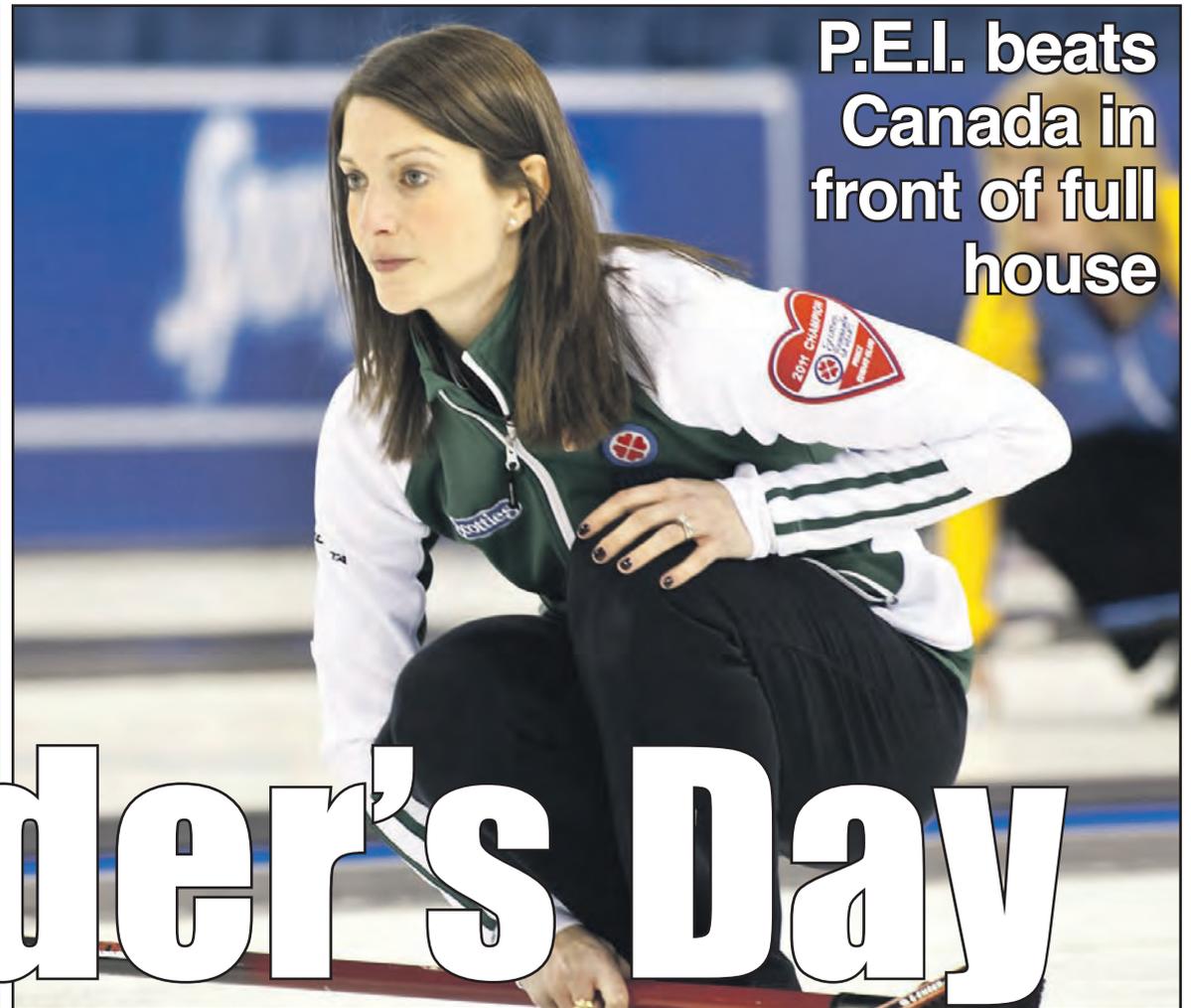


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THE SCOTTIES Day 3

Ontario, Saskatchewan on collision course

Larry Wood
HeartChart Editor

The gap widened Monday night as unbeaten Ontario and Saskatchewan assumed a two-game bulge on the remainder of the field at the Scotties Tournament Of Hearts.

Ontario, skipped by 21-year-old Rachel Homan of Ottawa, never was in trouble as she outlasted two-time champion Kelly Scott of British Columbia 6-5. Scott scored on the last two ends to render a respectable final score.

Saskatchewan's Amber Holland kept pace with a tight 7-6 win over Marie-France Larouche of Ste-Romuald, Quebec.

Defending champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg was tripped up 8-6 by home-province favourite Suzanne Birt of Charlottetown. The loss was the second of the piece for Jones who was left at 3-2 alongside Alberta's Shannon Kleibrink of Calgary and Nova Scotia's Heather Smith-Dacey of Halifax.

A packed Civic Centre of 3,278 erupted in the seventh end of the Prince Edward Island-Team Canada scuffle when the Islanders cracked a mammoth four-ender to wipe out a 3-2 Jones lead.

One end later, Jones flashed an attempted double takeout and P.E.I. was on easy street with an 8-3 lead.

The defender scored three in the



Heather Smith-Dacey's Nova Scotia team sits at 3-2.

ninth but their rally fell short in the last end which wasn't completed.

"We just didn't get very good angles, they didn't set up very well, and they got their rocks in pretty good spots," said Jones of the four-ender. "If I'm about a foot deeper on my first rock they probably only get one or two."

And, of the critical miss in the next end . . .

"We figure we'd rather flash than over-curl but unfortunately it didn't work out very well. We have

to be sharper tomorrow . . . but that's OK."

Birt, who had won only once going into the match, said her team responded to the fans.

"They were awesome," she said. "They gave us so much energy and we really came up with a great game so it's a good feeling."

"You have to get on a big roll in a long week like this. Hopefully tonight is the start of that big long roll."

Added P.E.I. vice-skip Shelly

Bradley:

"Here were thousands of people sweeping every rock and throwing every rock and it felt pretty darn good."

Ontario took a 3-1 lead after three ends and fought off every offensive Scott and her teammates mounted.

"It was a closer game tonight," said the 21-year-old Homan, last year's Canadian junior champion. "I think every game coming in here from now on will be like that.

We're expecting every game will be going to 10 ends."

The Ontario skip admitted to being something of a perfectionist.

"I strive to play the best I can," she said. "It's tough when you're just an inch off but that's curling, right?"

Holland stole a fourth-end deuce when Larouche missed a draw and the Quebec team was chasing the rest of the night.

"I'm disappointed because I missed a few shots that cost us the game," said Larouche. "But I try, I always try, so I will try again."

Holland, who went 6-5 at the Scotties last year, stated at the beginning of the tournament her team would show a marked improvement.

"It's fun to win," she said. "We're not playing perfect by any means but when somebody misses the next person picks up their socks and makes it happen. It's what you have to do to get some wins here."

The two unbeaten teams collide Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. (AT).

"We just have to keep doing what we're doing, we can't control what they (Ontario) are doing," said the Saskatchewan vet. "Or what anybody else is doing for that matter."

In one other game Monday night, Kleibrink's unit shook off a two-game losing streak and defeated Newfoundland's Stacie Devereaux of St. John's 8-5.

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Alberta third Amy Nixon, Saskatchewan skip Amber Holland (left) and third Kim Schneider.

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Earlier, Jones fashioned a 9-3 victory over Andrea Kelly of New Brunswick that was keyed by three points in the first two ends.

New Brunswick, P.E.I., B.C. and Quebec are 2-3 heading into Tuesday while Newfoundland, Manitoba and the Territories are 1-4.

In other afternoon games, Nova Scotia's Smith-Dacey staged an immense 12-6 hammering of B.C.'s Scott, while Larouche dropped Manitoba's Cathy Overton-Clapham down the standings with a 7-6 defeat and Yellowknife's Kerry Galusha got untracked to post her initial win after four losses, defeating Devereaux 7-6.

"We're starting to execute back-to-back shots and that's more like us," said the Nova Scotia skip.

"We have two players new to the Scotties and, for me, I'm five weeks into my new role (as skip, replacing Colleen Jones) so

it was going to take a bit of time to get going.

"We know what we have so it doesn't surprise me we played as well as we did. We played solid two games now.

I'm seeing the glimmer and the glimpse of our team getting back here.

"If we play like that we can make lots of noise. Just continue the back-to-back shotmaking, setting up the good ends and executing the points. It's all about believing you can do it and getting comfortable with it."

Not the least excited about the opportunity to lock horns with Scott, a former two-time champion, was rookie Bluenose vice-skip Danielle Parsons.

