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Coach Rick Lang, upper left, rejoices with Team North America after final-end drama in Saturday night's 'B' skins games ensured victory in Continental Cup VII.

Dominant
Can-Am gang
clinches victory
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Sealing the deal!

Larry Wood Morning Cup Editor

n the end, it was the cakewalk that appeared Lto be developing from the start.

Team North America refused to let down Saturday night at Servus Credit Union Place, erupting in the late going for a sweep of three 30-point skins at the World Financial Group Continental Cup.

With the pendulum seeming to slowly swing in Team World's favour, the home side managed to steal an amazing 40 points on the final ends of three matches which more than catapulted Team North America beyond the point of no return and into the winner's bracket for the fourth time.

Canadian champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg, who had been blanked for seven ends, stole a 22-point skin in the last end against Mirjam Ott's Swiss team from Davos. Kevin Koe's Edmonton unit stole nine points to subdue Niklas Edin of Sweden. And John

Final-end thefts clinch **North American victory**

Morris, skipping a North American mixed skins entry, out-drew David Murdoch of Scotland to the button on a final-end carryover to steal yet another go-ahead nine-point skin.

In the end, it was Jones (Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn Askin) 22-8 over Ott, Koe (Blake MacDonald, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen) 21-9 over Edin and Morris (Ann Swisshelm, Marc Kennedy, Nina Spatola) 19-11 over Murdoch.

Heading into today's final 55-point skins tests, the Amerks held a 217-73 lead, a spread of 16 points more than necessary to clinch the Cup victory.

"Of course we didn't expect this," admitted Team North America coach Rick Lang of Thunder Bay, Ont., afterward.

"But, you know, it started early. We just set the tone the very first day when we dominated, got some confidence and picked up a roll. After that the only pressure was to attend to our own team and continue the good play."

From Thursday's very first group of endeavours that led to a 42-12 lead, the 24-player Amerk squad never was really tested until Saturday night, when Team World players exhibited some improvement and showed signs of prolonging the issue heading into the final exchanges.

"It was some tough last minutes for us," admitted World coach Peja Lindholm of Sweden.

"It was devastating for us. They were a lot better than us; we just have to accept that. We just didn't perform as well as I know we can.

"When we are on the top level of our games we play really well,

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but there were too many errors here.

"Our goal was to keep the Cup alive until the last game (today) but

we couldn't do that so it is tough. I haven't had time to tell the team yet — but the new goal is to win the last day!'

The victory erased a coaching defeat for Lang at

John Morris and Kevin Martin, winners of Olympic gold last year at Vancouver, celebrate another big victory.

the 2003 event in his home

"We gave that one away and it wasn't very much fun. So it's good to get one back," he allowed.

"It's too bad in the sense that it's a premature ending, but on the other hand it got really exciting in the last couple of ends tonight with everything going down to the last rocks like that so I thought it was fantastic."

Rookie team captain Neil Harrison of Newmarket, Ont., lauded the competitions as "a great experience.

"It's fun and something you're not going to experience very often, so once was great," he said.

"I don't think there was anything we inspired in them (the players); we just tried not to give them any more reason to be nervous than they had to be. They're all experienced players and it was certainly their doing, not ours."

Ott missed both her draw

shots in the final end against Jones, who essentially played a clean house and forced her foe to Peja Lindholm play a precise last draw to a

corner of the button for the win.

Team World coach

"We made some good shots in that last end and both teams were rushed for time but it just went our way," assessed Jones, skip of Team Canada in the upcoming Scotties Tournament of Hearts next month.

"We were feeling like we couldn't get anything going and you don't like looking at those zeroes on the



Above: Sorry, Mr. Edin, but all signs point to a North American whitewash by the time tonight's proceedings are through. Right: Andrea Schoepp of Germany isn't impressed over a 20-0 'A' women's skins game loss to Erika Brown of the United States.

scoreboard but we got the 22 points at the end.

"Everybody went out there and did their thing and we are pretty happy we won it tonight."

Koe trailed Edin 9-6 after six ends but picked up 15 points with skins in the seventh and eighth ends.

"We were a part of this two years ago and lost so it's nice to come back and contribute to a win," remarked Koe.

As the final end progressed, Koe's points turned out to be the clinchers.

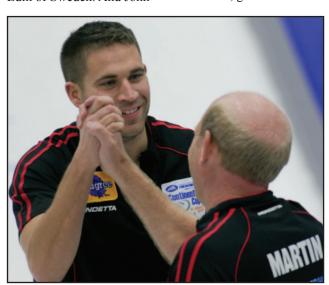


"It was a close game and I was surprised the way his last one worked out."

Edin tried to dislodge a cluster and force a carryover with his last rock but left his opponent with the theft of shot rock.

"It was just nice to lock it up because, two years ago, we were brutal," recalled

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Oly medal hope's no skin off our nose



LARRY WOOD Morning Cup Editor

eriously. Do we need more Olympic medal presentations in curl-

That, Horatio, is the question.

The current World Financial Group Continental Cup was designed with possible new Olympic curling disciplines in mind.

To begin with, singles. Then, mixed doubles. Trouble is, these events may be fun-based and ideal for something like the competition winding down today at the Servus Credit Union Place but they haven't met with wild acceptance around the globe.

The World Curling Federation jumped all over the idea of a world mixed doubles event which would have appeal with minor

Is mixed skins curling's 'perfect third discipline'?

curling nations and currently has No. 4 on the schedule in 2011.

But the WCF hasn't been hasty to promote mixed doubles as a possible Olympic discipline. And that could be on account of criticism in many quarters, primarily based on the problem of having a player throw a rock, then chase it down the ice to sweep it.

