canada Winter Games.

A team like the Croisier foursome, perhaps. Bella and her teammates — sister Piper, along with Jamie Smith and Lauren Rajala — have been extremely successful the past few seasons, appearing at the national U-18 championships two years in a row, winning gold last year in Sherwood Park, Alberta. They also topped the podium at the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer.

This season, they’ll chase the Canadian junior (U-21) title with the same lineup — they lost the Northern Ontario U-21 final to Curl Sudbury’s Kira Brunton last season — while adding Émilie Lovitt to their U-18 lineup, now that Smith has aged out.

Desire and talent have been part of her team’s success story. So, too, have the people and programs at the Idylwyldé.

“It’s definitely been like a second home to me for the last 10 years,” says Croisier. “The staff and the volunteers, all the coaches and people there are truly amazing.”

The developmental aspect of the club’s programs will continue to grow and adjust in order to meet the changing needs of young curlers who would aim to be, say, the next Tracy Fleury, another star with strong Idylwyldé ties.

“We actually created a learning centre,” Gates says of a new venture that was born last year. It’s the Northern Performance Curling Centre, where serious competitive curlers can really sharpen their game, complete with one-on-one instruction from people like Gates.

It’s a logical step in the progression of a curler. It’s also a logical step in the progression of the Idylwyldé, which is strengthening its curling roots as the game’s future unfolds.



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Eight new members have been inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame — curler Dennis Thiessen, coach Jules Owchar, officials Rae Kells and Dave Petursson, builder Dave Parkes, media member Terry Jones and former Curling Canada chairs Resby Coutts and Maureen Miller.



DENNIS THIESSEN
Curler

Dennis Thiessen of Sanford, Manitoba, is one of those rare curlers who can lay claim to a triple crown of wheelchair curling.

In addition to being a three-time Canadian champion — as third for Manitoba in 2011, and skip in '14 and '17 — Thiessen is a Paralympic gold medalist as third for Canada in 2014 in Sochi, Russia, and a world champion as third in 2013, also in Sochi. He added a Paralympic bronze medal in 2018 in PyeongChang, South Korea, as second.



JULES OWCHAR
Coach

Jules Owchar's coaching career can be defined in a single word — success. At the collegiate level, as the long-time coach at Edmonton's Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, he has guided teams to a stunning 34 conference championship

gold medals, and two more at the national level.

In men's play, Owchar coached Kevin Martin's Edmonton foursomes to 12 provincial titles and four Brier championships, as well as three Olympic appearances, winning gold in 2010 and silver in '02 to go with world championship gold in 2008 and silver in '09.

Of late, he has worked with Brad Gushue's team from St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, winning back-to-back Briers in 2017 and '18 as well as world championship gold in '17 and silver in '18.

Additionally, Owchar-coached teams have claimed a mind-boggling 24 Grand Slam of Curling titles.



RAE KELLS
Official

A Calgarian who began officiating at the national level in 1992, Rae Kells has spent nearly three decades as an umpire at national and international events, establishing a reputation for poise and level-headedness under

the most trying of circumstances.

She worked at four Olympic Winter Games and was chief umpire in two of them — in Vancouver in 2010 and in PyeongChang, South Korea, in '18 — and was deputy chief in Sochi, Russia, in '14.

She has officiated at 21 Canadian championships, 17 world championships — 11 as chief umpire — two Canadian Curling Trials, one European championship and the first World Curling Federation Olympic qualifying event in 2013.

DAVE PETURSSON
Official

Dave Petursson's career as an off-ice official goes back to what is considered the first edition of the modern-day Brier, in 1980 in Calgary, when playoffs and on-ice officials were introduced.

During a 40-year career that wrapped up with the 2019 Tim Hortons Brier in Brandon, Manitoba, the Winnipeg native



worked at approximately 60 major championships, including 24 Briers, seven Hearts, six world men's championships and two Olympic Winter Games; he was also the chief umpire at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary, where curling was a demonstration sport.

Petursson also played a significant role in helping develop the original officiating manual in the early 1980s.



DAVE PARKES
Builder

Dave Parkes of Griffith, Ontario, joined what was then known as the Canadian Curling Association in 1988, first as its general manager and then as its chief executive officer, a position he held until his retirement in 2007.

During that time, his impact on the organization and the sport was profound; he was part of the process that amalgamated three separate organizations — the CCA, the Canadian Ladies Curling Association and Curl Canada — into the National Sport Organization that today is known as Curling Canada.

Also during his time as CEO, the marketing juggernaut known as the Season of Champions was created, curling became a full-medal sport at the Olympics, the Business of Curling initiative was implemented, the sport expanded to include wheelchair, stick, Special Olympics and mixed doubles curling, and the Sandra Schmirler Foundation was established.