"Kelly's an inspiration to Danielle," said Smith-Dacey. "She's always loved Kelly, so it was pretty cool for her to play that game today. You see people on TV and they're idols of all of ours because they've achieved so much in the game."

Polar skip Koe, who says she won't be satisfied with anything less than a best-ever 5-6 record, was elated with her team's initial victory.

"It's feels so good to get a win," he said. "No one likes a losing streak. We knew we

could play better, we had better communications, we caught on to the ice better, we actually controlled some ends. It feels so much better."

The team adapted to the ice conditions, too.

"Normally we like the finesse game but it's tough to play that here. So we tried to keep this one more open, tried putting our rocks in the right positions by hitting and rolling and it worked."

Overton-Clapham, labouring under certain expectations after her departure from Team Canada at the end of last season, appeared bamboozled by her Manitoba's poor showing.

"Certainly I'm surprised," she said. "We're going to have to meet tonight and discuss what we have to do to get another win under our belts.

"There just aren't enough shots made. By the time I shoot we're in trouble. We don't even have the button available. It's hard when you don't have that. So we're going to have to figure out why we're not making enough shots."

Ontario thumped the Islanders 8-2 in the morning while Saskatchewan downed Alberta 8-6.

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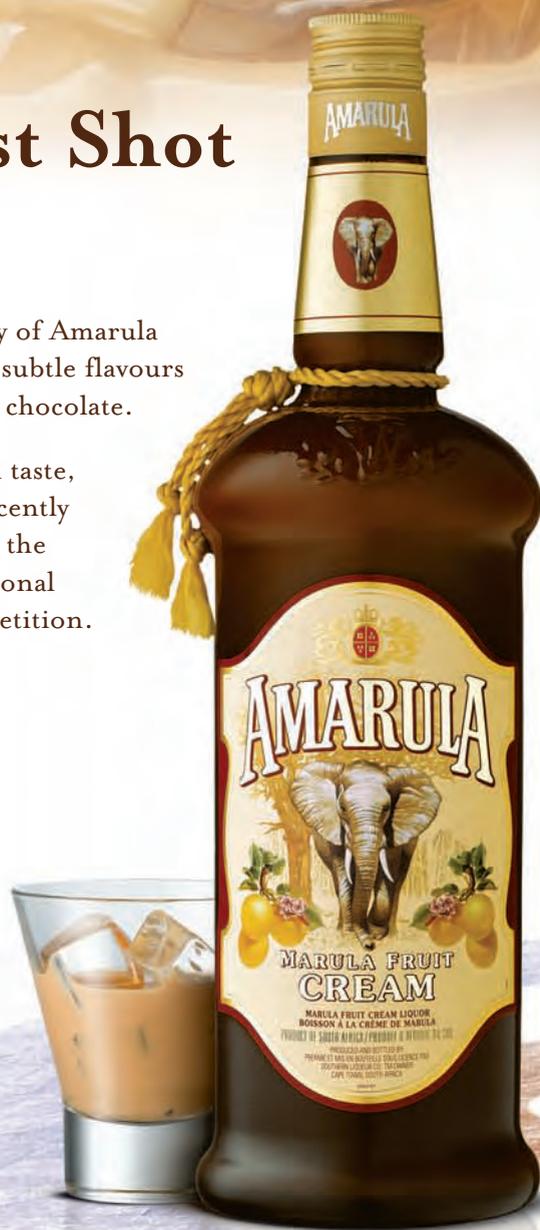
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Time out for trivia

Larry Wood
HeartChart Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Shelly Bradley last skipped the P.E.I., champ at the Scotties in which year? And what was her won-lost record that year?

2. Name the curler who, in non-skipping roles, has appeared in the most Canadian women's championships.

3. In how many Scotties has she played and how many skips has she played for?

4. Name them and the number of appearances with each.

5. Current Nova Scotia skip Heather Smith-Dacey is representing

Nova Scotia for the third time at the Scotties. She also was a member of a Canadian junior championship team from another province. Which province?

6. Which position did she play and when did she win the junior title.?

7. Another member of that Canadian junior champion lineup also is playing in this edition of the Scotties. Her name?

8. She played which position in the junior success and is playing which position now?

9. You know that three former Scotties champions adorn the skipping field this week. But name four skips in this field who, in the past, actually beat the eventual winners of Scotties tourna-

ment. ****(It'll be five if Larouche is in it).

10. One of them, in fact, beat the champ twice. Name her, her victims and the years she knocked them off.

11. Now, name the champs beaten by the other three, and the years.

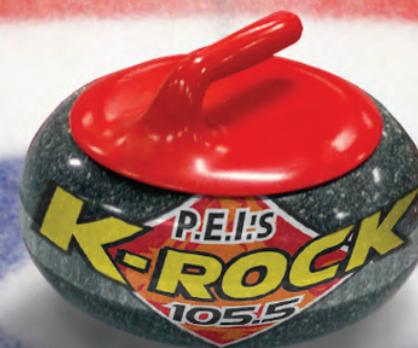
12. Two vice-skips in the current field have skipped victories over eventual Scotties champions. Name them.

13. Who did they beat, and when?

14. Name the two Scott Tournament of Hearts skips who have defeated the eventual champion more times than any other, which is to say, four.

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Skip: Cathy Overton-Clapham

Nickname: Cathy-O
Home: Winnipeg
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Business owner/mom
Employer: Flatlanders Flooring
Date Of Birth: July 19, 1969
Place Of Birth: Winnipeg
Marital Status: Married
Name of spouse/partner: Mike
Children (name/age): Andrew (12), Mackenzie (8)
Favourite food: Surf n Turf
Favourite drink: Chai Tea Latte (non-fat, no foam, no water – just in case someone is going)
Favourite book: The Little Engine That Could
Favourite movie: The Blind Side
Favourite TV show: Grey's Anatomy
Favourite website: tsn.ca
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? Chocolate-dipped donut
Favourite vacation destination? Charlottetown
When did you first realize you wanted to be a championship curler?: When I first started at 11
What or who inspired you?: My parents and grandmother

Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: Kind of depends on the context of the question...obviously my team's opinion in game situations and decisions and as it relates to making commitments my family's opinion matters, but on a personal level relating to curling, I've learned that really only my "opinion" really matters when it comes to curling.
You have superstitions? Not that I'll share...that would be bad luck
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party?: Kim Overton, Daryell Nowlan, Ben Hebert
Funniest people I know

If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Probably Golf, Playing conditions are great..and for the "stars" the nice benefit of a healthy paycheque. Only downside I could see to that would be no opportunity to play in the Olympics
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? Probably that throwing out of order deal and what happens after that...it's never happened to me which is a good thing because I'm not sure I could figure it out... it's a little like "Who's on first?"
What music do you like to listen to before a game? Whatever my son puts on my ipod
Pet peeves, if any: People that lie, disloyalty
Three things you always travel with? My Scotties ring, blackberry & debit card
First on your Bucket List? Are you saying I'm old enough to have a formal bucket list?
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That our competitive spirit translates into not being social or outgoing..most curlers are great, fun-loving people and we've also got some great friendships with each other!
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the 4 foot.

Third: Karen Fallis
Home: Winnipeg
Delivery: Left

Second: Leslie Wilson
Nickname: Lester or Les
Home: Pinawa, MB
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Environmental Specialist
Employer: Atomic Energy of Canada Limited.
Date Of Birth: Sept. 1, 1979

Lead: Raunora Westcott
Nickname: Ren
Home: Winnipeg
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Account Manager, equipment leasing
Employer: National Leasing
Date Of Birth: May 1, 1976
Place Of Birth: Winnipeg
Marital Status: Common-law
Name of spouse/partner: Kurt Munt
Children (name/age): None
Favourite food: Sushi
Favourite drink: Amaretto & Coke
Favourite book: Of Mice & Men
Favourite movie: Dumb & Dumber
Favourite TV show: Arrested Development
Favourite website? www.facebook.com
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? Hot Chocolate & a chocolate glazed donut
Favourite vacation destination? Mexico
When did you first realize you wanted to be a championship curler?: After my team won Juniors in 1996
What or who inspired you?: Positive people.
Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: My dad, Ron Westcott
Superstitions? I stick with routines that work. Not really superstitious.
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First on your bucket list? Fly-in hiking trip to Alaska
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: A draw or a freeze.

