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Russian skip Anna Sidorova won two huge games Monday to move into a share of first place with four other teams.



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# Bumper to bumper

*Huge traffic jam  
at top of standings*

By **CAM HUTCHINSON**

*Eye Opener Associate Editor*

**T**here is a traffic jam unlike Swift Current has ever seen at the top of the Ford World Women's Curling championship, presented by Meridian Manufacturing.

Canada, Russian, Japan, Switzerland and Scotland all have 4-1 records after three days of play at the Credit Union iplex. Canada's Chelsea Carey split her games Monday, losing 6-3 to Russia's Anna Sidorova in the morning and bouncing back with a 7-4 win over Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson (1-4) on the late draw.

Eve Muirhead had quite a tussle with Erika Brown of the United States (1-4) before winning 6-5. On the next sheet, Switzerland's Binia Feltscher (4-1) made short work of Germany's Daniela Driendl (3-2), winning 9-2 in eight ends.

Both Sidorova and Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa had the night off.

In the Canada-Sweden game, Carey made a highlight-reel double on the ninth end when a steal by Sweden was definitely in play. When a guard attempt thrown by Maria Prytz didn't curl enough, Carey navigated a port and moved a whole lot of granite around. When the rocks quit rolling, two yellow ones were closest to the button.

Carey said she was in a better head space Monday night than she was in the morning loss to Russia.

"You have to remember to have fun, enjoy what you are doing and throw everything to make it," she said. "I was in a better head space this last game."

Carey said it was important to play well.

"Even if you don't win that game, you want to bounce back and feel like you are doing the right things. This morning wasn't about the loss, it was about where I was mentally. So it was a big recovery to feel like I am doing the right things."

One of the right things was her big shot in the ninth end.

"I knew it was there and it was worth a try," Carey said. "The draw for one was really hard, so you might as well try for two. I knew if I got through the hole with the weight I was going to throw, it was going to be close. We got through the hole and it just worked out perfect. It felt really good to make it, that was a couple of really big points for us."

The first turning point in the game came in the fifth end, when Prytz, who throws the last two rocks for Sweden, rolled too far on a wide-open takeout, leaving Canada with a surprising steal of two. The gift gave Canada a 4-2 lead. Until then, Sweden had controlled much of the play.

Other members of the Canadian team are third Amy Nixon, second Jocelyn Peterman, lead Laine Peters, alternate Susan O'Connor and coach Charley Thomas.

In the other game on the late draw, South Korea's Un Chi Gim (2-3) downed Denmark's Lene Nielsen (2-3) 9-3 in eight ends. Finland's Oona Kauste (1-4) and Italy's Federica Apollonio (0-5) had byes on the evening draw.



**Canadian skip Chelsea Carey (above) celebrates win against Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson. Scotland's Eve Muirhead (left) beat the USA to join the logjam at the top of the standings.**



**Team South Korea's Seul Bee Lee and Min Ji Um had a big win against Denmark Monday night.**



# New day, new team

## Russia storms back with two wins to grab a share of the lead

By CAM HUTCHINSON  
Eye Opener Associate Editor

It was the same names and faces, but a different Russian team that showed up Monday at the Ford World Women's Curling championship, sponsored by Meridian Manufacturing.

Was it ever. Russia's Anna Sidorova (4-1) knocked Canada's Chelsea Carey from the ranks of the unbeaten on the morning draw, and hours later topped Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson, a four-time silver medallist at the worlds, 10-5 in the afternoon. Russia's only loss in the competition came against Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa on Sunday. The Japanese team gave the Russians a 6-1 thumping.

Russian coach Rodger Schmidt said the team had to regroup after the loss.

"It's a matter of knowing who you are. It's your identity. Yesterday wasn't really us, so you have to forget those games and leave them at the hotel and bring the people to the game we know are the right people. That is what we did today."

Sweden opened the scoring with two on the second. Russia got three back in the third after playing a good corner-guard game.

The fourth end was the turning point, when Sidorova made one of those shots-of-the-tournament. Facing three guarded Swedish rocks in the four-foot, the Russia skip had little choice but throw a big-weight, relatively low percentage hit — at least for most curlers.