Canvassing players at the Servus this week produces a myriad of responses. Kevin Martin loves mixed doubles. Susan O'Connor, who played in the first world championship in 2008, says it has nothing to do with the game of curling.

David Murdoch takes a different route. He doesn't see doubles or singles as having Olympic potential. But he's high-as-the-sky on skins, and more particularly, mixed skins.

"Mixed doubles?" Murdoch repeats a question. "Nah. Everything goes to the middle. No sweeping. No noise. Singles? Same thing there. No real excitement. Neither are likely

good choices for the Olympics. These games are a lot of fun but they aren't going to get us in the Olympics.

"If I was looking for a third curling event, and I think we need another one, the perfect compromise is mixed skins.

"Yeah. I think that's the perfect third discipline. Skins is a good game, anyway. I'd prefer skins to a mixed team game.

"I'm sold on mixed skins and it would be big on TV. You have lots of rocks in play, you have sweeping, you have girls and boys. A lot of Olympic sports are going mixed and they're really popular on TV.

"Skins is a lot more interesting than mixed doubles which is great to play but far less enjoyable to watch. Curling needs the noise. It needs the shouting. You'll get more rocks in play with skins that what you'd normally see."

The skip of the 2009 world champion team from Scotland is cautious, though, about jumping into anything that severely alters a good thing, and he suggests that TV numbers show that curling, indeed, is "a good thing".

"I think we have to be careful about changing the game too much," he says. "I know everybody's trying to make it as big and as popular as it possibly can be, but there's only so much market for it.

"The sport is good to fill big stadiums over here but at the end of the day, elsewhere in the world, it's probably not going to get really big."

Take the possibility of a Continental Cup ever being staged across the large pond.

"Will this fly overseas? I don't know. In Switzerland or Scotland you'd probably draw 1,000 for a weekend. But that's absolute max." Yikes!

Murdoch agrees the skins format requires massive promotion, even in North America.

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> What'll be the new Olympic curling discipline? Mixed doubles, at right? Singles? How about mixed skins?



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Morris and Murdoch waged an intriguing mixed doubles duel with the Scot controlling the issue until the last end when Morris took advantage of the carryover draw to the pot.

Murdoch appeared to have generated winning momentum in the sixth end when he executed a lastrock double-kill that was inches away from producing an eight-ender, unheard of in skins play or any sort of curling at the elite level.

Earlier Saturday, the winners racked up a 22-10 point advantage in singles competition, moving to within 46 of the magic winning number of 201.

"I don't know what's happening," moaned World captain Pal Trulsen, who led the World to a victory two years ago at Camrose.

"We're just not with it this year. In curling, that happens some times."

The final analysis is more likely to show that the

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North American team was close to immaculate.

Take Kevin Martin's Olympic gold-medal winning lineup in singles play. Of six shots played, Martin and his men were perfect in five, scoring less than the maximum five points only in the hit-and-roll shot.

The final count in singles: Martin (Morris, Kennedy, Ben Hebert) blitzed Murdoch's all-star lineup 27-16 while U.S. champion Pete Fenson's Bemidji, Minn., crew (Shawn Rojeski, Joe Polo, Ryan Brunt) defeated Edin's Swedes 21-18 and Erika Brown's U.S. women's champs (Spatola, Swisshelm, Laura Hallisey) defeated Bingyu Wang of China 11-10.

The World team received victories from Thomas Ulsrud (Torger Nergaard,

Christoffer Svae, Havard Vad Petersson) 21-19 over Koe and world champion Andrea Schoepp (Monika Wagner, Corinna Scholz, Stella Heiss) 15-14 over Cheryl Bernard of Calgary.

A sixth match — Ott vs.

Jones — was deadlocked at
16 points apiece.

The North Americans won two of three morning skins matches, two of them shutouts, to pretty much seal the deal.

"I think they pretty much nailed the coffin shut when we suffered those two blankings," said Murdoch.

Murdoch won a big 12-point skin against North America's Pete Fenson during the eighth and final end.

But, elsewhere, Brown of Madison, Wis., blanked Schoepp, picking up all 20 points available. And Koe gave the same treatment to the World squad led by Norway's Thomas Ulsrud.

Hence, the war is over but the battles continue today.



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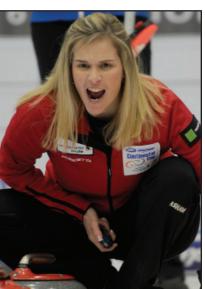
Far left: Why so glum, chums? From left, Ann Swisshelm. Nina Spatola, **Laura Hallisey** and Erika **Brown of North** America survey the house. At left, World's Bingyu Wang gives an icy situation some thought.

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Photographer Michael Burns Jr. captures the people and personalities of the Continental Cup









Right, 2010 Vancouver **Olympic finalists** Kevin Martin and Thomas Ulsrud, who'll meet in tonight's 'C' Men's Skins Game, share a laugh. Far right, from top to bottom: Scotland's **David Murdoch lets out** a mighty roar; Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones shows off her own leather lungs; and Germany's Andrea Schoepp stares down a granite interloper.



"They play a TV event and they play it here," he says. "We need to have a Slam event that's totally skins. We need to introduce the concept to the European tour."

The genial Scot makes some points. But current Team World captain Pål Trulsen of Norway, the 2002 gold-medal winner, makes some others.

"Singles is the only one of these ideas that will fly for one simple reason," he says. "Any of the others require the organizing committee to produce another ice arena."

That's a massive consideration. The Olympics need two for hockey, one for speed skating, one for figure skating and one for curling. What chance has curling of wheedling the use of another arena in order to realize a third set of Olympic medals?