Place Of Birth: Winnipeg
Marital Status: Engaged
Name of spouse/partner: Brandy Westcott (Raunora's brother)
Favourite food: Greek salad (or anything with feta cheese)
Favourite drink: Rye and ginger
Favourite book: Life of Pi
Favourite movie: Juno
Favourite TV show: Anything on the Outdoor Living Network
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? Coffee with one milk
Favourite vacation destination? I love to travel but, not usually to the same spot twice. There is too much of the world to see!
What or who inspired you?: I was inspired by watching women's curling on television when I was in junior high school.
Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: Coach Rob Meakin's, of course. I also trust the opinions of my dad, Ron Westcott, Bob Jenion and my team!
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What music do you like to listen to before a game? I used to listen to Red Hot Chili Peppers, then Metallica but, now I listen to Beethoven (go figure).
Pet peeves, if any? People who don't recycle.
Three things you always travel with? A book about the country that I am going to, passport and Brandy Westcott (if possible).

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
Manitoba



Skip Cathy Overton-Clapham, second Leslie Wilson, lead Raunora Westcott and third Karen Fallis.

Occupation: Dental assistant
Employer: Dr. M. Hoffer
Date Of Birth: July 14, 1962
Place Of Birth: Winnipeg
Marital Status: Divorced
Children (name/age): Alana (11), Christy (8)
Favourite food: Italian
Favourite drink: Water
Favourite book: The Shack
Favourite movie: The Notebook
Favourite TV show: How It's Made
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? Large coffee — half hot chocolate
Favourite vacation destination? The cottage.
What or who inspired you?: My parents.
Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: Lyall Hudson
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Golf. It is really challenging and takes a lot of patience.
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? At least one more timeout so that the coaches could have more input in the game.
What music do you like to listen to before a game? Christian pop / Steven Curtis Chapman
Three things you always travel with? Wallet, toothbrush, ID
First on your bucket List? Travel to Australia and/or New Zealand
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? They all drink a lot
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal would be: Draw the four-foot.

Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: Kind of depends on the context of the question...obviously my team's opinion in game situations and decisions and as it relates to making commitments my family's opinion matters, but on a personal level relating to curling, I've learned that really only my "opinion" really matters when it comes to curling.
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What music do you like to listen to before a game? Whatever my son puts on my ipod
Pet peeves, if any: People that lie, disloyalty
Three things you always travel with? My Scotties ring, blackberry & debit card
First on your Bucket List? Are you saying I'm old enough to have a formal bucket list?
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That our competitive spirit translates into not being social or outgoing..most curlers are great, fun-loving people and we've also got some great friendships with each other!
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the 4 foot.

Third: Karen Fallis
Home: Winnipeg
Delivery: Left

If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? More than one person from the same team can sweep more than one rock after crossing the second tee-line.
What music do you like to listen to before a game? I don't listen to music before a game.
Pet peeves, if any? People who clip their nails in public.
Three things you always travel with? Extra pair of contacts, toothbrush, snacks.
First on your Bucket List? Travel to New Zealand
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? Curlers aren't athletes.
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the four-foot.

Fifth: Breanne Meakin
Nickname: Meaks
Home: Winnipeg, MB
Delivery: Left
Occupation: Student
Date Of Birth: April 16, 1990
Place Of Birth: Winnipeg, MB
Marital Status: Single
Favourite food: Stir Fry
Favourite drink: Water
Favourite book: The Shack
Favourite movie: Inception
Favourite TV show: Oprah
Favourite website? Facebook
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? Medium, 1 milk
Favourite vacation destination? Bahamas
When did you first realize you wanted to be a championship curler?: 12
What or who inspired you?: Dad (coach) Rob Meakin
Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: Rob Meakin
Superstitions? None other than a couple lucky charms on my curling bag.
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party?: Oprah, Dr.Oz and Sandra Schmirler
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Soccer. Only because I was not very good when I played.
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? I would change one person sweeping behind the tee line. Two members of the same team should be allowed to sweep behind the tee line (in case one needs to take a roll and one needs to sweep the oppositions stone out).
What music do you like to listen to before a game? None
Pet peeves, if any? When someone is texting when you are trying to have a conversation with them.
Three things you always travel with? Laptop, sunglasses, favorite pair of jeans.
First on your Bucket List? Travel to Europe
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That they are not in shape
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Draw to the button
Coach: Rob Meakin
Home: Winnipeg
Occupation: Sales Manager
Employer: Chip-Tech Ltd
Date Of Birth: Dec 17, 1964
Place Of Birth:Winnipeg
Coaching for how many years: 10 years

Lead: Raunora Westcott
Nickname: Ren
Home: Winnipeg
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Account Manager, equipment leasing
Employer: National Leasing
Date Of Birth: May 1, 1976
Place Of Birth: Winnipeg
Marital Status: Common-law
Name of spouse/partner: Kurt Munt
Children (name/age): None
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Schmirler Day helps P.E.I. neo-natal care

P.E.I.'s game yesterday against Ontario was a tough one.

Suzanne Birt's crew was looking to bounce back from its loss to Saskatchewan on Sunday evening to keep pace with the field.

P.E.I. showed some signs of a team hitting its stride against Saskatchewan's Amber Holland. A few more shots per game are all that is required for a local run.

Ontario has started the Scotties well so P.E.I. faced a real challenge. In the early ends, both teams were not at the top of their game. Ontario snapped out of its inconsistency when skip Rachel Homan prevented a P.E.I. deuce in the third end.

P.E.I. went on the offense in the fourth end but Ontario made all the hits they needed to. This forced Birt to make a tough draw against five Ontario rocks. The local skip



Shelley Muzika
HeartChart Guest Columnist

threw a great shot and managed to keep the damage to one stolen point.

Eventually, they conceded the game and had the afternoon off to get ready for the anticipated and pivotal game against Team Canada

in the evening.

The Civic Centre was close to capacity for a repeat of the 2011 Scotties final.

Sunday was Sandra Schmirler Day and P.E.I.'s Neo-natal-ICU at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital was the beneficiary. The Sandra Schmirler foundation is partnering with the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Foundation in a number of fundraising initiatives which include purchasing a Pediatric Retinal Camera. Thanks to the memory of one of Canada's curling legend, the Island and its newborns at risk will benefit.

Another contribution that benefits P.E.I. is the hard work of Amanda Bulger. For those of you who do not know Amanda, she is P.E.I.'s curling internet 'score-master.'

At many of our major cashspiels and provincial championships,



Suzanne Birt had a tough morning.

Amanda volunteers to ensure that those who are unable to watch the games live can view real-time line scores. Furthermore, her good-natured personality and positive attitude is contagious. Amanda has

many friends within the Canadian curling community and she keeps in touch with them via the internet. An admitted Suzanne Birt and Mike Gaudet fan, she is also a supporter of many other PEI curlers. Thanks for all the hard work and time you have devoted to P.E.I.'s curling Amanda. Enjoy the week.

Curling in Canada has prospered in part due to the contribution of volunteers. The Scotties this year is no different and it has been a real pleasure to see so many curlers and community members giving up their time to help out. The Scotties has provided me with an opportunity to catch up with people I have not seen for a long time. It is a great opportunity for the Island curling community to come together and renew old friendships, retell old stories, sit together and watch big time curling games.

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ROAD TO THE SCOTTIES: Canada's Jennifer Jones

Three and going for four – with a change

HeartChart Staff

Defending champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg skipped her team of Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer and Dawn Askin to a third straight Scotties Tournament Of Hearts title at Sault Ste. Marie's Es-sar Centre with a thrilling extra-end 8-7 championship-final victory over Kathy O'Rourke's Prince Edward Island upstarts in February, 2010.

Hence the Jones qualification for this week's Charlottetown shindig.

There is, however a lineup change. Shortly after failing to win either the world women's title or the Players championship subsequent to the Scotties, Jones announced she was lopping third Overton-Clapham from the batting order for 2010-11 and replacing the veteran with two-time Canadian junior champion skip Kaitlyn Lawes.