Sidorova came in off a rock of her own in the 12-foot, rolled into the four-foot where her shooter rubbed around before nestling for shot rock in a cluster of Swedish stones. It was a four- or five-point turn in the game. The possibility of giving up three or four turned, just like that, into a steal of one for Russia.

Sidorova matter-of-factly said the shot was all she had and if she would have missed, there was lots of time to make up the deficit.

After a steal of two on the fifth end, Sweden couldn't catch up.

Sidorova is backed by third Margarita Fomina, second Alexandra Raeva, lead Nkeiruka Ezech, alternate Alina Kovaleva and coaches Svetlana Kalalb and Schmidt.

"They were two big wins against two great teams," Sidorova said.

She recognized the success of Canada and Sweden in curling lore, but said there are no soft touches at the Ford Worlds.

"When we were going to this event, we didn't think any game would be



Anna Sidorova had her Russian team flying on Monday.

easy. Everyone comes here to win. Every game is a fight and we have to fight for every score. We didn't expect it to be easy. We are looking forward to playing the next game and it doesn't matter against who."

She said it is important for her team to continue to build confidence.

"The games as we go on will be even tougher, even more difficult on the mental side. We need to feel the ice and get the feeling we can play every shot and just be confident we are going to make it."

Schmidt said he was happy to be 4-1 after three days, but also knows 5-0 was there to be had.

"I would have to say yes to (being 4-1). Yesterday wasn't a very good day. I feel like we could be playing better, but maybe there are some tricky spots in the ice that have taken some shots away. Maybe I shouldn't be blaming my curlers, but I feel we can go up a notch or two yet."

Russia plays Erika Brown of the United States and South Korea's Un Chi Gim today at the Credit Union iplex.

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Jocelyn Peterman

Chelsea Carey

Laine Peters

# How to build a **TEAM**

By **CAM HUTCHINSON**  
Eye Opener Associate Editor

Chelsea Carey thought she might be onto something when her team reached the semi-final at the Canadian Open in Yorkton. Third Amy Nixon had the same feeling.

Carey was taking over Heather Nedohin's team after the veteran Calgary skip decided to step away from the game. The fact Nixon, second Jocelyn Peterman and lead Laine Peters had played together would help, but the new kid on the block would be calling the game and throwing the final two shots every end.

Would Carey be a good fit? Nixon said she saw positive signs in December in Yorkton, where the team lost a semi-final game to Rachel Homan. Nobody was beating Homan at that time.

"That was the first time I said, 'OK, we kind of have the groove here and we're starting to understand better and better,'" Nixon said. "The provincials were the first time we joked that we could speak shorthand which back ends that play together for a long time can do, right?"

In other words, they were picking up on the little things. Actions were becoming stronger than words.

Nixon says it is quite an accomplishment that it was one year ago, almost to the day, that the team announced Carey would be skipping it.

"That's pretty incredible. It speaks to all players on the team, but in particular Chelsea. For her to come on with three new players and get a feel for us and communicate and all that is pretty phenomenal, which she has done pretty fast."

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Carey said her teammates made it easier. “(There was) certainly no lack of experience and skill on the team,” said Carey before the Ford World Women’s Curling championship, presented by Meridian Manufacturing, began in Swift Current. “It’s more a matter of figuring out the chemistry and the communication and those kinds of softer pieces.”

Like Nixon, she said the turning point came in Yorkton.

“We had a good result there and kind of built and built from there and started peaking at the right time for provincials and the Scotties. We don’t think we are all the way there by any means, but we have made a tonne of progress in a short period of time.

“Obviously you never know how a relationship is going to go when you put a team together, especially when you really don’t know each other that well. Amy and I played against each other for quite a while, but we didn’t really know each other that well . . . but that part has probably been the easiest part of the transition.

“Our on-ice relationship has been very easy and I credit her mostly with that. She just really knows how to be a really good third. She knows what to say, what not to say, when to say it and that kind of thing instinctively because she has played third for so long.”

Nixon feels much the same way about their on-ice relationship.