Alpine skiing offers medals galore but needs only one hill. Swimming boasts a huge medal haul every four years and needs only one pool.

"But I like singles," says Trulsen, "And just think. You could open it up to a lot of nations. The more the merrier."

Problem there, Pål? Sort of defeats the elitist idea of an Olympian, doesn't it?

"That additional arena, though," he reiterates. "That could be a big problem. I don't think you'd get it in many places."

It could be the WCF already has been informed of such by Olympic Games panjandrums.

But the beat goes on . . . If curling was to truly campaign for a third discipline, your choice would

■ Cheryl Bernard, 2010 silver medallist — "Mixed doubles, for sure. But if you gave me three choices, I take mixed teams. Singles takes time and I don't know what the fans would think of it. There are too many breaks during which people don't know what's happening. There needs to be a scoreboard that indicates what's happening. I agree, singles is indicative of the basic, straight-out skills of the game. But I'm a converted mixed-doubles girl now, though. I loved it. And I said I never want to have anything to do with it." ■ U.S. women's cham-

pion skip Erika Brown - "Mixed doubles, but I'd like it morphed a little more to make it more like mixed teams. I think it's closer to the real thing. I don't like the lack of sweeping. A player throwing and then running up the ice to sweep is a little awkward. I do like the singles from the standpoint you have your sweepers. And I guess you could have the same teams playing in another Olympic event if they wanted to restrict the number of athletes. Or they could just go with mixed teams and

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add to the list of athletes.

"I don't know if singles is watchable. And you can't get near the quality of shotmaking in mixed doubles because you don't have the sweepers. We were pretty pathetic trying to play the game without sweepers. You might fiddle with a singles event — it certain emphasized the skills of the game — and maybe enhance it with a scoreboard or far more explanation involving what's happening.

"But you have to have sweeping in any curling event and it can't be from the hogline in. It has to be from one end to the other. And that's what makes all the shots. I mean, why would you want to watch people go out there and . . . miss?'

■ Swiss champion Mirjam Ott — "I would prefer mixed teams. We play mixed championships in Switzerland. They play mixed in Canada. This is the game. The other formats, they are not curling. Definitely not singles. There is too much dead time. Too much standing around. They would have to work on singles in

order to make it an event that anybody would want to watch. But I don't like the throwing-and-running aspect of mixed doubles. I would prefer a third team event — mixed teams.

■ World men's champion Kevin Koe — "I'd choose mixed doubles over singles. It takes some getting-usedto but it's a good game and I think it will come along.

if it ever gets as far as the Olympics. But for an event like the Continental Cup, I think you need some different games and it's a lot of fun. The players really like playing it. I think a normal curling game with mixed teams would probably be better but . . . the doubles is an interesting game."

■ 2010 Euro champion Thomas Ulsrud — "I think something was going to be there it should be mixed teams.

"I'm not used to the mixed doubles (who is?) but I don't like playing rocks without sweepers. That can make you look silly sometimes, missing easy shots. Singles is better because there is sweeping.

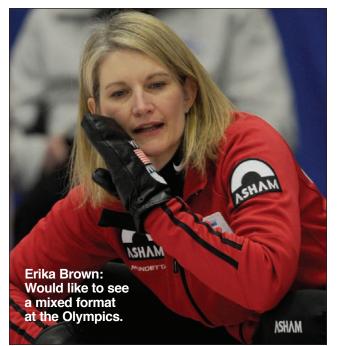
today and that was fun, for sure."

■ 2010 Olympic gold medallist Kevin Martin — "I think there's more strategy to mixed doubles and the fitness level of the player throwing the middle three stones has to be extreme. Unlike curling, where you have to sweep a couple hard, you don't have to throw again right away. You sweep hard for about 30 seconds and that brings your heart rate up to about 190. The other team throws. You're back in the hack again inside of 45 seconds and you have to have that heart rate back down again. You throw another rock and you're sweeping hard again. Then you have to bring it back down again. It might be impossible to do that.

"But I think mixed doubles is worth looking at. I sure like it. But you really need a good ice surface to play it. A tremendous ice surface allows you to make every shot. Play it on bad ice and it would be brutal, a disaster. It's a great game on good ice.

Singles? No. Mixed teams? That might not be outside the realm of possibility. But mixed doubles, man. That's a good game. There's so much strategy involved. But, like I said, you need this ice surface. Bad ice? Can you imagine? The rock at the back of the button might be

the one that scores." Double yikes!



CONTINENTAL CUP FLASHBACK: CAMROSE 2008

Bloomin' big win for World in the Rose City

Morning Cup staff

Team World evened the score with North America at three wins apiece, by taking the sixth Continental Cup, presented by Monsanto, 208-192 in mid-December 2008 at Camrose

The end came early in the 55-point men's skins game between Norway's Thomas Ulsrud and Canada's Kevin Martin, the then-reigning world champion.

Team World entered the final game needing only eight points to claim the title, leading North America, 193-152, after Sweden's Anette Norberg defeated Canada's Jennifer Jones 41-14 in the 55-point women's skins game.

Hence Martin's unenviable task was to either take skins or force carryovers.

After the teams traded four-point skins in the first two ends, it meant that Martin had to sweep the game's remainder points. But after a third-end carryover, when Martin couldn't count a deuce on a hit, it was left to Ulsrud for the fourth-end heroics.

With hammer, he made an incredible triple-raise takeout with his last stone, removing a Martin rock biting the button and sticking his shooter for a deuce and the 11-point skin. That elevated the World total to 208, seven more than necessary to claim the Cup.

On his clinching shot, Ulsrud said: "That was a nice way to win it. That was probably a tough shot. I'm guessing maybe one out of five I make in practice... maybe not even that.

