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It is my honour to welcome you to the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary, Alberta! It is the 11th time the Canadian women's curling championship has been held in Alberta, and we're thrilled to bring the Scotties back to this city!

Kruger Products is proud to be the longest-standing sponsor of women's sports in Canada for over 40 years! We look forward to seeing another riveting showcase of the strength and competitiveness of women's curling, right down to the final rock.

We want to sincerely thank our long-time partner Curling Canada, Curling Alberta, the Host Committee, the Province of Alberta, the WinSport Event Centre and the volunteers for their extraordinary effort in organizing this event and ensuring that it is a remarkable success.

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Congratulations and best wishes to all the curlers! Your talent and passion are inspiring and we look forward to cheering on Canada's best women's curlers today.

I truly hope that you all enjoy the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts!

Dino Bianco

Dino Bianco
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J'ai l'honneur de vous accueillir au Tournoi des cœurs Scotties de 2024 à Calgary, en Alberta! Il s'agira de la 11e présentation du championnat canadien de curling féminin en Alberta, et nous sommes ravis de ramener les Scotties dans cette ville !

Produits Kruger est fière d'être le plus ancien commanditaire des sports féminins au Canada depuis plus de 40 ans! Nous attendons avec impatience d'assister à une nouvelle démonstration passionnante de la force et de la compétitivité du curling féminin, jusqu'à la dernière pierre.

Nous aimerions remercier sincèrement notre partenaire de longue date, Curling Canada, Curling Alberta, le comité d'accueil, la province de Alberta, le Centre des événements WinSport et les bénévoles pour les efforts extraordinaires qu'ils ont déployés pour organiser cet événement et en faire un succès remarquable.

En tant qu'entreprise fièrement canadienne, dont les grandes marques comprennent les papiers-mouchoirs Scotties, les papiers hygiéniques Cashmere et Purex, et les essuie-tout SpongeTowels, nous sommes heureux, chez Produits Kruger, de pouvoir participer à un événement aussi important et de soutenir le curling féminin! Merci à tous les amateurs pour leur fidélité continue aux marques de Produits Kruger et, par extension, au curling féminin dans tout le pays.

Félicitations et meilleurs vœux à toutes les joueuses de curling! Votre talent et votre passion sont une source d'inspiration et nous attendons avec impatience d'encourager les meilleures joueuses de curling du Canada aujourd'hui.

J'espère sincèrement que vous apprécierez le Tournoi des cœurs Scotties de 2024!

Dino Bianco

Dino Bianco
Chef de la direction
Produits Kruger



MESSAGES



I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, being held in Calgary, Alberta.

This tournament brings together the top women's teams from across the country to compete for national honours as well as the chance to represent Canada at the 2024 Women's

World Curling Championship. I am certain that everyone in attendance will be captivated by the high level of strategy, skill and precision on display over the course of the next ten days.

I would like to congratulate the athletes participating in this tournament and wish them the best of luck. I would also like to thank the organizers, sponsors and volunteers for their hard work in ensuring the success of this event, as well as the citizens of Calgary for their warm hospitality.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable competition.

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada



ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT of Alberta, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to Alberta for the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

The Roaring Game is a passion and a source of pride for Canadians, and Albertans are certainly no exception. Our love affair with curling can be seen from major centres to small-town

curling clubs across the province. We are thrilled to have Canada's top women curlers in Calgary at the WinSport Event Centre as they battle for the Canadian Women's Championship and the honour of representing Canada at the World Women's Curling Championship.

We are also honoured to host team supporters, family members, friends and curling fans who are visiting for the tournament. I hope you will have some time to take advantage of the incredible natural beauty and many attractions in the area during your stay. Our famous western hospitality is at your disposal.

Thank you to Curling Canada, national and event partners, and the hard-working volunteers who make an event like this a success. Best wishes for an exciting 10 days of competition!

Honourable Danielle Smith

Premier of Alberta

JE SUIS HEUREUX DE PRÉSENTER MES SALUTATIONS les plus chaleureuses à toutes les personnes qui participent au Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties 2024, à Calgary, en Alberta.

Ce tournoi rassemble les meilleures équipes féminines du pays afin de se disputer les honneurs nationaux et avoir la chance de représenter le Canada au Championnat mondial de curling féminin 2024. Je suis convaincu que le public sera captivé par le haut niveau de stratégie, d'habileté et de précision des joueuses au cours des prochains jours.

Je félicite les athlètes qui se sont qualifiées et je leur souhaite la meilleure des chances. Je remercie également les membres du comité organisateur, les commanditaires et les bénévoles pour leur travail sans relâche afin d'assurer le succès de cet événement, de même que les résidents et les résidentes de Calgary pour leur chaleureuse hospitalité.

Je vous souhaite une compétition des plus mémorables.

Le très hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, C.P., député

Premier ministre du Canada

AU NOM DU GOUVERNEMENT DE L'ALBERTA, IL ME fait plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue en Alberta pour le Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties 2024.

Le curling est une passion et une source de fierté pour les Canadiens, et les Albertains ne font certainement pas exception. Notre histoire d'amour avec le curling se manifeste aussi bien dans les grands centres que dans les clubs des petites villes d'un bout à l'autre de la province. Nous sommes ravis d'accueillir les meilleures curleuses du Canada au WinSport Event Centre de Calgary alors qu'elles se disputent le championnat canadien et l'honneur de représenter le Canada au championnat du monde de curling féminin.

Nous sommes également honorés d'accueillir le personnel de soutien des équipes, les membres de leur famille, les amis et les amateurs de curling qui nous visitent pour le tournoi. J'espère que vous aurez le temps de profiter de l'incroyable beauté naturelle et des nombreuses attractions de la région pendant votre séjour. Notre célèbre hospitalité de l'ouest est à votre disposition.

Merci à Curling Canada, aux partenaires nationaux et aux partenaires de l'événement, ainsi qu'aux bénévoles qui travaillent d'arrache-pied pour faire d'un événement comme celui-ci un succès. Nous vous souhaitons dix jours de compétition passionnants!

L'honorable Danielle Smith

Première ministre de l'Alberta



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ON BEHALF OF MY CITY COUNCIL

colleagues and all Calgarians, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Calgary is proud to be the host of the 64th annual event which showcases elite curlers from across the country.

Whether you are a first-time attendee or a curling enthusiast you are in for an unforgettable experience.

If you are visiting Calgary, it's an exciting time to be in the city with so many events and activities offered through Chinook Blast, a winter festival that encourages us to enjoy the best the season has to offer.

Thank you to the organizers, the athletes and the countless volunteers who make this great event possible. There is no doubt, that our hearts will be pumping, and we will all be on the edge of our seats to see who takes home this prestigious title!

Jyoti Gondek
Mayor of Calgary



IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO OFFER

heartfelt greetings and the best of luck on behalf of Curling Canada's Board of Governors to everyone competing in, and attending, the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary.

The Scotties Tournament of Hearts is the most famous women's national curling championship in the world, and

that's due to the dedication of our athletes, our fans and our amazing partnership with our title sponsor, Kruger Products – a relationship that is in its 43rd year (think about how amazing that is for a moment!) and continues to build on our shared ambition of putting women's curling and its athletes in the national spotlight.

We all know that Canadian curling championships can't happen without the tireless, behind-the-scenes work by the Organizing Committee and the dedicated volunteer base, in addition to Curling Canada's national and event staff. A sincere 'thanks' to all of you for your efforts, and I heartily urge all fans and competitors to express their gratitude to a volunteer some time this week.

I also want to thank the families and employers of the athletes and coaches who are competing here this week. They have made sacrifices to allow this competition to take place, and I'm sincerely grateful for that.

My wish is that you take home with you the spirit of fellowship and accomplishment that will be a constant theme of the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Good curling to all of you!

Michael Szajewski,
Chair, Board of Governors,
Curling Canada

AU NOM DE MES COLLÈGUES DU CONSEIL MUNICIPAL

et de tous les Calgariens, il me fait plaisir de vous souhaiter une chaleureuse bienvenue au Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties 2024.

Calgary est fière d'être l'hôte de cette 64^e édition annuelle qui met en vedette les meilleures curleuses du pays. Que vous assistiez à cet événement pour la première fois ou que vous soyez un passionné de curling, vous vivrez une expérience inoubliable.

Si vous visitez Calgary, c'est une période exaltante pour notre ville avec de nombreux événements et activités proposés dans le cadre de Chinook Blast, un festival d'hiver qui nous encourage à profiter de ce que la saison a de mieux à offrir.

Merci aux organisateurs, aux athlètes et aux innombrables bénévoles qui rendent possible cet événement exceptionnel. Il ne fait aucun doute que nous vivrons de grandes émotions et que nous serons tous sur le bout de notre siège en attendant de voir qui remportera ce titre prestigieux!

Jyoti Gondek
Maïresse de Calgary

AU NOM DU CONSEIL DES GOUVERNEURS DE CURLING

Canada, j'ai le privilège de souhaiter la bienvenue et la meilleure des chances à toutes les personnes qui participent et assistent au Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties 2024 à Calgary.

Le Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties est le championnat national de curling féminin le plus célèbre au monde, et cela est dû au dévouement de nos athlètes, de nos partisans et de notre formidable partenariat avec notre commanditaire en titre, Produits Kruger – une relation qui en est à sa 43^e année (prenez un moment pour songer à quel point cela est formidable!) et qui continue de renforcer notre ambition commune de mettre le curling féminin et ses athlètes à l'avant-plan au niveau national.

Nous savons tous que les championnats canadiens de curling ne peuvent avoir lieu sans le travail inlassable en coulisse du comité d'organisation et des bénévoles dévoués, ainsi que du personnel national et de l'événement de Curling Canada. Je vous remercie tous sincèrement pour votre travail et j'encourage vivement tous les partisans et toutes les compétitrices à exprimer leur gratitude à un bénévole au cours de la semaine.

Je tiens également à remercier les familles et les employeurs des athlètes et des entraîneurs qui participent à la compétition cette semaine. Ils ont fait des sacrifices pour permettre à cette compétition d'avoir lieu, et je leur en suis sincèrement reconnaissant.

Je vous souhaite de ramener à la maison l'esprit de camaraderie et d'accomplissement qui sera un thème constant tout au long du Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties 2024.

Bon curling à toutes et à tous!

Michael Szajewski,
Président du Conseil des gouverneurs,
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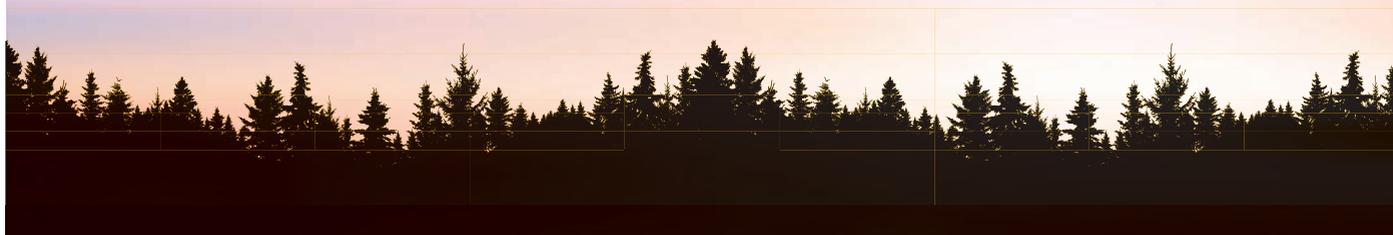
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The city of Calgary, where the Bow and Elbow rivers meet, was historically a place of confluence where the sharing of resources, ideas and opportunities naturally came together. The original Indigenous Nations of this area had their own names for the land. In the Blackfoot language, it is called Moh-kins-tsis. The Îethka Nakoda Wîcastabi First Nations refer this place as Wicispa Oyade and the people of the Tsuut'ina nation call it Guts-ists-I. The Métis call the Calgary area Otos-kwunee.

We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta. This includes: the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai collectively known as the Blackfoot Confederacy; the Îethka Nakoda Wîcastabi First Nations, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations; and the Tsuut'ina First Nation. The city of Calgary is also homeland to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

La ville de Calgary, où les rivières Bow et Elbow se rencontrent, a toujours été un lieu de confluence où le partage des ressources, des idées et des possibilités se faisait naturellement. Les premières nations autochtones de cette région avaient leurs propres noms pour désigner ce territoire. En langue pied-noir, elle s'appelle Moh-kins-tsis. Les Premières nations Îethka Nakoda Wîcastabi appellent ce lieu Wicispa Oyade, et les membres de la nation Tsuut'ina le nomment Guts-ists-I. Les Métis appellent la région de Calgary Otos-kwunee.

Nous souhaitons reconnaître les territoires traditionnels des peuples de la région du traité n° 7 dans le sud de l'Alberta. Il s'agit des Siksika, des Piikani et des Kainai, collectivement connus sous le nom de Confédération des Pieds-Noirs; des Premières nations Îethka Nakoda Wîcastabi, composées des Premières nations Chiniki, Bearspaw et Wesley; et de la Première nation Tsuut'ina. La ville de Calgary est également le domicile du gouvernement métis Otipemisiwak.



ON BEHALF OF TOURISM CALGARY,

we are pleased to host the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

It is our privilege to work with Curling Canada to bring this event to life. Calgary has curling in its DNA with a passion for the sport and the fans to prove it. In 2021, we successfully hosted the Scotties as part of a closed curling bubble with

world-class competition but no fans in the stands due to the pandemic. We're excited that for 2024 the Scotties are back in Calgary, and this time the energy of thousands of fans will be felt throughout the tournament.

Events like this are important to our city and our tourism economy, and create such vibrancy and excitement. Calgary is an active winter city and we are proud to showcase our destination and all there is to see and do no matter what the season.

To everyone involved in the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, we wish you a successful event and a memorable time in Calgary.

Cindy Ady
CEO, Tourism Calgary

AU NOM DE TOURISM CALGARY, NOUS SOMMES

heureux d'accueillir le Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties 2024.

Nous avons le privilège de travailler avec Curling Canada afin de donner vie à cet événement. Le curling fait partie de l'ADN de Calgary, qui est passionnée par ce sport, tout comme les partisans de la ville. En 2021, nous avons accueilli avec succès le championnat Scotties dans le cadre d'une bulle de curling fermée, avec une compétition de classe mondiale, mais sans spectateurs dans les gradins en raison de la pandémie. Nous sommes ravis que le Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties soit de retour à Calgary en 2024 et que, cette fois, l'énergie de milliers d'amateurs puisse se faire sentir tout au long du tournoi.

Des événements comme celui-ci sont importants pour notre ville et notre économie touristique, et ils créent un dynamisme et un engouement inégalés. Calgary est une ville d'hiver active et nous sommes fiers de mettre en valeur notre destination et tout ce qu'il y a à voir et à faire, quelle que soit la saison.

À toutes les personnes impliquées dans le Tournoi des Coeurs Scotties 2024, nous souhaitons que l'événement soit couronné de succès et que vous passiez un moment mémorable à Calgary.

Cindy Ady
Chef de la direction, Tourism Calgary



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FOR THOSE THAT HAVE VENTURED FROM OUT of town, across the province or out-of-country to join us at the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary and to our fellow Calgarians, welcome! We have an exciting week ahead of us both on and off the ice.

In recent years, Calgary has become known for hosting noteworthy curling events, including the 2021 Curling's Capital which included over 80 days of competition and five National/World level championships. We know that curling fans have eagerly awaited the return of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and are thankful that we only had to wait a few short years to welcome back the top women's athletes in Canada. In 2021, the curlers missed the energy of fans in the stands, we encourage you to show your support and cheer extra loud to give them that true Alberta welcome that they deserve.

Between draws, stop by the legendary Original 16 Patch as it makes its debut at the Scotties. The itinerary is packed with entertainment, games, athlete interviews and more! This is a party you won't want to miss.

We must acknowledge the amazing team of host directors and committee volunteers, for putting so much time and energy into the running of this championship. Often, the behind-the-scenes work goes unnoticed, but we see you and know that the success of this event is largely thanks to you.

Our curling community reaches far across the country, and we have Curling Canada, national and local sponsors, curlers, curling fans, and local member associations to thank for that. We recognize the leadership and dedication it takes to organize this championship and are thankful for the meaningful partnerships that make this all possible.

Finally, with two former Scotties competitors as the Vice-Chairs, we know how much dedication and commitment it takes to qualify for and compete in this event. We congratulate the competitors, welcome you with open arms and we wish you all good curling!

VICE-CHAIRS 2024 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

(Pictured left to right)

Britney Andersen, Shannon Kleibrink and Amy Nixon



À CEUX QUI SONT VENUS DE L'EXTÉRIEUR DE LA VILLE, de la province ou du pays pour se joindre à nous au Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties 2024 à Calgary, et à nos compatriotes calgariens, bienvenue! Une semaine passionnante nous attend, tant sur la glace qu'en dehors.

Au cours des dernières années, Calgary s'est fait connaître pour l'organisation d'événements de curling remarquables, notamment grâce à son statut de capitale du curling en 2021, en accueillant plus de 80 jours de compétition et cinq championnats nationaux/mondiaux. Nous savons que les amateurs de curling ont attendu avec impatience le retour du Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties et nous sommes reconnaissants de n'avoir eu à attendre que quelques années pour accueillir à nouveau les meilleures athlètes féminines du Canada. En 2021, l'énergie des partisans dans les gradins a manqué athlètes. Nous vous encourageons à manifester votre soutien et à les encourager comme jamais afin de leur offrir l'accueil albertain qu'ils méritent.

Entre les matchs, arrêtez-vous au légendaire Patch Original 16 qui fait ses débuts au championnat Scotties. Le programme est rempli de divertissements, de jeux, d'entrevues avec les athlètes et plus encore! C'est une fête que vous ne voudrez pas manquer.

Nous devons remercier la formidable équipe de directeurs locaux et de bénévoles membres de comités pour le temps et l'énergie qu'ils consacrent à l'organisation de ce championnat. Souvent, le travail en coulisses passe inaperçu, mais nous vous voyons et savons que le succès de cet événement est en grande partie dû à vous.

Notre communauté de curling s'étend d'un bout à l'autre du pays, et nous devons en remercier Curling Canada, les commanditaires nationaux et locaux, les athlètes, les amateurs de curling et les associations membres locales. Nous reconnaissons le leadership et le dévouement nécessaires à l'organisation de ce championnat et nous sommes reconnaissants des partenariats significatifs qui rendent tout cela possible.

Enfin, avec deux anciennes participantes au Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties parmi les vice-présidentes, nous savons à quel point il faut être dévouée et engagée pour se qualifier et participer à cet événement. Nous félicitons les concurrentes, nous vous accueillons à bras ouverts et nous vous souhaitons à toutes et à tous bon curling!

VICE-PRÉSIDENTES DU TOURNOI DES CŒURS SCOTTIES 2024

(De gauche à droite sur la photo)

Britney Andersen, Shannon Kleibrink et Amy Nixon

2024 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

SCHEDULE OF

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16	4 p.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6 p.m.	Draw #1	WinSport Event Centre
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Silly Wrabbit	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17	12 p.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	1 p.m.	Draw #2	WinSport Event Centre
	4:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Up Close & Personal	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6 p.m.	Draw #3	WinSport Event Centre
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Blame Bettie	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18	8:30 a.m.	Draw #4	WinSport Event Centre
	11 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	12 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Up Close & Personal	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	1:30 p.m.	Draw #5	WinSport Event Centre
	5 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Up Close & Personal	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6:30 p.m.	Draw #6	WinSport Event Centre
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Ron McNeil & Georgie Lyons	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19	8:30 a.m.	Draw #7	WinSport Event Centre
	11 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	11:30 a.m.	Original I6 Patch - Pharmasave Pancake Breakfast	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	12 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Up Close & Personal	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	1:30 p.m.	Draw #8	WinSport Event Centre
	5 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Up Close & Personal	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	5:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Stampede Outriders Band	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6:30 p.m.	Draw #9	WinSport Event Centre
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	<i>Family Day!</i> Kids cowboy hat giveaway to the first 500 kids		
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	8:30 a.m.	Draw #10	WinSport Event Centre
	11 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	1:30 p.m.	Draw #11	WinSport Event Centre
	5 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Up Close & Personal	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6:30pm	Draw #12	WinSport Event Centre
	9:30pm	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: The Calverts	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B

EVENTS



DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	8:30 a.m.	Draw #13	WinSport Event Centre
	11 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	1:30 p.m.	Draw #14	WinSport Event Centre
	5 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Up Close & Personal	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6:30 p.m.	Draw #15	WinSport Event Centre
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Olivia Rose	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 <i>Country Day!</i>	8:30 a.m.	Draw #16	WinSport Event Centre
	11 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	1:30 p.m.	Draw #17	WinSport Event Centre
	5 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6:30 p.m.	Draw #18	WinSport Event Centre
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Hillside Outlaws	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23	11 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	12 p.m.	Draw #19 Page 1/2 Qualifier	WinSport Event Centre
	4:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6 p.m.	Draw #20 Page 3/4 Qualifier	WinSport Event Centre
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: The Chevelles	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 <i>Curling Day in Canada</i>	11 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	12 p.m.	Draw #21 Page 3v4	WinSport Event Centre
	4:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6 p.m.	Draw #22 Page 1v2	WinSport Event Centre
	9:30 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Original Spin YYC	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25	11 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	12 p.m.	Draw #23 - Semifinal	WinSport Event Centre
	3 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	6 p.m.	Draw #24 Final	WinSport Event Centre
	6 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Gold Medal Viewing Party (Happy Hour Drinks)	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B
	9 p.m.	Original I6 Patch Closes Medal and Trophy Presentations	Joan Snyder Ice Pad - Arena B WinSport Event Centre

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Winning never gets old and it certainly didn't for Kerri Einarson and her team from Gimli, Man., after winning a fourth consecutive Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Kamloops, B.C., defeating Manitoba's Jennifer Jones in the gold-medal final. The joyous champs (left to right): skip Einarson, third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Harris.