“Chelsea and I are a good yin and yang together on the ice; we do well together. I don’t know why that is, but our dynamic at the back is pretty good on the ice. I think the biggest thing, honestly, is that Chelsea has seldom had a career third.”

And now she does.

“When it comes down to it, I have only played third at this level,” Nixon said. “Generally, I have a pretty good grasp of what my job is, and that is to be the third and support her as much as possible and not get in her way too much.

“One of the biggest things as a third is when your skip decides they are going to throw a shot and you have had that conversation, you better be 100 per cent on board with it or they better



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— Amy Nixon

feel like you are.”

Carey has enjoyed the ride that has taken the team all the way to Swift Current.

“You never know how that is going to go. You cross your fingers and hope for the best, but that one has been really quite seamless, actually, which is wonderful.”



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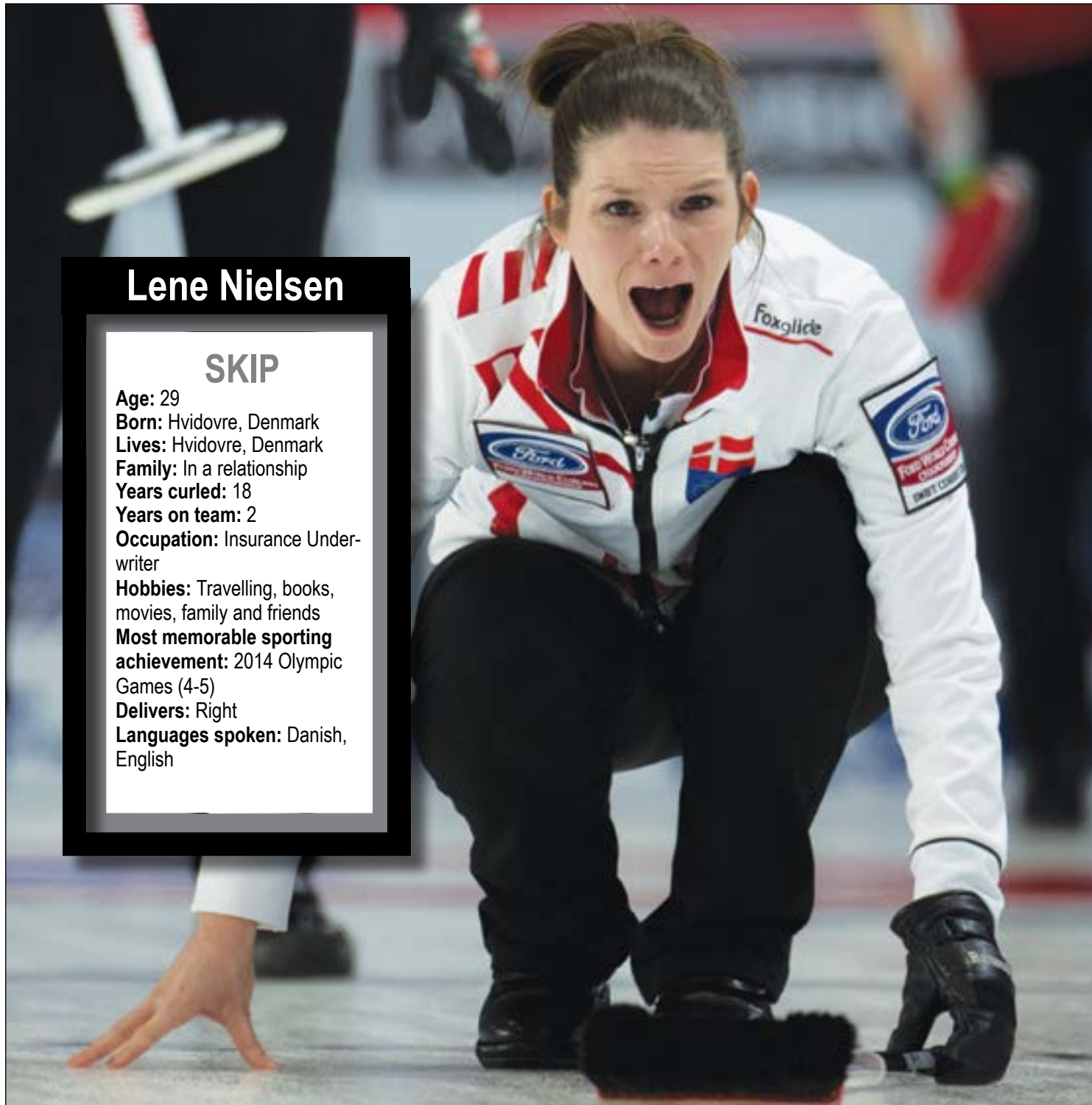
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# Profile: Denmark