TERRY JONES
Builder/media

Jones has been a fixture on the Edmonton media scene for more than 50 years and has spent much of that time chronicling the city's curling heroes and major championships for the *Edmonton Sun* and *Edmonton Journal*.

He has covered dozens of Briers and also wrote *The Ferbey Four: Kings of Canadian Curling*, a well-received book about the Randy Ferbey team's run of success in the early 2000s.



RESBY COUTTS
Executive Honour Roll

Resby Coutts became the first member of Winnipeg's Fort Rouge Curling Club to serve in the senior volunteer position at Curling Canada when he took over as the chair of the board of governors for the 2017-18 season.

His election to the board in 2015 followed a six-year term on the board of CurlManitoba, including two years as president, and nearly two decades of volunteer involvement with the major championship events in Manitoba, mainly in media and marketing and as an emcee.

Coutts's term on the board of governors marked nearly five decades of curling volunteerism, beginning when he was intramural curling co-ordinator at the University of Manitoba.

Coutts learned to play and love the game in a one-sheet curling rink in the mid-1950s in the now-disappeared community of Elva, in southwestern Manitoba, and has been playing and competing ever since.



MAUREEN MILLER
Executive Honour Roll
Yellowknife's Maureen Miller has the rare distinction of joining the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame's executive honour roll for a second time.

She was inducted in 2003 following her stint as president of the board of directors for the 2002-03 season, when the organization was known as the Canadian Curling Association. She

successfully ran again for election to the board in 2015, and was elected board chair for the 2018-19 season, giving her the distinction of being inducted twice.

Miller has been active at all levels of curling — as a participant, coach, volunteer and member of various volunteer boards.

She skipped the Northwest Territories/Yukon team at editions of the Canadian Junior Women's Curling Championship in 1980 and '81 and also skipped the Territories at the 1984 and '99 Scott Tournament of Hearts.

Miller has coached at all levels, including trips to 11 straight Canadian Junior Men's Curling Championships with teams that featured her sons, Matthew and Colin. She has also coached teams at the Tim Hortons Brier, the Arctic Winter Games and the Canada Winter Games.

AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

The organizers of the Pacific International Cup and Jack Crombie are the winners of the 2019 Curling Canada Awards of Achievement.

The achievement awards are presented annually to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to curling in one of four areas — builder, technical development (instructor, coach, official, ice technician), marketing and media.

For two decades, the Pacific International Cup has championed grassroots curling with its annual championship for club teams at the Richmond Curling Club in Richmond, British Columbia.

Celebrating its 20th edition in April, the Pacific International Cup has grown from a B.C. competition into a wildly popular international event, with entries from the United States, China, Chinese Taipei, South Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Brazil. In fact, future world women's champion Bingyu (Betty) Wang's first significant curling victory took place at the Pacific International Cup.

The curlers all come to compete, but also to share in the spirit and fellowship of club curling, thanks to an exceptional group of volunteers who have taken on the task of organizing the Pacific International Cup.

The core of that group is the executive committee that has been in place from Day 1 — chair Jim Schuman, vice-chair Jim Mann, director of on-ice operations Wayne Braun, sponsorship director Howie Larke, and drawmaster, historian and webmaster Ettie O'Connell.

Over the years, if something significant happened in curling in Quebec, chances are Jack Crombie has been involved.

Crombie, who lives in Hudson, Quebec, has spent more than 30 years giving his time to the sport as a volunteer, administrator, organizer, drawmaster and host committee chair.

In 2001, he was a key player in the merger of various Quebec curling organizations into what is now known as Curling Quebec — an organization in which he would serve as president for two years before being presented with the Curling Quebec Lifetime Achievement Award last year.

Crombie also volunteered his time at the national level, including attending five Curling Canada annual meetings as a member of the Quebec delegation.



Curling Canada's Danny Lamoureux, left, congratulates Award of Achievement recipient Jack Crombie, who has spent 30-plus years giving his time to the sport of curling.



Pacific International Cup executive committee members, from left, Jim Schuman, Jim Mann, Wayne Braun, Howie Larke and Ettie O'Connell were presented with 2019 Curling Canada Awards of Achievement.

RAY KINGSMITH EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD



Calgary's Ray Kingsmith was a tireless worker for the sport of curling and the same can be said of Terry Vandale of Elkford, British Columbia,

the winner of the 2019 Ray Kingsmith Executive of the Year Award.

The award is presented annually to the volunteer who best exemplifies the dedication to curling and benevolence demonstrated by Kingsmith throughout his life.

Kingsmith was a super volunteer, the kind who doesn't come around very often. He gave freely of himself, his time and his resources to the sport of curling, which he so loved and believed in. He never asked for nor expected anything in return. Kingsmith passed away in 1988.