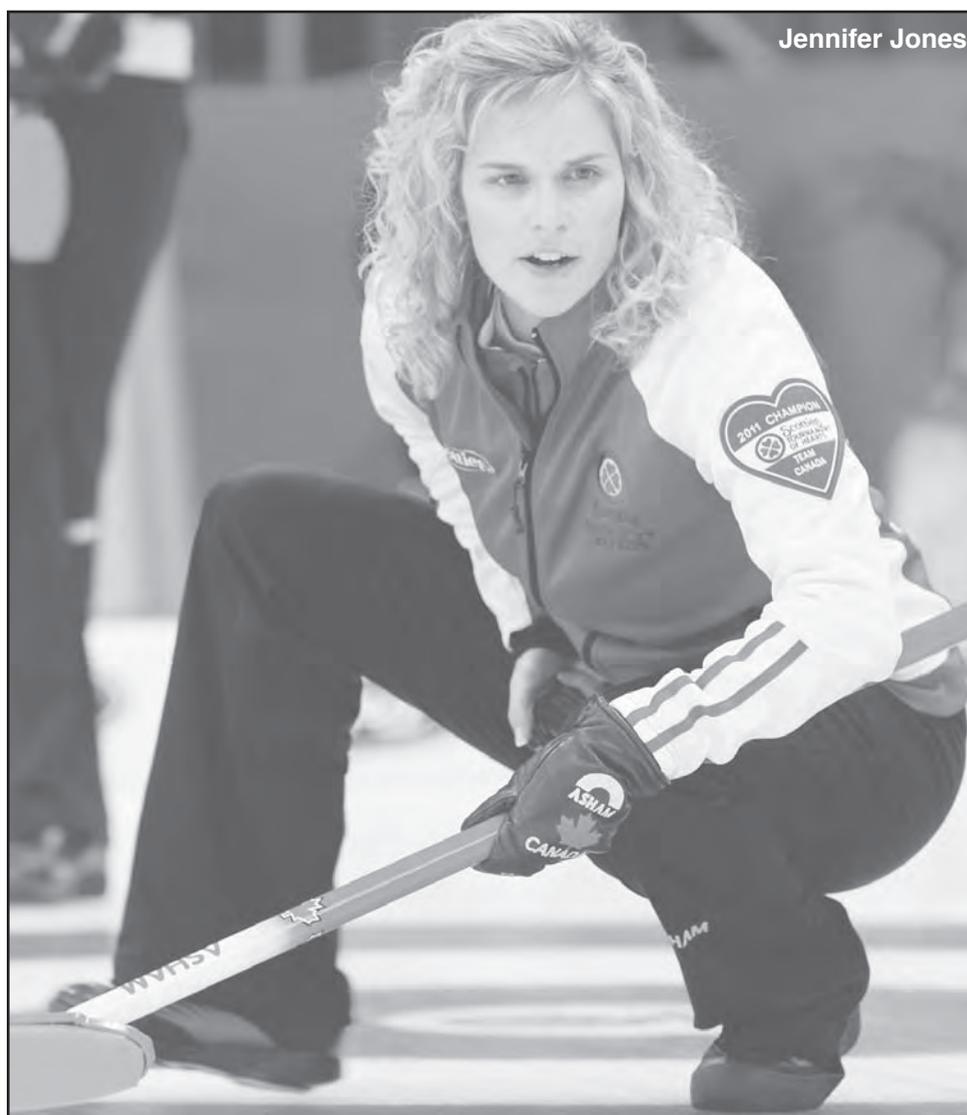
If you'd come in late on the 2010 Hearts scenario you might have thought it would be something less than a tight-fit. After all, P.E.I. never has produced a Canadian women's curling champion.

But those who had seen the previous two collisions of these teams knew the match would be anything but a runaway.

In fact, the Islanders jockeyed in front 6-3 after six ends with a stolen deuce and appeared headed home and dry to the throne room.

But, then, the heat was turned up over the last five ends, the Jones team stole three points and exhibited the reasons why they've won four titles in six years.

"It blows my mind," said skip Jones during the



aftermath. "Three in a row! Four overall! I never ever in a million years expected this would happen.

"But we're a team. We laugh together, we have fun together, we cry together, and we play our hearts out together. I wouldn't want to have done this with anybody else."

Jones compiled a 10-win, three-loss record over the nine-day championship.

The win was the fifth Scotties success for Overton-Clapham, moving her one behind leader Colleen Jones in the record book and alongside the legendary Joyce McKee of Saskatch-

ewan and Nova Scotians Mary Anne Arsenault, Nancy Delahunt and Kim Kelly.

Jones and Officer joined four-time winners Vera Pezer and Lee Morrison of Saskatoon. Pezer and Colleen Jones are the only previous skips with three straight wins. The latter, in fact, won four in a row.

Lead Askin joined a crowd of three-time Scotties winners.

"It doesn't matter how you win as long as you win," said Jones. "We're a scrappy team and we weren't going to just give it to them on a silver platter."

defending champs but lost on account of a mediocre 60-per-cent shooting performance on last rocks.

It was the first-ever appearance in a Canadian women's curling championship final for a team from P.E.I.

"We'd like to have made history and finished that off," said O'Rourke, "but we gave it our best and it just turned out to be a couple of inches short."

Said Jones:

"We were a bit disappointed on how we started the game. We had rocks that would curl more and it cost us early. But we also had rocks that curl more and that meant we could bury behind some guards and we knew if we hung in there anything could happen. We've proved that before and we proved it again today."

The final match really took a 90-degree turn in the sixth when Carmody stuffed both her stones in the four-foot behind cover with the out-turn. Jones's first attempt to follow hung out and her second in-turn draw to bite the button was inches short, leaving the Islanders a crushing theft of two and a 6-3 advantage.

Jones drew the eight-foot looking at three in seventh, then stole a point in the eighth when Carmody's last raise over-curlled. O'Rourke may have been guilty on the sweeping line call because the stone appeared to be perfect.

In the ninth, Carmody had an open out-turn draw to the full eight for the single looking at two eight-foot biters but the rock ground to a halt inches short, yielding a shocking steal of two and the lead.

Carmody had a difficult shot at a double to win in

the 10th but her rock sailed wide. And in the extra exchange Jones was faced with a peel-weight kill and executed the last rock for the win.

"I think we had our chances out there but they came on strong, they were amazing. It was a real close final," offered Carmody.

The Islanders stunned home-province favourite Krista McCarville 10-6 in the semi-final. Carmody exhibited a total turnaround in the semi and strangled Ontario's hopes with a scintillating 93-per-cent effort on the last shots.

McCarville succeeded in winning the battle of rock placement in the Page Three-Four playoff with a 6-4 victory over two-time champion Kelly Scott of Kelowna.

The Ontario team, a force in the 12-team tournament all week,

earlier dealt a 10-3 tiebreaker thrashing of Manitoba's Jill Thurston to reduce the playoff lineup to four teams.

Scott and Thurston joined McCarville with 7-and-4 records, one game behind the 8-and-3 marks turned in by O'Rourke and Jones.

Saskatchewan's Amber Holland (Kronau) drew the button for a 7-6 win over Valerie Sweeting of Edmonton in the final round. Holland missed the playoffs by one game at 6-and-5 while Montreal's Eve Belisle of Quebec and Andrea Kelly of New Brunswick (Fredericton) were 5-and-6, Shelly Nichols of Newfoundland/Labrador (St. John), Sharon Cormier of the Territories (Yellowknife) and Alberta's Sweeting were 4-and-7 and Nancy McConnery of Nova Scotia (Dartmouth) was 1-and-10.

SCOTTIES SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Standings

Today's Games

Draw 9 (9:30 a.m.)

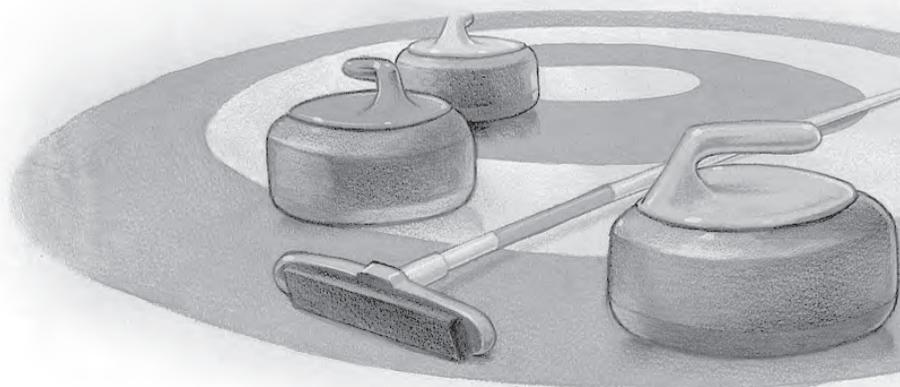
NS vs Manitoba	A
Canada vs B.C.	B
NB vs Territories	C
NL vs Quebec	D

Draw 10 (2:30 p.m.)

B.C. vs Quebec	A
P.E.I. vs Alberta	B
NL vs Canada	C
Ontario vs Sask	D

Draw 11 (7:30 p.m.)