## Lene Nielsen

### SKIP

**Age:** 29  
**Born:** Hvidovre, Denmark  
**Lives:** Hvidovre, Denmark  
**Family:** In a relationship  
**Years curled:** 18  
**Years on team:** 2  
**Occupation:** Insurance Underwriter  
**Hobbies:** Travelling, books, movies, family and friends  
**Most memorable sporting achievement:** 2014 Olympic Games (4-5)  
**Delivers:** Right  
**Languages spoken:** Danish, English

### FACTS



**Hvidovre  
Curling Club  
Hvidovre**

**Alt.: Madeleine Dupont  
Coach: Ulrik Schmidt**

**Formal name:** Denmark  
**Local name:**  
**Geographic region:** Scandinavia  
**Status:** UN member country  
**Population:** 5,627,235 (2014)  
**Capital:** Copenhagen 1,246,611 (2014)  
**Other major cities:** Aarhus 259,754, Odense 172,512 & Aalborg 109,092 (2014)  
**Form of state:** Monarchy  
**Government:** The Liberal Party (Venstre)  
**Head of state:** Queen Margrethe II (since 14 January 1972)  
**Language:** Danish  
**Religion:** 90 per cent Protestant  
**Currency:** Danish Kroner

### DENMARK AT THE WORLDS

**Last five years:**  
**2015:** Lene Nielsen (4-7)  
**2014:** Madeleine Dupont (2-9)  
**2013:** Lene Nielsen (4-7)  
**2012:** Lene Nielsen (5-6)  
**2011:** Lene Nielsen (7-4)  
**Last championship** — Helena Blach 1982  
**World titles** — 1



## Stephanie Risdal Nielsen

### THIRD

**Age:** 24  
**Born:** Copenhagen, Denmark  
**Lives:** Kastrup, Denmark  
**Family:** Single  
**Years curled:** 16  
**Years on team:** 2  
**Occupation:** Student  
**Hobbies:** Dancing, reading, travelling, kids  
**Most memorable sporting achievement:** EYOF bronze medal, EJCC gold medal  
**Languages spoken:** English, Danish, German  
**Delivers:** Right  
**Highlights:** World women's: 2015 at Sapporo, Japan, 4-7 overall, (as second for Lene Nielsen)



## Isabella Clemmensen

### SECOND

**Age:** 19  
**Born:** Copenhagen, Denmark  
**Lives:** Copenhagen, Denmark  
**Family:** Single  
**Years curled:** 19  
**Years on team:** 1  
**Occupation:** Sales assistant  
**Hobbies:** Fitness  
**Languages spoken:** English, Danish, German  
**Delivers:** Right  
**Highlights:** World women's: 2015 at Sapporo, Japan, 4-7 overall (as alternate for Lene Nielsen); 2014 at Saint John, New Brunswick, 2-9 overall (as alternate for Madeleine Dupont).



## Charlotte Clemmensen

### LEAD

**Age:** 23  
**Birthdate:** September 29, 1992  
**Born:** Copenhagen  
**Lives:** Copenhagen  
**Family:** Single  
**Years curled:** 12  
**Years on team:** 2  
**Occupation:** Student  
**Most memorable sporting achievement:** 2015, 2014 ECC 4th place  
**Languages spoken:** English, Danish  
**Delivers:** Right  
**Highlights:** World women's: 2015 at Sapporo, Japan, 4-7 overall (as lead for Lene Nielsen).