Vandale has never let a disability get in the way of her passion for curling. Despite dealing with the effects of multiple sclerosis, Vandale has contributed to curling in British Columbia as a coach, administrator, board member — at the club and provincial levels — and as president of Curl BC.

She played a significant role in the amalgamation of the British Columbia Ladies Curling Association with two regional men's associations to form what is now Curl BC. With the new association, she championed both wheelchair curling and the use of delivery sticks to open doors to more curlers. She also raised awareness of mobility issues in curling centres, prompting many facilities to upgrade their buildings to include elevators, ramps and accessible washrooms.

As president of Curl BC, she was highly active at the national level, working with her member association peers on various committees — all with that familiar positive attitude and desire to make the sport better for all.



TSN broadcaster Bryan Mudryk, left, presents the 2019 Paul McLean Award to Scotties Tournament of Hearts official photographer Andrew Klaver for his behind-the-scenes contribution to curling.

PAUL McLEAN AWARD

Scotties Tournament of Hearts photographer Andrew Klaver of Vancouver is the 2019 winner of the Paul McLean Award.

The award was created in 2007 by the Canadian Curling Reporters — now the Professional Curling Media Association of Canada — in conjunction with TSN, in memory of McLean, a TSN executive producer, and his dedication to the sport of curling. McLean passed away on December 14, 2005, at his home in Brampton, Ontario, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 39.

The award is presented annually to a person in the media who has made an outstanding contribution to curling from behind the scenes.

Klaver has been the official photographer of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts since 2000. His work has been featured in publications from coast to coast, providing iconic images of the Hearts that will last forever.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Toronto's Chad McMullan is the recipient of the 2019 Board of Governors Special Recognition Award, previously known as the President's Award. Initiated in 2005, the award is presented to an individual or organization for unique contributions or achievements that have had a significant impact on the sport of curling in Canada.

McMullan's achievements are far-reaching yet, ironically, most of them have taken place in school gymnasiums. As the creator of the wildly successful Rocks & Rings, McMullan and his company, Rock Solid Productions, have introduced curling to more than a million Canadian elementary school children since the program was unveiled in 2009, using equipment that can simulate on-ice curling on gymnasium floors.

But McMullan's influence on the game doesn't end there; his company also produces Street Curling equipment, which can be set up outdoors at shopping malls, festivals, sporting events — it's been used at Grey Cups and Super Bowls — or anywhere with a flat surface, allowing participants to try the sport. It's proven to be an ideal way to market and present curling in non-traditional locations.

Rocks & Rings recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and is well on its way to reaching two million participants.



Curling Canada governor Resby Coutts, left, presents the Board of Governors Special Recognition Award to Toronto's Chad McMullan, the creator of the wildly successful Rocks & Rings program.



Cathy MacCallum accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award from Curling Canada's Resby Coutts in recognition of her contribution to the Lacolle Curling Club.

CURLING CANADA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Cathy MacCallum of Noyan, Quebec, is the winner of the 2017-18 Curling Canada Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of her significant contribution to the success of the Lacolle Curling Club in Lacolle, Quebec.

It was MacCallum's gift for leadership that kicked in during the 2017-18 season, when, after seven decades with little in the way of upgrades, the club was showing its age, especially in its deteriorating ice conditions.

That's when MacCallum decided it was time to take action to replace the outdated cooling system and upgrade the club infrastructure. She invested countless hours researching what grants might be available, writing grant applications, and then, when a government grant was awarded that required matching funds from the club, she galvanized the community to make it happen.

That's when the work *really* began — the money was in place, but now heavy labour was needed — and MacCallum was in the trenches with her fellow members, pushing wheelbarrows loaded with sand, cutting pipes, removing sidewalk boards and, besides that, providing her fellow volunteers with snacks that she had prepared herself.

The hard work finally came to fruition in late December, and members were back curling on superb ice in January.



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THE MEMBER ASSOCIATION CUP

PRESENTED BY TSN

CURLING CANADA HAS created a ranking system to measure member association performances at all of the national curling championships it operates and sanctions.

The system was implemented in 2010-11 by Curling Canada, which is made up of 14 member associations representing Canada's 10 provinces, Northern Ontario and the territories of Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Member associations are ranked based on their final positions in 14 annual national championships — the men's and women's Curling Club Championship, the Canadian

mixed, the New Holland Canadian junior men's and women's, Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Tim Hortons Brier, Canadian under-18 boys and girls, Canadian Masters men's and women's, Everest Canadian senior men's and women's and Canadian wheelchair.

The program was created to generate greater interest among curling fans across the country. For years, curling enthusiasts have enjoyed regional rivalries, debating whether their province or territory was better than another. The new system adds



Curling Canada chair Maureen Miller presents the Member Association Cup to Curling Alberta president Curtis Fairhurst, left, and treasurer Steven Young. Alberta earned an impressive 163 points last season, thanks in part to six first-place performances.

legitimacy to a basic ranking system that tracks how member associations perform.