Territories vs Sask	A
NB vs Ontario	B
NS vs P.E.I.	C
Alberta vs Manitoba	D



Team	Wins	Losses
Ontario (Homan)	5	0
Saskatchewan (Holland)	5	0
Team Canada (Jones)	3	2
Alberta (Kleibrink)	3	2
NS (Smith-Dacey)	3	2
Quebec (Larouche)	2	3
New Brunswick (Kelly)	2	3
PEI (Birt)	2	3
British Columbia (Scott)	2	3
Man (Overton Clapham)	1	4
NT/YT (Galusha)	1	4
NL (Devereaux)	1	4

Scoring and Percentages Summary for Draw 6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
B Ontario (Homan)	*0	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	X	X	8 23:55
PEI (Birt)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	X	X	2 17:48
ON	#SH	PTS	PCT	PE	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Lisa Weagle	14	51	91	1 Leslie MacDougall	14	39	70				
1 Sherry Middaugh	0	0	0	1 Tricia Affleck	2	8	100				
2 Alison Kreviazuk	16	58	91	2 Robyn MacPhee	16	48	75				
3 Emma Miskew	16	47	73	3 Shelly Bradley	16	40	63				
4 Rachel Homan	15	58	97	4 Suzanne Birt	16	35	55				
Team Totals	61	214	88	Team Totals	64	170	66				

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
C Alberta (Kleibrink)	*0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	6 02:03
Saskatchewan (Holland)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	2	8 05:06
AB	#SH	PTS	PCT	SK	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Chelsey Bell	20	69	86	1 Heather Kalenchuk	20	68	85				
2 Bronwen Webster	20	63	79	2 Tammy Schneider	20	63	79				
3 Amy Nixon	20	63	79	3 Kim Schneider	20	53	66				
4 Shannon Kleibrink	20	56	70	4 Amber Holland	19	59	78				
Team Totals	80	251	78	Team Totals	79	243	77				



Third Dawn Moses and the Territories crew registered their first win Monday.

Scoring and Percentages Summary for Draw 7

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
A New Brunswick (Kelly)	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	X	3 10:07
Team Canada (Jones)	*2	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	X	9 13:03
NB	#SH	PTS	PCT	CAN	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Lianne Sobey	14	41	73	1 Dawn Askin	14	49	88				
1 Jodie deSolla	4	12	75	1 Janet Arnott	4	16	100				
2 Jillian Babin	18	41	57	2 Jill Officer	18	58	81				
3 Denise Nowlan	18	54	75	3 Kaitlyn Lawes	18	61	85				
4 Andrea Kelly	18	55	76	4 Jennifer Jones	18	59	82				
Team Totals	72	203	70	Team Totals	72	243	84				

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
B NL (Devereaux)	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	5 02:24
NT/YT (Galusha)	*0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	6 06:17
NL	#SH	PTS	PCT	NT/YT	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Heather Martin	20	62	78	1 Shona Barbour	20	53	66				
2 Sarah Paul	20	51	64	2 Wendy Miller	20	42	53				
3 Stephanie Guzzwell	20	59	74	3 Dawn Moses	20	55	69				
4 Stacie Devereaux	20	53	66	4 Kerry Galusha	19	57	75				
Team Totals	80	225	70	Team Totals	79	207	66				

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
C Man (Overton Clapham)	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	6 00:28
Quebec (Larouche)	*2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	7 05:02
MB	#SH	PTS	PCT	QC	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Raunora Westcott	20	57	71	1 Veronique Brassard	20	61	76				
2 Leslie Wilson	20	64	80	2 Veronique Gregoire	20	60	75				
3 Karen Falls	20	46	57	3 Annie Lemay	20	61	76				
4 Cathy Overton Clapham	20	63	79	4 Marie-France Larouche	20	67	84				
Team Totals	80	230	72	Team Totals	80	249	78				

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
D NS (Smith-Dacey)	*0	2	1	0	2	0	4	0	3	X	12 07:49
British Columbia (Scott)	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	X	6 08:05
NS	#SH	PTS	PCT	BC	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Teri Lake	16	41	64	1 Jacquie Armstrong	18	46	64				
2 Blisse Comstock	18	57	79	2 Sasha Carter	18	37	51				
3 Danielle Parsons	18	52	72	3 Jeanna Schraeder	18	50	69				
4 Heather Smith-Dacey	18	57	79	4 Kelly Scott	18	44	61				
Team Totals	70	207	74	Team Totals	72	177	61				

Scoring and Percentages Summary for Draw 8

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
A NL (Devereaux)	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	5 01:23
Alberta (Kleibrink)	*1	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	8 02:32
NL	#SH	PTS	PCT	AB	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Heather Martin	20	63	79	1 Chelsey Bell	19	66	87				
2 Sarah Paul	20	54	68	2 Bronwen Webster	20	70	88				
3 Stephanie Guzzwell	20	44	55	3 Amy Nixon	20	65	81				
4 Stacie Devereaux	20	52	65	4 Shannon Kleibrink	18	61	85				
Team Totals	80	213	67	Team Totals	77	262	85				

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
B Quebec (Larouche)	*0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	6 00:33
Saskatchewan (Holland)	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	7 05:36
QC	#SH	PTS	PCT	SK	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Veronique Brassard	20	63	79	1 Heather Kalenchuk	20	67	84				
2 Veronique Gregoire	20	52	65	2 Tammy Schneider	20	67	84				
3 Annie Lemay	20	56	70	3 Kim Schneider	20	63	79				
4 Marie-France Larouche	20	59	74	4 Amber Holland	20	65	81				
Team Totals	80	230	72	Team Totals	80	262	82				

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
C British Columbia (Scott)	*0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	5 03:19
Ontario (Homan)	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	6 12:04
BC	#SH	PTS	PCT	ON	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Jacquie Armstrong	20	70	88	1 Lisa Weagle	18	61	85				
2 Shannon Aleksic	20	51	64	2 Alison Kreviazuk	20	61	76				
3 Jeanna Schraeder	20	52	65	3 Emma Miskew	20	65	81				
4 Kelly Scott	20	59	74	4 Rachel Homan	20	66	83				
Team Totals	80	232	73	Team Totals	78	253	81				

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
D PEI (Birt)	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	2	0	X	8 05:28
Team Canada (Jones)	*2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	X	6 04:16
PE	#SH	PTS	PCT	CAN	#SH	PTS	PCT				
1 Leslie MacDougall	18	62	86	1 Dawn Askin	20	77	96				
2 Robyn MacPhee	20	75	94	2 Jill Officer	20	69	86				
3 Shelly Bradley	20	60	75	3 Kaitlyn Lawes	20	70	88				
4 Suzanne Birt	17	53	78	4 Jennifer Jones	19	53	70				
Team Totals	75	250	83	Team Totals	79	269	85				

TRIVIA ANSWERS

From Page 4

QofD: 2001, record 7-and-5.

2. Kimberly Kelly

3. 14 Scotties, two skips.

4. Colleen Jones 13 times, Mary-Anne Arsenault once.

5. New Brunswick

6. Skipped the 1991 Canadian junior champ.

7. Denise Nowlan

8. Third in junior, third for the current New Brunswick women's champ.

9. Shannon Kleibrink, Heather Smith-

Dacey, Kelly Scott, Kerry Galusha

10. Kleibrink defeated Sandy (Schmirler) Peterson in 1993 and Jennifer Jones in 2008.

11. Smith-Dacey defeated Colleen Jones in 2004, Scott defeated Jennifer Jones in 2005, Galusha defeated Jen-

nifer Jones in 2009.

12. Dawn Moses, Shelly Bradley

13. Moses defeated Connie Laliberte in 1992, Bradley defeated Colleen Jones in 2001.

14. Agnes Charette, Colleen Jones.

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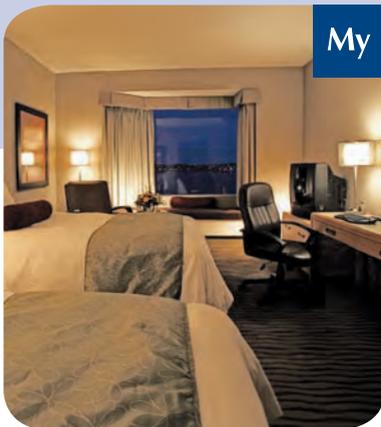
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Wednesday, February 23

Cynthia MacLeod & Jon Matthews
5:00 pm

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Thursday, February 24	5:00pm	Sunday Punch
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Thursday, Feb. 24

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P.E.I.

Skip: Suzanne Birt

Nickname: Sue
Home: Covehead, P.E.I.
Delivery: Left
Occupation: Owner of S & E Grocery in Summerside
Date Of Birth: October 2, 1981
Place Of Birth: Summerside, P.E.I.
Marital Status: Married
Name of spouse/partner: Trevor Birt
Children (name/age): daughter Jesse 21 months old
Favourite food: pizza
Favourite drink: milk
Favourite book: Harry Potter books
Favourite TV show: The Big Bang Theory
Favourite website: Hotmail (not on computer very often)
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? Sandwich or yogourt
Favourite vacation destination? Florida
When did you first realize you wanted to be a championship curler?: When I was 12.
What or who inspired you?: My family
Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: my teammates and coach Paul Power
You have superstitions? A few. Don't like to though.