TEAM CANADA SKIP KERRI EINARSON

plays best when her back is up against the wall and proved it once again by clinching her fourth consecutive Canadian Women's Curling Championship in Kamloops, B.C.

She did it the hard way, taking the long route through the Page playoffs, always one loss away from elimination, then running the table with three straight wins, culminating with an exacting 10-4 win over Team Manitoba's Jennifer Jones (Winnipeg/Altona) in the 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts final at the Sandman Centre.

It was the same story as last season when the Canadian champs suffered an early loss in the Page playoffs, then roared back to win.

"Oh, my God, it (four straight) means so much," said Einarson, who advanced to the

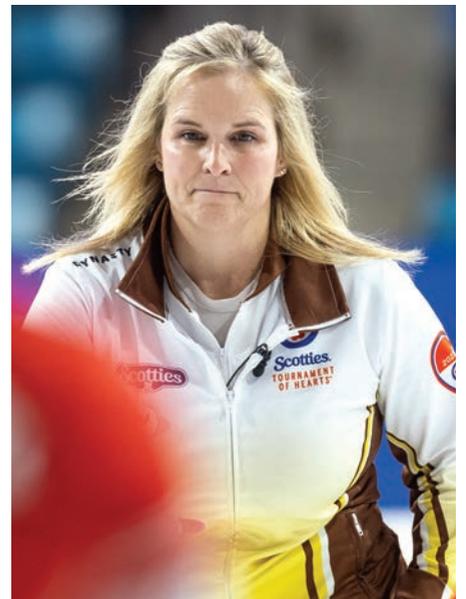
final after winning the semifinal 7-5 earlier in the day against Team Northern Ontario skipped by Krista McCarville. "I think this one was better than our first."

Team Jones earned its berth in the final with an 8-5 win over McCarville in the Page 1-2 game.

Einarson, supported by third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard, lead Briane Harris, alternate Krysten Karwacki and coach Reid Carruthers, had to overcome the determined opposition of Team Manitoba, led by Jones, who was after her record-breaking seventh Scotties title.

But as her team has done over the past three years, Einarson found a way to the winner's circle.

"This team never gives up and that makes us who we are," said Einarson. "So much great determination. We just go out



Veteran skip Jennifer Jones of Manitoba took a new, younger team into the 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts and did well to finish with a silver medal after losing the final. Jones was looking to win her unprecedented seventh national women's title.

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there and enjoy every single minute and have fun.”

The fourth national title lifts Einarson and her team into elite company, along with Nova Scotia’s Team Colleen Jones who won four in a row during her brilliant career.

It was also the fifth Scotties win for Birchard. She previously won the 2018 Scotties with Jones when she filled in for Kaitlyn Lawes who was off to the PyeongChang Olympics.

Team Canada, the best shooting team during the Scotties, did what it did best all week. It limited its opposition to a few bare peeks at the scoreboard, and capitalized when the opportunities came along.

The turning point may have come in the fifth end when Jones, needing a draw to the eight-foot facing two Team Einarson stones, wrecked on the front. Instead of going 3-2 up, she was

suddenly, and inexplicably, down 4-2.

“It was a draw against two and we liked the weight but the speed came off,” said Jones. “If I could throw one again, that would be it.”

The problems mounted in the sixth when Jones again came up short in a draw for two, but it was much more difficult, needing to get to the button area.

Einarson also played her ‘get-out-of-jail’ cards when she made crucial draws in ends three and seven facing three enemy stones.

It was a heartbreaking loss for Jones who was attempting, at age 48, to win a record seventh national title. She remains tied with Colleen Jones and Jill Officer for most Scotties wins at six. But she did set a record for appearing in 10 Scotties finals, one more than former teammate Officer.

But the title was not to be.

The silver medal was validation of Jones’ decision to join forces with the two-time



Northern Ontario skip Krista McCarville had another great week at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts last year, but once again fell just short of victory, losing in the semifinal game to Team Canada’s Kerri Einarson. The Thunder Bay teacher had to be satisfied with a bronze-medal finish.

FINAL

Manitoba (Jennifer Jones)*	101 001 010 x — 4
Team Canada (Kerri Einarson)	010 120 105 x — 10

* — Last-rock advantage

PERCENTAGES

Manitoba	PCT.	Team Canada	PCT.
Jennifer Jones	69	Kerri Einarson	89
Karlee Burgess	79	Val Sweeting	86
Mackenzie Zacharias	88	Shannon Birchard	89
Lauren Lenentine	97	Briane Harris	97
Team totals	83	Team totals	90

SEMIFINAL

Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)*	110 100 101 0 — 5
Team Canada (Kerri Einarson)	003 001 020 1 — 7

* — Last-rock advantage

ROUND-ROBIN STANDINGS

Pool A	W	L
Team Canada (Kerri Einarson)+	8	0
Nova Scotia (Christina Black)+#	5	3
British Columbia (Clancy Grandy)+#	5	3
Quebec (Laurie St-Georges)	5	3
Wild Card #1 (Kaitlyn Lawes)	5	3
Alberta (Kayla Skrlík)	4	4
P.E.I. (Suzanne Birt)	2	6
Saskatchewan (Robyn Silvernagle)	2	6
Nunavut (Brigitte MacPhail)	0	8

Pool B

	W	L
Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)+	7	1
Manitoba (Jennifer Jones)+	7	1
Ontario (Rachel Homan)+	6	2
Northwest Territories (Kerry Galusha)	4	4
Wild Card #3 (Meghan Walter)	3	5
Wild Card #2 (Casey Scheidegger)	3	5
New Brunswick (Andrea Kelly)	3	5
Newfoundland/Labrador (Stacie Curtis)	2	6
Yukon (Hailey Birnie)	1	7

+ — Top three teams in each pool advanced to championship pool.
Teams Nova Scotia and B.C. won tiebreakers and advanced to championship pool.

Playoffs

Page qualifiers

Manitoba (Jennifer Jones)*	110 102 022 x — 9
B.C. (Clancy Grandy)	001 020 100 x — 4
Nova Scotia (Christina Black)	010 010 110 21 — 7
Ontario (Rachel Homan)*	200 101 002 00 — 6

Page seedings

Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)*	021 010 000 2 — 6
Nova Scotia (Christina Black)	000 102 000 0 — 3
Team Canada (Kerri Einarson)*	002 002 011 0 — 6
Manitoba (Jennifer Jones)	040 020 100 1 — 8

Page playoffs

1 v. 2

Northern Ontario (Krista McCarville)	111 001 001 0 — 5
Manitoba (Jennifer Jones)*	000 210 110 3 — 8

3 v. 4

Team Canada (Kerri Einarson)*	102 020 202 x — 9
Nova Scotia (Christina Black)	010 101 010 x — 4

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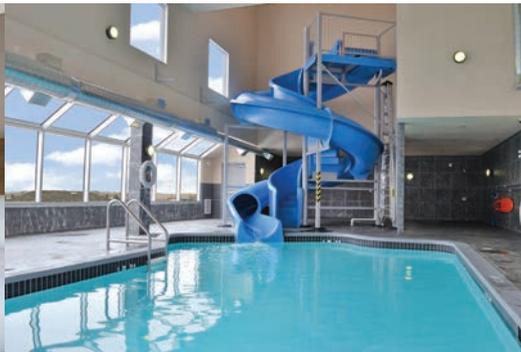
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world junior champions from Altona, including third Karlee Burgess and front-end players Mackenzie Zacharias, Emily Zacharias and Lauren Leninitine.

“I’m proud of them,” said Jones, who had Ontario’s Glenn Howard coaching. “It didn’t go our way today, but that’s why you keep grinding. We just didn’t make quite enough shots. But I’m sure happy about our week and proud to be in the final. It was fun to be out here. A great experience for all of us.”

The Scotties was replete with new faces as three teams were skipped by event rookies — Clancy Grandy of British Columbia, Alberta’s Kayla Skrlík, and Meghan Walter’s Wild Card #3 from Manitoba. Skrlík third Brittany Tran was the only player in the group with any Scotties experience, having played in the 2019 Scotties with the Northwest Territories and in 2021 with Wild Card #3.

Team Einarson went on to represent Canada at the 2023 World Women’s Curling Championship in Sandviken, Sweden, where it won a bronze medal.

ALL-STAR TEAMS

First team all-stars

- Skip** Kerri Einarson, Team Canada
- Third** Val Sweeting, Team Canada
- Second** Shannon Birchard, Team Canada
- Lead** Sarah Potts, Northern Ontario

Second team all-stars

- Skip** Rachel Homan, Ontario
- Third** Laura Walker, Wild Card #1
- Second** Emma Miskew, Ontario
- Lead** Briane Harris, Team Canada



This is becoming to be a habit. Skip Kerri Einarson won her fourth consecutive Sandra Schmirler Award at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.



It was almost a clean sweep of first team all-star awards for Team Canada, with (left to right) skip Kerri Einarson, vice-skip Val Sweeting, and second Shannon Birchard making the grade. Lead position was Sarah Potts of Northern Ontario.

MARJ MITCHELL AWARD

Kerry Galusha, skip for the Northwest Territories, won the Marj Mitchell Award for best embodying the spirit of curling at the 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The award is named in memory of Marj Mitchell who skipped Canada to its first world title in 1980. In 1983, shortly after the second Hearts, Mitchell died of cancer at the age of 35. The winner is selected each year in a vote by all players at the tournament.



Kerry Galusha was a popular winner of the Marj Mitchell Award. Teri Palynchuk of Curling Canada’s Board of Governors made the presentation.

JOAN MEAD BUILDER AWARD

The 2023 Builder Award was awarded to Dianne Barker, a longtime curling umpire from Kamloops, B.C., who has been a fixture at countless major Canadian championships, many World Curling Federation championships and three Olympic Winter Games. Barker has also been on the board of directors for both Curl BC and Curling Canada, and is a lifetime member of the Kamloops Curling Club. The award recognizes a builder in the sport and is named in honour of the late CBC curling producer Joan Mead.



Dianne Barker accepts her Builder Award from Teri Palynchuk of Curling Canada’s Board of Governors.

SANDRA SCHMIRLER AWARD

Presented in the name of the late Sandra Schmirler, the MVP award was presented to Team Canada skip Kerri Einarson after she was chosen the most outstanding player in the 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts playoffs in Kamloops, B.C. It was the fourth year in a row that Einarson was named MVP.

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2023	Team Canada	Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Harris
2022	Team Canada	Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Harris
2021	Team Canada	Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Harris
2020	Manitoba	Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Harris
2019	Alberta	Chelsea Carey, Sarah Wilkes, Dana Ferguson, Rachel Brown
2018	Manitoba	Jennifer Jones, Shannon Birchard, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2017	Ontario	Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Joanne Courtney, Lisa Weagle
2016	Alberta	Chelsea Carey, Amy Nixon, Jocelyn Peterman, Laine Peters
2015	Manitoba	Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2014	Team Canada	Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Alison Kreviazuk, Lisa Weagle
2013	Ontario	Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Alison Kreviazuk, Lisa Weagle
2012	Alberta	Heather Nedohin, Beth Iskiw, Jessica Mair, Laine Peters
2011	Saskatchewan	Amber Holland, Kim Schneider, Tammy Schneider, Heather Kalenchuk
2010	Team Canada	Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2009	Team Canada	Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2008	Manitoba	Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Dawn McEwen
2007	Team Canada	Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Sasha Carter, Renee Simons
2006	British Columbia	Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Sasha Carter, Renee Simons
2005	Manitoba	Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Cathy Gauthier
2004	Team Canada	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Arsenault, Nancy Delahun
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2002	Team Canada	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Arsenault, Nancy Delahun
2001	Nova Scotia	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Arsenault, Nancy Delahun
2000	British Columbia	Kelley Law, Julie Skinner, Georgina Wheatcroft, Diane Nelson
1999	Nova Scotia	Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Arsenault, Nancy Delahun
1998	Alberta	Cathy King, Heather Nedohin, Brenda Bohmer, Kate Horne
1997	Saskatchewan	Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit
1996	Ontario	Marilyn Bodogh, Kim Gellard, Corie Beveridge, Jane Hooper Peroud
1995	Manitoba	Connie Laliberte, Cathy Overton, Cathy Gauthier, Janet Arnott
1994	Team Canada	Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit
1993	Saskatchewan	Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit
1992	Manitoba	Connie Laliberte, Laurie Allen, Cathy Gauthier, Janet Arnott
1991	British Columbia	Julie Skinner, Jodie Sutton, Melissa Soligo, Karri Willms
1990	Ontario	Alison Goring, Kristin Turcotte, Andrea Lawes, Cheryl McPherson
1989	Team Canada	Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams, Tracy Kennedy
1988	Ontario	Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams, Tracy Kennedy
1987	British Columbia	Pat Sanders, Georgina Wheatcroft, Louise Herlinveaux, Deb Massullo
1986	Ontario	Marilyn Darte, Kathy McEdwards, Chris Jurgenson, Jan Augustyn
1985	British Columbia	Linda Moore, Lindsay Sparkes, Debbie Jones, Laurie Carney
1984	Manitoba	Connie Laliberte, Chris More, Corinne Peters, Janet Arnott
1983	Nova Scotia	Penny LaRocque, Sharon Horne, Cathy Caudle, Pam Sanford
1982	Nova Scotia	Colleen Jones, Kay Smith, Monica Jones, Barbara Jones-Gordon
1981	Alberta	Susan Seitz, Judy Erickson, Myrna McKay, Betty McCracken
1980	Saskatchewan	Marj Mitchell, Nancy Kerr, Shirley McKendry, Wendy Leach
1979	British Columbia	Lindsay Sparkes, Dawn Knowles, Robin Wilson, Lorraine Bowles
1978	Manitoba	Cathy Pidzarko, Chris Pidzarko, Iris Armstrong, Patti Vandekerckhove
1977	Alberta	Myrna McQuarrie, Rita Tarnava, Barb Davis, Jane Rempel
1976	British Columbia	Lindsay Sparkes, Dawn Knowles, Robin Wilson, Lorraine Bowles
1975	Quebec	Lee Tobin, Marilyn McNeil, Michelle Garneau, Laurie Ross
1974	Saskatchewan	Emily Farnham, Linda Saunders, Pat McBeath, Donna Collins
1973	Saskatchewan	Vera Pezer, Sheila Rowan, Joyce McKee, Lenore Morrison
1972	Saskatchewan	Vera Pezer, Sheila Rowan, Joyce McKee, Lenore Morrison
1971	Saskatchewan	Vera Pezer, Sheila Rowan, Joyce McKee, Lenore Morrison
1970	Saskatchewan	Dorenda Schoenhals, Cheryl Stirton, Linda Burnham, Joan Anderson
1969	Saskatchewan	Joyce McKee, Vera Pezer, Lenore Morrison, Jennifer Falk
1968	Alberta	Hazel Jamison, Gale Lee, Jackie Spencer, June Coyle
1967	Manitoba	Betty Duguid, Joan Ingram, Laurie Bradawaski, Dorothy Rose
1966	Alberta	Gale Lee, Hazel Jamison, Sharon Harrington, June Coyle
1965	Manitoba	Peggy Casselman, Val Taylor, Pat MacDonald, Pat Scott
1964	British Columbia	Ina Hansen, Ada Calles, Isabel Leith, May Shaw
1963	New Brunswick	Mabel DeWare, Harriet Stratton, Forbis Stevenson, Marjorie Fraser
1962	British Columbia	Ina Hansen, Ada Calles, Isabel Leith, May Shaw
1961	Saskatchewan	Joyce McKee, Sylvia Fedoruk, Barbara MacNevin, Rosa McFee

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Members of Team Manitoba raised their arms in joyous celebration after winning the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Moose Jaw. It was the first of four straight titles for skip Einarson, and still her favourite.



MOOSE JAW: NUMBER ONE IN HER HEART OF HEARTS



Einarson savours four titles in a row, but there's something special about that first Scotties win

BY MELISSA MARTIN

When she closes her eyes, Kerri Einarson can still see everything about that moment, her first Canadian championship win. She can picture the stands at Moose Jaw's Mosaic Place, filled with her family and friends; she can remember every shot of that last game against Ontario's Rachel Homan, an "emotional rollercoaster" that almost fell off the rails, near the end.

And if you'd told the Manitoba skip then, in March 2020, that she would claim the Maple Leaf jacket not only that night, but the next three years running, she would never have believed it. After all, only one other skip in history has won four consecutive Canadian women's curling championships, that being Nova Scotia legend Colleen Jones; even Jennifer Jones's most dominant streak snapped at three in a row. So four, well, who would even dare imagine?

"It's something I never dreamt about doing," Einarson says, chatting over a Zoom call in early December.

Yet even now, all those wins later, that first championship victory is still Einarson's favourite. Of course, each win is memorable, in one way or another. There was the 2021 rematch against Homan, which was nicely played, but happened in the lonely quiet of the COVID-19 bubble, where there were "tough times and a lot of dark days,"



Above: Skip Kerri Einarson relied on the terrific performances of her front-end players, Briane Harris, left, and Shannon Birchard, to win her first Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Moose Jaw.

Left: They gave up skipping their own teams to join Kerri Einarson four years ago, but there's been nothing but smiles since for (left to right) Briane Harris, Shannon Birchard and Val Sweeting.

Einarson says. The 2022 final against Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville was smartly curled, and always felt in Einarson's control; so did last year's knockout of Jennifer Jones, which was especially satisfying, given just how long they'd been Manitoba rivals.

But that first Scotties win was special, in part because of how Einarson, third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Harris won it. What should have been the skip's game-winning 10th-end draw came in hot, handing Homan a steal of two and pushing the game to an extra end. It was a test, not only in the way all Scotties games are, of the team's mettle; but also of their mental resilience.

There was a time in Einarson's career where a last-minute fumble like that would have seen her confidence crumble. But in Moose Jaw, Sask., that day, given a second chance to throw a draw to win the game, she settled her nerves, trusted her sweepers, and made no mistake.

That moment, perhaps more than any other, changed her. She'd always dreamed of winning the Scotties on a draw to the four-foot, she says, and then she did; in her national trips since, she was less tightly wound.

The success has "definitely changed me, relaxed me a lot more," she says. "I'm not so tense out there or feeling like I have to prove myself. I'm definitely more chill, but I still have that fire in me, and that drive to be the best, and continue to be the best. Even for us to break records, that's just something we look ahead towards."

Which is really to say: yes, Team Einarson absolutely has unfinished business. Clinching a

fifth national title and setting a new record for consecutive Canadian wins would be a nice feather in their caps, but more than that, they hunger to get back to the world championship.

The worlds have not been kind to them: their first was cancelled just hours before it was set to begin, due to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic. They tied for fifth in 2021, and earned bronze in their next two outings. They know they have what it takes to beat the field, but they will have to get their best games together, at the right time.

"We just want another crack at it," Einarson says. "That's something that we're working extremely hard for."

It doesn't help that the pressure mounts, with success. Fan expectations are higher. When the team started this season with a few nice finishes in major events — a couple of semifinals and a quarterfinal — they heard rumblings from fans wondering if something was "wrong" with the team, that they hadn't made a final.

"I'm like, 'oh my God, easy, you guys,'" Einarson says, and laughs. "Teams are just playing extremely well against us. We aren't playing bad, but if we miss a half-shot here and there, it's going to make a difference. It's strange... everyone expects that, just because we've made so many finals in the last five years, it's still a good accomplishment to make the semis, especially in the field that we play. They're all extremely hard."

At worlds, that pressure can get even more intense. Some fans, Einarson has noticed, feel that Canadian teams should be able to soar to every world final; but every year, the global field gets even deeper, and differences in European championship

Team Kerri Einarson is working closely with coach Reid Carruthers to find an extra edge this season.



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schedules means they have more time to prepare. That spotlight from fans and media can then trickle down to the teams themselves: it might mean they go out on the ice gripping the handle a little too tightly.

“We put that extra pressure on us, where it’s not necessary to,” Einarson says.

So if they get another crack at worlds this year, they’ll try to focus on what’s worked for them at the Scotties: namely, staying relaxed, and bouncing back when they falter.

In the meantime, the team has been experimenting with new strategies, working closely with coach Reid Carruthers and tinkering with their technical performance, hoping to find that extra edge.

“We have some good chats, really trying to come up with different strategies that teams haven’t done yet,” the skip says. “Maybe that is why we’re not making all the finals, we’re trying to experiment and see what works and doesn’t work. But that’s what makes this sport so unique. You can find different strategies and ways to win.”

In and around all this work, the team still makes sure to enjoy life off the ice. Harris now has an eight-month-old son, Hayes, who sometimes joins the team on tour.

Having a baby around is a delight. “It gives me baby fever,” Einarson says, with a laugh. “Then I’m like ‘nope, nope, I got two and I’m good.’”

Meanwhile, those 10-year-old twin daughters, Khloe and Kamryn, are fast becoming sharp shooters in their own right; in December, they won their first game together as a mother-daughter team, when the girls shared sparing duties on Einarson’s club league team.