Under the new system, points totals and results are tracked and updated after each applicable Canadian championship throughout the curling season.

The 2018-19 winners were announced in September at Curling Canada's Annual General Meeting in Ottawa. Based on the highest average points, the Member Association Cup, presented by TSN, was awarded to Alberta, with 163 points, an average of 11.6 per event.

Alberta's total was bolstered by first-place performances by Chelsea Carey at the Hearts, Kevin Koe at the Brier, Selena Sturmay at the juniors, Morgan Muise at the curling club championship, Mickey Pendergast at the masters and Jack Smart at the wheelchair championship.

Saskatchewan — the member association making the biggest year-to-year improvement on an average points basis — received the Governors' Cup for an average increase over the 14 events of 2.1 points year over year.

Saskatchewan's advancement was buoyed by gold-medal performances by Sherry Anderson and Bruce Korte at the seniors and Delores Syrota at the masters.

Based on the highest average points in the four championships devoted to youth curling — the Canadian junior men's and women's and the Canadian under-18 boys and girls — the Curling Canada Foundation Cup was awarded to British Columbia, with 52 points, an average of 13 per event.

For further details, go to www.curling.ca/macup.

2018-2019 MEMBER ASSOCIATION CUP — FINAL STANDINGS

Rank	Province/Territory	Mixed	Curling Club Championship Women	Curling Club Championship Men	Junior Women	Junior Men	Hearts	Brier	Senior Women	Senior Men	U-18 Women	U-18 Men	Wheelchair	Masters Women	Masters Men	Points	Average
1	AB	9	14	7	14	10	14	14	12	12	9	10	14	10	14	163	11.6
2	SK	10	9	11	8	12	12	10	14	14	8	8	10	14	12	152	10.9
3	ON	11	12	12	5	5	13	11	13	13	13	14	12	11	6	151	10.8
4	MB	14	10	10	10	13	8	12	11	11	10	12	13	5	10	149	10.6
5	BC	7	7	14	13	14	9	9	7	8	12	13	9	13	11	146	10.4
6	NO	5	5	8	9	11	11	13	10	9	14	5	11	4	13	128	9.1
7	NS	13	13	13	12	7	5	6	9	7	4	11	5	8	3	116	8.3
8	QC	12	4	9	11	9	1	8	6	10	7	7	8	9	7	108	7.7
9	NB	6	6	5	7	6	6	7	2	1	11	9	7	12	8	93	6.6
10	NL	4	8	3	6	8	4	2	8	4	5	4	6	3	5	70	5.0
11	PE	3	3	4	4	4	10	3	1	5	6	6	N/A	7	4	60	4.6
12	YT	8	2	6	N/A	3	2	5	4	6	2	N/A	N/A	6	9	53	4.8
13	NT	2	11	2	2	2	7	4	5	3	3	3	N/A	N/A	2	46	3.8
14	NU	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11	1.4



ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

YOU MAY THINK YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL IN THE sport of curling. And then something happens to remind you that, well, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

One of the great aspects of curling — of all sports, in fact — is that there's still room for the unexpected, the circumstance that you never saw coming.

Equally great is the opportunity to learn from that experience and put a plan in place to mitigate the potentially negative outcomes — it may never, ever happen again. But the fact it happened once means that it can happen again.

My favourite example of this took place in the opening draw of the 2002 Brier in Calgary in the final game on the ice, between Quebec's François Roberge and Manitoba's Mark Lukowich.

Lukowich had flashed on his last-stone takeout for the victory in an extra end. A measurement was called to determine the winning point, although to the naked eye it appeared Quebec had an easy steal and the measurement just a formality.

But as the umpire (no point in naming him; it wasn't his fault, ultimately) was moving the measuring device to the first stone, more than 11,000 fans in the stands at the Saddledome and national television audience on TSN all saw the same thing — the measuring bar moved the stone.

As it turned out, the spring-loaded bar that is supposed to move (but in only one direction) to give a measurement had been put on backwards.

And in accordance with the rules, the extra end had to be replayed. This time Lukowich made no mistake with his final-stone takeout for the win.

Suffice it to say, the procedures of preparing measuring devices before an event were overhauled immediately, and I can tell you that those devices are checked, checked and checked again to make sure they're working properly.

The key point here is that lessons were learned, and the same can be said from a high-performance perspective when teams don't perform up to their own — not to mention the Canadian curling fans' — standards.

There were rumblings, suffice it to say, of discontent when Canadian teams didn't win gold medals at the world men's and women's championships last season, and when Canada didn't hit the podium at the world women's in Denmark.

One tweeter posted the rather alarmist question: "Is this the new normal?"