"So it was just a beautiful feeling. I told the guys

we're going to get some chances, but not many against Kevin, so we'll take the first one.

"After that, it was tough to stay focused. But this is beautiful. I just hope it (the Cup) comes back. This is the best experience I've had in my curling career."

It was suggested later in the season that the event would, indeed, return for the 2010-11 campaign.

The last four ends of the final match simply constituted a formality, as Martin eventually prevailed 40-15.

"We couldn't play our normal skins game, we were in a situation where we couldn't miss many," said Martin, who was a member of the winning North America side at the inaugural Cup in 2002, when the men's skins game went down to last rock between him and Sweden's



Peja Lindholm.

"We had to play real defensive and go as long as we could and try to survive. But he (Ulsrud) made a great shot to take it."

Among those on the victorious World roster, it was the third Cup win for Sweden's Anette Norberg, Cathrine Lindahl and Anna Svärd. Dual Cup winners

Thomas Ulsrud's fourth-end heroics in the final skins game wrapped up the World's victory in Camrose.

were Scotland's David Murdoch, Ewan MacDonald and Euan Byers and Switzerland's Mirjam Ott, Valeria Spälty and Janine Greiner.

World captain Pål Trulsen was a previous two-time winner as a player while World coach Lindholm was a member of the winning team in 2003.

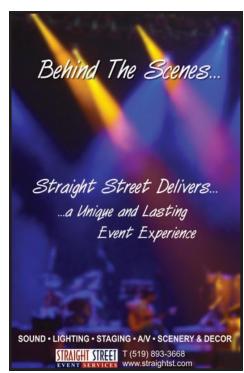
The first event in curling's Season of Champions, the Continental Cup involves team games (72 points), mixed doubles (36 points), singles (32 points) and skins (men's, women's and mixed). The first side to score 201 points is the winner. Each member of the winning team received \$2,000 while each losing team member got \$1,400.

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Calgary next stop on the ol' granite trail

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Season of Champions curling action continues in Calgary from Jan. 29 through Feb. 6 with the 2011 M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors at the North Hill Community Curling Club and the Glencoe Club.

TSN will televise both the women's and men's finals. The winners will then represent Canada at the World Juniors in Perth, Scotland, from March 5 to 13.

Sites for the next three renewals of the Scotties Tournament Of Hearts have been announced by the Canadian Curling Association.

The 2011 event is slated for Charlottetown, P.E.I., Feb. 19 through 27 at the Civic Centre.

Red Deer's Centrium will be the site of the 2012 Scotties (Feb.18-26) while Kingston, Ont., (the K-Rock Centre) will host the 2013 competition from Feb. 16 to 24.

Kingston has not hosted

a Canadian curling championship since way back in 1957, when Alberta's Matt Baldwin won the Macdonald Brier.

Red Deer, on the other hand, hosted the 2004 Scotties and the 1994 Labatt Brier. And Charlottetown last hosted the Scotties in 1999.

Veteran curling administrator Ken Thompson will be the committee chair from the Kingston event. Heading the Charlottetown organizing committee is noted Island curler Kim Dolan.

Provincial playdowns to determine the Scotties opposition for Team Canada's Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg will be played the last two weeks of this month.

In fact, the B.C. Scotties tournament commences Monday at the Cloverdale Curling Club and the action in Newfoundland/ Labrador will start later next week at the Bally Haly in St. John's.

The Tim Horton's Brier for 2011 goes from March 5 to 13 at the John Labatt



Edmonton's Kevin Koe: Defending Brier, and world men's, champion.

Centre in London, Ont. In 2012, the Brier will return to Saskatoon, and the Credit Union Centre (formerly Saskatchewan Place). And in 2013? Rumour has it that Edmonton is in the running to host the event.

Esbjerg, Denmark, will be the site of the 2011 Capital One World Women's championship, March 18 to 27.

The 2011 Ford World Men's event goes in Regina, April 2 to 11.

Lethbridge will be the site of the 2012 Ford World women's while Basel, Switzerland, will host the 2012 World men's skirmish.

The 2012 M&M Canadian Junior will be played in Napanee, Ont., from Feb. 4 to 12.

2011 CANADA CUP

Cranbrook to host first major CCA championship

Morning Cup staff

ranbrook, B.C., will be the site of the 2011 Canada Cup of Curling, the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) has announced.

The 20-team event will be played from Nov. 30 to Dec. 4 at the 4,600-seat Cranbrook Recreation Complex (Rec Plex), home of the Kootenay Ice of the Western Hockey League.

Similar to the current format, the Canada Cup will be contested as the first event in the CCA's 2011-12 Season of Champions.

Says Greg Stremlaw, CEO of the CCA: "The Canadian Curling Association prides itself on trying to find great locations to host our major championships and after our site reviews of the Kootenay region, Cranbrook seemed like a natural fit to host this important event. It will mark the first time the CCA has ever brought a major championship to Cranbrook."

Adds host-committee chair Tracey Amy: "We are excited about the opportunity for Cranbrook to host such a world class event as the Canada Cup. This will have a major economic impact on the area and revive the sport of curling in Cranbrook. The five-day event at the Rec Plex will need approximately 250-300 volunteers. There will be an entertainment Patch at the curling club where fans can party the night away."