“I was never that good at that age,” Einarson says. “They’re very visual learners and they catch on quick... I’m super proud of them. They always have questions for me, even when I’m talking strategy for them during a game. The things that they’ll say, like ‘mom if we do this, that’ll leave us this.’ Hopefully one day my girls are going to be in the Scotties, and I’ll be like, ‘remember the first time you stepped on Scotties ice?’ I know they cherished those moments.”

(By the way, if you’re thinking that facing Kerri Einarson in your weekday club league would be intimidating, the answer is yeah, kind of.

“People love it though,” she says, of the friendly folks at the Gimli Curling Club. “They’ll be like, ‘oh, we beat Kerri Einarson!’”)

So those are some of the things that keep the team grounded, as they enter the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary. There’s a lot on the line: a shot at making history, a chance to try again at etching their name on the world’s books. Of course, they’ve thought ahead to what it would be like to make it back there, and play in front of a home crowd in Sydney, N.S. But first things come first, and no matter what happens this week in Calgary, they will savour every moment they get to compete for the right to hold onto their jackets.

“It is such a privilege to be able to wear that Maple Leaf,” Einarson says. “Every time I put it on I get goosebumps and it never gets old. We do our absolute best to represent Canada with class, and give it our all every chance we get. To get that opportunity again would mean the world to us. So we’re going to go out there to the Scotties and just play free like we do, and see where everything falls, and just do what we can and leave it all out there.”

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Kerri Einarson has won two bronze medals at the women’s world championship wearing Canada’s colours and would love another chance to go for gold.

ICE QUEEN REFUSED TO MELT

Laliberte overcomes potential disaster, year-old heartbreak to win memorable 1995 Scotties in Calgary

BY GEORGE JOHNSON

Connie Laliberte has worn her beloved Manitoba sweater nine times at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, winning three of them.



A slip and fall just prior to the 1995 Scotties Tournament of Hearts by third Karen Purdy left her on crutches for the main event, but she was there to cheer on skip Connie Laliberte.

Before a single rock had been released, the story of 1995 Scotties Tournament of Hearts (then known as the Scott Tournament of Hearts) found itself laced with enough plot twists to grace an Agatha Christie mystery novel.

And almost every one dealt with skip Connie Laliberte and her team from Winnipeg.

First, there was that lingering sting of being relegated to runner-up status the year before after heading home in the Scotties final with a 3-2 lead.

Then there was the tantalizing prospect of a double-barrelled reward for winning: a home-country world championship appearance, right in the home province of Manitoba, 214 kilometres due west along the Trans-Canada Highway at Brandon's Keystone Centre.

Talk about amped-up motivation.

But with the 1995 national championship a week away, the Manitobans suffered the shocking loss of linchpin third Karen Purdy to a broken ankle sustained in a slip in the parking lot of the Fort Rouge Curling Club.

At a team send-off party, no less.

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“Honestly,” recalls Laliberte, a three-time Canadian (1984, 1992, 1995) and 1984 world champion, “we were on a mission.”

The planning for redemption in '95 had, in fact, begun on the plane ride home following a gutting 5-3 loss in the 1994 final to defending national and world champion Sandra Schmirler at the Recreational Sports Complex in Waterloo, Ont.

The enticement of a potential trip to Brandon to conquer the world title a second time, without the obstacles of time difference, travel wear-and-tear and unfamiliarity environment, as well as guaranteed home support, was powerful for Laliberte and lead Janet Arnott. The pair, along with third Chris More and second Corinne Peters (Laliberte's twin sister), won gold in '84 playing in Perth, Scotland.

They had a shot at world title No. 2 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, in 1992, but lost in the semis with Laurie Allen at third and Cathy Gauthier playing second.

“There was nobody there,” recalled Gauthier. “There were maybe six people in the crowd and they were all our families.”

But Brandon would be different, if they could get there.

“We knew playing at home it was going to be something we'd remember the rest of our lives,” said Gauthier. “So that Scotties win was huge for us, on so many levels.”

And at the top of the home stretch, just when all seemed in readiness ...

“The injury with Karen,” reflected Laliberte. “But it worked out well with Cathy Overton (now Overton-Clapham), a great player, being able to join us.

“We'd known her beforehand so it wasn't like we were going in cold with, say, someone from a different province. And things just clicked with Cathy O. She was just as hungry as we were.”

The '95 Scotties marked the last time Calgary hosted a non-COVID-bubble Scotties.

Until now, of course, the venue having shifted this year, from the 3,000-seat Max Bell Arena in WinSport Event Centre at Canada's Olympic Park.

“Just an amazing week,” recalls Gauthier, now a TV curling analyst for TSN, of the '95 experience. “I remember just going in there ... all of us were emotional messes because of losing the year before, having a new third and trying to figure it out.

“But from the very first slide in that building we had an amazing driver and the whole week turned out magical.

“That was a really noisy building. The people there didn't sit on their hands. And there's nothing better as a curler playing for something major than

not only to have bums in seats but to have those people completely engaged, and not only if you happen to be representing Alberta.

“You go to so many places and people come because they like curling, but they don't love curling. In Calgary, I felt that the fans loved curling.”

Laliberte's team ended round-robin play atop the charts at 10-1 with its single loss inflicted by Alberta's entry skipped by Cathy King, from Edmonton's Ottewell Club.

It only added to the intrigue when both qualified for the final.

“It was our first time there and we had pretty much a rookie team,” remembers King. “I'd been to a couple junior championships but no one else had gone that far in anything.

“So it was nerve-wracking. I told the girls to just keep it simple, so that we wouldn't get into some complicated ends. I told them we can make those kind of shots and maybe get by. And sure enough, we had a lot of last-rock victories, extra ends so it was exciting for the fans.”

In the final, Laliberte scored a 10th end single point on a tricky hit-and-hang-around to secure a 6-5 victory.

“In that 10th end, Cathy (King) was trying to bury around a corner guard,” Gauthier recalls. “I thought when I was cleaning the path for Connie to throw that we could see three-quarters of it but when I stood in the hack I was like ‘Whoa! That's not three quarters ...’ We could actually see about

TSN broadcaster Cathy Gauthier enjoyed a magical week in Calgary as Team Manitoba won the 1995 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in dramatic fashion.



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Above: Cathy Overton-Clapham came to the rescue for Team Manitoba, inserted into the lineup at the last minute. She curled superbly.

Right: Cathy King recalled the 1995 Scotties Tournament of Hearts as “nerve-wracking” for her young team, but it came within a whisker of winning the title.



a third. And I remember Connie screaming when she let the rock go and then all of a sudden she said ‘right off!’ And I thought ‘Oh, no ...’ Then we made contact so I thought we were okay. So I turned around and started running down the ice to hug Connie. Meanwhile, the rock we’d thrown was rolling and rolling and rolling and it just hung on.

“It was almost the most excited blank I’ve ever been involved in.”

The catalyst for victory, lauds Gauthier, was indisputably Laliberte.

“They called her the Ice Queen,” she reminds you. “And she was.

“When I was playing, I was like a chihuahua. Always fired up and super-excited. ‘What a great shot!’ or ‘Ugh, I rolled out!’ Both extremes.

“Connie was just so calm. If I was a chihuahua, she’s like the service dog, there to make sure everything went well. So you wouldn’t see a lot of emotion out of her, ever. If you’re looking for someone to throw a rock to win a Canadian or world championship, you want someone whose pulse is the same as it was the opening draw of the game.

“Never too high. Never too low. Stayed in the moment. That’s who she was. And the rest of us fed off that.”

Back in ’95, the week-long attendance at Max Bell was 52,202. Gauthier is anticipating another large turnout for this edition of the Scotties.

“With all due respect to all of the curling fans out East I think that the buildings fill more, in my experience, in the West,” she says. “There’s so much passion.

“You grow up anywhere in the West and there’s always a grain elevator and a curling club. It’s part of the culture, of who we are.

“The bubble (in 2021) was such an odd, weird thing. Nobody got to see it live except the cutouts. So I think for sure that it’s time for a return to Calgary so that people can show they appreciate the skills of these women.

The 1995 Worlds at the Keystone Centre turned out to be bittersweet. Laliberte and Co. would advance all the way the final, edged 6-5 by Sweden’s Elisabet Gustafson who stole one in an extra end to win. But the experience of the atmosphere in Brandon, the prior redemption at Max Bell, remains a cameo-keepsake.

The plots and sub-plots of 2024 have yet to be written, of course. From a purely storyline perspective, though, that ’95 version will take some beating.

“The objective — always — is to play your best, and see what happens,” explains Laliberte. “That’s something we’d learned from winning: you don’t get caught up thinking about what you can’t control. We respected (King’s team), definitely. They could make any shot and they played very well.

“We weren’t surprised by that. But we felt we were the better team and it was up to us to prove it on the ice.

“Our motto was: Let’s Own the Sheet.

“We’d just made up our minds that we weren’t going to lose. Honestly, I don’t know what we would’ve done had we lost.

“Because it wasn’t in our plans.”

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A CURLING CONNECTION

Curling Canada takes actions to increase female involvement in youth-based programs

BY JILLIAN KENT



On February 7th, Curling Canada celebrated National Girls and Women in Sports Day with the Canada-wide rollout of their new female-specific Try Curling Program, Girls Rock. When it comes to female involvement in sports, statistics show that girls in their preteen and teen years are three times more likely than their male counterparts to drop out of activities. The *Rally Report* published in June, 2020, that only 18 per cent of women aged 16-63 are involved in sport. Girls Rock aims to change that, using a female-led, female-participant program that creates a safe and fun space for girls to try a new sport with their friends.

Created by the Women Curling Leaders' Circle, Girls Rock was first held in conjunction with the 2022 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Women's Curling Championship. It was intended to be a one-time event; however, the large and positive response received encouraged the Leaders' Circle to run the pilot program in various other locations across the country. The program model was tested, refined and documented for more than two curling seasons before it was handed over to Curling Canada's For the Love of Curling program for distribution nationwide.

The momentum behind this growing initiative includes commitments from the following member associations across Canada to host a Girls Rock Program in the 2023-2024 season: CurlBC, Curling Alberta, Yukon Curling Association, NWT Curling Association, CurlManitoba, Northern Ontario Curling Association, Curl ON, Curling Quebec, Novia Scotia Curling, New Brunswick Curling Association, Newfoundland & Labrador Curling Association, and Curl PEI.

All provinces and territories have received resources to kick-start their regional Girls Rock efforts, including the official program guide, marketing assets, and event signage, as well as \$1,000 or \$750 to help run the program. Additionally, Curling Canada and the Women Curling Leaders' Circle will continue to run an annual Girls Rock event in conjunction with the Scotties Tournament of Hearts (STOH). This year Girls Rock participants were at the Scotties in Calgary for the opening weekend draw, providing them the opportunity to watch women succeed at the highest level of their sport. Witnessing the impact of female success in sport, on and off the ice, is a vital aspect of this program.

Cori Morris, former lead for Canada's Cheryl Bernard during Team Canada's

2010 Olympic silver-medal win at the Vancouver Olympics, has been involved in Girls Rock since the beginning and believes the program is essential in creating meaningful connections to sport for young girls.

Whether it is through curling, or they go on to find another sport or activity to inspire them, the program provides the connection and foundation to support young girls' dreams and goals.

Girls Rock and countless other youth-based curling programs are only made possible thanks to the generous donations and support of the Canada-wide curling community. You can support this program, or so many others outstanding initiatives, with a gift to Curling Canada's For the Love of Curling program at curling.ca/ftloc or by scanning the provided QR code.





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SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

OFFICIAL DRAW

DATE	DRAW	TIME	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D
Friday, February 16	1	6:00 p.m.	SK vs PE	AB vs MB - L	CA vs QC	NO vs BC - B
Saturday, February 17	2	1:00 p.m.	ON - I vs BC - G	NT vs ON - H	NB vs MB - C	NS vs MB - J
	3	6:00 p.m.	BC - B vs NL	CA vs NO	AB vs PE	MB - L vs SK
Sunday, February 18	4	8:30 a.m.	MB - J vs YT	NB vs NS	NT vs BC - G	ON - H vs ON - I
	5	1:30 p.m.	AB vs CA	PE vs BC - B	NO vs SK	QC vs NL
	6	6:30 p.m.	NT vs NB	BC - G vs MB - J	NS vs ON - I	MB - C vs YT
Monday, February 19	7	8:30 a.m.	PE vs NO	SK vs QC	NL vs MB - L	BC - B vs CA
	8	1:30 p.m.	BC - G vs NS	ON - I vs MB - C	YT vs ON - H	MB - J vs NB
	9	6:30 p.m.	MB - L vs QC	NO vs NL	PE vs CA	SK vs AB
Tuesday, February 20	10	8:30 a.m.	ON - H vs MB - C	NS vs YT	BC - G vs NB	ON - I vs NT
	11	1:30 p.m.	CA vs SK	QC vs AB	MB - L vs BC - B	NL vs PE
	12	6:30 p.m.	NB vs ON - I	MB - C vs NT	ON - H vs MB - J	YT vs BC - G
Wednesday, February 21	13	8:30 a.m.	QC vs BC - B	MB - L vs PE	SK vs NL	AB vs NO
	14	1:30 p.m.	MB - C vs MB - J	ON - H vs BC - G	ON - I vs YT	NT vs NS
	15	6:30 p.m.	NL vs AB	BC - B vs SK	QC vs NO	CA vs MB - L
Thursday, February 22	16	8:30 a.m.	YT vs NT	MB - J vs ON - I	MB - C vs NS	NB vs ON - H
	17	1:30 p.m.	NO vs MB - L	NL vs CA	BC - B vs AB	PE vs QC
	18	6:30 p.m.	NS vs ON - H	YT vs NB	MB - J vs NT	BC - G vs MB - C
Friday, February 23	PO-1	Noon	Page 1 vs 2 Qualifiers - TBD			
	PO-2	6:00 p.m.	Page 3 vs 4 Qualifiers - TBD			

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AB	Team Sturmay
ON - I	Team Inglis
MB - C	Team Cameron
BC - B	Team Brown
SK	Team Ackerman
BC - G	Team Grandy
NT	Team Galusha
NO	Team McCarville
QC	Team St-Georges
NS	Team Smith
NB	Team Adams
PE	Team DiCarlo
NL	Team Curtis
YT	Team Scoffin

PAGE PLAYOFFS

PAGE 3 vs 4	Saturday, February 24	Noon
PAGE 1 vs 2	Saturday, February 24	6:00 p.m.

SEMIFINAL AND FINAL

SEMIFINAL	Sunday, February 25	Noon
FINAL	Sunday, February 25	6:00 p.m.

TEAM CANADA

GIMLI CURLING CLUB, MANITOBA



From left: Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Harris.

SKIP: Kerri Einarson **Age:** 36 **Occupation:** Curler/commercial fisher **Highlights:** Skipped Manitoba at 2016 and '20 Hearts, Wild Card in '18 and '19 wild card pre-qualifier, Canada in '21, '22 and '23; won gold in '20, '21, '22 and '23, silver in '18. Won bronze at 2022 and '23 worlds as skip. Won gold at 2021 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for Manitoba at 2010, '13, '15 and '17 Canadian mixed

THIRD: Val Sweeting **Age:** 36 **Occupation:** Civil servant **Highlights:** Skipped Alberta at 2010, '14 and '15 Hearts, third for Manitoba in '20 and '19 wild card pre-qualifier, Canada in '21, '22 and '23; won gold in '20, '21, '22 and '23, silver in '14 and '15. Won bronze at 2022 and '23 worlds as third. Played in 2018 and '21 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for Saskatchewan at 2007 Canadian U-21's

SECOND: Shannon Birchard **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Bookkeeper, self-employed

Highlights: Played third for Manitoba at 2018 Hearts, second in '20 and '19 wild card pre-qualifier, Canada in '21, '22 and '23; won gold in '18, '20, '21, '22, '23. Won gold at 2018 worlds as alternate/lead and bronze in '22 and '23 as second. Played in 2017, '19 and '21 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Manitoba to silver at 2012 and '13 Canadian U-21's (threw third rocks in '12)

LEAD: Briane Harris **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played lead for Manitoba at 2020 Hearts, '19 wild card pre-qualifier and Canada in '21, '22 and '23. Won gold in '20, '21, '22 and '23. Won bronze at 2022 and '23 worlds as lead. Played in 2021 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for Manitoba at 2010 and '11 Canadian U-21's; won bronze in '11

ALTERNATE: Krysten Karwacki
COACH: Reid Carruthers

ALBERTA

SAVILLE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE, EDMONTON



From left: Paige Papley, Dezaray Hawes, Danielle Schmiemann and Selena Sturmay.

SKIP: Selena Sturmay **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Registered nurse, Alberta Health Services **Highlights:** Played in 2018 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Alberta at 2016 and '19 Canadian U-21's; won gold in '19. Won silver as Canada skip at 2019 world juniors

THIRD: Danielle Schmiemann **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Acupuncturist, Bloom Therapy Wellness Centre **Highlights:** Played at 2017, '19 and '21 Canadian mixed doubles; won bronze in '21. Played third for Alberta at 2023 Canadian mixed. Won gold as Alberta third at 2015 Canadian U-21's. Won gold as third for Canada at 2015 world juniors

SECOND: Dezaray Hawes **Age:** 27 **Occupation:** Senior administrative assistant, MNP LLP **Highlights:** Played second for British Columbia at 2020 and '21 Hearts. Played at 2013, '15, '19 and '21 Canadian mixed doubles. Played second for British Columbia at 2016 and '17 Canadian U-21's; won silver in '16

LEAD: Paige Papley **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Program Coordinator, Curling Alberta **Highlights:** Played in 2023 Canadian mixed doubles. Played lead for Alberta at 2023 Canadian mixed. Played lead for Alberta at 2019 Canadian U-21's, second in '20; won gold in '19 and silver in '20; won silver as Canada lead in 2019 world juniors

COACH: Ted Appelman

BRITISH COLUMBIA – BROWN

KAMLOOPS CURLING CLUB



From left: Corryn Brown, Erin Pincott, Jennifer Armstrong and Samantha Fisher.

SKIP: Corryn Brown **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Junior business associate, BC Wildfire Service **Highlights:** Skipped British Columbia at 2020 and '21 Hearts. Skipped British Columbia at 2013, '15 and '17 Canadian U-21's; won gold in '13, bronze in '15

THIRD: Erin Pincott **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Learning strategist & transitional support, Thompson Rivers University **Highlights:** Played third for British Columbia at 2020 and '21 Hearts. Played third for British Columbia at 2013 and '15 Canadian U-21's; won gold in '13, bronze in '15

SECOND: Jennifer Armstrong **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Chartered Professional Accountant, Farm Credit Canada **Highlights:** Played second for New Brunswick at 2019 Hearts, third in '20, lead for Wild Card #2 in '22. Played in 2020 and '23 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped New Brunswick at 2011 and '12 Canadian U-21's

LEAD: Samantha Fisher **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Respiratory therapist, Interior Health **Highlights:** Played lead for British Columbia at 2021 Hearts. Played second for British Columbia at 2013 and '15 Canadian U-21's, lead in '17; won gold in '13, bronze in '15

ALTERNATE: Jaelyn Cotter
COACH: Jim Cotter

BRITISH COLUMBIA – GRANDY CHAMPION

VANCOUVER CURLING CLUB



From left: Clancy Grandy, Kayla MacMillan, Lindsay Dubue and Sarah Loken.

MANITOBA – CAMERON

GRANITE CURLING CLUB, WINNIPEG



From left: Kate Cameron, Meghan Walter, Kelsey Rocque and Mackenzie Elias.

MANITOBA – JONES

ST. VITAL & ALTONA CURLING CLUB



From left: Jennifer Jones, Karlee Burgess, Emily Zacharias and Lauren Lenentine.

