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BIENVENUE AUX CHAMPIONNATS CANADIENS U-21s NEW HOLLAND 2024

On behalf of the over 120 New Holland dealers across Canada, we extend a warm welcome to all curling fans joining us for the 2024 New Holland Canadian Junior Men's and Women's Curling Championships. As the excitement builds for a week of competition, we wish the best of luck to all the athletes who are participating and fans who gather to cheer them on!

Since 2015, New Holland has proudly sponsored Curling Canada. Our team, our dealers, and our customers have created a tradition, celebrating the accomplishments of some of Canada's most distinguished athletes. We are thrilled to be able to join you for another exciting edition of the New Holland Canadian Junior Championships.

To you, the fans, we would like to say thank you for your continued support and for joining us this year.

Similarly, we would like to express our deep appreciation to Canada's farmers, ranchers, builders, and grounds care professionals. Your work is essential to virtually every aspect of our lives – and we know the athletes of Curling Canada could not perform at their best without a healthy, reliable food source. New Holland and our Canadian dealers are proud to support the abundant Canadian agriculture and construction industries, and to support the athletes and fans of Curling Canada.

Thank you for all you do.

Au nom des plus de 120 concessionnaires New Holland d'un bout à l'autre du Canada, nous souhaitons la bienvenue à tous les amateurs de curling qui se joindront à nous pour les Championnats canadiens juniors masculin et féminin de curling New Holland 2024. Alors que l'enthousiasme est à son comble en vue de cette semaine de compétition, nous souhaitons la meilleure des chances à tous les athlètes qui participent et aux partisans qui se rassemblent pour les encourager!

Depuis 2015, New Holland commande fièrement Curling Canada. Notre équipe, nos concessionnaires et nos clients ont créé une tradition, célébrant les réalisations de certains des plus grands athlètes du Canada. Nous sommes ravis de pouvoir nous joindre à vous pour une autre édition passionnante des Championnats canadiens juniors New Holland.

À vous, les partisans, nous souhaitons dire « merci » pour votre soutien continu et pour vous être joints à nous cette année.

De même, nous aimerions exprimer notre profonde gratitude aux agriculteurs, aux éleveurs, aux constructeurs et aux professionnels de l'entretien des sols du Canada. Votre travail est essentiel à pratiquement tous les aspects de notre vie – et nous savons que les athlètes de Curling Canada ne pourraient pas donner le meilleur d'eux-mêmes sans une source d'alimentation saine et fiable. New Holland et ses concessionnaires canadiens sont fiers de soutenir les abondantes industries canadiennes de l'agriculture et de la construction, ainsi que les athlètes et les partisans de Curling Canada. Merci pour tout ce que vous faites.



MESSAGES



I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2024 New Holland Canadian Under-21 Men's and Women's Curling Championships, being held in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Curling fans will be treated to a remarkable display of precision, skill and strategy over the next week as some of our nation's top junior men's

and women's curling teams vie for the title of Canadian Junior Champion and the opportunity to represent Canada at the 2025 World Junior Curling Championships.

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

Please accept my best wishes for an exciting and memorable competition.

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



IT'S MY PLEASURE TO OFFER warm greetings and congratulations on behalf of Curling Canada's Board of Governors to players, families and fans alike attending the 2024 New Holland Canadian Under-21 Men's and Women's Curling Championships in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo.

The Canadian Under-21 Championships have been a proving ground for so many of our country's top curlers, and the list of former champions is a virtual Who's Who of Canadian curling, including the likes of Jennifer Jones, John Morris, Rachel Homan, Brad Gushue, Kaitlyn Lawes and Kevin Martin.

Just as important as the on-ice achievements of the curlers who are representing their provinces and territories here this week will be the off-ice memories of time spent with your peers. You will make friends for life this week.

While it was your ability on a sheet of curling ice that earned you the right to compete at the New Holland Canadian Under-21 Championships, there was a large support system that also made it possible, including teachers, coaches, employers and family. To all of them, I say 'thank' you for your ongoing support of junior curling.

JE SUIS HEUREUX DE TRANSMETTRE MES

salutations les plus chaleureuses à toutes les personnes qui prennent part aux Championnats de curling masculin et féminin des moins de 21 ans New Holland 2024, à Fort McMurray.