Curling events previously hosted by Cranbrook include the 1997 Safeway Select B.C. men's provincials won by Barry McPhee of Kamloops, the 1997 McCain/TSN Skins Game and the 1998 B.C. Scotties provincials won by Sue

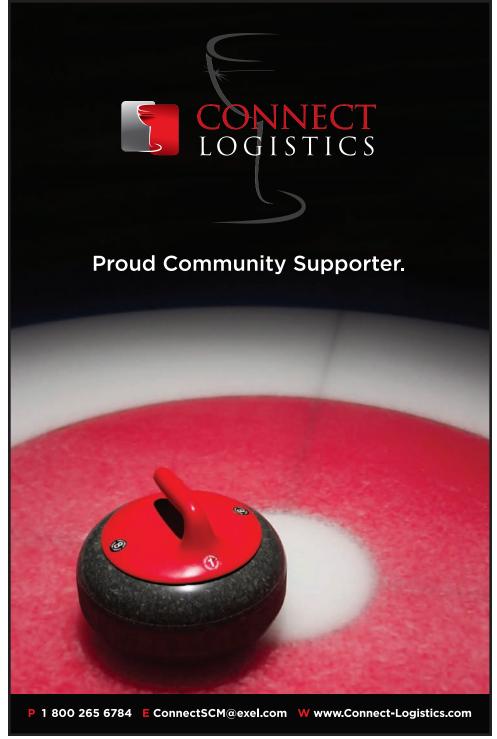
Garvey of Kamloops.

The event again will offer a total purse of \$150,000, split equally between the men and women. First place is worth \$25,000.

The winners of the 2010 Canada Cup, 2011 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Charlottetown and 2011 Tim Hortons Brier in London will earn invitations to the 2011 Canada Cup. The remaining 16 teams (eight men's and eight women's) will qualify via the Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS).

In addition to returning as defending champions for the 2012 Canada Cup (at a site to be announced), the 2011 Canada Cup winners also will qualify to be part of a pool of teams eligible for the 2013 Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials, which will determine Canada's representatives for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.







a continental cup cheer for the volunteers

The success of every Season of Champions event comes down to the energy and enthusiasm of a dedicated team of volunteers. Over the past four days, we've seen all that and more in the extraordinary contributions of more than 350 volunteers for the 2011 World Financial Group Continental Cup.

They've been on the job from early morning to the wee hours of the night – attending to every detail in dozens of different roles – ensuring fans and competitors alike make the very most of their experience in St. Albert. And, for many, their efforts date back to the beginning of the year.

So here's a toast to the volunteers - we thank you all... for all you've done!

the match in the patch



Saturday's winners – Ben Robinson of Edmonton and John Forbes from St. Albert

The Final Showdown for Cool Curlers!

After three days of competition in Keith's Patch, it all comes down to today's six-team playoff for the 2011 World Financial Group Continental Cup Cool Curling title. The finals get underway today at 1:40 pm with the final at 2:40 pm.

The Saturday winners were Ben Robinson of Edmonton and John Forbes from St. Albert, earning the \$100 daily prize and a berth in the playdowns.

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The Rink serves up a tasty selection of snacks and a buffet offering the finest Canadian cuisine.



So, you really enjoy the excitement of the live experience of championship curling... but at the same time, it's always nice to have the expert analysis provided by the TSN commentators.

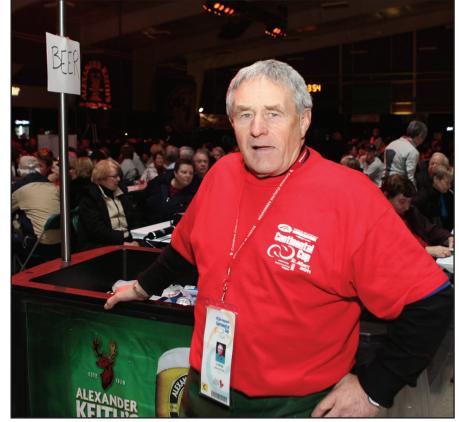
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North America held a 3-2 edge in Cup victories entering the 2008 edition, winning the inaugural Cup in 2002 in Regina, then renewals in Medicine Hat in 2004 and 2007.

World teams won in 2003 in Thunder Bay and 2006 in Chilliwack.

The seventh end proved the crucial turning point in the women's skins finale with Jones holding a 14-11 lead over Norberg, holding the hammer with an 18-point carryover on the line, and facing several Norberg counters in the rings.

Jones had two options: Throw an open draw to force another carryover or

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a makeable triple-kill to count at least two and take the skin.

She tried the latter but missed, allowing Norberg to steal and claim the

clinching skin.

In the 12-point final end, with a tonne of rocks in play and Norberg angling for another steal. Jones tried a tapback with her last brick to force a carryover (which would have been resolved by a draw to the button) but missed again and Norberg added to the World total with a 41-14 victory.

"I think the result was better than how we played it," said Norberg, the 2006 Olympic gold medallist and two-time (2005, 2006) world champion.

The previous evening, completing Day Three of the four-day competition, controversy reigned as North America briefly

stormed back into contention, closing a 38-point gap to just 14 heading into the two final skins games.

In the 30-point skins. Kevin Koe's Edmonton team demolished Scotland's David Murdoch 28-2 while Stefanie Lawton of Saskatoon registered a key double takeout in the seventh end, earning a skin worth 16 points after three carryovers, which keyed a19-11 win over Switzerland's Mirjam Ott.

When it was brought to the attention of officials that Team North America had named ineligible lineups for both 20-point mixed skins games, it was ruled the point be equally divided, erasing North American wins of 16-14 (men) and 15-5 (women), which was won by North America, 15-5.

The marquee Mixed Skins game featured a lineup for

Team World that listed four skips, headed by Norway's Thomas Ulsrud, against a North America squad which had the reigning world champions Kevin Martin, as skip, and Jennifer Jones, as third.

The final score turned out to be 16-14 for the World.

The rules state that the mixed skins lineups fielded by each team must be comprised of two players who are named in the 20-point skins, two players named in the 30-point skins and four players in the 55-point skin games.