SKIP: Clancy Grandy **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped British Columbia at 2023 Hearts. Played in 2014, '15, '21 and '23 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Ontario at 2011 Canadian U-21's

THIRD: Kayla MacMillan **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played third for British Columbia at 2023 Hearts. Won silver as third for British Columbia at 2019 Canadian U-21's

SECOND: Lindsay Dubue **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played second for British Columbia at 2023 Hearts. Played second for Ontario at 2017 and '18 Canadian U-21's, third for Northern Ontario in '20; won silver in '17

LEAD: Sarah Loken **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played lead for British Columbia at 2023 Hearts. Played at 2023 Canadian mixed doubles. Won silver as lead for British Columbia at 2019 Canadian U-21's

SKIP: Kate Cameron **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Paralegal, Cochrane Saxberg **Highlights:** Played third for Manitoba at 2017 Hearts, Canada in '18, Alberta in '20, '21 and '22 and Wild Card #2 in '23; won silver in '17, bronze in '21. Played in 2015 and '19 Canadian mixed doubles

THIRD: Meghan Walter **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Skipped Wild Card #3 at 2023 Hearts. Won gold at 2019 Canadian mixed as third for Manitoba and gold at world mixed

SECOND: Kelsey Rocque **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Family liaison officer, Federal Government (Department of Defence) **Highlights:** Won gold as Alberta skip at 2014 and '15 Canadian U-21's. Won gold as Canada skip at 2014 and '15 world juniors

LEAD: Mackenzie Elias **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played lead for Wild Card #3 at 2023 Hearts

ALTERNATE: Taylor McDonald

SKIP: Jennifer Jones **Age:** 49 **Occupation:** Motivational speaker/lawyer **Highlights:** Skipped Canada at 2014 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '14. Skipped Manitoba at 2002, '05, '07, '08, '12, '13, '15, '18, '21 and '23 Hearts, Canada in '06, '09, '10, '11, '16 and '19, Wild Card in '20; won gold in '05, '08, '09, '10, '15 and '18, silver in '06, '11, '13 and '23, bronze in '07, '12, '16 and '20. Skipped Canada to gold at 2008 and '18 worlds, silver in '15, bronze in '10. Played in 2017, '19, '21 and '23 Canadian mixed doubles; won gold in '23, bronze in '17. Played third at 1991 Canadian U-21's, skipped in '93, '94 and '95; won gold in '94, silver in '91

THIRD: Karlee Burgess **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Conductive education assistant, Movement Centre of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played third for Wild Card #2 at 2021 Hearts and Manitoba in '22 and '23; won silver in '23. Played second for Nova Scotia at 2014, '15, '16, '18, '19 Canadian U-21's, third in '17 and third for Manitoba in '20; won bronze in '14 and '19,

gold in '16, '18 and '20. Won gold at 2016 and '18 world juniors as second and in '20 as third for Canada

SECOND: Emily Zacharias **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Kinesiology student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played second for Wild Card #2 at 2021 Scotties and Manitoba in '22, and lead in '23; won silver in '23. Played second for Manitoba at 2019 and '20 Canadian U-21's; won gold in '20. Won gold at 2020 world juniors as second for Canada. Played second for Manitoba at 2017 U-18s

LEAD: Lauren Lenentine **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Psychology student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played lead for Wild Card #2 at 2021 Hearts and Manitoba in '22 and '23; won silver in '23. Skipped P.E.I. at 2017, '18 Canadian U-21's, played third for Nova Scotia in '19 and lead for Manitoba in '20; won bronze in '19 and gold in '20. Won gold at 2020 world juniors as lead for Canada. Skipped P.E.I. at 2017 Canadian U-18s

COACH: Glenn Howard

MANITOBA – LAWES CHAMPION

FORT ROUGE CURLING CLUB, WINNIPEG



From left: Kaitlyn Lawes, Selena Njegovan, Jocelyn Peterman and Kristin MacCuish.

SKIP: Kaitlyn Lawes **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Farmer
Highlights: Played third for Canada at 2014 and '22 Olympics and mixed doubles in '18; won gold in '14 and '18. Played third for Canada at 2011, '16 and '19 Hearts, Manitoba in '12, '13, '15 and '21, Wild Card in '20, Wild Card #1 in '23; won gold in '15, silver in '11 and '13, bronze in '12, '16 and '20. Won gold at 2018 worlds as third for Canada, silver in '15. Played in 2014, '17 and '21 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Manitoba to gold at 2008 and '09 Canadian U-21's. Skipped Canada to bronze at 2008 world juniors, silver in '09

THIRD: Selena Njegovan **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Owner, Selena Njegovan Virtual Solutions
Highlights: Played third for Manitoba at 2016 and '19 Hearts, Wild Card in '18, Wild Card #1 in '21 and '20 wild card pre-qualifier, skip/third for Wild Card #1 in '22; won silver in '18. Played in 2021 Canadian mixed doubles. Won silver at 2012 Canadian juniors as fourth for Manitoba

SECOND: Jocelyn Peterman **Age:** 30
Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Played second for Canada at 2022 Olympics. Played second for Alberta at 2016 Hearts, Canada in '17 and '19, Wild Card in '20, Manitoba in '21 and '18 wild card pre-qualifier, Wild Card #1 in '23; won gold in '16, bronze in '17 and '20. Played in 2014, '16, '18, '19, '21 and '23 Canadian mixed doubles; won gold in '16 and '19, silver in '23. Won silver at 2019 world mixed doubles for Canada. Won gold at 2012 Canadian juniors as skip for Alberta

LEAD: Kristin MacCuish **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Student, Athabasca University **Highlights:** Played lead for Manitoba at 2016 and '19 Hearts, Wild Card in '18, Wild Card #1 in '21, '22, '23 and '20 wild card pre-qualifier; won silver in '18. Won silver at 2012 Canadian juniors as second

COACH: Connor Njegovan

NEW BRUNSWICK

CAPITAL WINTER CLUB, FREDERICTON



From left: Kendra Lister, Molli Ward, Jaclyn Crandall and Melissa Adams.

SKIP: Melissa Adams **Age:** 46 **Occupation:** Policy and program technical leader, Canadian Food Inspection Agency **Highlights:** Skipped New Brunswick at 2021 Hearts and '17 pre-qualifier, third in '18. Played at 2021 and '23 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped New Brunswick at 1996, '97 and '98 Canadian U-21's; won gold in '98. Won gold for Canada as skip at 1998 world juniors

THIRD: Jaclyn Crandall **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Teacher, Anglophone School District West
Highlights: Played third for New Brunswick at 2021 Hearts. Played lead for New Brunswick at 2021 Canadian mixed

SECOND: Molli Ward **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Financial controller, JN Lafford Realty

LEAD: Kendra Lister **Age:** 36 **Occupation:** Instructor, Atlantic Business College
Highlights: Played lead for New Brunswick at 2018 and '21 Hearts. Played lead for New Brunswick at 2015 Canadian mixed

ALTERNATE: Kayla Russell
COACH: Alex Robichaud

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR RE/MAX CENTRE, ST. JOHN'S CURLING CLUB



From left: Stacie Curtis, Erica Curtis, Julie Hynes and Camille Burt; inset: Jessica Wiseman.

SKIP: Stacie Curtis **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Officer, Government of Canada **Highlights:** Skipped N.L. at 2011, '13, '16, '17, '18 and '23 Hearts. Played third at 2007 Canadian mixed. Skipped at 2004, '05, '06 and '07 Canadian U-21's; won gold in '07. Silver medallist at 2007 world juniors as skip for Canada

THIRD: Erica Curtis **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Recreation specialist, Eastern Health
Highlights: Played lead for N.L. at 2017 and '18 Hearts, skip in '20, third in '23. Played lead for N.L. at 2008 and '11 Canadian U-21's, skip in '12

FRONT END: Julie Hynes **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Registered nurse, Eastern Health **Highlights:** Played second for N.L. at 2016, '17, '18, '20 and '23 Hearts. Played second at 2005

Canadian U-21's, lead in '06 and '07, skipped in '08; won gold medal in '07. Silver medallist at 2007 world juniors as lead for Canada

FRONT END: Camille Burt **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Respiratory therapy student, College of the North Atlantic **Highlights:** Played lead for N.L. at 2023 Hearts. Played lead for N.L. at 2018 and '19 Canadian U-21's. Played lead for N.L. at 2017 and '18 Canadian U-18's

FRONT END: Jessica Wiseman **Age:** 32
Occupation: Quality assurance, aircraft maintenance engineer, PAL Technical Services **Highlights:** Played second for N.L. at 2014 and '15 Hearts. Skipped N.L. at 2010 Canadian U-21's, second in '11 and '12

COACH: Eugene Trickett

NORTHERN ONTARIO

FORT WILLIAM CURLING CLUB, THUNDER BAY



From left: Sarah Potts, Ashley Sippala, Kendra Lilly, Andrea Kelly and Krista McCarville.

SKIP: Krista McCarville **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Teacher, Thunder Bay Catholic School District
Highlights: Skipped Ontario at 2006, '07, '09 and '10 Hearts, Northern Ontario in '16, '17, '19, '20, '22 and '23; won silver in '16 and '22, bronze in '10 and '23. Played third for Northern Ontario at 2005 Canadian mixed. Played second for Northern Ontario at 1998 Canadian U-21's, skipped in 2000, '01 and '02

THIRD: Andrea Kelly **Age:** 36 **Occupation:** Labour relations officer, Canadian Forces Morale & Welfare Services **Highlights:** Skipped N.B. at 2006, '09, '10, '11, '13, '14, '19, '20, '22 and '23 Hearts, threw fourth stones in '12; won bronze in '22. Skipped N.B. at 2002, '04 and '05 Canadian U-21's; won gold in '05 and bronze in '04. Bronze-medallist at 2005 world juniors as Canada skip

FRONT END: Kendra Lilly **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Operations manager, DKB Financial Services Group Inc. **Highlights:** Played third for

Northern Ontario at 2016, '17, '19, '20, '22 and '23 Hearts; won silver in '16 and '22, bronze in '23. Skipped throwing third rocks at 2009 Canadian U-21's, throwing fourth rocks in '10, '11 and '12; won bronze in '10

FRONT END: Ashley Sippala **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Lab technician, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre **Highlights:** Played second for Ontario at 2010 Hearts, Northern Ontario in '16, '17, '20, '22 and '23; won silver in '16 and '22, bronze in '10 and '23. Played third for Northern Ontario at 2008 Canadian mixed. Skipped Northern Ontario at 2008 Canadian U-21's

FRONT END: Sarah Potts **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Social worker, St. Joseph's Care Group **Highlights:** Played lead for Northern Ontario at '16, '17, '20, '22 and '23 Hearts; won silver in '16 and '22, bronze in '23. Played in 2015 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for Northern Ontario at 2008 Canadian U-21's

COACH: Rick Lang

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE CURLING CENTRE



From left: Kerry Galusha, Jo-Ann Rizzo, Margot Flemming and Sarah Koltun.

SKIP (lead stones): Kerry Galusha **Age:** 46 **Occupation:** Finance officer, Government of N.W.T. Department of Justice **Highlights:** Skipped N.W.T./Yukon throwing fourth rocks at 2001, '08, '09, '11, '12 and '13 Hearts, throwing third rocks in '05, '06 and '07. Skipped N.W.T. throwing fourth rocks at 2017, '18, '19 and '21 Hearts and '15 and '16 pre-qualifiers. Skipped N.W.T. throwing second rocks in 2020. Skipped N.W.T. throwing lead rocks in 2022, '23. Played third for N.W.T. at 2015, '18 and '20 Canadian mixed and N.W.T./Yukon in 1999 and '06; won silver in '15, bronze in '20. Skipped N.W.T. at 1996 and '98 Canadian U-21's, played third for N.W.T./Yukon in '93, '94 and '95

FOURTH: Jo-Ann Rizzo **Age:** 60 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Threw fourth rocks for N.W.T. at 2020, '22 and '23 Hearts, played third in '21. Skipped Ontario at 2016, '17 and

'22 Canadian seniors; won silver in '17. Played third for Ontario at 2003 Canadian mixed

THIRD: Margot Flemming **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** PhD student, Geography, University of Waterloo **Highlights:** Played second for N.W.T. at 2021 and '22 Hearts, third in '23. Played third for N.W.T. at 2021, '22 and '23 mixed; won bronze in '21, '22

SECOND: Sarah Koltun **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Family medicine resident **Highlights:** Played third for N.W.T. at 2018, '19, '20 and '22 Hearts, second in '23. Skipped Yukon at 2014 Hearts and '15 and '17 pre-qualifiers. Played third for Yukon at 2018 Canadian mixed. Skipped Yukon at 2007, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13 and '14 Canadian U-21's

ALTERNATE: Shona Barbour
COACH: Kevin Koe

NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX CURLING CLUB



From left: Heather Smith, Jill Brothers, Marie Christianson and Erin Carmody.

SKIP (third stones): Heather Smith **Age:** 51 **Occupation:** Account manager, Benjamin Bridge Winery & Business owner, Arbonne International & Live More Lifestyle **Highlights:** Skipped Nova Scotia at 2000, '04, '11, '12 and '14 Hearts; won bronze in '11. Played at 2013 and '14 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for New Brunswick at 1993, '94, '95 and '96 Canadian mixed, third for Nova Scotia in 2000, '01, '02, '09 and '10; won gold in '94, '02 and '10, silver in '01. Played third for New Brunswick at 1990 Canadian U-21's, skip in '91; won gold in '91

FOURTH: Jill Brothers **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Technical director, Nova Scotia Curling Association **Highlights:** Skipped Nova Scotia at 2007, '16, '19 and '21 Hearts, played third in '14, second for New Brunswick in '23. Won gold at 2010 Canadian mixed as lead. Skipped at 2001 and '04 Canadian U-21's; won gold in '04. Won silver at 2004 world juniors as skip for Canada

SECOND: Marie Christianson **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Registered massage therapist, Brickyard Health **Highlights:** Played lead for P.E.I. at 2016 Hearts, third in '19, '20, '21, '22 and skip (third stones) in '23. Played third for N.L. at 2016 Canadian mixed, third for Nova Scotia in '19 and '22; won silver in '19. Played in 2014 and '15 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Nova Scotia at 2007 and '09 Canadian U-21's

LEAD: Erin Carmody **Age:** 32 **Occupation:** Clinical dietitian, IWK Health **Highlights:** Played third for Nova Scotia at 2019 and '21 Hearts, threw fourth rocks for P.E.I. in '10; won silver in '10. Played third for P.E.I. at 2012 Canadian mixed. Skipped P.E.I. at 2007, '08 and '09 Canadian U-21's

ALTERNATE: Taylour Stevens
COACH: Colleen Jones

ONTARIO – HOMAN OTTAWA CURLING CLUB



From left: Rachel Homan, Tracy Fleury, Emma Miskew and Sarah Wilkes.

SKIP: Rachel Homan **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Canada at 2018 Olympics and competed at mixed doubles in '22. Skipped Ontario at 2011, '13, '17, '19, '20 and '23 Hearts, Canada in '14 and '15; won gold in '13, '14 and '17, silver in '19 and '20, bronze in '15. Skipped Canada to bronze at 2013 worlds, silver in '14, gold in '17. Played in 2016, '17 and '23 Canadian mixed doubles; won bronze in '23. Played third for Ontario at 2012 Canadian mixed. Won silver at 2009 Canadian U-21's as skip, gold in '10. Won silver at 2010 world juniors as skip for Canada

THIRD: Tracy Fleury **Age:** 37 **Occupation:** Chartered professional accountant, Laurentian University **Highlights:** Skipped Ontario at 2012 Hearts, Northern Ontario in '15 and '18, Manitoba in '19, Wild Card #1 in '22 and '20 wild card pre-qualifier; skipped Ontario (third stones) in '23. Played in 2023 Canadian mixed doubles. Threw fourth rocks for Northern Ontario at 2005 Canadian U-21's, skipped in '06 and '07. Played third for Northern Ontario at 2010 Canadian mixed

SECOND: Emma Miskew **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Industrial and graphic designer **Highlights:** Played third for Canada at 2018 Olympics. Played third for Ontario at 2011, '13, '17, '19, '20 and '21 Hearts, Canada in '14 and '15, skipped Wild Card #3 in '22, second for Ontario in '23; won gold in '13, '14 and '17, silver in '19, '20 and '21, bronze in '15. Won bronze at 2013 worlds as third, silver in '14, gold in '17. Played in 2016 and '21 Canadian mixed doubles. Won silver at 2009 Canadian U-21's as third for Ontario, gold in '10. Won silver at 2010 world juniors as third for Canada

LEAD: Sarah Wilkes **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Registered psychotherapist, qualifying **Highlights:** Played second for Alberta at 2017 Hearts, Ontario in '21, Wild Card #3 in '22, third for Alberta in '19 and Canada in '20, lead for Ontario in '23; won gold in '19, silver in '21. Won gold at 2016 Canadian mixed as third for Alberta. Played third for Ontario at 2011 Canadian U-21's

ALTERNATE: Rachel Brown
COACH: Don Bartlett

ONTARIO – INGLIS CHAMPION OTTAWA HUNT & GOLF CLUB



From left: Danielle Inglis, Kira Brunton, Calissa Daly and Cassandra de Groot.

SKIP: Danielle Inglis **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Social media & web content coordinator, Curling Canada **Highlights:** Played at 2015 and '16 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Ontario at 2008 Canadian U-21's. Won gold as Ontario third at 2018 Canadian mixed. Won gold as Canada third at 2018 world mixed

THIRD: Kira Brunton **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** MA student in counselling psychology, Yorkville University **Highlights:** Played at 2019 Canadian mixed doubles. Played third for Northern Ontario at 2016 Canadian U-21's, skip in '19 and '20; Won gold as Northern Ontario skip at 2017 Canadian U-18's

SECOND: Calissa Daly **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Policy analyst, Indigenous Policy Services **Highlights:** Played second for Ontario at 2019 Canadian U-21's, second for Northern Ontario in '20

LEAD: Cassandra de Groot **Age:** 35 **Occupation:** Associate wealth & investments advisor, Cotter Wealth Management of RBC Dominion Securities

ALTERNATE: Kimberly Tuck
COACH: Steve Acorn

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CRAPAUD COMMUNITY CURLING CLUB



From left: Jane DiCarlo, Veronica Mayne, Sabrina Smith and Whitney Jenkins.

SKIP (throws third): Jane DiCarlo **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** First-year student advisor & recruiter, University of PEI **Highlights:** Won silver as PEI second at 2014 Canadian club championships. Played third for New Brunswick at 2011 Canada Winter Games

FOURTH: Veronica Mayne **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Grade 2 teacher, Public Schools Branch **Highlights:** Skipped PEI at 2017 Canadian mixed. Skipped PEI at 2022 Canadian club championships. Skipped PEI at 2013 and '15 Canadian U-21's

SECOND: Sabrina Smith **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Early childhood educator, Kinkora Early Learning Centre **Highlights:** Played second for PEI at 2017 Canadian mixed. Played at 2016 and '17 Canadian mixed doubles. Played lead for PEI at 2022 Canadian club championships. Played second for PEI at 2013, '14, '15 and '16 Canadian mixed

LEAD: Whitney Jenkins **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Administrative assistant, University of PEI **Highlights:** Played lead for PEI at 2010 and '11 Canadian U-21's

ALTERNATE: Emily Best
COACH: Daryell Nowlan

QUEBEC

LAVAL-SUR-LE-LAC/GLENMORE CURLING CLUBS



From left: Laurie St-Georges, Jamie Sinclair, Emily Riley and Kelly Middaugh.

SKIP: Laurie St-Georges **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Journalism student, Université de Québec à Montréal **Highlights:** Skipped Quebec at 2021, '22 and '23 Hearts. Played in 2021 and '23 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Quebec at 2016, '18 and '19 Canadian U-21's; won silver in '18. Played third for Quebec at 2019 and '22 Canadian mixed; won gold in '22 and bronze in '19. Won bronze at 2023 world mixed as Canada third

THIRD: Jamie Sinclair **Age:** 31 **Occupation:** Design and renovation contractor **Highlights:** Skipped United States at 2018 and '19 worlds. Skipped Ontario at 2012 and '13 Canadian U-21's; won bronze in '13

SECOND: Emily Riley **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Mental performance consultant **Highlights:** Played second for Quebec at 2021 and '22 Hearts, third in '23. Played lead for Quebec at 2016, second at '18 and '19 Canadian U-21's; won silver in '18. Played lead for Quebec at 2019 and '22 Canadian mixed; won gold in '22 and bronze in '19. Won bronze at 2023 world mixed as Canada lead

LEAD: Kelly Middaugh **Age:** 24 **Occupation:** Outdoor educator **Highlights:** Played lead for Quebec at 2023 Hearts

ALTERNATE: Marie-France Larouche
COACH: François Roberge

SASKATCHEWAN

NUTANA CURLING CLUB, SASKATOON



From left: Skylar Ackerman, Ashley Thevenot, Taylor Stremick and Kaylin Skinner

SKIP: Skylar Ackerman **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Kinesiology student, University of Saskatchewan **Highlights:** Skipped Saskatchewan (host team) at 2019 Canadian U-21's. Won silver as Saskatchewan skip at 2018 Canadian U-18's

THIRD: Ashley Thevenot **Age:** 25 **Occupation:** Registered veterinary technologist, Gateway Veterinary Services **Highlights:** Skipped Saskatchewan at 2020 Canadian U-21's

SECOND: Taylor Stremick **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Masters of Education student (school and counselling psychology), University of Saskatchewan / Administration assistant, Wildflowers Therapy

LEAD: Kaylin Skinner **Age:** 26 **Occupation:** Auditor, KPMG Saskatoon

ALTERNATE: Amber Holland
COACH: Patrick Ackerman

YUKON

WHITEHORSE CURLING CLUB



From left: Bayly Scoffin, Kerry Foster, Raelyn Helston and Kimberly Tuor.

SKIP: Bayly Scoffin **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Student, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology **Highlights:** Played at 2021 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped Yukon at 2020, '22 and '23 Canadian U-21's

THIRD: Kerry Foster **Age:** 45 **Occupation:** Executive assistant to president, Northwestel **Highlights:** Played second for Yukon at 2022 and '23 Hearts. Skipped Yukon at 1996 Canadian U-21's

SECOND: Raelyn Helston **Age:** 19 **Occupation:** Student, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology **Highlights:** Played second for Alberta #2 at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21's; won bronze in '22

LEAD: Kimberly Tuor **Age:** 33 **Occupation:** Senior biologist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada **Highlights:** Played lead for Yukon at 2020, '22 and '23 Hearts

ALTERNATE: Helen Strong
COACH: Kevin Patterson



Homan, Jones teams avoid the grind of provincials to earn berth in Scotties

BY SCOTT CRUICKSHANK

WELCOME RELIEF!



PHOTO COURTESY TEAM HOMAN

Top: Six-time Scotties champion Jennifer Jones is happy to have a berth locked up, but says playing in a provincial championship is not that big of an ordeal.