Well, first things first. To suggest that anything BUT a Canadian sweep of gold medals at the world men's and women's championships is abnormal is slightly ridiculous and that's been the case for many years now. The world has been steadily catching up for decades, so let's not push any kind of panic button — especially when you consider the big picture of what we've continued to do to have success at the junior level (gold and silver last season; double gold the year before).

That said, are there opportunities to learn from last season? Abso-freakin-lutely. And I can tell you that our high-performance department has turned over every rock, gone down every path, asked every question, to find out what went right and what went wrong. It should be noted, of course, that the same process occurred following the 2016-17 season, when Canadian teams *SWEPT* the gold medals at the men's and women's worlds.

The simple fact is that there is always something to be gleaned from experiences, both positive and negative. And it's safe to say that if another country has found a way to do things better in our sport, maybe we should adopt some of those practices — whether it's in our approach to off-season training, dry-land training, statistics and analytics, post-game team debriefs, nutrition or even our attitude to ice conditions. It's all on the table for discussion.

What seems like a negative situation in the short term can generate so many positives over the long haul. The unfortunate aspect is that, in the here and now, a negative situation can be extremely difficult to deal with. As a reporter, I covered that opening-draw game in 2002 in Calgary and I absolutely remember the class of the on-ice umpire, the visible disappointment of Roberge after the loss and (yeah, I'll admit it) the excitement of having an unusual and notable story to write on Day 1 of the Brier — a day when it can often be difficult to drum up a compelling story.

But in the end, that incident produced protocols that are still followed to this day. The sport is better for it, even if it didn't seem like it at the time.

Al Cameron is Curling Canada's director of communication and media relations



HOME HARDWARE CANADA CUP

TEAM BOTTCHEr • EDMONTON



Brendan Bottcher



Darren Moulding



Brad Thiessen



Karrick Martin

SKIP: Brendan Bottcher **Born:** December 19, 1991 **Occupation:** Application specialist, Spartan Controls ■ **THIRD:** Darren Moulding **Born:** December 2, 1982 **Occupation:** Head ice technician, Lacombe and Bentley curling clubs/business owner, Pinpoint Roofing ■ **SECOND:** Brad Thiessen **Born:** March 1, 1990 **Occupation:** Web developer, LawDepot ■ **LEAD:** Karrick Martin **Born:** May 24, 1989 **Occupation:** Event and labour supervisor, Government of Alberta

TEAM EPPING • TORONTO



John Epping



Ryan Fry



Mat Camm



Brent Laing

SKIP: John Epping **Born:** March 20, 1983 **Occupation:** Curling consultant, Epping Consulting ■ **THIRD:** Ryan Fry **Born:** July 25, 1978 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **SECOND:** Mat Camm **Born:** March 29, 1990 **Occupation:** Owner, Camm & Jones Residential Improvements ■ **LEAD:** Brent Laing **Born:** December 10, 1978 **Occupation:** Entrepreneur, World Financial Group

TEAM GUSHUE • ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR



Brad Gushue



Mark Nichols



Brett Gallant



Geoff Walker

SKIP: Brad Gushue **Born:** June 16, 1980 **Occupation:** Owner, Orangetheory Fitness ■ **THIRD:** Mark Nichols **Born:** January 1, 1980 **Occupation:** Owner/personal trainer, Orangetheory Fitness ■ **SECOND:** Brett Gallant **Born:** February 18, 1990 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **LEAD:** Geoff Walker **Born:** November 28, 1985 **Occupation:** Turf team, The Derrick Golf and Winter Club

TEAM HOWARD • PENETANGUIHENE, ONTARIO



Glenn Howard



Scott Howard



David Mathers



Tim March

SKIP: Glenn Howard **Born:** July 17, 1962 **Occupation:** Consultant and spokesperson, Brewers Retail Inc. ■ **THIRD:** Scott Howard **Born:** July 11, 1990 **Occupation:** Estimator and project manager, Maacon Construction ■ **SECOND:** David Mathers **Born:** May 12, 1991 **Occupation:** Commercial insurance advisor, Canada BrokerLink ■ **LEAD:** Tim March **Born:** April 28, 1987 **Occupation:** Senior accountant, Cathy L. Tune, CPA

PLAYER PROFILES

TEAM JACOBS • SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO



Brad Jacobs



Marc Kennedy



E.J. Harnden



Ryan Harnden

SKIP: Brad Jacobs **Born:** June 11, 1985 **Occupation:** Senior marketing director, World Financial Group ■ **THIRD:** Marc Kennedy **Born:** February 5, 1982 **Occupation:** Coaching consultant, Curling Canada ■ **SECOND:** E.J. Harnden **Born:** April 14, 1983 **Occupation:** Product manager, Instant Games, OLG ■ **LEAD:** Ryan Harnden **Born:** June 28, 1986 **Occupation:** Sales representative, Lock City Dairies

TEAM KOE • CALGARY



Kevin Koe



B.J. Neufeld



Colton Flasch



Ben Hebert

SKIP: Kevin Koe **Born:** January 11, 1975 **Occupation:** Surface landman, Repsol Canada ■ **THIRD:** B.J. Neufeld **Born:** February 28, 1986 **Occupation:** PGA of Canada head golf professional, Larters at St. Andrews ■ **SECOND:** Colton Flasch **Born:** February 27, 1991 **Occupation:** Construction worker, K&S Contracting ■ **LEAD:** Ben Hebert **Born:** March 16, 1983 **Occupation:** Business development manager, Caltech Surveys Ltd.