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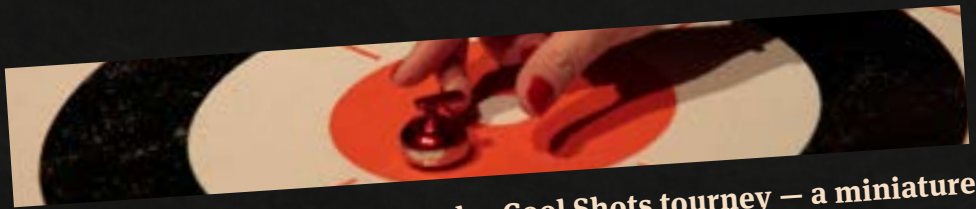


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# Q&A

## With world curling fans

Today's question: What do you like most about The Patch?

"The sweeeeet barley nectar. And the friendly atmosphere. We played some Cool Curling before and that was fun. No we didn't win but still it was great. Tonight we'll get it to Minute to Win It. They'll be a few laughs."

— Stephanie Forseille  
Duck Lake, Sask.



"I like all the fun things going on here. We're playing all the games. And the host, Stu, is very outgoing. He said he'll buy me a drink later too."

— Natasha Shore  
Saskatoon, Sask.



"It's nice to see the teams coming in here to sign autographs. I'll be coming back!"

Mike Kluk  
Waldeck, Sask.



"Socializing, meeting all kinds of friends from around the area – some we haven't seen for a while. And we were even hanging with the Swiss team last night – very nice people! Music's great too. Actually on Saturday we came here just for lunch, and never got out!"

— Bentley Gibson (Fire Chief)  
Gull Lake, Sask.



"We like the music, the people, and the drinking. The Canadians are great, including the beers."

— Daniel Graf  
Grindelwald, Switzerland



"This total atmosphere. It's all about the atmosphere. There are all ages, partying and doing the same thing. You have 20-80 year olds all just partying here together in the patch. It doesn't get better than this."

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# Red light, green light; technology still rocks (mostly)

By **DAVE KOMOSKY**  
Eye Opener Editor



The high-tech hogline monitoring system for rocks at major curling championships, including the Ford World Women's Championship, presented by Meridian, has been in operation for more than a dozen years now, and it's been an unqualified success. Even curlers have to grudgingly admit that, if they are tagged with a hogline violation, they are guilty.

But every once in a while the technology fails, as it did Sunday evening when Canada tangled with the United States.

In that game, Canadian third Amy Nixon had her rock flash

red, indicating a violation, when clearly there was none.

It created confusion and some lengthy discussion with officials, but thankfully it did not influence the outcome of the game.

The system is relatively simple and considered almost infallible.

Each rock handle is made of a special compound that detects heat and contains a four-battery-driven microprocessor.

When the curler tips the rock over to clean its running surface, the mechanism is activated.

If the curler's hand remains on the handle at the hogline,

the mechanism in the rock completes a circuit with a magnetic strip buried in the ice below the hogline and the red light flashes and continues to blink until the rock comes to a rest.

Red light means hogline violation and the rock is kicked off.

"Everyone trusts the system because it works," says Danny Lamoureux, Curling Canada's director of championship services and curling club development.

"If you take the events we use this (technology) at, about six events, there's anywhere

between 9,000 or 12,000 rocks thrown at each event, so anywhere between 50 to 60,000 stones a year with the handles on them, and we get three or four issues.

"That's pretty minor."

But it's not fool-proof, obviously.

Lamoureux says it's because equipment can break down.

"As we've seen already this year there's been some handles that have malfunctioned," he says. "If it's proven to be a malfunction, we allow that player to throw again.

"On a typical event we may end



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up changing 12 to 20 handles over the course of the week. You have to realize there's thousands of rocks thrown."

The technology was developed in 2000 in Saskatoon, introduced in 2003, and hasn't changed. A handle costs about \$900 and the battery pack that goes with it about \$100. Curling Canada has 220 handles and upgrades 20 or more of them each year.

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▲ TV camera captures Russian skip Anna Sidorova during an interview.

▲ Scottish skip Eve Muirhead exhorts her sweepers.

# Through the lens of Michael Burns



▲ Team Italy enjoys a lighter moment between ends.

▲ Canadian third Amy Nixon can shout with the best of them.