Inset: Team Homan has plenty to feel good about after earning a spot directly into the Scotties Tournament of Hearts without having to go through the meatgrinder of a provincial championship.

The excitement of competing in your home province, the thrill of surviving a week's worth of ups and downs en route to championship success, the joy of punching your ticket to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts — it's an experience that is tough to top for the top women curlers in Canada.

Yet, this season two teams are perfectly happy to skip the emotional ride.

The teams of Rachel Homan and Jennifer Jones, by virtue of stellar 2022-23 Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) performances, earned berths to the 2024 Scotties at the WinSport Event Centre in Calgary without needing to expose their chins in the playdowns of Ontario and Manitoba, respectively.

Confirmation of pre-qualification had come as welcome relief. Now they arrive at the national tournament with nary a provincial scar.

"It's comforting, knowing you're already qualified," said third Karlee Burgess, who, with

front-enders Emily Zacharias and Lauren Lenetine, makes up Jones's team. "We were able to schedule our season around the Scotties and figure out how we can best peak for that. It's nice knowing we already have our spot there. We don't have to have that extra stress, that extra pressure.

"Provincials is such a long week. Every game is high stress because you can't really lose. Every game's a tight one. It's never an easy week.

"We were able to have that extra rest, instead of grinding it out in Manitoba."

Homan is well aware of the grind. Nine times she's endured the Ontario tourney — seven times she's emerged victorious. But even triumphs take their toll.

"It is taxing and tiring," said Homan. "Provincials is always stressful — at the end of the day, you have to win that one game. So the fact that we don't have



to do that and we can bring a more rested version of ourselves to the Scotties is, I think, great.”

Advancing from provincial playdowns is a physical and mental drain, especially with a schedule that can feature a double-digit number of matches, all fraught with varying degrees of strain.

“That’s a lot of games to throw on your body. Then you have to recover two weeks later and do the same thing at nationals,” said Homan, whose team is rounded out by vice-skip Tracy Fleury, second Emma Miskew and lead Sarah Wilkes. “It’s a bit nicer that we get to do training that will put us in the best recovered state of preparedness before we get to nationals.”

Jones, though, says playing in the provincials is never an ordeal. (Then again, she has claimed a total of 11 Manitoba titles.) “Sometimes it gives you energy. They’re a lot of fun to play in and it’s fun to play at home, for sure. It’s just a matter of having to win — if you don’t ...”

But even she acknowledges that having pre-qualification spots reserved for the Scotties means it’s more likely that the very best foursomes will be present.

“I think it’s good,” said Miskew. “Curling, in general, is going in the direction of qualifying teams based off points, no matter where they live — that’s kind of how other sports operate.”

Meaning, instead of relying on provincial borders to determine representation, curling ability gets to speak for itself.

“It’s really important,” said Jones, who has won

a record six Scotties titles. “The wild card definitely has a place in the current system, just to ensure that all the top teams have the opportunity to play for the national championship, no matter where you live. I definitely like the concept of having multiple wild cards. It’s really added value to the championships.”

Scotties defending champion Kerri Einarson, of Gimli, Man., also earned an automatic trip to Calgary. And a fourth outfit — the top non-qualified team on the 2023-24 CTRS charts at the conclusion of the provincial and territorial playdowns — will be added to the field.

For Homan and Jones, downtime prior to nationals was a valuable commodity.

Following the Grand Slam of Curling Co-op Canadian Open in Red Deer, Alta., Jan. 16-21 at Servus Arena, their teams had the opportunity for well-paced preparation, a chance to sharpen up instead of wear down.

“It’s how you manage it,” Miskew said. “We’re all dedicated and motivated to training. So we used the time for that and tried to mimic game play the best that we could. We practised and trained instead of worrying about having to go and beat a bunch of great teams (in Ontario).”

This season, the pre-qualified squads have been clicking. Homan captured the PointsBet Invitational in September, the Grand Slam of Curling’s WFG Masters in December and the Canadian Open in January, while Jones prevailed at the Grand Slam HearingLife Tour Challenge in October and

Inset: Scotties Tournament of Hearts curlers played before cardboard cutouts in 2021 at Calgary’s WinSport Event Centre as COVID-19 ravaged the country.

“That’s one of the great things about curling – the crowd being right there, the cheering, the loud atmosphere. It really does bring excitement and energy to the game. It’s so good for the sport. We feed off that energy. It gets us fired up. I always love a crowd.”

– KARLEE BURGESS

Left: Rachel Homan and Jennifer Jones get to continue their fierce rivalry in Calgary.

Right: Karlee Burgess is looking forward to playing in front of a live, enthusiastic audience when the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts hits the ice.



Competitors were either at the rink or in their room – nowhere else. “It was different,” Burgess said. “There wasn’t a lot we could do. It was basically to the hotel and then to the arena. So we ordered in a lot of food, we watched a lot of shows. It was long. You’d play a game, then it was right back to the hotel. It wasn’t ideal.”

No spectators – not even friends and family members – had been allowed inside the venue. Performing in front of empty seats was strange. “I would say it was tough,” said Miskew, whose team finished second to Einarson in 2021, that being the second of the Manitoban’s four straight championships. “The quiet stands was unique. That’s not normally how it is when we play in arenas.”

Added Burgess: “That’s one of the great things about curling – the crowd being right there, the cheering, the loud atmosphere. It really does bring excitement and energy to the game. It’s so good for the sport. We feed off that energy. It gets us fired up. I always love a crowd.”

So, not surprisingly, everyone is looking forward to the 2024 edition of the Scotties.

And for the pre-qualified teams, it presents an awfully appealing scenario. “It’s nice,” said Miskew, “going back to that arena, having fans, not being in isolation – and having had some good training time leading in.”

made the semifinals in the Canadian Open.

Hard markers all, the pursuit of excellence continues.

“We haven’t won everything, so we still have some work to do,” said Homan. “Our team’s been training a ton. We’re really excited about where we’re at. But we can keep getting better and working on our performance.”

This isn’t the first time Homan and Jones have rolled into the WinSport Event Centre to battle for the Canadian crown. And no one has likely forgotten the 2021 Scotties in Calgary.

With COVID-19 restrictions in place, the occasion was reduced to a bubble format, with no fans and plenty of precautions. But it wasn’t all bad, given the alternative.

“I thought it was awesome,” said Jones. “I mean, at that point we weren’t really able to play in anything, so just to have the opportunity to play was so much fun. Just to be on the ice at a time when you didn’t get to do a whole lot meant the world to us.”

But players, understandably, had been on edge. After all, no one wanted to be the person who, with a positive test result, caused the entire tournament to be shut down.

The mandated routines soon turned wearisome.

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ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

AAAAAND WE'RE BACK!

For many of the competing athletes, along with Curling Canada staff, on-ice officials and ice technicians, walking into the WinSport Event Centre will bring back memories — and not all of them will be pleasant.

Not in the sense that something BAD happened in the building that is hosting the 43rd edition of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts; quite the contrary, in many respects.

I refer, of course, to the 2021 Calgary Bubble that saw many of us spend the better part of three-plus months commuting between the Sheraton Four Points and the WinSport Event Centre, back and forth, back and forth, no stops in between, no side trips, wear a mask at all times, and subject yourself to so many COVID tests that your nose started feeling like a train tunnel from having those cotton swaps jammed up there.

But, in the end — after three Canadian championships, two world championships and two Grand Slam events that our friends and colleagues at Rogers Broadcasting produce in collaboration with Curling Canada — not a single athlete, staff member, ice technician or on-ice official inside the Bubble tested positive.

It was a remarkable achievement on so many levels — first and foremost due to the support of the Province of Alberta and the City of Calgary, who shared Curling Canada's vision that we could somehow pull this off in a safe and responsible manner.

Years from now, no one will say that the 2021 Scotties and Brier were the most exciting and well-curl'd Canadian women's and men's championship events in our history, but there should be no question that they're the most important and well-executed national championship curling events ever pulled off.

The level of planning — and, to be quite honest, the accompanying level of tension — that was a daily part of our lives for the weeks and months leading up to the first Bubble event, the 2021 Scotties, can't be adequately described.

Our new Chief Executive Officer Nolan Thiessen and our longtime Mr. Everything Danny Lamoureux (he had the title of Executive Director of Curler Experience and Curling Club Development back then; he now, finally, is enjoying retirement) played the biggest roles in making the Bubble happen, consulting constantly with Alberta Health and Dr. Robert McCormack to put together the plan that ultimately led to the success of the Bubble.

Which isn't to say there weren't some tense moments, starting with the opening weekend of the opening event,

the 2021 Scotties, when Northwest Territories vice-skip Jo-Ann Rizzo informed us that she wasn't feeling well. You can just imagine how rattling that news was; thankfully, it turned out to be food poisoning.

The Bubble events lasted until May 9 — the closing day of the World Women's Curling Championship, and the undisputed Bubble Iron Man was ice technician Jon Wall, who was there from start to finish.

Were their occasional hiccups? Of course. The closing weekend of the World Men's Curling Championship was, beyond a doubt, the worst three days we spent in the Bubble thanks to four positive tests for athletes — tests that later were determined to be "false positives".

I vividly remember the closing weekend of the World Women's, scrolling through Twitter — oops, X — and seeing someone suggest that "it looks like 2021 is going to be the worst year in the history of Canadian curling."

It was jarring, to say the least, and I mentioned it in an interview I did with Ted Wyman of Postmedia.

"I was like, 'Are you freaking kidding me?'" To me, it was a triumph. It was a triumph in an era when other amateur sports organizations were not able to pull off what we pulled off. We put on three successful Canadian championships, two world championships and we gave curling to TV fans — and not a single athlete tested positive in the Bubble, we kept them safe — that's a triumph."

Three years later, I don't think I did it justice in that interview. Looking back on the amount of contingency planning, the consultation with subject-matter experts, the cooperation with so many levels of government, the collaboration with our hosts then, and this week, WinSport — to have it all come together and accomplish what we set out to accomplish was a stunning achievement.

Ultimately, though, everyone who played a role in the Bubble — the athletes, officials, staff, TV crews, ice techs, WinSport and Calgary-and-area volunteers — should be taking a bow.

So, yes, as I walk around the WinSport Event Centre this week, it will be amazing to see fans — lots of them — in the seats, and not cardboard cutouts. We're in a better place today than three years ago, unquestionably.

And while I won't miss the "what-if" scenarios that we always had in the back of our mind during the Bubble, I will certainly look back in fondness on those three months and be thankful for having experienced it in person.

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As soon as she is old enough to grab the handle of a curling rock, young Piper Cooling will surely have grandma Shannon Kleibrink there to show her the ropes.



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A 'FIXER' AND A 'DOER'

Alberta's Kleibrink pivots from on-ice star to key contributor in curling's commitment to spotlight the sport on multiple levels

BY TAYLOR ALLEN

You must be one special talent to be Team Canada's skip at the Winter Olympics.

Shannon Kleibrink had that honour at the 2006 Turin Games when she guided her team from Calgary — which featured third Amy Nixon, second Glenys Bakker, lead Christine Keshen and alternate Sandra Jenkins — to a bronze-medal victory.

On top of that, the now 55-year-old also played at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts five times, reaching the final in 2008.

But it also takes a special talent to have the impact that Kleibrink is having in her current role with Curling Alberta as the Director of Community Curling Centre Development.

Kleibrink, who retired from competition in 2018, started working for her provincial curling organization three years ago and launched a program called Ready to Rock with the help of a government grant. The purpose was to reach out to non-traditional curling audiences and get youth between the ages of eight and 18 to give the Roaring Game a shot.

"It was super successful that first season," said



PHOTO COURTESY SHANNON KLEIBRINK

Besides her duties with Curling Alberta, Shannon Kleibrink (centre) is coach of the Sait Trojans curling teams. After retirement, Kleibrink wanted to get into coaching, and she has done so in a big way. Team members love her: (left to right) Bayly Scoffin, Erin McCracken, Julia Fleger and Sarah McKinnon.

Kleibrink. “We had about 700 kids that tried it who may not have otherwise as they didn’t come from a family where their parents had played, or maybe they didn’t see themselves in the sport previously.

“It was pretty exciting to get that rolling.”

Ready to Rock events take place at clubs throughout the province. It’s a way for experienced instructors to showcase curling to the next generation.

Kleibrink, who supports a whopping 186 clubs in her role, was pleasantly surprised to see just how big of an impact it had.

“When we originally started the program, I thought we might get 15 or 20 per cent of the kids that felt that they liked it and would want to come back for a program after that,” she said. “But we actually had over 85 per cent of the kids who tried it for the first time who then stayed.

“My favourite story is probably what happened in Banff at one of the original Ready to Rock programs. The parents all wanted to try it, too. So, it was sort of a snowball effect that kids come and try, the parents see it, and it ends up being sort of a family affair, so that’s pretty cool.”

Most of the participants are newcomers to Canada, and that’s by design.

Kleibrink is also one of eight volunteers on Curling Alberta’s Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Task Force. The group has

been meeting since the summer of 2021 and was designed to promote an open, welcoming and trusting environment for anyone and everyone with an interest in the game.

“Curling is an invitational sport, so we make sure we reach out to community partners where we think there might be a group that hasn’t tried curling before, and we invite them to bring all their membership,” said Kleibrink. “It’s not just that we put up a sign that says ‘Everyone Is Welcome.’ We intentionally go into the community to build those relationships.

“I just want everyone to have the experience that I did if that’s what they would like. Everyone always says the sport is open and welcoming to everyone, but I’m not sure that it always is without making some changes to make everyone welcome. I just want to make sure all of those kids and their parents have an opportunity to try the sport that I love so much.



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Another step was taken this past year with the addition of the Girls Rock initiative which focuses on increasing young female participation.

Ready to Rock and Girls Rock combined to have more than 20 events in 2023.

Alberta has more males playing than females. Kleibrink is hopeful Girls

Rock can one day help close the gap.

“It’s just really important where we have programs where females feel welcome and a little more comfortable. So, we have female instructors for those Girls Rock programs, making it all females on the ice,” she said. “It’s just kind of a unique opportunity for girls to try it for the first time.”

Curling Alberta is ecstatic to have a legend on their side, and even more happy to see the difference she’s been making in such a short amount of time

“Shannon has been a phenomenal help from the get-go,” said Curling Alberta’s Competition and Communications Manager Britney Andersen. “The minute she joined us she’s been so focused on making curling better, stronger, and more equal across the whole province.

“She’s fantastic and we’re so lucky to have her.

Along with Bobby Ray (Curling Canada’s Manager of Club Development & Member Service)

Above: Shannon Kleibrink also has played a role in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts as the vice-chair of Calgary’s organizing committee. She was before the cameras with three others on the committee at the official announcement, including (left to right) Cheryl Bernard, Susan Seitz, and Amy Nixon.

Inset: It was a proud moment for Shannon Kleibrink when she brought home a bronze medal for Canada from the 2006 Turin Olympics.



Above: It was a dream come true for Calgary's Shannon Kleibrink when she won the 2005 Canadian Curling Trials in Halifax, defeating Kelly Scott in the final.

Right: Shannon Kleibrink has worn Alberta colours at five Scotties Tournament of Hearts and was a consistent force at the Canadian Curling Trials.

and Kim Dennis (Curl BC's Member Services Manager), Kleibrink recently spent two weeks doing a Northern Alberta/B.C. tour with stops at eight different clubs. The idea of the trip is to help rinks plan for a successful future and assist with any issues they may be having.

"She's spoken to clubs around the province that we haven't heard from in years," said Andersen. "Clubs that are volunteer-run, very local based. Shannon has no problem walking inside, pulling up a chair, and saying 'OK, what can I help you with? Where is your struggle? Let's talk about your board'.

"She's a fixer, but she's a doer as well. We know when Shannon's involved it's going to get done and it's going to be unbelievably well done."

Kleibrink — a three-time finalist at the Canadian Curling Trials and a two-time Grand Slam winner — has also played a role in the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts as the vice-chair of Calgary's organizing committee. The women's national tournament takes place this week at the WinSport Event Centre.

"In all the years that I played, the Scotties was only in Calgary once and it was in 1995. It's been a long time coming, and we're glad to have some



fans in the seats this time because we had the Scotties during the bubble (2021) and of course, we weren't able to have any in the building," said Kleibrink.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing it come to life with full stands and a Patch (entertainment centre) next door. It's going to be a great event as usual and I'm really excited to be a part of it."

Kleibrink wore Alberta colours at five Scotties: Brandon, Man. (1993), Red Deer, Alta. (2004), Regina (2008), Charlottetown (2011), and St. Catharines, Ont. (2017). She was also a consistent force at the Trials as she took home silver in 1997 and 2009 in addition to her big win in 2005.

"The trips to the Scotties are all so special. I guess the first time you go is when you get the jewelry and you become a part of the Scotties club, that's probably my favourite memory," said Kleibrink.

"But there's so many. Every young girl that curls dreams of going to the Scotties."

Kleibrink knew she wanted to get into coaching when she retired, and she does that too as she works with one of Alberta's best up-and-coming talents in Kayla Skrlík.

She also coaches teams for the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Trojans.

Nothing can replace the thrill of playing against the best curlers in the world, but helping her community in so many different ways is a dream come true for the former standout skip.

"It's everything curling," said Kleibrink. "I wouldn't have it any other way."

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Alberta Champions HONOUR ROLL

The first Canadian Women's Curling Championship took place in 1961. Since then, teams from Alberta have won the title eight times.

Note: 2021 Alberta championship was cancelled due to pandemic; 2020 champions represented Alberta at the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

ALEXANDER, Diane — of Edmonton as second in 1989, '90, '91
AMUNDSON (MAIR), Jessica — of Edmonton as second in 2012; as Team Canada second in '13
ASHLEE, Bernice — of Dawson Creek (B.C.) as second in 1964
BACON, Kathy — of Beaumont as lead in 1988
BAKKER, Glenys — of Calgary as second in 2004
BALDERSTON, Marcie — of Grande Prairie as third in 1987; of Sexsmith as third in 1999, '01
BALDWIN, Kay — of Edmonton as skip in 1971
BARRACK, Carmen — of Edmonton as third in 2000
BEATON, Polly — of Medicine Hat as skip in 1972
BENNET, Connie — of Calgary as skip in 1984
BENNETT, Joanne — of Dawson Creek (B.C.) as lead in 1964
BERNARD (KULLMAN), Cheryl — of Calgary as skip in 1992, '96, '07, '09
BERRETH, Kay — of Calgary as skip in 1967
BERTSCH (MAKICHUK), Lindsay — as lead in 2010
BINGERT, Jan — of Medicine Hat as second in 1972
BOHMER, Brenda — of Edmonton as second in 1997, '98, '02, '03; as Team Canada second in '99
BOOTH, Betty — of Medicine Hat as third in 1975
BROWN, Maureen — of Edmonton as third in 1995
BROWN (PIDHERNY), Rachel — of Edmonton as lead in 2014, '15; of Calgary as lead in '19; as Team Canada lead in '20
BUCHOLZ, Joyce — of Edmonton as third in 1971
BUSH, Tracy — of Edmonton as lead in 2005, '06
CAMERON, Kate — of Edmonton as third in 2020, '21, '22
CAREY, Chelsea — of Calgary as skip in 2016; '19; as Team Canada skip in '17, '20
CARR, Judy — of Calgary as second in 1984
CESSFORD, Bonnie — of Edmonton as lead in 1970; as second in '73
CHEVELDAVE, Amber — of Grande Prairie as lead in 2013
CLARKE, Betty — of Calgary as lead in 1984
COLE, Betty — of Edmonton as skip in 1970, '73, '78
COURTNEY, Joanne — of Edmonton as second in 2014
COYLE, June — of Edmonton as lead in 1966, '68
CRIST, Phyllis — of Calgary as second in 1962, '63
CURREY, Karen — of Beaumont as second in 1986



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Edmonton's Laura Walker has skipped Alberta teams three times in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Walker, 33, recently became the first active athlete named to Curling Canada's Board of Governors.