TEAM CAREY • EDMONTON



Chelsea Carey



Sarah Wilkes



Dana Ferguson



Rachel Brown

SKIP: Chelsea Carey **Born:** September 12, 1984 **Occupation:** Sales representative, The Brick Mattress Store ■ **THIRD:** Sarah Wilkes **Born:** August 4, 1990 **Occupation:** Student advisor, University of Alberta ■ **SECOND:** Dana Ferguson **Born:** February 25, 1987 **Occupation:** Curling development coach, Saville Community Sports Centre ■ **LEAD:** Rachel Brown **Born:** July 9, 1986 **Occupation:** Teacher, Black Gold Regional Division

TEAM EINARSON • GIMLI, MANITOBA



Kerri Einarson



Val Sweeting



Shannon Birchard



Briane Meilleur

SKIP: Kerri Einarson **Born:** October 3, 1987 **Occupation:** Rehabilitation assistant, Betel Home Foundation ■ **THIRD:** Val Sweeting **Born:** July 9, 1987 **Occupation:** Case processing agent, Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada ■ **SECOND:** Shannon Birchard **Born:** May 11, 1994 **Occupation:** Administrative assistant, River City Ford ■ **LEAD:** Briane Meilleur **Born:** March 11, 1992 **Occupation:** CAD technician, EuroCraft Office Furnishings



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HOME HARDWARE CANADA CUP PLAYER PROFILES

TEAM HOMAN • OTTAWA



Rachel Homan



Emma Miskew



Joanne Courtney



Lisa Weagle

SKIP: Rachel Homan **Born:** April 5, 1989 **Occupation:** Curler ■ **THIRD:** Emma Miskew **Born:** February 14, 1989 **Occupation:** Industrial and graphic designer ■ **SECOND:** Joanne Courtney **Born:** March 7, 1989 **Occupation:** Registered nurse, Alberta Health Services ■ **LEAD:** Lisa Weagle **Born:** March 24, 1985 **Occupation:** Communications advisor

TEAM JONES • WINNIPEG



Jennifer Jones



Kaitlyn Lawes



Jocelyn Peterman



Dawn McEwen

SKIP: Jennifer Jones **Born:** July 7, 1974 **Occupation:** Motivational speaker/ lawyer ■ **THIRD:** Kaitlyn Lawes **Born:** December 16, 1988 **Occupation:** Goldline Curling Supplies ambassador ■ **SECOND:** Jocelyn Peterman **Born:** September 23, 1993 **Occupation:** Kinesiologist ■ **LEAD:** Dawn McEwen **Born:** July 3, 1980 **Occupation:** Case officer, Government of Canada

TEAM SCHEIDEGGER • LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA



Cheryl Bernard



Cary-Anne McTaggart



Jessie Haughian



Kristie Moore

SKIP: Cheryl Bernard (replaces Casey Scheidegger) **Born:** June 30, 1966 **Occupation:** President and chief executive officer, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame ■ **THIRD:** Cary-Anne McTaggart **Born:** June 4, 1986 **Occupation:** Registered nurse, Alberta Health Services ■ **SECOND:** Jessie Haughian **Born:** November 10, 1990 **Occupation:** Ability advisor, Alberta Health Services ■ **LEAD:** Kristie Moore **Born:** April 22, 1979 **Occupation:** Massage therapist, Northwest Wellness Centre

TEAM SILVERNAGLE • NORTH BATTLEFORD, SASKATCHEWAN



Robyn Silvernagle



Stefanie Lawton



Jessie Hunkin



Kara Thevenot

SKIP: Robyn Silvernagle **Born:** May 20, 1987 **Occupation:** Owner, Dazu Salon ■ **THIRD:** Stefanie Lawton **Born:** June 20, 1980 **Occupation:** Chartered professional accountant, Cameco ■ **SECOND:** Jessie Hunkin **Born:** August 24, 1988 **Occupation:** Manager, Olson Curling Inc. ■ **LEAD:** Kara Thevenot **Born:** December 4, 1988 **Occupation:** Sales agronomist, Lake Country Co-op

Rounding out the field are the next highest non-qualified men's and women's teams on the Canadian Team Ranking System as of November 11, 2019.