North American braintrust Jim Waite and Russ Howard iced a 20-point lineup which included three players that had been named to compete in the 30-point skins, along with one player named for the 55-point skins game.

Its 30-point lineup listed four players named for the 55-point skins game, meaning five players playing in 55-point games.

In earlier action, Team World dominated mixed doubles play 27-9, singles 14-10 (22-10 including the winner's eight-point bonus) and women's team matches (five wins, one draw). Team North America men won four of their six team matches.

Jennifer Jones dropped a 41-14 decision to **Anette Norberg in the** final women's skins game at Camrose.

World 208, North America 192

World

(players and points scored)

Anette Norberg (71), Kajsa Bergstrom (50), Cathrine Lindahl (53), Anna Svard (60), Stockholm, Sweden. Total: 234

Thomas Ulsrud (45), Torger Nergard (27), Christoffer Svae (31), Havard Vad Petersson (21). Olso, Norway. Total: 124

Mirjam Ott (32), Carmen Schaefer (39), Valeria Spaelty (23), Janine Greiner (23), Davos, Switzerland.

Bingyu Wang (43), Yin Liu (28), Qingshuang Yue (22), Yan Zhou (22), Harbin, China.

Fengchun Wang (37), Rui Liu (10), Xiaomking Xu (10),

Jialiang Zang (10). Harbin, China. Total: 67. David Murdoch (24), Ewan MacDonald (14), Niklas Edin (8), Euan Byers (8), Locker-

bie, Scotland. Total: 54.

North America

(players and points scored)

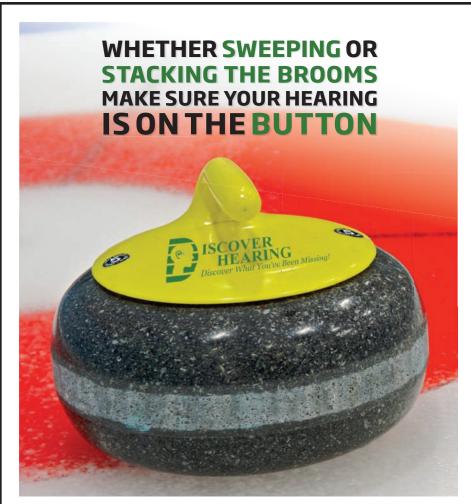
Kevin Martin (73), John Morris (68), Marc Kennedy (70), Ben Hebert (52). Edmonton, Canada. Total: 263. Kevin Koe (28), Blake Mac-Donald (38), Carter Rycroft (28), Nolan Thiessen (28), Edmonton, Canada. Total

Stefanie Lawton (25), Marliese Kasner (35), Teejay Surik (19), Lana Vey (29), Saskatoon, Canada. Total:

Jennifer Jones (35), Cathy Overton-Clapham (17), Jill Officer (17), Dawn Askin (31), Winnipeg, Canada. Total:

Craig Brown (22), Ricjh Ruohonen (22), John Dunlop (22), Peter Annis (22), Madison, Wis. U.S.A. Total: 88. Debbie McCormick (13), Allison Pottinger (10), Nicole Joraanstad (10), Tracy Sachtjen (10), Madison, Wis.,

Mixed Doubles: World 27, Singles: World 22 (including 8 bonus points), North America 10 Teams: World 45, North Skins: North America 146,



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Continental Cup trivia time

1. One player competing in the current Continental Cup has participated in more world junior championships than any other. Name the curler, home nation and the number of junior championships. 2. Name the player competing in the current Continental Cup who has partici-

pated in the second-most world junior championships. Also the player's home nation and the number of junior championships. 3. Name those players

competing in the current Continental Cup who have won (excluding alternates) world junior championships and the years each was the victor.

4. Name the only player in this Continental Cup who

was born in St. Albert. 5. Four of the 12 skips in the current Continental Cup have twice defeated the eventual champion in world championship competition. Name the four. 6. One of these four beat the champ twice in the same world championship. The name?

7. All right, now name the champions each defeated and the year(s) of the conquests.

8. There is one three-time world champion skip on the premises at this Continental Cup. Name him. 9. How about the years he won world championships and where?

10. There are 24 male curlers and four male captains/coaches involved in

this event. From the current lineup of 28 names, pick the name that has skipped the most victories in world men's curling championship play.

11. How many victories? 12. Where does he stand on the all-time winners' list and how many more wins would he need to tie for

the lead? 13. There are 24 female curlers involved in this event. From this lineup, pick the name that has skipped the most victories

in world women's curling

championship play. 14. How many victories? 15. Where does she stand on the all-time winners' list and how many more wins would she need to tie for the overall lead?

Answers

wang.

shy of the lead. 8. Peja Lindholm. 15. Second place, nine wins Jennifer Jones twice in 2008. .201 .41 Murdoch in 2006; Wang beat 13. Andrea Schoepp daugh in 1998 and David of the lead. Ulsrud beat Wayne Mid-15. Fifth place, 11 wins shy and Peja Lindholm in 1997; aniw 33 . It beat David Smith in 1991 Murdoch in 2006; Martin 10. Lindholm. Sweden. Ferbey in 2005 and David Switzerland; 2004 at Gavle, 7. Fenson beat Randy 6. Wang. land; 2001 at Lausanne, 9. 1997 at Berne, Switzer-

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Langley welcomes world for 2012 **Continental Cup**

Morning Cup staff

The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) and the World Curling Federation (WCF) have announced that Langley, B.C., will host the 2012 World Financial Group Continental Cup, presented by Monsanto.