DAVIES (SHERRINGTON), Barb — of Calgary as second in 1992, '96
DAVIS, Barbara — of Lethbridge as second in 1977; as third in '79; as skip in '80
DESHARNAIS, Doreen — of Medicine Hat as third in 1972
DOWN, Mickey — of Dawson Creek (B.C.) as skip in 1964
DYKSTRA, Michelle — of Grande Prairie as second in 2013
EARL, Allison — of Calgary as third in 1992
EINARSON, Megan — of Edmonton as third in 2010
ERICKSON, Judy — of Calgary as third in 1981; as second in '85
EYAMIE, Lisa — of Okotoks as third in 2017
FERGUSON, Dana — of Edmonton as third in 2014; as second in '15; of Calgary as second in '19; as Team Canada second in '20
FIELDER, Irene — of St. Albert as second in 1974
FSK, Shirley — of Edmonton as third in 1973; as lead in '78
FLYNN, Simonne — of Medicine Hat as skip in 1969
FRANSEN, Gail — of Medicine Hat as second in 1975
GEDDES, Eleanor — of Medicine Hat as third in 1969
GEMMELL, Liz — of Edmonton as lead in 1976; as third in '78
GREENING, Jackie-Rae — of Edmonton as third in 1990, '91, '03
GREY, Sharon — of Edmonton as lead in 1973
GRIGG, Sharon — of Medicine Hat as skip in 1975
HALVERSON, Irene — of Calgary as lead in 1962, '63
HANDFIELD, Simone — of Beaumont as third in 1988
HARKER, Lyn — of Lethbridge as lead in 1980
HARRINGTON, Sharon — of Edmonton as second in 1966

HAUGHIAN (SCHEIDEGGER), Jessie — of Grande Prairie as second in 2018

HAYES, Ruth — of Edmonton as lead in 1961; as second in '65

HORNE, Kate — of Edmonton as lead in 1995, '97, '98, '02, '03; as Team Canada lead in '99

ISKIW, Beth — of Edmonton as third in 2012; as Team Canada third in '13

JAMISON, Betty — of Edmonton as second in 1970

JAMISON, Hazel — of Edmonton as third in 1966; as skip in '68

JENKINS, Sandra — of Calgary as third in 1993

JOHNSTON, Marilyn — of St. Albert as skip in 1974

JONES, Karen — of Edmonton as third in 1982

JURGENSON, Christine — of Edmonton as third in 1983

KARASEK, Beverly — of Beaumont as second in 1988

KELLERMAN, Beverlee — of Calgary as lead in 1992

KING (BORST), Cathy — of Edmonton as skip in 1995, '97, '98, '02, '05, '06; as Team Canada skip in '99

KLEIBRINK, Shannon — of Calgary as skip in 1993, '04, '08, '11, '17; of Okotoks as skip in '17

KOPE, Terry — of Medicine Hat as lead in 1972

KORTGAARD, Vivian — of Edmonton as second in 1961; as third in '65

LEE, Gale — of Edmonton as skip in 1966, '76; as third in '68

LISTHAEGHE, Tina — of Grande Prairie as second in 1987

LOVE, Karen — of Medicine Hat as lead in 1975

LUKOWICH, Judy — of Calgary as third in 1985

MACDONALD, Lawnie — of Edmonton as third in 2002

MARCHAND, Stephanie — of Calgary as lead in 2004

MARTINEAU, Donna — of Edmonton as lead in 1982

MATSON (BELL), Chelsey — of Calgary as lead in 2008, '11

MCCRACKEN, Betty — of Calgary as lead in 1981, '85

MCDONALD, Taylor — of Edmonton as second in 2020, '21, '22

MCDONALD, Tina — of Sexsmith as second in 1999, '01

MCGARVEY, Anne — of Edmonton as second in 1976, '78

McKAY, Myrna — of Calgary as second in 1981

McKENZIE, Bernie — of Calgary as third in 1962, '63

McKENZIE, Sheila — of Dawson Creek (B.C.) as third in 1964

McLEOD, Crystal — of Grande Prairie as third in 1994

McNAMEE, Karen — of Sexsmith as lead in 1999, '01

McQUARRIE, Myrna — of Lethbridge as skip in 1977, '79

McRORIE (DARBYSHIRE), Carolyn — of Calgary as second in 2007, '09

McTAGGART, Cary-Anne — of Grande Prairie as third in 2018

MITCHELL, Shirley — of Edmonton as second in 1971

MOORE, Kristie — of Edmonton as second in 2000; of Grande Prairie as skip in '13; as lead in '18

MORE, Whitney — of Edmonton as second in 2010

MORRIS (BARTEL), Cori — of Calgary as lead in 2007, '09

MUIRHEAD, Fern — of Medicine Hat as lead in 1969

MYROL, Jean — of Medicine Hat as second in 1969

NEDOHIN (GODBERSON), Heather — of Edmonton as third in 1997, '98; as skip in '00, '12; as Team Canada third in '99; as Team Canada skip in '13

NIXON, Amy — of Calgary as third in 2004, '08, '11, '16; as Team Canada third in '17

O'CONNOR, Susan — of Calgary as third in 2007, '09

OLSEN, Doris — of Edmonton as third in 1970

OLSON (ARMITSTEAD, OLSON-JOHNS), Lori — of Edmonton as third in 2005, '06, '15

PALINKAS, Gloria — of Grande Prairie as skip in 1994

PASIKA, Rona — of Edmonton as lead in 2000

PETERS, Laine — of Edmonton as lead in 2012; as Team Canada lead in '13, '16; of Calgary as lead in '16

PENDERGAST, Judy — of Calgary as lead in 1996

PETERMAN, Jocelyn — of Calgary as second in 2016; as Team Canada second in '17

PILLING, Gayle — of Lethbridge as second in 1979; as third in '80

POWELL, Karen (Gould) — of Grande Prairie as skip in 1987

PRUDEN, Twyla — of Edmonton as lead in 1989

RAMSAY, Geri-Lynn — of Calgary as second in 2023

REED, Vera — of Calgary as skip in 1962, '63

REMPEL, Jane — of Lethbridge as lead in 1977; as second in '80

RICHARDS, Blaine — of Grande Prairie as third in 2013

RIPPEL, Sandra — of Edmonton as second in 1982, '83

ROBERTSON, Evelyn — of Calgary as lead in 1967

ROBINSON, Carlene — of Grande Prairie as second in 1994

ROCQUE, Raylene — of Edmonton as second in 2005, '06

RODGER, Marge — of Calgary as third in 1967

ROLAND, Mavis — of Calgary as third in 1984

RUUS, Karen — of Calgary as third in 1996

RYAN, Penny — of Edmonton as lead in 1983; as third in '89

SALT, Violet — of Calgary as second in 1967

SANTOS (SHERMACK), Deb — of Edmonton as skip in 1989, '90, '91, '03

SAVILL, Jarron — of Grande Prairie as lead in 1987

SCHEIDEGGER, Casey — of Grande Prairie as skip in 2018

SCHULTHEISS, Marie — of St. Albert as lead in 1974

SCOTLAND, Nadine — of Edmonton as lead in 2020, '21, '22

SEITZ, Susan — of Calgary as skip in 1981, '85

SHAW, Catherine — of Edmonton as skip in 1982, '83

SHIELDS, Deanne — of Edmonton as second in 1995

SHIGEHIRO, Sally — of Calgary as second in 1993

SKRLIK, Ashton — of Calgary as lead in 2023

SKRLIK, Kayla — of Calgary as skip in 2023

SLEMKO, Jean — of Beaumont as lead in 1986

SONNENBERG (HANDFIELD), Renee — of Sexsmith as skip in 1999, '01

SOUNESS, Elaine — of St. Albert as third in 1974

SPENCER, Jackie — of Edmonton as second in 1968; as third in '76

SUMMACH, Diane — of Lethbridge as lead in 1979

SWEETING, Val — of Edmonton as skip in 2010, '14, '15

TANISH, Gladys — of Edmonton as lead in 1971

TARNOVA, Rita — of Lethbridge as third in 1977

TAYLOR, Candy — of Grande Prairie as lead in 1994

THIESSEN, Alison — of Okotoks as lead in 2017

THOMPSON, Dorothy — of Edmonton as skip in 1961, '65

THOMPSON, Mabel — of Beaumont as third in 1986

TRAN, Brittany — of Calgary as third in 2023

USHER, Leanne — of Edmonton as lead in 1990, '91

WALKER, Laura — of Edmonton as skip in 2020, '21, '22

WATSON, Islay — of Edmonton as third in 1961; as lead in '65

WEBSTER (SAUNDERS), Bronwen — of Calgary as second in 2008, '11

WERENKA, Lil — of Beaumont as skip in 1986, '88

WILKES, Sarah — of Okotoks as second in 2017; of Calgary as third in '19; as Team Canada third in '20

WRIGHT, Joanne — of Calgary as lead in 1993



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MARJ MITCHELL

>>> AWARD <<<

THE INAUGURAL SCOTT TOURNAMENT OF

Hearts was held in 1982 in Marj Mitchell's home city, Regina. The organizing committee chair was Evelyn Krahn, past president of the Canadian Curling Association, and Mitchell chaired the transportation committee.

Renowned for her fierce competitive spirit and wonderful sense of humour, Mitchell was dedicated to giving back to her sport, having reaped the benefits of two appearances at the Canadian women's championship. She skipped her Saskatchewan team of Nancy Kerr, Shirley McKendry and Wendy Leach to the national title in 1980 — following it up with Canada's first women's world crown — and was runner-up in 1975. She was a winner in every sense of the word — feisty, strong-willed, determined and full of confidence.

Unfortunately, there was one battle Mitchell couldn't win. In 1983, shortly after the second Scott Tournament of Hearts, she died of cancer at the age of 35.

Mitchell, however, has not been forgotten. Since 1998, the sportsmanship award at The Scott Tournament of Hearts — now the Scotties Tournament of Hearts — has been awarded in her honour as the Marj Mitchell Award.

Until Scott Paper assumed sponsorship of the Canadian Women's Curling Championship in 1982, the competition had never offered an individual sportsmanship award.

Scott Paper decided to sponsor a sportsmanship award and decided, in association with Curling Canada, that the award would be named each year in honour of an individual who exemplified the spirit of curling and had had a lasting impact on the region hosting the Hearts that year.

The award has recognized many of curling's unsung heroes, as well as many of its most outstanding athletes and builders.

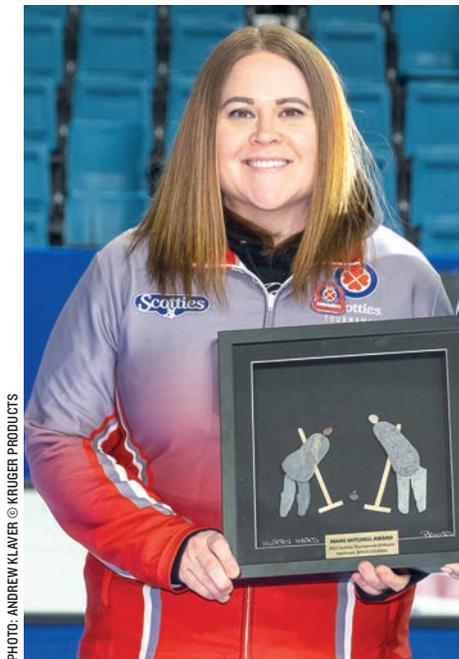


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Kerry Galusha was a popular winner of the Marj Mitchell Award at the 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Kamloops, B.C. It was the second win for the pride of Yellowknife who was appearing in her 20th Scotties.



The Tournament of Hearts sportsmanship award was re-named in honour of Marj Mitchell, above, who skipped Canada to its first women's world title in 1980.

It's appropriate that the award is now known as the Marj Mitchell Award and that its inaugural presentation took place at the 1998 Scott Tournament of Hearts in Regina, where Mitchell learned to curl, spent her curling career and contributed so much to the sport she dearly loved.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Marj Mitchell Sportsmanship Award

- 2023 Kerry Galusha, Northwest Territories*
- 2022 Karlee Everist, Nova Scotia
- 2021 Laurie St-Georges, Quebec
- 2020 Rachel Brown, Team Canada
- 2019 Sarah Potts, Northern Ontario
- 2018 Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan***
- 2017 Kerry Galusha, Northwest Territories
- 2016 Ashley Howard, Saskatchewan
- 2015 Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan
- 2014 Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan
- 2013 Sasha Carter, British Columbia
- 2012 Amanda Gates, Ontario
- 2011 Cathy Overton-Clapham, Manitoba
- 2010 Kelly Scott, British Columbia*
- 2009 Cori Bartel, Alberta
- 2008 Stefanie Clark, Prince Edward Island**
- 2007 Stefanie Clark, Prince Edward Island
- 2006 Kelly Scott, British Columbia
- 2005 Stefanie Richard, Prince Edward Island
- 2004 Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan
- 2003 Anne Dunn, Ontario
- 2002 Meredith Doyle, Nova Scotia
- 2001 Jane Arseneau, New Brunswick*
- 2000 Anne Merklinger, Ontario*
- 1999 Jane Arseneau, New Brunswick
- 1998 Anne Merklinger, Ontario

The Scott Tournament of Hearts Sportsmanship Award

- 1997 **Diana Doe Award**
Alison Goring, Ontario**
- 1996 **Arline Wilson Award**
Stephanie Marchand, Quebec
- 1995 **Bob Stewart Award**
Alison Goring, Ontario
- 1994 **Effie Hezzelwood Award**
Patti McKnight, Ontario
- 1993 **Mabel Mitchell Award**
Laurie Allen, Team Canada
- 1992 **Joyce Myers Award**
Heidi Hanlon, New Brunswick*
- 1991 **Vera Pezer Award**
Alison Goring, Ontario
- 1990 **Lee Tobin Award**
Jackie-Rae Greening, Alberta
- 1989 **Sylvia Fedoruk Award**
Heidi Hanlon, New Brunswick
- 1988 **Caroline Ball Award**
Mary Baird, Nova Scotia
- 1987 **Myrna McQuarrie Award**
Kim Duck, Ontario
- 1986 **Jo Wallace Award**
Mabel Thompson, Alberta
- 1985 **Lura McLuckie Award**
Cathy Dillon, Prince Edward Island
- 1984 **Elizabeth MacDonald Award**
Yvonne Smith, Ontario
- 1983 **Ina Hansen Award**
Penny LaRocque, Nova Scotia
- 1982 **Joyce McKee Award**
Carol Thompson, Ontario

* Two-time winner ** Three-time winner
*** Four-time winner

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS ALL-STAR HONOUR ROLL

NINE-TIME WINNER

Dawn McEwen — as second for Ontario in 2005; as lead for Team Canada in 2010, '11, '16, '19; as lead for Manitoba in 2012, '13, '15, '18

EIGHT-TIME WINNER

Jill Officer — as second for Manitoba in 2007, '08, '12, '15, '18; as second for Team Canada in 2010, '11, '16

SIX-TIME WINNER

Jennifer Jones — as skip for Manitoba in 2005, '12, '13, '18; as skip for Team Canada in 2011, '16

FIVE-TIME WINNER

Kaitlyn Lawes — as third for Team Canada in 2011, '16; as third for Manitoba in 2012, '13, '15

FOUR-TIME WINNERS

Jan Betker — as second for Saskatchewan in 1987, as third in '97; as third for Team Canada in 1994, '98

Shannon Birchard — as second for Manitoba in 2020; as second for Team Canada in 2021, '22, '23 Nancy Delahunt — as lead for Team Canada in 2002, '03, '04, '05

Rachel Homan — as skip for Team Canada in 2014; as skip for Ontario in 2017, '19, '20

Val Sweeting — as third for Manitoba in 2020; as third for Team Canada in 2021, '22, '23

THREE-TIME WINNERS

Mary-Anne Arsenault — as lead for Nova Scotia in 1993, as second in 2006; as second for Team Canada in 2002

Kerri Einarson — As skip for Team Canada in 2021, '22, '23 Colleen Jones — as skip for Nova Scotia in 1999; as skip for Team Canada in 2003, '04

Kim Kelly — as second for Nova Scotia in 1992, as lead in '94, as third in 2001

Joan McCusker — as second for Team Canada in 1994, '95; as second for Saskatchewan in 1997

Emma Miskew — as third for Team Canada in 2014; as third for Ontario in 2017, '19

Cathy Overton-Clapham — as third for Manitoba in 2000; as third for Team Canada in 2009, '10

Sandra Schmirler — as third for Saskatchewan in 1987, as skip in '93, '97

Kelly Scott — as skip for British Columbia in 2006, '10; as skip for Team Canada in 2007

Georgina Wheatcroft — as second for Team Canada in 1988, 2001, as lead in '06

2023 Lead Sarah Potts, Northern Ontario
Second Shannon Birchard, Team Canada
Third Val Sweeting, Team Canada
Skip Kerri Einarson, Team Canada

2022 Lead Briane Harris, Team Canada
Second Shannon Birchard, Team Canada
Third Val Sweeting, Team Canada
Skip Kerri Einarson, Team Canada

2021 Lead Lisa Weagle, Manitoba
Second Shannon Birchard, Team Canada
Third Val Sweeting, Team Canada
Skip Kerri Einarson, Team Canada

2020 Lead Lisa Weagle, Ontario
Second Shannon Birchard, Manitoba
Third Val Sweeting, Manitoba
Skip Rachel Homan, Ontario

2019 Lead Dawn McEwen, Team Canada
Second Jennifer Gates, Northern Ontario
Third Emma Miskew, Ontario
Skip Rachel Homan, Ontario

2018 Lead Dawn McEwen, Manitoba
Second Jill Officer, Manitoba
Third Cary-Anne McTaggart, Alberta
Skip Jennifer Jones, Manitoba

2017 Lead Blaine de Jager, British Columbia
Second Joanne Courtney, Ontario
Third Emma Miskew, Ontario
Skip Rachel Homan, Ontario

2016 Lead Dawn McEwen, Team Canada
Second Jill Officer, Team Canada
Third Kaitlyn Lawes, Team Canada
Skip Jennifer Jones, Team Canada



Jill Officer (left) and Dawn McEwen have 17 all-star selections between them and lead the list of Scotties Tournament of Hearts competitors who have been honoured for their play. Both players were part of the fabulous teams skip Jennifer Jones of Manitoba assembled over the years. Jones has six elections.



Third Emma Miskew has many years left to play if she wants to and will likely improve on her three selections to Scotties Tournament of Hearts all-star teams representing either Team Ontario or Team Canada.

2015 Lead Dawn McEwen, Manitoba
 Second Jill Officer, Manitoba
 Third Kaitlyn Lawes, Manitoba
 Skip Stefanie Lawton, Saskatchewan

2014 Lead Teri Udle, Nova Scotia
 Second Alison Kreviazuk, Team Canada
 Third Emma Miskew, Team Canada
 Skip Rachel Homan, Team Canada

2013 Lead Dawn McEwen, Manitoba
 Second Alison Kreviazuk, Ontario
 Third Kaitlyn Lawes, Manitoba
 Skip Jennifer Jones, Manitoba

2012 Lead Dawn Askin, Manitoba
 Second Jill Officer, Manitoba
 Third Kaitlyn Lawes, Manitoba
 Skip Jennifer Jones, Manitoba

2011 Lead Dawn Askin, Team Canada
 Second Jill Officer, Team Canada
 Third Kaitlyn Lawes, Team Canada
 Skip Jennifer Jones, Team Canada

2010 Lead Dawn Askin, Team Canada
 Second Jill Officer, Team Canada
 Third Cathy Overton-Clapham, Team Canada
 Skip Kelly Scott, British Columbia

2009 Lead Lana Vey, Saskatchewan
 Second Diane Gushulak, British Columbia
 Third Cathy Overton-Clapham, Team Canada
 Skip Stefanie Lawton, Saskatchewan

2008 Lead Chelsey Matson, Alberta
 Second Jill Officer, Manitoba
 Third Amy Nixon, Alberta
 Skip Shannon Kleibrink, Alberta

2007 Lead Marcia Gudereit, Saskatchewan
 Second Jill Officer, Manitoba
 Third Jeanna Schraeder, Team Canada
 Skip Kelly Scott, Team Canada

2006 Lead Georgina Wheatcroft, Team Canada
 Second Mary-Anne Arsenault, Nova Scotia
 Third Jeanna Schraeder, British Columbia
 Skip Kelly Scott, British Columbia

2005 Lead Nancy Delahunt, Team Canada
 Second Dawn McEwen, Ontario
 Third Marliese Kasner, Saskatchewan
 Skip Jennifer Jones, Manitoba

2004 Lead Nancy Delahunt, Team Canada
 Second Maureen Bonar, Manitoba
 Third Amy Nixon, Alberta
 Skip Colleen Jones, Team Canada

2003 Lead Nancy Delahunt, Team Canada
 Second Robyn MacPhee, P.E.I.
 Third Sherry Linton, Saskatchewan
 Skip Colleen Jones, Team Canada

2002 Lead Nancy Delahunt, Team Canada
 Second Mary-Anne Arsenault, Team Canada
 Third Janet Brown, Ontario
 Skip Sherry Anderson, Saskatchewan

2001 Lead Sheri Cordina, Ontario
 Second Georgina Wheatcroft, Team Canada

Third Kim Kelly, Nova Scotia
 Skip Marie-France Larouche, Quebec

2000 Lead Tricia MacGregor, P.E.I.
 Second Karen Daku, Saskatchewan
 Third Cathy Overton-Clapham, Manitoba
 Skip Connie Laliberte, Manitoba

1999 Lead Lou Ann Henry, P.E.I.
 Second Brenda Bohmer, Team Canada
 Third Heather Nedohin, Team Canada
 Skip Colleen Jones, Nova Scotia

1998 Lead Marcia Gudereit, Team Canada
 Second Brenda Bohmer, Alberta
 Third Jan Betker, Team Canada
 Skip Cathy King, Alberta

1997 Lead Jane Hooper Perroud, Team Canada
 Second Joan McCusker, Saskatchewan
 Third Jan Betker, Saskatchewan
 Skip Sandra Schmirler, Saskatchewan

1996 Lead Judy Pendergast, Alberta
 Second Tricia MacGregor, P.E.I.
 Third Kim Gellard, Ontario
 Skip Sherry Middaugh, Saskatchewan

1995 Lead Janet Arnott, Manitoba
 Second Joan McCusker, Team Canada
 Third Kay Montgomery, Saskatchewan
 Skip Rebecca Jean MacPhee, P.E.I.