▲ Japanese skip Satsuki Fujisawa was on so close.



Michael Burns crisscrosses the country taking photos at Curling Canada events.



▲ Denmark's Madeleine Dupond and Charlotte Clemmensen look over the situation.



# WORLD SCOREBOARD

## STANDINGS

|                         | W | L |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Japan (Fujisawa)        | 4 | 1 |
| Russia (Sidorova)       | 4 | 1 |
| Canada (Carey)          | 4 | 1 |
| Scotland (Muirhead)     | 4 | 1 |
| Switzerland (Feltscher) | 4 | 1 |
| Germany (Driendl)       | 3 | 2 |
| S. Korea (Gim)          | 2 | 3 |
| Denmark (Nielsen)       | 2 | 3 |
| United States (Brown)   | 1 | 4 |
| Sweden (Sigfridsson)    | 1 | 4 |
| Finland (Kauste)        | 1 | 4 |
| Italy (Apollonio)       | 0 | 5 |



## SCHEDULE

TODAY  
9 a.m. Draw

A—SWE vs. SUI; B—KOR vs. USA; C—SCO vs. DEN; D—GER vs. CAN

2 p.m. Draw

A—DEN vs. FIN; B—CAN vs. ITA; C—SUI vs. JPN; D—USA vs. RUS

7 p.m. Draw

A—ITA vs. GER; B—FIN vs. SCO; C—RUS vs. KOR; D—JPN vs. SWE



## LINESCORES

Draw 6

9 p.m.

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| Russia (Sidorova)       | *2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | x | — | 6  |
| Denmark (Nielsen)       | *2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | x | x | — | 11 |
| Japan (Fujisawa)        | 0  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | x | x | — | 4  |
| USA (Brown)             | 0  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | x | — | 5  |
| Italy (Apollonio)       | *1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | — | 3  |
| Switzerland (Feltscher) | *1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | x | — | 9  |
| Finland (Kauste)        | 0  | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | x | — | 6  |

Draw 7

2 p.m.

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| Japan (Fujisawa)     | *1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | —  | 6 |
| South Korea (Kim)    | 0  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | —  | 5 |
| Russia (Sidorova)    | 0  | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | x | — | 10 |   |
| Sweden (Sigfridsson) | *0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | — | 5  |   |
| Finland (Kauste)     | *0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 6  |   |
| Germany (Driendl)    | 0  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | — | 9  |   |
| Italy (Apollonio)    | 0  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | — | 7  |   |
| Scotland (Muirhead)  | *3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | — | 8  |   |



Swedish skip Margaretha Sigfridsson.

Draw 8

7 p.m.

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| Scotland (Muirhead)     | 0  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | — | 6 |
| USA (Brown)             | *2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | 5 |
| Germany (Driendl)       | 0  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | x | — | 2 |
| Switzerland (Feltscher) | *0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | x | x | — | 9 |
| Sweden (Sigfridsson)    | *1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | — | 4 |
| Canada (Carey)          | 0  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | — | 9 |
| South Korea (Kim)       | *2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | x | x | — | 9 |
| Denmark (Nielsen)       | 0  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | x | — | 3 |

\* — Last rock

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# New hall-of-famers honoured

*Inductees share fond memories of the Roaring Game of old*

By **MICHAEL CONNORS**  
Eye Opener Contributor

The Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame inducted 11 curling teams onto its honour roll on Monday, with members from each of the teams discussing the sport they love while signing autographs on the sidelines of the World Women's Curling Championship.

The celebrations were held in the Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame, located in the Credit Union iplex. The Hall is open for the rest of the week, free of charge to the public.

During the fan forum, the honourees held an amicable chat about how the Roarin' Game has changed since they played it.

"There's no frost problems now. And we used to curl in 50-below at a quonset hut arena," said Roy Hufsmith, who was inducted

as part of the 1951 and 1952 Gary Thode team — the oldest of the teams to be honoured.

"You don't have one end of the ice a whole foot higher than the other," added Anita Ford, coach inductee from the Canadian, World- and Olympic champion Sandra Schmirler team of the 1990s, upon which her daughter Atina Johnston played.