HOME HARDWARE CANADA CUP DRAW

DATE	TIME	DRAW	A	B	C	D	E
Wednesday, November 27	9 a.m.	1		EPPING vs KOE	SILVERNAGLE vs HOMAN	GUSHUE vs BOTTCHER	JONES vs SCHEIDEGGER
	2 p.m.	2	HOMAN vs CAREY	GUSHUE vs CTRS	JONES vs EINARSON	SILVERNAGLE vs CTRS	HOWARD vs JACOBS
	7 p.m.	3	SCHEIDEGGER vs EINARSON	BOTTCHER vs HOWARD	KOE vs JACOBS	CTRS vs EPPING	CTRS vs CAREY
Thursday, November 28	9 a.m.	4	JACOBS vs CTRS	HOMAN vs CTRS	CAREY vs SCHEIDEGGER		EINARSON vs SILVERNAGLE
	2 p.m.	5	EPPING vs GUSHUE	SILVERNAGLE vs JONES	CTRS vs BOTTCHER	HOWARD vs KOE	SCHEIDEGGER vs HOMAN
	7 p.m.	6	BOTTCHER vs KOE	JACOBS vs EPPING	EINARSON vs CTRS	JONES vs CAREY	GUSHUE vs HOWARD
Friday, November 29	9 a.m.	7	CTRS vs JONES	CAREY vs EINARSON	HOWARD vs EPPING	BOTTCHER vs JACOBS	
	2 p.m.	8	CAREY vs SILVERNAGLE	CTRS vs SCHEIDEGGER	JACOBS vs GUSHUE	EINARSON vs HOMAN	KOE vs CTRS
	7 p.m.	9	CTRS vs HOWARD	KOE vs GUSHUE	HOMAN vs JONES	SCHEIDEGGER vs SILVERNAGLE	EPPING vs BOTTCHER

■ MEN ■ WOMEN

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TIEBREAKERS • SEMIFINALS • FINALS

WOMEN'S TIEBREAKERS	Saturday, November 30	9 a.m.	MEN'S TIEBREAKERS	Saturday, November 30	9 a.m.
WOMEN'S SEMIFINAL	Saturday, November 30	7 p.m.	MEN'S SEMIFINAL	Saturday, November 30	2 p.m.
WOMEN'S FINAL	Sunday, December 1	Noon	MEN'S FINAL	Sunday, December 1	5 p.m.

All times listed are Mountain Standard Time and are subject to change.

HOME TEAM LOOKS TO RECLAIM CONTINENTAL CUP BRAGGING RIGHTS

NOT THAT IT LACKED MOTIVATION

before, but the home team for the 2020 OK Tire & BKT Tires Continental Cup will undoubtedly be fired up when it hits the ice at the Sports Centre at Western Fair District in London, Ontario, in January.

Playing as Team Canada on its own turf in front of a home crowd — the U.S. isn't participating this year — the team will be itching to reclaim the crown it wore for the six straight years before last season, when, as part of Team North America, it lost to Team World in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Team Europe enters the four-day event wearing the mantle of defending champion, a position it hasn't held since the year after its victory in 2012 in Langley, British Columbia.

When the event was staged in London in 2018, Team World (which included Asian teams for that renewal) came agonizingly close to ending that slump; the two sides ended four days of competition in a deadlock — 30 points apiece — forcing a sudden-death draw-to-the-button scenario.

It was Team North America's Brad Gushue who saved the day for the home team, as he outdrew Team World's Thomas Ulsrud in front of a packed house at the Sports Centre at Western Fair District.

In this season's battle for supremacy, the home team, as always, will have a deep lineup — four men's and four women's teams have qualified already, and the final two will be the men's and women's champions at the 2019 Home Hardware Canada Cup being played November 27 to December 1 in Leduc, Alberta.

Already qualified for Team Canada are teams skipped by Tim Hortons Brier champ Kevin Koe of Calgary, Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion Chelsea Carey of Calgary, Brendan Bottcher of Edmonton and Rachel Homan of Ottawa; the latter two qualified based on their 2018-19 Canadian Team Ranking System performances.

The brain trust for Team Canada will be just as formidable. Coach Jeff Stoughton will lead the way, with support from the husband-and-wife duo of assistant coach Heather Nedohin and captain David Nedohin.

Standing in the way of a Canadian victory will be a powerhouse Team Europe lineup brimming with confidence after last year's win.

It will be exactly the same lineup that prevailed in Las Vegas — reigning world champs Niklas Edin of Sweden and Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni, Olympic gold-medallist Anna Hasselborg of Sweden, along with Switzerland's Peter de Cruz, and the Scottish tandem of Eve Muirhead and Bruce Mouat.

Also returning will be the Team Europe staff of coach David Murdoch of Scotland, captain Fredrik Lindberg of Sweden and assistant coach Christoffer Svae of Norway.