1994 Lead Kim Kelly, Nova Scotia
 Second Joan McCusker, Team Canada
 Third Jan Betker, Team Canada
 Skip Laura Phillips, Newfoundland

1993 Lead Mary-Anne Arsenault, Nova Scotia
 Second Patti McKnight, Ontario
 Third Cathy Cunningham, Newfoundland
 Skip Sandra Schmirler, Saskatchewan

1992 Lead Karri Willms, Team Canada
 Second Kim Kelly, Nova Scotia
 Third Kathy Fahlman, Saskatchewan
 Skip Lisa Walker, British Columbia

1991 Lead Cheryl McPherson, Team Canada
 Second Sheri Stewart, New Brunswick
 Third Jackie-Rae Greening, Alberta
 Skip Julie Skinner, British Columbia

1990 Lead Lorie Kehler, Saskatchewan
 Second Andrea Lawes, Ontario
 Third Jackie-Rae Greening, Alberta
 Skip Heather Rankin, Nova Scotia

1989 Lead Tracy Kennedy, Team Canada
 Second Diane Alexander, Alberta
 Third Karen Purdy, Manitoba
 Skip Chris More, Manitoba

1988 Lead Tracy Kennedy, Ontario
 Second Georgina Wheatcroft, Team Canada
 Third Cindy Tucker, British Columbia
 Skip Michelle Englot, Saskatchewan

1987 Lead Sheila Schneider, Saskatchewan
 Second Jan Betker, Saskatchewan
 Third Sandra Schmirler, Saskatchewan
 Skip Kathie Ellwood, Manitoba



Mary-Anne Arsenault, as either lead or second, made three all-star teams in her glittering Scotties career representing Nova Scotia.



Kelly Scott of British Columbia was a winner on the ice and in the eyes of voters who named her the all-star skip at three Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

1986 Lead Laurie Carney, Team Canada
 Second Chris Gervais, Saskatchewan
 Third Kathy McEdwards, Ontario
 Skip Linda Moore, Team Canada

1985 Lead Debbie Herbert, Newfoundland
 Second Debbie Jones, British Columbia
 Third Lindsay Sparkes, British Columbia
 Skip Susan Seitz, Alberta

1984 Lead Laurie Carney, British Columbia
 Second Chris Gervais, Saskatchewan
 Third Gillian Thompson, Saskatchewan
 Skip Connie Laliberte, Manitoba

1983 Lead Penny Shantz, Alberta
 Second Cathy Caudle, Nova Scotia
 Third Sharon Horne, Nova Scotia
 Skip Shelly Bildfell, Yukon/N.W.T.

1982 Lead Barbara Jones-Gordon, Nova Scotia
 Second Donna Cunliffe, British Columbia
 Third Lynne Andrews, Manitoba
 Skip Arleen Day, Saskatchewan



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Most appearances (excluding alternates)

- 21 – Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia-Team Canada in 1979, '80, '82, '84, '86, '89, '91, '92, '93, '94, '96, '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '13
- 17 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba-Team Canada-Wild Card in 2002, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '18, '19, '20, '21, '23
- 16 – Kerry Galusha of the Territories-Northwest Territories in 2001, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '11, '12, '13, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 15 – Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia-Team Canada-British Columbia in 1993, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08, '13, '15, '18, '20, '22
- 15 – Kim Kelly of Nova Scotia-Team Canada in 1991, '92, '94, '96, '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08, '13
- 14 – Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island in 2003, '04, '06, '07, '08, '11, '13, '15, '16, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 12 – Sue Anne Bartlett of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1971, '72, '74, '76, '78, '79, '80, '81, '85, '86, '90, '92
- 12 – Cathy Cunningham of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1988, '91, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, 2002, '03, '04, '08, '09
- 12 – Dawn McEwen of Ontario-Manitoba-Team Canada-Wild Card in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '18, '19, '20
- 12 – Jill Officer of Manitoba-Team Canada in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '18
- 12 – Cathy Overton-Clapham of Manitoba-Team Canada in 1991, '95, '96, '99, 2000, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11
- 12 – Heather Strong of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1998, '99, 2000, '01, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '12, '14, '15
- 11 – Nancy Delahunt of Nova Scotia-Team Canada in 1996, '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08
- 11 – Kathy Floyd of New Brunswick in 1984, '89, '90, '91, '92, '95, '97, '98, '99, 2001, '02
- 11 – Heidi Hanlon of New Brunswick in 1987, '89, '90, '91, '92, '94, '95, '97, 2000, '03, '04
- 11 – Andrea Kelly of New Brunswick in 2006, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '19, '20, '22, '23
- 10 – Kim Dolan of Prince Edward Island in 1983, '85, '87, '90, '92, '95, '97, '99, 2012, '14
- 10 – Kathy Kerr of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1987, '91, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, 2002, '03, '04
- 10 – Krista McCarville of Ontario-Northern Ontario in 2006, '07, '09, '10, '16, '17, '19, '20, '22, '23
- 10 – Emma Miskew of Ontario-Team Canada-Wild Card 3 in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '17, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23



No female curler in Canada has played in more Scotties Tournament of Hearts championships than Nova Scotia's Colleen Jones. Starting in 1979, she has appeared in 21 of them.

- 9 – Janet Arnott of Manitoba-Team Canada in 1984, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '99, 2000, '07
- 9 – Jan Betker of Saskatchewan-Team Canada in 1987, '91, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98, 2003, '07
- 9 – Sasha Carter of British Columbia-Team Canada in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '10, '11, '12, '13, '22
- 9 – Sharon Cormier of the Territories in 1993, '97, '98, 2002, '03, '10, '12, '13, '17
- 9 – Michelle Englot of Saskatchewan-Manitoba-Team Canada in 1988, '89, '90, '92, 2001, '08, '12, '17, '18
- 9 – Rachel Homan of Ontario-Team Canada in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '17, '19, '20, '21, '23
- 9 – Connie Laliberte of Manitoba-Team Canada in 1980, '84, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '99, 2000
- 9 – Kaitlyn Lawes of Team Canada-Manitoba-Wild Card-Wild Card 1 in 2011, '12, '13, '15, '16, '19, '20, '21, '23
- 9 – Robyn MacPhee of Prince Edward Island in 2003, '05, '07, '08, '09, '11, '16, '17, '18
- 9 – Heather Martin of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1994, '95, '96, '97, 2002, '03, '04, '11, '13
- 9 – Dawn Moses of the Territories in 1990, '92, '95, '98, 2003, '07, '08, '09, '11
- 8 – Sherry Anderson of Saskatchewan in 1994, '95, 2002, '04, '14, '15, '18, '21
- 8 – Judy Blanchard of New Brunswick in 1987, '89, '90, '92, '94, 2000, '03, '04
- 8 – Pat Dwyer of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1976, '78, '79, '80, '81, '85, '86, '90



Heather Strong was a fixture at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, wearing the colours of Newfoundland & Labrador a whopping 12 times.

- 8 – Marcia Gudereit of Saskatchewan-Team Canada in 1991, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98, 2003, '07
- 8 – Meaghan Hughes of Prince Edward Island in 2016, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 8 – Lorraine Lang of Ontario-Team Canada in 1983, '88, '89, '90, '91, 2006, '07, '09
- 8 – Annie Lemay of Quebec in 1999, 2000, '01, '04, '08, '09, '11, '16
- 8 – Rebecca Jean MacDonald of Prince Edward Island in 1995, '97, '99, 2003, '05, '09, '12, '14
- 8 – Susan McInnis of Prince Edward Island in 1989, '92, '96, '98, 2003, '04, '06, '15
- 8 – Anne Orser of New Brunswick in 1964, '65, '66, '67, '70, '71, '76, '79
- 8 – Kelly Scott of British Columbia-Team Canada in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '10, '11, '12, '13
- 8 – Kelli Sharpe of Newfoundland/Labrador-Territories in 1998, '99, 2000, '05, '06, '07, '19, '22
- 8 – Michelle Shea of Prince Edward Island in 2015, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 8 – Sheri Stewart of New Brunswick in 1986, '89, '90, '91, '92, '94, 2000, '04
- 8 – Laura Strong of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2001, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '12, '14
- 8 – Lisa Weagle of Ontario-Team Canada-Manitoba in 2011, '13, '14, '15, '17, '19, '20, '21
- 8 – Georgina Wheatcroft of British Columbia-Team Canada in 1987, '88, '89, 2000, '01, '04, '06, '07

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- 7 – Shona Barbour of the Territories-Northwest Territories in 2009, '11, '12, '18, '19, '20, '21
- 7 – Shelly Bradley of Prince Edward Island in 1994, 2000, '01, '05, '11, '13, '15
- 7 – Chelsea Carey of Manitoba-Alberta-Team Canada-Wild Card 1-Wild Card 2 in 2014, '16, '17, '19, '20, '21, '22
- 7 – Joanne Courtney of Alberta-Team Canada-Ontario-Wild Card 3 in 2014, '15, '17, '19, '20, '21, '22
- 7 – Cathy King of Alberta-Team Canada in 1995, '97, '98, '99, 2002, '05, '06
- 7 – Marie-France Larouche of Quebec in 2001, '04, '08, '09, '11, '12, '16
- 7 – Kelley Law of British Columbia-Team Canada in 1990, '92, '95, '97, 2000, '01, '07
- 7 – Joan McCusker of Saskatchewan-Team Canada in 1991, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98, 2003
- 7 – Laine Peters of Nova Scotia-Alberta-Team Canada in 2000, '04, '08, '12, '13, '16, '17
- 7 – Mavis Pike of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1971, '72, '74, '76, '78, '79, '80
- 7 – Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan-Team Canada in 1987, '91, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98
- 7 – Jeanna Schraeder of British Columbia-Team Canada in 2006, '07, '08, '10, '11, '13, '22
- 7 – Val Sweeting of Alberta-Manitoba-Team Canada in 2010, '14, '15, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 6 – Tricia MacGregor of Prince Edward Island in 1996, 2000, '01, '04, '06, '10
- 6 – Jane Arseneau of New Brunswick in 1995, '97, '98, '99, 2001, '02
- 6 – Jillian Babin of New Brunswick in 2010, '11, '12, '19, '20, '22
- 6 – Jennifer Baxter of Nova Scotia in 2013, '15, '18, '20, '22, '23
- 6 – Jennie Boomhower of Prince Edward Island in 1965, '69, '70, '71, '72, '74
- 6 – Jill Brothers of Nova Scotia-New Brunswick in 2007, '14, '16, '19, '21, '23
- 6 – Kate Cameron of Manitoba-Team Canada-Alberta-Wild Card 1 in 2017, '18, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 6 – Nancy Cameron of Prince Edward Island-Nova Scotia in 1987, '91, '93, '94, 2006, '12
- 6 – Agnès Charette of Quebec in 1983, '84, '89, '92, '93, '94



Saskatchewan's Sandra Schmirler went to seven Scotties and was one of the most unforgettable curlers during her short career. She died of cancer in 2000.



Marie-France Larouche is 43 years old so she still has time to improve on her mark of seven appearances for Quebec at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

- 6 – Marie Christianson of Prince Edward Island in 2016, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 6 – Stacie Curtis of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2011, '13, '16, '17, '18, '23
- 6 – Cathy Dillon of Prince Edward Island in 1970, '71, '72, '74, '83, '85
- 6 – Kerri Einarson of Manitoba-Wild Card-Team Canada in 2016, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 6 – Tracy Fleury of Ontario-Northern Ontario-Manitoba-Wild Card 1 in 2012, '15, '18, '19, '22, '23
- 6 – Cathy Gauthier of Manitoba-Team Canada in 1992, '93, '94, '95, '96, 2005
- 6 – Peg Goss of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1988, 2002, '03, '04, '08, '09
- 6 – Kate Horne of Alberta-Team Canada in 1995, '97, '98, '99, 2002, '03
- 6 – Debbie Jones-Walker of British Columbia-Team Canada-Manitoba in 1984, '85, '86, '97, '99, 2000
- 6 – Christine Jurgenson of Alberta-Ontario-Team Canada-British Columbia in 1980, '83, '86, '87, '95, '97
- 6 – Sarah Koltun of Territories-Northwest Territories in 2014, '18, '19, '20, '22, '23
- 6 – Stefanie Lawton of Saskatchewan in 2005, '09, '14, '15, '19, '20
- 6 – Gerry Lenihan of New Brunswick in 1964, '65, '66, '67, '70, '71
- 6 – Kendra Lilly of Northern Ontario in 2016, '17, '19, '20, '22, '23
- 6 – Janice MacCallum of Prince Edward Island in 1990, '93, '94, 2000, '01, '04
- 6 – Kristin MacCuish of Manitoba-Wild Card-Wild Card 1 in '16, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23
- 6 – Mary Mattatall of Nova Scotia in 1989, '91, '92, '98, 2005, '17
- 6 – Joyce McKee of Saskatchewan in 1961, '62, '69, '71, '72, '73
- 6 – Sherry Middaugh of Saskatchewan-Ontario in 1996, '99, 2001, '02, '04, '08
- 6 – Heather Nedohin of Alberta-Team Canada in 1997, '98, '99, 2000, '12, '13



One of Canada's most decorated curlers, either male or female, Kaitlyn Lawes has been front and centre at nine Scotties Tournament of Hearts competitions.

- 6 – Kathy O'Rourke of Prince Edward Island in 1989, '91, '96, '99, 2002, '10
- 6 – Jocelyn Peterman of Alberta-Team Canada-Wild Card-Manitoba-Wild Card 1 in 2016, '17, '19, '20, '21, '23
- 6 – Vi Pike of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1961, '63, '66, '67, '69, '70
- 6 – Shirley Pilson of New Brunswick in 1964, '65, '66, '67, '70, '71
- 6 – Sylvie Quillian of New Brunswick in 2008, '15, '16, '18, '22, '23
- 6 – Ashley Sippala of Ontario-Northern Ontario in 2010, '16, '17, '20, '22, '23
- 6 – Julie Skinner of British Columbia-Team Canada in 1989, '91, '92, '93, 2000, '01
- 6 – Debbie Stokes of the Territories in 1986, '87, '88, '90, '92, '95
- 6 – Marie Toole of Prince Edward Island in 1967, '69, '70, '71, '72, '74
- 6 – Sarah Wilkes of Alberta-Team Canada-Ontario-Wild Card 3 in 2017, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 6 – Kay Zinck of Nova Scotia in 1982, '93, '94, '96, 2000, '05
- 5 – Rebecca Atkinson of New Brunswick in 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 5 – Shelley Aucoin of the Territories in 1986, '87, '88, '91, '94
- 5 – Shannon Birchard of Manitoba-Team Canada in 2018, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 5 – Christina Black of Nova Scotia in 2015, '18, '20, '22, '23
- 5 – Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario-Team Canada in 1980, '86, '87, '96, '97
- 5 – Brenda Bohmer of Alberta-Team Canada in 1997, '98, '99, 2002, '03
- 5 – Rachel Brown of Alberta-Team Canada in 2014, '15, '19, '20, '21



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- 5 – France Charette of Quebec in 1989, '92, '93, '94, '97
- 5 – Sylvie Daniel of Quebec in 1992, '93, '94, '97, 2007
- 5 – Chelsea Duncan of the Territories-Yukon in 2014, '15, '17, '18, '20
- 5 – Allison Farrell of New Brunswick in 1998, '99, 2001, '02, '05
- 5 – Liz Fyfe of Manitoba-Wild Card-Wild Card 1 in 2016, '18, '19, '21, '22
- 5 – Beth Hamilton of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2005, '19, '20, '21, '22
- 5 – Julie Hynes of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2016, '17, '18, '20, '23
- 5 – Pauline Johnston of Prince Edward Island in 1969, '70, '71, '72, '74
- 5 – Kelly Kaylo of the Territories in 1984, '93, '97, '98, 2002
- 5 – Lorie Kehler of Saskatchewan in 1988, '89, '90, '92, 2001
- 5 – Shannon Kleibrink of Alberta in 1993, 2004, '08, '11, '17
- 5 – Megan Koehler of the Territories-Northwest Territories in 2010, '12, '13, '17, '18
- 5 – Penny LaRocque of Nova Scotia in 1974, '78, '79, '83, '86
- 5 – Andrea Lawes of Ontario-Team Canada in 1990, '91, 2001, '02, '04
- 5 – Leslie MacDougall of Prince Edward Island in 1996, 2000, '01, '11, '13
- 5 – Barbara MacNevin of Saskatchewan in 1961, '62, '65, '66, '68
- 5 – Pat Maher of New Brunswick in 1970, '71, '76, '79, '88
- 5 – Heather McCagg-Nystrom of the Territories in 2001, '05, '06, '08, '09
- 5 – Nancy McConnery of New Brunswick-Nova Scotia in 1993, '95, 2003, '09, '10
- 5 – Shelley Muzika of Prince Edward Island in 1987, '90, '94, '98, 2009
- 5 – Brenda Nicholls of Quebec in 1996, 2005, '10, '12, '16
- 5 – Amy Nixon of Alberta in 2004, '08, '11, '16, '17
- 5 – Selena Njegovan of Manitoba-Wild Card-Wild Card 1 in 2016, '18, '19, '21, '22
- 5 – Chantal Osborne of Quebec in 1992, '93, '94, '97, 2007
- 5 – Laura Phillips of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1989, '94, '95, '96, '97
- 5 – Sadie Pinksen of Nunavut in 2019, '20, '21, '22, '23
- 5 – Erin Porter of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2013, '16, '17, '18, '20
- 5 – Sarah Potts of Northern Ontario in 2016, '17, '19, '22, '23
- 5 – Marie-Anne Power of New Brunswick in 1980, '99, 2001, '02, '07
- 5 – Sheila Rowan of Saskatchewan in 1971, '72, '73, '83, '85
- 5 – Joëlle Sabourin of Quebec in 1997, '99, 2000, '08, '09
- 5 – Donna Scott of the Territories in 1986, '87, '88, '90, '96
- 5 – Renee Simons of British Columbia-Team Canada in 2005, '06, '07, '08, '22
- 5 – Heather Smith of Nova Scotia in 2000, '04, '11, '12, '14
- 5 – Lindsay Sparkes of British Columbia-Team Canada in 1976, '79, '84, '85, '86
- 5 – Joan Stricker of Saskatchewan in 1988, '89, '90, '92, 2001
- 5 – Teri Udle of Nova Scotia in 2007, '11, '12, '14, '16

Undefeated records

- Alberta – 9-0 in 1966
- British Columbia – 9-0 in 1962; 11-0 in 1985
- Manitoba – 9-0 in 1967
- Saskatchewan – 9-0 in 1961; 9-0 in 1974
- Team Canada – 13-0 in 2014



Marcia Gudereit (left) and Jan Betker were major players on Sandra Schmirler's outstanding Scotties teams out of Regina, and you can often see them talking about the good old days at the national women's event when they are called up to the stage.

CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

1961	Ottawa	Ottawa Hunt Club
1962	Regina	Regina Stadium
1963	Saint John	St. Andrews Curling Club
1964	Edmonton	Sportex Curling Emporium
1965	Halifax	Mayflower Curling Club
1966	Vancouver	Capilano Winter Club
1967	Montreal	Town of Mount Royal Arena
1968	Winnipeg	St. James Civic Centre
1969	Fort William	Fort William Curling Club
1970	Calgary	Stampede Corral
1971	St. John's	St. John's Memorial Arena
1972	Saskatoon	Saskatoon Arena
1973	Charlottetown	Charlottetown Curling Club
1974	Victoria	Memorial Arena
1975	Moncton	Moncton Coliseum
1976	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena
1977	Halifax	St. Mary's Arena
1978	Sault Ste. Marie	Memorial Gardens
1979	Montreal	Town of Mount Royal Arena
1980	Edmonton	Edmonton Gardens
1981	St. John's	Memorial Stadium
1982	Regina	Regina Agridome
1983	Prince George	Prince George Coliseum
1984	Charlottetown	Charlottetown Forum
1985	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Arena
1986	London	Thompson Arena
1987	Lethbridge	Lethbridge Sportsplex
1988	Fredericton	Aiken Centre
1989	Kelowna	Memorial Arena
1990	Ottawa	Ottawa Civic Centre
1991	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan Place
1992	Halifax	Halifax Metro Centre
1993	Brandon	Keystone Centre
1994	Kitchener-Waterloo	Waterloo Rec Complex
1995	Calgary	Max Bell Arena
1996	Thunder Bay	Fort William Gardens
1997	Vancouver	The Agrodome
1998	Regina	Regina Agridome
1999	Charlottetown	Canada Games Civic Centre
2000	Prince George	Prince George Multiplex
2001	Sudbury	Sudbury Arena
2002	Brandon	Keystone Centre
2003	Kitchener-Waterloo	Kitchener Memorial Auditorium
2004	Red Deer	ENMAX Centrium
2005	St. John's	Mile One Stadium
2006	London	John Labatt Centre
2007	Lethbridge	Enmax Centre
2008	Regina	Brandt Centre at IPSCO Place
2009	Victoria	Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre
2010	Sault Ste. Marie	Essar Centre
2011	Charlottetown	Charlottetown Civic Centre
2012	Red Deer	Westerner Park
2013	Kingston	K-Rock Centre
2014	Montreal	Maurice Richard Arena
2015	Moose Jaw	Mosaic Place
2016	Grande Prairie	Revolution Place
2017	St. Catharines	Meridian Centre
2018	Penticton	South Okanagan Events Centre
2019	Sydney	Centre 200
2020	Moose Jaw	Mosaic Place
2021	Calgary	WinSport Event Centre
2022	Thunder Bay	Fort William Gardens
2023	Kamloops	Sandman Centre
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Five-way tie for first place

1982 — Nova Scotia, Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta, 7-3. Saskatchewan defeated Alberta in a tiebreaker. Nova Scotia defeated Saskatchewan. Manitoba defeated British Columbia in the semifinal. Nova Scotia defeated Manitoba in the final.