Many of the inductees played against each other in their heyday. Some were members of the same family. Most raised their hand when asked if they still play regularly and whether they have advice on how to keep going.

The inductees emphasized the importance of keeping attuned with strategy and changes to the game. The comments led to the group reminiscing over what used

to be commonplace — cigarettes and beer — in and around major competitions and casual games.

"You've heard of the Marlborough Man?"



Anita Ford



Roy Hufsmith with painting of first 8-ender in a national championship.

Well, we were the McDonald's women," said one inductee of how her team would smoke on the ice, during 12-end matches that would often last four hours in the biting cold.

"We haven't fully transitioned to milk and cookies yet," said Eugene Hritzuk, inductee from the 2009 World's Senior Men's championship team, whose members were perhaps the youngest in the crowd.

The group applauded the young talent they see on display here in Swift Current and in clubs around the country. When it came to the issue of new curling brooms, which have evolved throughout the years into something no longer broom-like, one inductee joked they should "bring back straw." As for new hogline technology, the group seemed to agree that — barring Sunday's confusion in the Canada vs. USA game — rock sensors are a good thing for the sport.

"We used to have to fight hard for our integrity," said Hritzuk about the self-governing nature of hogline fouls in the past. "It used to be a big, unnecessary distraction."

"And I would be remiss if I didn't say that yoga pants are great for the game as well," jokingly added Hritzuk.

The inductees applauded the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame for its commitment to recognizing athletes who attained excellence in the 'highest level of sports available to them at their time,' remarking that with 500-600 athletes now inducted, the province — with its small population — has done well to stand out on the national and world stage.



## 2016 inductees

- 1967, 1968, 1971 Larry McGrath Curling Team; Canadian Mixed Champions
- 1980 Marj Mitchell Curling Team; Canadian and World Champions
- 1970 Dorenda Schoenhals Bailey Curling Team; Canadian Ladies Champions
- 1951 and '52 Gary Thode Curling Team; Canadian High School Boys Champions
- 1993, 1994, 1997, 1998 Sandra Schmirler Curling Team; Women's Canadian, World and Olympic Champions
- 1974 Emily Farnham Curling Team; Canadian Ladies Champions
- 1983 Rick Folk Curling Team; Canadian Mixed Champions
- 2003 Nancy Kerr Curling Team; Canadian and World Senior Women's Champions
- 1978 Bernie Yuzdepski Curling Team; Canadian Mixed Champions
- 1980 Rick Folk Curling Team; Canadian and World Men's Curling Champions
- 2009 Eugene Hritzuk Curling Team; Canadian and World Senior Men's Curling Champions

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# Profile: South Korea



**Ji Sun Kim**

**SKIP**

(Throws lead rocks)  
**Age:** 28  
**Birthdate:** June 27, 1987  
 Born: Seoul, Korea  
**Lives:** Gyeonggi do, Korea  
**Family:** Married – son, Su ho 2

**Years curled:** 13  
**Years on team:** 8  
**Occupation:** Curler  
**Hobbies:** Swimming  
**Most memorable achievement:** 4th at 2014 women's worlds  
**Hero:** Jennifer Jones  
**Delivers:** Right

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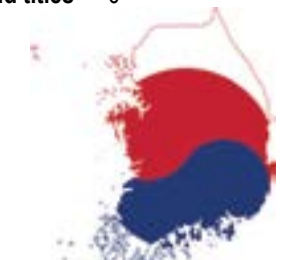


**Gyeonggi-do C.C.**  
**Gyeonggi-do**  
**Province**  
**Alt.: Ji Sun Kim**  
**Coach: Dong Ho Shin**

**Official name:** Republic of Korea  
**Population:** 48,294,000  
**Capital:** Seoul; 9,592,000  
**Area:** 99,250 square kilometers (38,321 square miles)  
**Language:** Korean, English (widely taught)  
**Religion:** Christian, Buddhist  
**Currency:** South Korean won  
**Form of government:** Republic  
**Life Expectancy:** 76  
**GDP per capita:** U.S. \$19,600  
**Literacy per cent:** 98  
**President:** Park Geun-hye  
**Prime minister:** Hwang Kyo-ahn