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party?: My husband, my mother, and my mother-in-law
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Hockey or baseball. They make a lot more money.
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? The only thing I don't like about curling is that it's cold out on the ice sometimes and can be unenjoyable.
What music do you like to listen to before a game? Dance music.
Pet peeves, if any? Don't like being tired.
Three things you always travel with? Clothes, bathroom stuff and purse.
First on your Bucket List? Go on a non curling vacation.
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? Not sure. I am a curler. I'm not too worried about what people think of us.
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: any shot. Would love the opportunity.

Third: Shelly Bradley

Home: Stratford, P.E.I.
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Senior Admissions Officer
Employer: Holland College
Date Of Birth: Nov. 17, 1970
Place Of Birth: Dalhousie, N.B.
Marital Status: Married
Name of spouse/partner: Ryan
Children (name/age): Emma (12), Avery (7)
Favourite food: pasta
Favourite drink: Pepsi
Favourite book: any books, love to read
Favourite movie: Blind Side
Favourite TV show: Big Bang Theory, Greys Anatomy, Criminal Minds
Favourite website? I guess Facebook
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? Medium milk and sugar
Favourite vacation destination? Someplace hot



Lead Leslie MacDougall (left), second Robyn MacPhee, third Shelly Bradley and skip Suzanne Birt.

When did you first realize you wanted to be a championship curler?: Have been curling a long time, have always wanted to be a championship curler.
What or who inspired you?: I always was inspired by Sandra Schmirler
Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: My team mates!
Superstitions? None, really.
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Soccer. My daughter is a great soccer player, and I love watching her. Great active sport.
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? I do think the game should be 8 ends.
What music do you like to listen to before a game? Any kind of dance/hop music.
Pet peeves, if any? Being late.
Three things you always travel with? Iphone, lip gloss, and a book.
First on your Bucket List? Travel through Europe
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? Fitness level.
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal would be: soft weight hit.

Second: Robyn MacPhee

Home: Kingston, P.E.I.
Delivery: Right Handed
Occupation: Virology Technologist
Employer: Atlantic Veterinary College
Date Of Birth: August 11, 1983
Place Of Birth: Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Marital Status: Boyfriend
Name of spouse/partner: Nick Green
Favourite food: Rice
Favourite drink: water with a slice of lime (and maybe some vodka)
Favourite book: Tuesdays with Morrie
Favourite movie: P.S. I Love You

Favourite TV show: What Not to Wear.... or pretty much anything on TLC
Favourite website? Facebook
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? I don't drink coffee....so hot chocolate?
Favourite vacation destination? Somewhere sunny with a beach
When did you first realize you wanted to be a championship curler?: Probably watching my sister play in the Pepsi Juniors
Superstitions? Not really....maybe just a few little things.
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Track and Field maybe...they can run so fast!
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? I don't think I would change any rule
What music do you like to listen to before a game? Pretty much anything....my IPOD has a wide variety of music on it.
Pet peeves, if any? Bad drivers
Three things you always travel with? Purse, toothbrush, gym pants
First on your Bucket List? I don't really have a bucket list....but if I did then running the Disney marathon would be on there somewhere!
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That curling isn't a real sport...therefore we are not athletes.
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: A great team shot....but nothing too complicated!

Lead: Leslie MacDougall

Home: Cornwall, P.E.I.
Delivery: Right
Occupation: Part Time Office Administrator / Mother
Employer: Web Site Advantage
Date Of Birth: April 29, 1970

Place Of Birth: Lachine, Quebec
Marital Status: Married
Name of spouse/partner: Mark
Children (name/age): Molly (8), Christopher (6)
Favourite food: Nachos
Favourite drink: Bud Light Lime
Favourite book: Outlander
Favourite movie: Law Abiding Citizen
Favourite TV show: Big Brother
Favourite website? CNN.com
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? Green Tea
Favourite vacation destination? Toronto to visit my family
When did you first realize you wanted to be a championship curler?: When I was 17 and won the Sunlife Bonspiel
What or who inspired you?: My Dad and Mom
Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: Pat B. Reid
Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party?: Mattie Stepanek, Jamie Oliver, Channing Tatum
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Snow Boarding – it looks like a lot of fun!
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? None
What music do you like to listen to before a game? Anything
Pet peeves, if any? People who get into my space
Three things you always travel with? Dental Floss, Lip Gloss, Books
First on your Bucket List? Sky-diving
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That curling is easy
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: Sweeping a draw to the button

Fifth: Tricia Affleck

Nickname: Dish or White Swan
Home: Milton, P.E.I.
Delivery: Left
Occupation: Account technician
Employer: Workers Compensation Board of P.E.I.
Date Of Birth: Sept. 25/70
Place Of Birth: Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Marital Status: Married
Name of spouse/partner: Trevor Affleck
Children (name/age): Chelsey, age 6 and Sophie age 2
Favourite food: always cake
Favourite drink: Black Fly Coolers
Favourite book: Seabiscuit
Favourite movie: When a Man Loves a Woman
Favourite TV show: humm toss up, General Hospital or Greys Anatomy
Favourite website? Lululemon
Favourite order from Tim Hortons? Half coffee/half hot chocolate
Favourite vacation destination? Florida or anywhere hot
When did you first realize you wanted to be a championship curler?: Last year...kidding
What or who inspired you?: My parents curled as well as my brother, Doug MacGregor
Whose opinion do you most trust when it comes to curling?: All the great coaches I have had over the years
Superstitions? I wear a horseshoe ring for good luck

Three people, living or not, whom you would invite to a dinner party?: Lady Diana, Elton John, Johnny Depp and Cher..oops that's four!
If you could be a star in any other sport, what would it be, and why? Equestrian, love horses
If you could change any rule in curling, which one would it be, and why? The leads should get more air time.
What music do you like to listen to before a game? None.
Pet peeves, if any? Opposing player standing directly over you watching line
Three things you always travel with? makeup, curling iron, comfy shoes
First on your Bucket List? Go to Las Vegas with my sister
What is the biggest misconception about curlers? That we are not athletes!
Your ideal shot to win an Olympic gold medal: I would like to sweep a draw to the pin.

Coach: Paul Power
Home: Summerside
Occupation: Insurance Agent
Employer: P.E.I. Mutual Insurance
Date Of Birth: September 1, 1969
Place Of Birth: Charlottetown
Won: P.E.I. Juniors (4), NB Tankard, Brier runnerup (1990)
Coached:
 2001 - World Junior Curling (Gold - Suzanne Gaudet)
 2002 - World Junior Curling (Bronze - Suzanne Gaudet)
 2003 - Scotties (Bronze - Suzanne Gaudet)
 2004 - Scotties (Suzanne Gaudet)
 2011 - Scotties Provincial Champion (Suzanne Birt)
Coaching for how many years: 11

Young Ontarians have 'killer instinct'

They could be the youngest set of natural-born killers in Canadian women's curling.

You watch Ottawa's Rachel Homan, the 21-year-old skip of the current Ontario juggernaut, and you see stone-cold focus, intensity, concentration, perhaps an inadvertent intimidation factor, surely a taste for blood.

You watch her team pitching stones and you see stone-cold focus, intensity, concentration, perhaps an inadvertent intimidation factor, surely a taste for blood and all the curling shots.

"They have the training, the ability to implement, an ability to adapt very quickly to whatever the situation requires," says current coach Andrea Ronnebeck who, strangely enough, resides about as far away from Ottawa as you can get and still pay provincial taxes in Ontario.

"They play the shot, they don't necessarily play the opposition, they have their game plan and they have the skills to follow that through," adds Kenora's Ronnebeck, who is no stranger to mentoring athletes.

Heading into Monday night's debate with Kelowna's two-time world champion Kelly Scott, the Ontario's had won four straight matches, three of them relative blowouts.

"What impresses you is their ability to throw weight," says Alberta's Shannon Kleibrink, an Ontario victim on Sunday night. "In the future I think that team will go far. On ice like this (Civic Centre), where it's difficult to throw the board- and the hack- and the soft-weight shots, they have a good weapon."

Adds Saskatchewan's Amber Holland:

"She's a great player and she knows the game very well for someone very young. And she has no fear. She's always a tough opponent to play."

This Ontario contingent may be authoring a new guidebook on how to build a curling team of considerable potency. To start with, join the little-rocks pro-



LARRY WOOD
HeartChart Editor

gram, form a team, play in every competition available, attend summer curling camps, solicit the best in coaching, get into sports psychology, stick together . . . through thick and thin. And above all, have no fear!