Three-way ties for first place

1970 — Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia, 7-2. Saskatchewan defeated Manitoba 8-6 and British Columbia 8-4 in sudden-death playoffs.

1971 — Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, 6-3. Saskatchewan defeated British Columbia and Alberta in sudden-death playoffs.

1992 — Manitoba, Team Canada and British Columbia, 9-2. Team Canada defeated British Columbia in the semifinal. Manitoba defeated Team Canada in the final.

2018 — Wild Card, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, 9-2. Manitoba defeated Wild Card in 1 vs. 2 game. Nova Scotia defeated Northern Ontario in 3 vs. 4 game. Wild Card defeated Nova Scotia in semifinal. Manitoba defeated Wild Card in final.

2020 — Manitoba, Wild Card, Ontario, 9-2. Manitoba defeated Wild Card in 1 vs. 2 game. Ontario defeated Northern Ontario in 3 vs. 4 game. Ontario defeated Wild Card in semifinal. Manitoba defeated Ontario in final.

Two-way ties for first place

1968 — Alberta and British Columbia

1973 — Saskatchewan and Manitoba

1975 — Quebec and Saskatchewan

1976 — British Columbia and Alberta

1983 — Nova Scotia and Territories

1986 — Ontario and Team Canada

1987 — British Columbia and Manitoba

1988 — Saskatchewan and Team Canada; neither won

1999 — Nova Scotia and Manitoba

2010 — Team Canada and Prince Edward Island

2016 — Alberta and Team Canada

2017 — Ontario and Manitoba

2021 — Ontario and Team Canada

Six-time winner

Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia-Team Canada as skip in 1982, '99, 2001, '02, '03, '04

Jennifer Jones of Manitoba-Team Canada as skip in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '15, '18

Jill Officer of Manitoba-Team Canada as second in 2005, '08, '09, '10, '15, '18

Five-time winners

Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia-Team Canada as second in 1999, 2001, '02, '03, '04

Shannon Birchard of Manitoba-Team Canada as third in 2018; as second in '20, '21, '22, '23

Nancy Delahunt of Nova Scotia-Team Canada as lead in 1999, 2001, '02, '03, '04

Kim Kelly of Nova Scotia-Team Canada as third in 1999, 2001, '02, '03, '04

Dawn McEwen of Manitoba-Team Canada as lead in 2008, '09, '10, '15, '18

Joyce McKee of Saskatchewan as skip in 1961, '69; as second in 1971, '72, '73

Cathy Overton-Clapham of Manitoba-Team Canada as third in 1995, 2005, '08, '09, '10

Four-time winners

Kerri Einarson of Manitoba-Team Canada as skip in 2020, '21, '22, '23

Briane Harris of Manitoba-Team Canada as lead in 2020, '21, '22, '23

Lenore Morrison of Saskatchewan as second in 1969; as lead in 1971, '72, '73

Vera Pezer of Saskatchewan as third in 1969; as skip in 1971, '72, '73

Val Sweeting of Manitoba-Team Canada as third in 2020, '21, '22, '23

Three-time winners

Janet Arnott of Manitoba as lead in 1984, '92, '95

Jan Betker of Saskatchewan-Team Canada as third in 1993, '94, '97

Cathy Gauthier of Manitoba as second in 1992, '95; as lead in 2005

Marcia Gudereit of Saskatchewan-Team Canada as lead in 1993, '94, '97

Rachel Homan of Ontario-Team Canada as skip in 2013, '14, '17

Connie Laliberte of Manitoba as skip in 1984, '92, '95

Joan McCusker of Saskatchewan-Team Canada as second in 1993, '94, '97

Emma Miskew of Ontario-Team Canada as third in 2013, '14, '17

Sheila Rowan of Saskatchewan as third in 1971, '72, '73

Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan-Team Canada as skip in 1993, '94, '97

Lindsay Sparkes of British Columbia as skip in 1976, '79; as third in 1985

Lisa Weagle of Ontario-Team Canada as lead in 2013, '14, '17

Two-time winners

Diane Adams of Ontario-Team Canada as second in 1988, '89

Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario as skip in 1986, '96

Lorraine Bowles of British Columbia as lead in 1976, '79

Ada Calles of British Columbia as third in 1962, '64

Chelsea Carey of Alberta as skip in 2016, '19

Sasha Carter of British Columbia-Team Canada as second in 2006, '07

June Coyle of Alberta as lead in 1966, '68

Ina Hansen of British Columbia as skip in 1962, '64

Heather Houston of Ontario-Team Canada as skip in 1988, '89

Hazel Jamison of Alberta as third in 1966; as skip in 1968

Tracy Kennedy of Ontario-Team Canada as lead in 1988, '89

Dawn Knowles of British Columbia as third in 1976, '79

Alison Kreviazuk of Ontario-Team Canada as second in 2013, '14

Lorraine Lang of Ontario-Team Canada as third in 1988, '89

Gale Lee of Alberta as skip in 1966; as third in 1968

Isabel Leith of British Columbia as second in 1962, '64

Chris More of Manitoba as third in 1978, '84

Heather Nedohin of Alberta as third in 1998; as skip in 2012

Laine Peters of Alberta as lead in 2012, '16

Jeanna Schraeder of British Columbia-Team Canada as third in 2006, '07

Kelly Scott of British Columbia-Team Canada as skip in 2006, '07

May Shaw of British Columbia as lead in 1962, '64

Renee Simons of British Columbia-Team Canada as lead in 2006, '07

Julie Skinner of British Columbia as skip in 1991; as third in 2000

Georgina Wheatcroft of British Columbia as third in 1987; as second in 2000

Robin Wilson of British Columbia as second in 1976, '79

Back-to-back winners

Saskatchewan: Vera Pezer, Sheila Rowan, Joyce McKee and Lee Morrison in 1971, '72, '73

Ontario-Team Canada: Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams and Tracy Kennedy in 1988, '89

Saskatchewan-Team Canada: Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker and Marcia Gudereit in 1993, '94

Nova Scotia-Team Canada: Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary-Anne Arsenault and Nancy Delahunt in 2001, '02, '03, '04

British Columbia-Team Canada: Kelly Scott, Jeanna Schraeder, Sasha Carter and Renee Simons in 2006, '07

Manitoba-Team Canada: Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer and Dawn Askin in 2008, '09, '10

Ontario-Team Canada: Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Alison Kreviazuk and Lisa Weagle in 2013, '14

Manitoba-Team Canada: Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Harris in 2020, '21, '22, '23

Most wins, one skip

169 — Jennifer Jones of Manitoba-Team Canada-Wild Card

Most appearances, one skip

19 — Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia-Team Canada

Skips with 25 or more wins

169 — Jennifer Jones of Manitoba-Team Canada-Wild Card

140 — Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia-Team Canada

85 — Rachel Homan of Ontario-Team Canada

75 — Krista McCarville of Ontario-Northern Ontario

74 — Connie Laliberte of Manitoba-Team Canada

68 — Kelly Scott of British Columbia-Team Canada

66 — Sue Anne Bartlett of Newfoundland/Labrador

64 — Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island

62 — Kerri Einarson of Manitoba-Wild Card-Team Canada

61 — Michelle Englot of Saskatchewan-Manitoba-Team Canada

57 — Chelsea Carey of Manitoba-Alberta-Wild Card 1-Wild Card 2

57 — Cathy King of Alberta-Team Canada

57 — Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan-Team Canada

54 — Heather Strong of Newfoundland/Labrador



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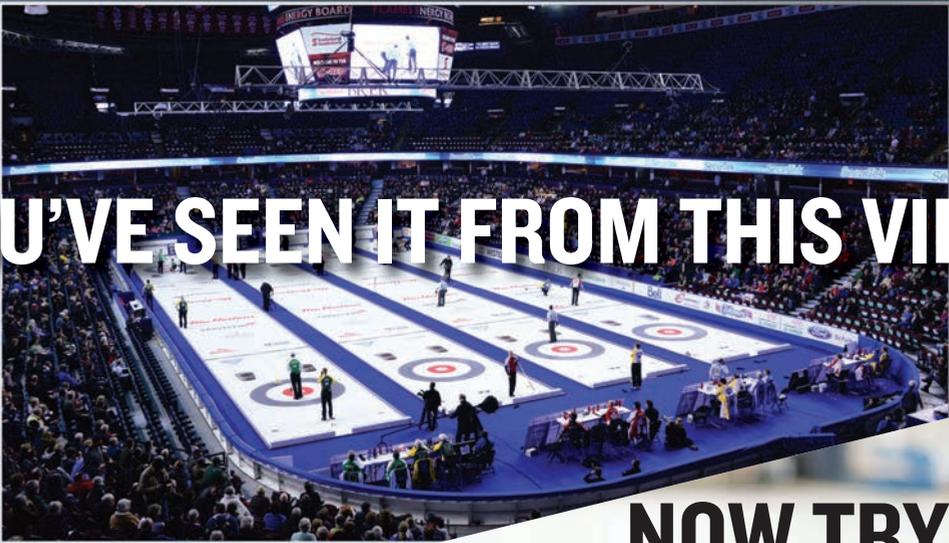
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52 – Heidi Hanlon of New Brunswick
 50 – Kerry Galusha of Territories-Northwest Territories
 48 – Marie-France Larouche of Quebec
 48 – Andrea Kelly of New Brunswick
 42 – Sherry Middaugh of Saskatchewan-Ontario
 40 – Sherry Anderson of Saskatchewan
 36 – Heather Houston of Ontario-Team Canada
 34 – Julie Skinner of British Columbia-Team Canada
 33 – Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia-British Columbia
 33 – Kelley Law of British Columbia-Team Canada
 32 – Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario-Team Canada
 31 – Ina Hansen of British Columbia
 31 – Stefanie Lawton of Saskatchewan
 31 – Anne Merklinger of Ontario
 30 – Alison Goring of Ontario-Team Canada
 30 – Shannon Kleibrink of Alberta
 30 – Rebecca Jean MacDonald of Prince Edward Island
 29 – Tracy Fleury of Ontario-Nothern Ontario-Manitoba-Wild Card 1
 28 – Agnès Charette of Quebec
 28 – Heather Nedohin of Alberta-Team Canada
 27 – Laura Phillips of Newfoundland/Labrador
 26 – Cathy Shaw of Manitoba-Territories-Alberta
 26 – Lindsay Sparkes of British Columbia
 26 – Marie Toole of Prince Edward Island
 25 – Cheryl Bernard of Alberta
 25 – Vera Pezer of Saskatchewan

Top records

13-0 – Rachel Homan of Team Canada in 2014
 12-1 – Connie Laliberte of Manitoba in 1995
 12-1 – Cathy King of Alberta in 1998
 12-1 – Rachel Homan of Ontario in 2013
 12-1 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2015
 12-2 – Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario in 1996
 12-2 – Kelly Scott of Team Canada in 2007
 12-2 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2013
 12-2 – Rachel Homan of Ontario in 2017
 12-2 – Kerri Einarson of Canada in 2021
 11-0 – Linda Moore of British Columbia in 1985
 11-1 – Marilyn Bodogh of Ontario in 1986
 11-1 – Julie Skinner of British Columbia in 1991
 11-1 – Sandra Schmirler of Team Canada in 1994
 11-1 – Kerri Einarson of Team Canada in 2022
 11-2 – Kerri Einarson of Team Canada in 2023
 11-2 – Linda Moore of Team Canada in 1986
 11-2 – Connie Laliberte of Manitoba in 1992
 11-2 – Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan in 1997
 11-2 – Anne Merklinger of Ontario in 2000
 11-2 – Colleen Jones of Team Canada in 2004
 11-2 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2005
 11-2 – Kelly Scott of British Columbia in 2006
 11-2 – Shannon Kleibrink of Alberta in 2008
 11-2 – Chelsea Carey of Alberta in 2016
 11-2 – Michelle Englot of Manitoba in 2017
 11-2 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2018
 11-2 – Chelsea Carey of Alberta in 2019
 11-2 – Kerri Einarson of Manitoba in 2020
 11-3 – Amber Holland of Saskatchewan in 2011
 11-3 – Rachel Homan of Ontario in 2020
 11-4 – Heather Houston of Ontario in 1988
 11-4 – Kelley Law of British Columbia in 2000
 11-4 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2008
 11-4 – Jennifer Jones of Team Canada in 2009
 11-5 – Cathy King of Alberta in 1995
 10-1 – Susan Seitz of Alberta in 1981
 10-2 – Connie Laliberte of Manitoba in 1984
 10-2 – Sandra Schmirler of Saskatchewan in 1993
 10-2 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2023
 10-3 – Pat Sanders of British Columbia in 1987
 10-3 – Colleen Jones of Nova Scotia in 1999

10-3 – Sherry Anderson of Saskatchewan in 2002
 10-3 – Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island in 2003
 10-3 – Colleen Jones of Team Canada in 2003
 10-3 – Jan Betker of Saskatchewan in 2007
 10-3 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2007
 10-3 – Jennifer Jones of Team Canada in 2010
 10-3 – Chelsea Carey of Team Canada in 2017
 10-3 – Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia in 2018
 10-3 – Rachel Homan of Ontario in 2021
 10-4 – Heather Houston of Team Canada in 1989
 10-4 – Colleen Jones of Team Canada in 2002
 10-4 – Marie-France Larouche of Quebec in 2004
 10-4 – Jennifer Jones of Team Canada in 2006
 10-4 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 2012
 10-4 – Heather Nedohin of Alberta in 2012
 10-4 – Kerri Einarson, Wild Card in 2018
 10-4 – Rachel Homan of Ontario in 2019
 10-4 – Laura Walker of Alberta in 2021
 10-6 – Jenn Hanna of Ontario in 2005

Champions by province

12 – Team Canada in 1989 (Ontario), '94 (Saskatchewan), 2002 (Nova Scotia), '03 (Nova Scotia), '04 (Nova Scotia), '07 (British Columbia), '09 (Manitoba), '10 (Manitoba), '14 (Ontario), '21 (Manitoba), '22 (Manitoba), '23 (Manitoba)
 11 – Manitoba in 1965, '67, '78, '84, '92, '95, 2005, '08, '15, '18, '20
 11 – Saskatchewan in 1961, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '80, '93, '97, 2011
 9 – British Columbia in 1962, '64, '76, '79, '85, '87, '91, 2000, '06
 8 – Alberta in 1966, '68, '77, '81, '98, 2012, '16, '19
 6 – Ontario in 1986, '88, '90, '96, 2013, '17
 4 – Nova Scotia in 1982, '83, '99, 2001
 1 – New Brunswick in 1963
 1 – Quebec in 1975

Aggregate win-loss percentages (includes round robin and playoffs)

	WINS	LOSSES	PERCENTAGE
Team Canada (1986 to present)	327	154	.680
Manitoba (1961 to present)	448	260	.633
Northern Ontario (2015 to present)	67	40	.623
Saskatchewan (1961 to present)	422	269	.611
Alberta (1961 to present)	406	281	.591
Ontario (1961 to present)	414	292	.586
Wild Card 1 (2021 to present)	18	13	.581
British Columbia (1961 to present)	392	293	.572
Wild Card 3 (2021 to present)	14	14	.500
Nova Scotia (1961 to present)	298	367	.448
Northwest Territories (2017 to present)	26	33	.441
Quebec (1961 to present)	283	370	.433
Wild Card 2 (2021 to present)	10	14	.417
Newfoundland/Labrador (1961 to present)	247	404	.379
Prince Edward Island (1961 to present)	248	406	.379
New Brunswick (1961 to present)	230	402	.364
Nunavut (2018 to present)	3	43	.065
Yukon (2018 to present)	3	43	.065
DEFUNCT TEAMS:			
Territories (1977 to 2014)	124	297	.295
Wild Card (2018 to 2020)	26	12	.684

Championships hosted (including 2024)

	NUMBER	LATEST
Ontario	14	2022
Alberta	11	2024
British Columbia	9	2023
Saskatchewan	8	2020
Manitoba	5	2002
Nova Scotia	4	2019
Prince Edward Island	4	2011
New Brunswick	3	1988
Newfoundland/Labrador	3	2005
Quebec	3	2014

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POINTSBET INVITATIONAL

September 27 to October 1, 2023 ▶ Oakville, ON

Sweep 16	Wed Sept 27	2:00 pm
Sweep 16	Wed Sept 27	7:00 pm
Sweep 16	Thurs Sept 28	2:00 pm
Sweep 16	Thurs Sept 28	7:00 pm
Elite 8	Fri Sept 29	11:30 am
Elite 8	Fri Sept 29	4:30 pm
Final 4	Sat Sept 30	12:00 pm
Final 4	Sat Sept 30	5:00 pm
Women's Final	Sun Oct 1	12:00 pm
Men's Final	Sun Oct 1	5:00 pm

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

February 16 to 25, 2024 ▶ Calgary, AB

Draw 1	Fri Feb 16	9:00 pm
Draw 2	Sat Feb 17	4:00 pm
Draw 3	Sat Feb 17	9:00 pm
Draw 4	Sun Feb 18	10:30 am
Draw 5	Sun Feb 18	3:30 pm
Draw 6	Sun Feb 18	8:30 pm
Draw 7	Mon Feb 19	10:30 am
Draw 8	Mon Feb 19	3:30 pm
Draw 9	Mon Feb 19	8:30 pm
Draw 10	Tues Feb 20	10:30 am
Draw 11	Tues Feb 20	3:30 pm
Draw 12	Tues Feb 20	8:30 pm
Draw 13	Wed Feb 21	10:30 am
Draw 14	Wed Feb 21	3:30 pm
Draw 15	Wed Feb 21	8:30 pm
Draw 16	Thurs Feb 22	10:30 am
Draw 17	Thurs Feb 22	3:30 pm
Draw 18	Thurs Feb 22	8:30 pm
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Page 3/4 Qualifier	Fri Feb 23	8:30 pm
Page Playoff	Sat Feb 24	2:00 pm
Page Playoff	Sat Feb 24	8:00 pm
Semifinal	Sun Feb 25	2:00 pm
Final	Sun Feb 25	8:00 pm

MONTANA'S BRIER

March 1 to 10, 2024 ▶ Regina, SK

Draw 1	Fri Mar 1	8:00 pm
Draw 2	Sat Mar 2	3:00 pm
Draw 3	Sat Mar 2	8:00 pm
Draw 4	Sun Mar 3	10:30 am
Draw 5	Sun Mar 3	3:30 pm
Draw 6	Sun Mar 3	8:30 pm
Draw 7	Mon Mar 4	10:30 am
Draw 8	Mon Mar 4	3:30 pm
Draw 9	Mon Mar 4	8:30 pm
Draw 10	Tues Mar 5	10:30 am
Draw 11	Tues Mar 5	3:30 pm
Draw 12	Tues Mar 5	8:30 pm

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Draw 13	Wed Mar 6	10:30 am
Draw 14	Wed Mar 6	3:30 pm
Draw 15	Wed Mar 6	8:30 pm
Draw 16	Thurs Mar 7	10:30 am
Draw 17	Thurs Mar 7	3:30 pm
Draw 18	Thurs Mar 7	8:30 pm
Page 1/2 Qualifier	Fri Mar 8	2:00 pm
Page 3/4 Qualifier	Fri Mar 8	8:00 pm
Page Playoff	Sat Mar 9	2:00 pm
Page Playoff	Sat Mar 9	8:00 pm
Semifinal	Sun Mar 10	12:00 pm
Final	Sun Mar 10	6:00 pm

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Canada vs. Sweden	Sat Mar 16	3:00 pm
Canada vs. Denmark	Sat Mar 16	8:00 pm
Canada vs. USA	Sun Mar 17	3:00 pm
Canada vs. Norway	Mon Mar 18	3:00 pm
Canada vs. Italy	Tues Mar 19	10:00 am
Canada vs. Switzerland	Tues Mar 19	8:00 pm
Canada vs. Japan	Wed Mar 20	10:00 am
Canada vs. Turkey	Wed Mar 20	8:00 pm
Canada vs. Estonia	Thurs Mar 21	10:00 am
Canada vs. New Zealand	Thurs Mar 21	8:00 pm
Canada vs. Scotland	Fri Mar 22	3:00 pm
Canada vs. South Korea	Fri Mar 22	8:00 pm
Qualification	Sat Mar 23	12:00 pm
Semifinals	Sat Mar 23	6:00 pm
Bronze	Sun Mar 24	12:00 pm
Gold	Sun Mar 24	6:00 pm

WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

March 30 to April 7, 2024 ▶ Schaffhausen, Switzerland

Canada vs. Czech Republic	Sat Mar 30	8:00 am
Canada vs. Germany	Sat Mar 30	1:00 pm
Canada vs. Scotland	Sun Mar 31	8:00 am
Canada vs. Italy	Mon Apr 1	8:00 am
Canada vs. New Zealand	Tues Apr 2	3:00 am
Canada vs. USA	Tues Apr 2	1:00 pm
Canada vs. Netherlands	Wed Apr 3	3:00 am
Canada vs. South Korea	Wed Apr 3	1:00 pm
Canada vs. Norway	Thurs Apr 4	3:00 am
Canada vs. Sweden	Thurs Apr 4	1:00 pm
Canada vs. Japan	Fri Apr 5	8:00 am
Canada vs. Switzerland	Fri Apr 5	1:00 pm
Qualification	Sat Apr 6	4:00 am
Semifinals	Sat Apr 6	10:00 am
Bronze	Sun Apr 7	4:00 am
Gold	Sun Apr 7	9:00 am

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