The format will be the same as last year, save for one change — a mixed doubles draw has been dropped and replaced by an additional draw of the popular mixed scramble, in which teams are blended to form new lineups.

TEAM EUROPE

TEAM DE CRUZ Switzerland



Peter de Cruz

Benoît Schwarz

Sven Michel

Valentin Tanner

TEAM HASSELBORG Sweden



Anna Hasselborg

Sara McManus

Agnes Knochenhauer

Sofia Mabergs

TEAM EDIN Sweden



Niklas Edin

Oskar Eriksson

Rasmus Wranå

Christoffer Sundgren

TEAM MUIRHEAD Scotland



Eve Muirhead

Lauren Gray

Jennifer Dodds

Vicky Wright

TEAM MOUAT Scotland



Bruce Mouat

Grant Hardie

Bobby Lammie

Hammy McMillan

TEAM TIRINZONI Switzerland



Silvana Tirinzoni

Alina Pätz

Esther Neuenchwander

Melanie Barbezat

Captain: David Murdoch, Scotland Coach: Fredrik Lindberg, Sweden Assistant coach: Christoffer Svae, Norway

TEAM CANADA

TEAM BOTTCHER



Brendan Bottcher

Darren Moulding

Brad Thiessen

Karrick Martin

TEAM CAREY



Chelsea Carey

Sarah Wilkes

Dana Ferguson

Rachel Brown

TEAM KOE



Kevin Koe

B.J. Neufeld

Colton Flasch

Ben Hebert

TEAM HOMAN



Rachel Homan

Emma Miskew

Joanne Courtney

Lisa Weagle

Captain: David Nedohin Coach: Jeff Stoughton Assistant coach: Heather Nedohin

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HOME HARDWARE CANADA CUP

November 27 to December 1, 2019 ▶ Leduc, Alta.

Round robin

Nov. 27 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Nov. 28 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Nov. 29 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Tiebreakers Nov. 30 11 a.m.

Men's semifinal Nov. 30 4 p.m.

Women's semifinal Nov. 30 9 p.m.

Women's final Dec. 1 2 p.m.

Men's final Dec. 1 7 p.m.

OK TIRE & BKT TIRES CONTINENTAL CUP

January 9 to 12, 2020 ▶ London, Ont.

Women's team play Jan. 9 9:30 a.m.

Mixed doubles Jan. 9 2 p.m.

Men's team play Jan. 9 7:30 p.m.

Women's scramble Jan. 10 9:30 a.m.

Mixed doubles Jan. 10 2 p.m.

Men's scramble Jan. 10 7:30 p.m.

Mixed scramble Jan. 11 9:30 a.m.

Doubles Jan. 11 2 p.m.

Mixed scramble Jan. 11 7:30 p.m.

Skins Jan. 12 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN JUNIORS

January 18 to 26, 2020 ▶ Langley, B.C.

Women's semifinal Jan. 25 2 p.m.

Men's semifinal Jan. 25 7 p.m.

Women's final Jan. 26 12 noon

Men's final Jan. 26 5 p.m.

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

February 14 to 23, 2020 ▶ Moose Jaw, Sask.

Wild-card draw Feb. 14 8:30 p.m.

Pool play

Feb. 15 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 16 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 17 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 19 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Pool-play tiebreakers Feb. 20 9 a.m.

Championship round Feb. 20 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 21 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Championship-round Feb. 22 9:30 a.m.

tiebreakers

Page playoffs Feb. 22 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Semifinal Feb. 23 12 noon

Final Feb. 23 7 p.m.

TIM HORTONS BRIER

February 28 to March 8, 2020 ▶ Kingston, Ont.

Wild-card draw Feb. 28 7 p.m.

Pool play

Feb. 29 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Mar. 1 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Mar. 2 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Mar. 3 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Mar. 4 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Pool-play tiebreakers Mar. 5 8:30 a.m.

Championship round Mar. 5 1 p.m., 7 p.m.

Mar. 6 1 p.m., 7 p.m.

Championship-round Mar. 7 9 a.m.

tiebreakers

Page playoffs Mar. 7 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Semifinal Mar. 8 12 noon

Final Mar. 8 7 p.m.

WORLD WOMEN'S

March 14 to 22, 2020 ▶ Prince George, B.C.

Round robin

Mar. 14 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Mar. 15 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Mar. 16 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Mar. 17 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Mar. 18 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Mar. 19 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Mar. 20 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Quarterfinals Mar. 21 11 a.m.

Semifinals Mar. 21 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Bronze Mar. 22 2 p.m.

Gold Mar. 22 7 p.m.

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World Men's: TSN will provide complete coverage of Team Canada's round-robin games and all playoff games. Visit curling.ca for the most up-to-date broadcast times.

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