The unique international curling competition, featuring six teams from North America against six teams representing the World, will be contested Jan. 12-15, 2012, at the Langley Events Centre.

Currently, North America and Team World are knotted at three victories apiece in the Ryder Cup-like event, which began in 2002 in Regina.

This week's event, at St. Albert's Servus Credit Union Place, has moved to the new January time slot, as opposed to previous years in either November or December.

The former dates were in-

convenient for most World teams who play each year at the Euros during the first week of December.

The Langley event will mark the second time that the Continental Cup is staged in British Columbia. Chilliwack hosted the 2006 edition.

The Continental Cup comprises various disciplines during the four days — regular team games, mixed doubles, singles, mixed skins and men's and women's skins games. Each segment awards points for wins (or ties). with the first side to reach 200 points declared the winner.

TSN, the exclusive television network for the CCA's Season of Champions, will provide complete fourday 'Cup' coverage across Canada.

At the inaugural Cup in Regina in 2002, Team North America pulled out a last-rock victory when Canada's Kevin Martin defeated Sweden's Peja

Lindholm in the final Skins game to win 207-193.

In 2003, Team World turned the tables with a 208-179 victory in Thunder Bay. In 2004 at Medicine Hat, before a record fourday crowd of 42,317, it was North America's turn again, notching a 228-172 win.

The 2006 renewal in Chilliwack featured all of the medal-winning teams from the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy, as Team Europe pulled even with a 229-171

In 2007, the Cup returned to Medicine Hat, and once again, North America prevailed, 290-110, this time clinching the Cup in record fashion on Saturday evening, prior to Sunday's final women's and men's Skins games.

The 2008 scuffle was contested in Camrose and won by Team World, 208-192.

In 2005 and 2009, there were no Continental Cup events scheduled because of the Tim Hortons Canadian



David Murdoch: Continental Cup No. 5 this week in St. Albert.

Curling Trials, which qualified Canada's teams for the Olympic Winter Games held in early December.

Over the years, the world's greatest curlers have participated in the Continental Cup, including such illustrious skips as Norway's Pål Trulsen, Thomas Ulsrud and Dordi Nordby, Sweden's Peja Lindholm, Elisabet Gustafson and Anette Norberg, Scotland's David Murdoch, Hammy McMillan, Rhona Martin and Jackie Lockhart, China's Bingyu Wang, Switzerland's Mirjam Ott, Germany's Andy Kapp and Andrea Schoepp, Debbie McCormick of the United States and Canada's Kevin Martin, Jennifer Jones, Kelly Scott, Glenn Howard, Randy Ferbey, Brad Gushue and Colleen Jones.

Farewell, folks, we're blowin' this **Popsicle stand**

Morning Cup staff

There's something you should know about this estimable news sheet to which you've subscribed the past four days.

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

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

The way the St. Albert organizing committee figures it, if we're over budget after four days, we won't be going for five.

Oh yes, and there's something else you should know.

This publication would not exist without the efforts of the St. Albert organizing committee, the Canadian Curling Association and its sponsors. Between them, they fund the whole shebang. So, save a cheer, also a tiger,

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

The final results of the 2011 Continental Cup will not be recorded for posterity in the Morning Cup.

At least, not before the initial issue of the 2012 competition in Langley,

Meantime, it has been a large slice of heaven, folks. We at the Cup would

like to thank you for your interest. We'd like to thank all the competitors for their time and courtesy. We'd like to thank our supporters for theirs.

And we'd especially, also specifically, like to thank Sandy Jamison at the St. Albert Gazette for the job she performed on our behalf.

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CONTINENTAL CUP STATISTICS

(cumulative, through Saturday's draws)

Skips

Thirds

Name	% age	Name	% age
Kevin Martin (NA)	93	Yin Liu (W)	90
Pete Fenson (NA)	86	Ralph Stoeckli (W)	88
Cheryl Bernard (NA)	84	Blake MacDonald (NA)	85
Kevin Koe (NA)	84	Susan O'Connor	84
Thomas Ulsrud (W)	82	Nina Spatola (NA)	81
David Murdoch (W)	81	Carmen Schaefer (W)	81
Niklas Edin (W)	79	Torger Nergaard (W)	81
Jennifer Jones (NA)	73	Shawn Rojeski (NA)	80
Erika Brown (NA)	73	Sebastian Kraupp (W)	80
Bingyu Wang (W)	73	John Morris (NA)	78
Mirjam Ott (W)	72	Monika Wagner (W)	72
Andrea Schoepp (W)	67	Kaitlyn Lawes (NA)	72

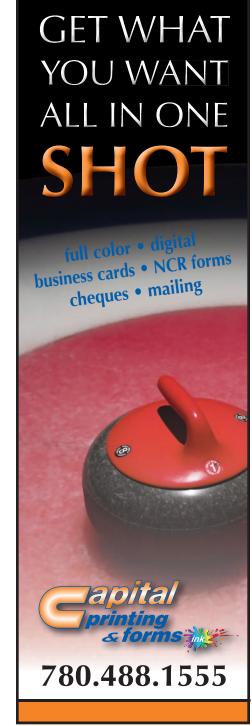
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Leads

Name	% age	Name	% age
Carter Rycroft (NA)	92	Viktor Kjaall (W)	92
Joe Polo (NA)	90	Ben Hebert (NA)	92
Fredrik Lindberg (W)	88	Yan Zhou (W)	91
Carolyn Darbyshire (NA)	86	Havard Vad Petersson (W)	91
Christoffer Svae (W)	86	Simon Streubin (W)	90
Andreas Lang (W)	85	Nolan Thiessen (NA)	88
Marc Kennedy (NA)	84	Laura Hallisey (NA)	86
Carmen Kueng (W)	79	Stella Heiss (W)	85
Corinna Scholz (W)	76	Dawn Askin (NA)	85
Qingshuang Yue (W)	75	Janine Greiner (W)	83
Jill Officer (NA)	75	Cori Morris (NA)	83
Ann Swisshelm (NA)	74	Ryan Brunt (NA)	79