That's the route the Homan have followed. They went the gamut through their junior years, but began competing against the women at the same time. Homan was skipping cashspiel winners at 16 and 17 years.

"We won the Ontario Curling Tour back-to-back," recalls the University of Ottawa kinetics student. "I was 16, I think."

The first time the foursome entered the Southwest Ontario charity 'spiel in London, possibly the most prestigious in the province, they won it. That was in 2007. And then they won it again in 2008.

"In order to qualify, we were scheduled to play (Debbie) McCormick, (Jennifer) Jones and (Julie) Reddick," says Homan. "Our parents said, 'Don't worry if you're 0-and-2 after the first two games.'"

Instead, they qualified without a loss, then beat Jennifer Jones again in the semis and Bingyu Wang in the final.

"Or was it Eve Belisle?" Homan mused. "We beat one of them one year in the final and the other the next."

Sound like a skip who plays the shot and not the opponent?

"It's great to be able to play all these teams," she says. "The Scotties is not like a tournament



Ontario skip Rachel Homan (left) and third Emma Miskew

where you may play some and you may not play some. You get 'em all. And you take each game as it comes. You can't get too nervous about what's coming. You just concentrate on what's going on right now."

Until this winter, the Homan team was tutored by Earle Morris (Johnny Mo's dad). He's now coaching Jennifer Jones and Co.

"They had a really good run with Earle," says Ronnebeck. "It was a mutual decision to part company. Everybody tries to coach her way out of a position in a way. You bring them to a point and then it's often best for

everybody to move on."

So . . . just like all of your pro sports, curling coaches are hired to be fired, too? Right? Well, the principle's the same.

"Earle spent a lot of time with this team," Ronnebeck says. "He created a very good base and helped them develop their skills to the point where they're at today. My role now is more about facilitation and helping them with an extra set of eyes and staying on track."

Ronnebeck spent a couple of years with Sherry Middaugh. But she chaperoned the Homan at the Canada Winter Games at White-

horse in 2007. Naturally, the Homan won that one, too

"Earle is an amazing coach and we were so lucky to have him. And we're lucky to have Andrea," says Homan. "But there's nothing different about the way we play. Our strategy stays the same . . . but you always have to keep improving, nothing's ever perfect."

Homan never has had one particular curling role model.

"There's so many good curlers, even on the men's side," she says.

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"It's really fun to watch everyone. I remember when the Brier was in Ottawa (2001) and I got to play on the ice in my little-rock championship before the final with Randy Ferbey. It was when his team was on its roll. It was pretty exciting. I got to sit in the box and watch that game. I was pretty young."

Eleven years young, in fact.

But, oh yes, she was winning championships even when tossing little rocks.

"We won it but and we also lost it," she says. "I've lost a fair bit, that's for sure."

She follows a daily regimen that would make a lot of curlers with more crowded lives cringe — either in envy or maybe fright.

"We work out almost

every day, throw rocks at least once a day, maybe twice or longer on weekends," she says. "I go to class, go to the gym between classes, we practice at lunch time, we either have a game at night with our team or in a fun league or I go to more classes and do homework. And then go to bed, I guess."

Not one day off every now and then?

"I think I had one day off last week before we came here," Homan mused after some thought. "I had a lot of things to do."

"We've worked really hard for this. Everything is planned and regimented and we just hope to keep going and try or best. I mean, it's our first Scotties and you never know if you're getting back, right? I don't want to leave anything behind."

"I hope young girls are watching us. It would be

great to inspire more curling, I'd do anything for this sport to help it grow. I like the way it's going, with the technology, the media . . . it's getting bigger and bigger."

Ronnebeck, a 56-year-old program analyst for the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services in Kenora, says she's never encountered a more focused team.

"I worked with Sherry (Middaugh) and she is very focused," says Ronnebeck, "but this team is the total package."

"They work very hard. They practise hard. They're fortunate in that the all live in Ottawa. They can take the time to prepare as a team."

Homan still had problems with temper at last year's Olympic pre-trials in Prince George, tossing brushes in anger.

"She still needs to get out

that frustration but she's learned how to do that in a less demonstrative, more positive way," says Ronnebeck.

"I think, because it's their first Scotties, if there's anything they lack it's experience at an event like this. It may play out in the end but it may not, either. One thing about this team, they keep getting better and better and they keep getting stronger and stronger."

Middaugh, who's playing the role of alternate at this Scotties, is more than impressed.

"They're not afraid to play any shot," she says. "They're super aggressive. There's nothing conservative about their approach. They have absolutely no fear."

"Remember when I used to be like that?" she repeats the question.

"Uh, no."



Ontario front-enders lead Lisa Weagle (left) and second Alison Kreviazuk.

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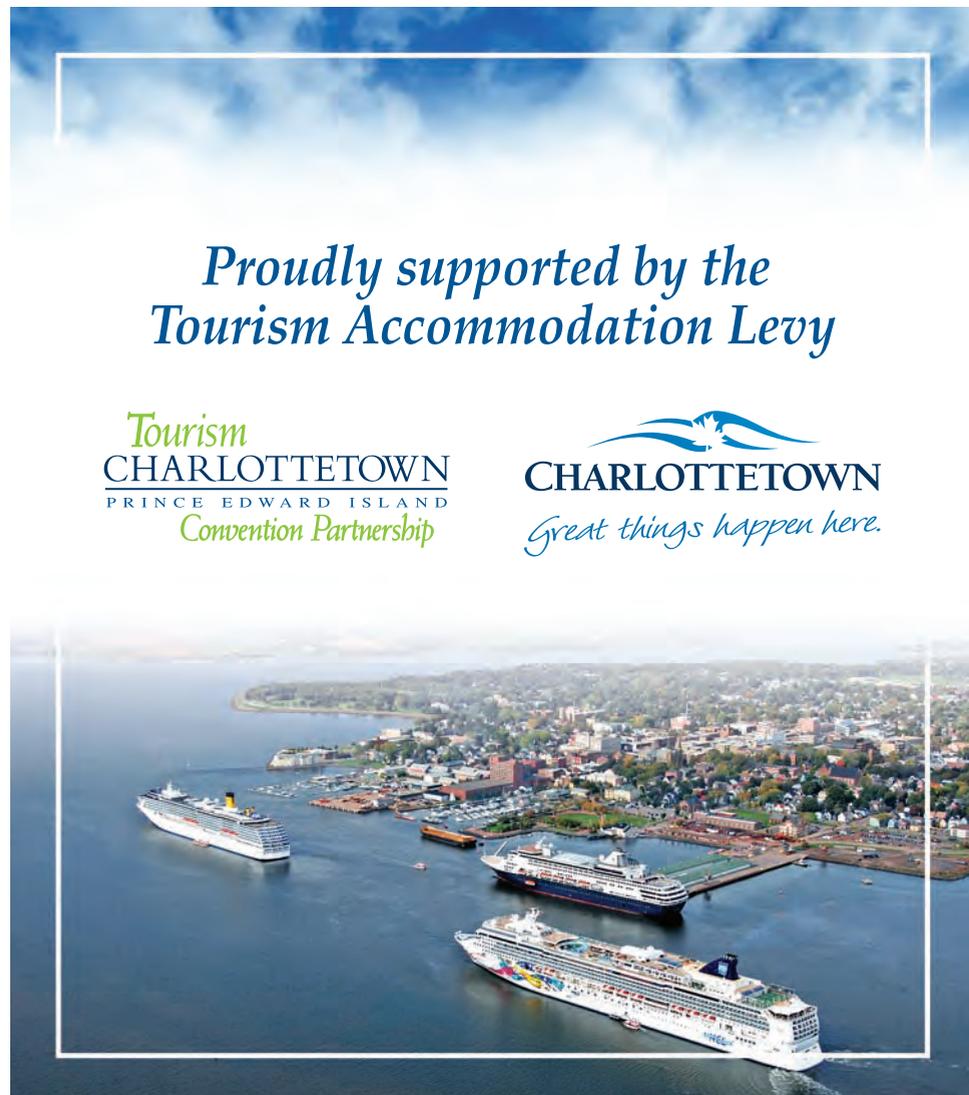

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B.C. second expecting first child



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Sasha Carter

HeartChart Staff

British Columbia's veteran second player Sasha Carter is due to give birth to her first child on April 13.

As such, she won't be playing every game at the Scotties this week.

"We know that but we don't know at what point she's going to need to take a rest," says Scott of her long-time buddy who played with her in 1995 Canadian and world junior successes and has been a fixture ever since.