**SOUTH KOREA AT THE WORLDS**

**Last five years:**  
**2015:** DNQ  
**2014:** Kim Ji-sun (8-3)  
**2013:** DNQ  
**2012:** Kim Ji-sun (8-3)  
**2011:** Kim Ji-sun (2-9)  
**Last championship —** N/A  
**World titles —** 0



**Seul Bee Lee**

**THIRD**

**Age:** 27  
**Born:** Gyeongbuk, Korea  
**Lives:** Gyeonggi do, Korea  
**Family:** Married  
**Years curled:** 11  
**Years on team:** 7  
**Occupation:** Curler  
**Hobbies:** Running  
**Most memorable sporting achievement:** 4th at 2014 Women's Worlds  
**Sports hero:** in bi Park  
**Delivers:** Right  
**Languages spoken:** Korean  
**Highlights:** Olympic Winter Games: 2014 at Sochi, Russia, 3-6 overall (as lead for Ji-Sun Kim).



**Min Ji Um**

**SECOND**

**Age:** 25  
**Born:** Seoul, Korea  
**Lives:** Seoul, Korea  
**Family:** Single  
**Years curled:** 15  
**Years on team:** 5  
**Occupation:** Curler  
**Hobbies:** Watching movies  
**Most memorable sporting achievement:** 4th at 2014 Women's Worlds  
**Sports hero:** Jennifer Jones  
**Delivers:** Right  
**Languages spoken:** Korean, English (some)  
**Highlights:** Olympic Winter Games: 2014 at Sochi, Russia, 3-6 overall (as alternate for Ji Sun Kim).



**Un Chi Gim**

**FOURTH**

**Age:** 26  
**Birthdate:** Jan. 23, 1990  
**Born:** Chungcheongnam-do, Korea  
**Lives:** Dang jin, Korea  
**Family:** Single  
**Years curled:** 10  
**Years on team:** 8  
**Occupation:** Curler  
**Hobbies:** Shopping  
**Most memorable achievement:** 4th at 2014 Women's Worlds  
**Sports hero:** Kaitlyn Lawes  
**Delivers:** Right  
**Languages spoken:** Korean  
**Highlights:** Olympic Winter Games 2014 at Sochi, Russia (3-6 overall, as third for Ji Sun Kim).





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# CURLING QUIZ



1. This skip's team from Saskatchewan won Canada's first world women's curling title:

- a) Vera Pezer.
- b) Sandra Peterson.
- c) Marj Mitchell.
- d) Sandra Schmirler.

2. This Canadian province has produced more world women's championship teams than any other:

- a) Saskatchewan.
- b) B.C.
- c) Alberta.
- d) Manitoba.

3. True or false: China won the gold medal in just its fifth year at the world championship.

4. She said it: "Whether I'm a gold medalist in 2016 or I place somewhere off the podium, I have this great thing

called a real life. I have a three-year-old daughter and a full-time job and a lot of things that are different than what happens out on a sheet of ice. Of course, I want to perform...but this is a part of my life, it's not my whole life."

- a) Amy Nixon.
- b) Eve Muirhead.
- c) Margaretha Sigfridsson.
- d) Benia Feltscher.

5. This surgeon won four world championships:

- a) Elisabet Gustafson.
- b) Andrea Schopp.
- c) Dordi Nordby.
- d) Jackie Lockhart.

**ANSWERS:**

1. Marj Mitchell's Regina team that included Nancy Kerr, Shirley Mckendry and Wendy Leach topped the field and delivered Canada its first world title in 1980 at Perth, Scotland.  
 2. Actually, both Saskatchewan and B.C. have contributed four world titles apiece to Canada's overall haul of 15. Ontario is next with three, while Manitoba and Nova Scotia have produced two apiece.  
 3. It's true. China struck gold at the 2009 world championship in Gangneung, South Korea, defeating Sweden in the final.  
 4. Canadian third Amy Nixon offered that philosophical take on curling and life.  
 5. Dr. Elisabet Gustafson of Sweden won the world title in 1992, '95, '98 and '99.



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