Teams

Name	% age	Name	% age
Kevin Koe (NA)	87	Pete Fenson (NA)	84
Kevin Martin (NA)	86	Bingyu Wang (W)	82
David Murdoch (W)	86	Mirjam Ott (W)	79
Thomas Ulsrud (W)	85	Erika Brown (NA)	79
Niklas Edin (W)	85	Jennifer Jones (NA)	76
Cheryl Bernard (NA)	84	Andrea Schoepp (W)	76





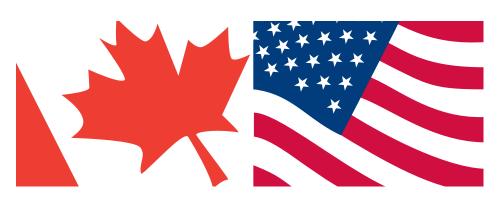






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After Day 3





North America 217

	Team	Doubles	Singles	Skins	Total
Men	30	15	8	43.5	96.5
Women	30	15	6	61.5	112.5
Bonus			8		8
Total	60	30	22	105	217

World 73

	Team	Doubles	Singles	Skins	Total
Men	6	3	4	31.5	44.5
Women	6	3	6	13.5	28.5
Bonus			0		
Total	12	6	10	45	73

Saturday's 'A' Skins Results

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North America World	Wins Points 2 43 1 17
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Kevin Koe (NA) (skin values) Thomas Ulsrud (W) Player Cori Morris Nolan Thiessen Susan O'Connor Kevin Koe Team North America	Mixed 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 T S 0 *S S S 0 *S #S 20 1 1 2 2 2 2 4 6 20 *0 *C 0 *0 *0 *C 0 *0 0 0 8age Player %age *89 100 Yin Liu 89 89 84 Niklas Edin 81 78 Carmen Schaefer 59 89 Thomas Ulsrud 66 88 Team World 74

S —skin; C — carryover; * — last-rock advantage; # — won final-end carryover draw to the button

Saturday's Singles Results

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Andrea Schoepp (W)	5	3	0	0	2	5	15
Cheryl Bernard (NA)	0	3	4	. 3	4	0	14
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Pete Fenson (NA)	∪ Points		•	_	5	5	21
North America: 4 World: 0							
	RT	D	Р	R	HR	DT	Total
David Murdoch (W)	1	5	5	3	1	1	16
Kevin Martin (NA)	5.	5	5	. 5	2	5	27
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Thomas Ulsrud (W)	1	5	5	5	4	1	21
Kevin Koe (NA)	1	3	4	4	2	5	19
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Points Awarded
World: 4 North America: 0

Saturday's 'B' Skins Results

North America World	Wins Points 3 62 0 28 Draw 7
Kevin Koe (NA) (skin values) Niklas Edin (W) Player Nolan Thiessen Carter Rycroft Blake MacDonald Kevin Koe Team North America	Men 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 T *S S O *C 0 *S S S 21 1 1 3 3 3 4 6 9 30 0 *0 *S 0 *S 0 *0 *0 9 %age Player %age 91 Viktor Kjaall 92 97 Fredrik Lindberg 89 92 Sebastian Kraupp 84 84 Niklas Edin 78 91 Team World 86
Jennifer Jones (NA) (skin values) Mirjam Ott (W) Player Dawn Askin Jill Officer Kaitlyn Lawes Jennifer Jones Team North America	Women 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 T 0 *0 *C 0 *C S 22 1 1 3 3 4 6 9 30 *C S 0 *S 0 *C 0 *0 8 **age Player %age 91 Janine Greiner 78 72 Carmen Kueng 77 70 Carmen Schaefer 83 59 Mirjam Ott 67 73 Team World 76
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S -skin; C - carryover; * - last-rock advantage

Today's Matches

'C' Women's Skins Final (11 a.m.) 'C' Men's Skins Final (6 p.m.)

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Sheet B — World (Thomas Ulsrud) vs. North America (Kevin Martin)

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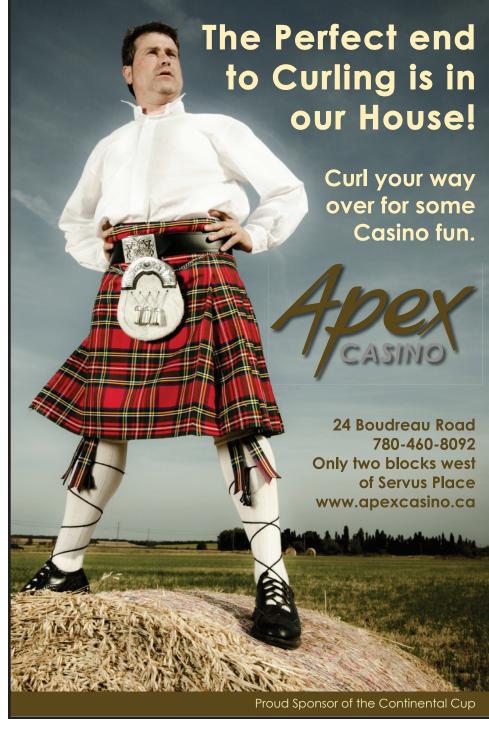
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front end,
Stella Heiss, left,
and Corinna
Scholz, apply
the brushes
during Saturday's
morning 'A'
skins game
versus Erika
Brown.





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