"We have a bit of a schedule in mind, and (fifth) Shannon (Aleksic) will play, but Sasha wants to play in the games that we sort of know will be big challenges. The kind of games in which we'll want to play our game plan which is most familiar to the team. The kind of games against opponents with which we're most familiar."

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Aleksic, formerly Shannon Wilson of Moose Jaw, played has played second in recent times with 2000 world champion Kelley Law, the B.C. runnerup to Scott the past two years.

Team Canada coach Earle Morris has more than a casual interest in how Rachel Homan's Ontario team fares at the Scotties. Morris is Homan's former coach.

"I think Homan will be there the final weekend with Jennifer (Jones — Team Canada) and Shannon Kleibrink (Alberta)," Morris told Joe Pavia of the Ottawa Sun.

Any advice for his former team?

"This becomes cliché," says Morris, "but they have to take every game one at a time. But more so, they have to play with confidence and they can and do. Even watching the team practise, they exude confidence and it shows in their body language and their attitude."

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Twenty-two-year-old Kaitlyn Lawes, a two-time Canadian junior champion skip now playing third for Scotties defender Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg, says she doesn't feel like "a replacement".

"I don't feel like I've replaced Cathy (Overton-Clapham)," Lawes told the Winnipeg Sun. "That's one thing I can't do. I can't fill her shoes. She's a great curler, so I really obviously haven't felt that pressure on myself because it's a brand new team this year.

"This team in the past was very successful and now we've moved on and looking forward to the next couple of years. Everyone has been really supportive . . ."

"It's Kaitlyn's first time," says skip Jones, "and she's just got this energy about her. She's so laid back, but not afraid to speak up when she has something to say. She's really brought a new energy to our team and reminded us why we love curl-

ing.

"It reminds me of my first (Scotties) in Brandon and it's amazing to go back in time like that."

Pressure? On Alberta? What pressure?

"I don't know if we've gone into any (previous Scotties) feeling any kind of pressure," 42-year-old Calgary skip Kleibrink told the Calgary Sun. "Maybe the last one in 2008, we went in with expectations. We knew we had a chance.

"If everything went the way it did three years ago — except for that last rock — then we'd be happy."

They'd be winners, too.

"Unfortunately," Kleibrink added, "we're not getting there (Scotties) often enough. This is only my fourth time, and it's the third for some of the other girls. But at least we've been there before, so it's not going to feel like it's something new to us."

Kleibrink said everybody is looking forward to the Wednesday-night battle between Team Canada and Manitoba.

"We're even looking forward to it," Kleibrink said. "Jennifer and Cathy were an absolute powerhouse together, so they probably both give something up by not playing together. Everybody likes a controversy, and people are already talking about the game they'll play against each other.

"Fortunately, that's one thing we're not — controversial."

British Columbia skip Kelly Scott, a two-time Scotties champ who knows all about rivalries with four-time champion Jennifer Jones, thinks the latest controversy involving Jones and ex-third Cathy Overton-Clapham probably is good for the game.

It certainly doesn't hurt it, when everybody is talking.

"Oh yeah, everyone," Scott told Paul Friesen of the Winnipeg Sun. "It's great. People thrive on these kinds of rivalries. It won't go away, either. They're going to battle one another out until one of them decides not to play anymore. It's just the start, I'm sure."



Alberta skip Shannon Kleibrink

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One month from now, the World women's curling championship will resurface in Esbjerg, Denmark.

Where?

Esbjerg is a port city of 115,000 on the west coast of Jutland, the peninsula that forms the bulk of the Danish country. It's the fifth largest city in the country.

Denmark never before has staged a world championship, women's or men's. But this one — March 19-27 — promises to be a treat of a different order.

And the winner of the current Scotties Tournament Of Hearts will be representing Canada in the affair.

For the record, the city of Esbjerg was established in 1868 as a replacement for the harbour in Altona, which had previously been Denmark's most important North Sea harbour. In 1874, Esbjerg was connected by rail to Fredericia and Varde.

The city has been voted "City of the Year" twice. The

first time was in 1997 where the city was awarded the title because of the corporate work between public and private companies. In 2006, the city was again awarded honours due to the work and support of young talents. The talents in sport, artwork and music have been given good support and given the best facilities to develop their talent even further.

The city holds an annual music festival spanning two weekends during mid-August and is focused around the central Torvet Square. The festival celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2006.

The Esbjerg airport is one of the most accessible in Denmark, just 10 kilometres from the city centre.

Close to Esbjerg you will find vast expanses of beaches, nature experiences, amusement parks and medieval towns. In fact, Denmark's oldest town, Ribe, is situated only 30 kilometres distant.

The city is loaded with restaurants, cafés, bars and discotheques. It's Performing Arts Centre is designed by the world-famous architect of the Sydney Opera House, Jørn Utzon.

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Olympic medalists like new Q-format

They like it! A brand new format has been produced to provide Canada's curling teams for the Sochi 2014 Olympics, and the curlers who brought gold and silver medals back from Vancouver 2010 both think it's terrific.

"They listened to the curlers," says Olympic silver-medal winner Cheryl Bernard of Calgary.

"I think they listened a bit to everybody," says Olympic gold-medal winner Kevin Martin of Edmonton.

"The last time was a debacle, for sure. It was so complicated, I couldn't explain it to family members and sponsors, even.



TERRY JONES
Sun Media Columnist

"They'd call and say, 'How are we doing?' And it would take me 20 minutes to tell them, 'OK, I think.'

"This is good. It's good from the curlers' point of view and it's good from the curling fan's perspective, too. I like it. I do like it."

Martin, of course, has his gold-medal team locked in for the next quadrennial.

"I was probably the toughest one to talk into another four-year plan because I'm a little older," said the 44-year-old skip a while back. "It was tough to keep motivated with (my previous team of (Don) Bartlett and (Don) Walchuk because we were all the same age.

"But with the young guys, it's easy. They are excited again. They're so full of energy that they keep me motivated. And with how the young guys are so excited, I don't think complacency is a possibility."

The 2013 Trials, like the one held in Edmonton that qualified Martin and

Bernard through to the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, will be held Dec. 1-8, 2013. It is expected to go to Winnipeg.

While it will feature the same eight-team round-

robin format with three-team playoff format, it's the getting there that's dramatically different.

Instead of four teams qualifying directly to the Tri-

als, six will now go through. And instead of it being an extremely complicated format, it's now much easier to follow for fans.

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"I really like the idea of six teams getting to the Trials directly," said Bernard, "because I think it gives Canada the best chance of sending the best teams to the Olympics with the best chance of winning medals in 2014.

"If you have to go through the pre-trials, the trials and the Olympics, that means you have to peak three times in a season and that's very, very difficult to do.

"The last time around it was such a long, involved process."

Martin says the bottom line is getting the best team to the Olympics. And this goes a long way to helping do that."

Both curlers would scrap the pre-trials event entirely if it were up to them, but Martin understands it.

"I'm not a big fan of it but it allows for the Cinderella story," says Martin. "It allows the teams which haven't qualified to keep going, knowing that they have a chance. There's something

to be said for that."

But at least it cuts back on the odds of a hot-and-cold team getting hot at the Trials and then ending up cold at the Olympics.

"The big thing is those six teams going through direct, and the way you get to be one of those six teams. Those six teams will get there by proving they are consistently solid. It's good. It's all good."

It's good for the Canadian Curling Association as well, because it makes the re-positioned Canada Cup event huge. Winners of the 2011 and 2012 Canada Cups both get direct entry to the trials.

It works like this for both men and women qualifiers:

1. Winner of 2011 Canada Cup (Cranbrook, B.C.).
2. The 2011-12 CTRS season points leader.
3. Winner of the 2012 Canada Cup (TBA).
4. The 2012-2013 CTRS season points leader.
- 5 & 6. Two-year combined highest CTRS points leaders.

7 & 8. Pre-trials winners.

The 2013 Pre-trials event (TBA, Nov. 6-10) will be composed of 12 teams in both men's and women's based on points accumulation in separate and combined seasons.

The Canada Cup format has been modified to feature seven teams in a round-robin event with the first-place teams advancing to a final against the winners of the second- and third-place teams. The 2011 Cranbrook Canada Cup winners will be the first of the six teams to qualify directly to Canada's Olympic Curling trials.

The 2011 Canada Cup field in Cranbrook will be comprised of 2010 Canada Cup winners Glenn Howard (Coldwater, Ont.) and Stefanie Lawton (Saskatoon) from the event held at Medicine Hat in December, the Charlottetown Scotties and London Brier winners and the top five teams on the points list as of April 30.

For the fans, it's much easier to follow than the complicated, but fair, qualifying process of the last quadrennial. It'll be far more fun to follow, too.

Cheryl Bernard



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