Les amateurs de curling auront droit à une démonstration remarquable de précision, de talent et de stratégie tout au long de la semaine tandis que certaines des meilleures équipes de curling junior masculin et féminin au pays s'affronteront pour remporter le titre des championnats canadiens juniors et avoir la chance représenter le Canada lors des championnats mondiaux juniors de 2025.

Je tiens à féliciter les athlètes et à leur souhaiter la meilleure des chances. Je remercie le comité organisateur et les bénévoles qui ont travaillé sans relâche pour assurer le succès de l'événement, de même que les résidents et résidentes de Fort McMurray pour leur accueil chaleureux.

Je vous souhaite une compétition aussi enlevante que mémorable.

Le très hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, C.P., député
Premier ministre du Canada

AU NOM DU CONSEIL DES GOUVERNEURS DE

Curling Canada, j'ai le plaisir de souhaiter la bienvenue et de féliciter sincèrement les joueurs, les familles et les partisans qui participeront et assisteront aux Championnats canadiens de curling masculin et féminin des moins de 21 ans New Holland 2024 à Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo.

Les Championnats canadiens des moins de 21 ans ont servi de tremplin à un grand nombre des meilleurs joueurs de curling de notre pays, et la liste des anciens champions comprend d'innombrables curleurs de renom tels que Jennifer Jones, John Morris, Rachel Homan, Brad Gushue, Kaitlyn Lawes et Kevin Martin.

Tout aussi importants que les exploits sur la glace des athlètes qui représentent leurs provinces et territoires cette semaine, vous créez des souvenirs inoubliables du temps passé avec vos pairs. Vous tisserez des amitiés pour la vie cette semaine.

Bien que ce soit votre talent sur une piste de curling qui vous a valu le droit de participer aux Championnats canadiens des moins de 21 ans New Holland, vous avez également pu compter sur un vaste réseau de soutien composé d'enseignants, d'entraîneurs, d'employeurs et de membres de votre famille. À tous, je dis « merci » pour votre soutien continu au curling junior.

Des événements comme celui-ci ont besoin d'un comité d'accueil et d'un groupe de bénévoles aguerris pour effectuer le

Events like this need a strong Host Committee and volunteer group to do the work behind the scenes that produces successful championships, on and off the ice. Curling Canada is truly grateful for the efforts of the Host Committee and volunteers, and I strongly urge you all to take the time to express your thanks as well.

There's another team playing a major role here this week, and that is our team of on- and off-ice officials, ice technicians and Curling Canada staff. They are truly committed to our sport and making these championships run as smoothly as possible for all of you, and I'd like to thank them for their hard work.

Finally, to all of the competitors, I wish you good luck and good curling!

Michael Szajewski

Chair, Curling Canada Board of Governors

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE NEW HOLLAND

Canadian U-21 Curling Championship host committee, we would like to welcome you to Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo!

We are tremendously excited to host this prestigious curling championship bringing the very best under-21 curlers in the country to our region. Events such as this not only create amazing volunteer and spectator opportunities for our local community, but also present the chance for us to showcase our region to the players and visitors arriving from across Canada. This event has also provided an opportunity for local collaboration in the delivery of a national sporting event, with the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo partnering with the Fort McMurray Oilsands Curling Club to act as the event hosts.

We want to thank Curling Canada for choosing us to host the championship this year and giving us the chance to welcome them and all the participants! We also want to thank all our local partners, the many volunteers, all the visiting athletes, coaches, officials, and families, and of course our enthusiastic local curling community for their support of the event.

From March 24-31, we look forward to MacDonald Island Park coming to life with the sights and sounds of a premier curling experience as curlers compete for the right to represent Canada at the World Junior Curling Championships while also building relationships and showcasing excellence in the sport.

Thank you for joining us for the 2024 New Holland Canadian U-21 Curling Championships!

Jodie Cooper

Regional Recreation Corporation

Host Committee Co-Chair

Tyler Spitzer

Fort McMurray Oilsands Curling Club

Host Committee Co-Chair

travail en coulisse qui se traduit par des championnats couronnés de succès, sur et hors de la glace. Curling Canada est vraiment reconnaissant des efforts du comité d'accueil et des bénévoles, et je vous encourage vivement à prendre le temps de les remercier vous aussi.

Il y a une autre équipe qui joue un grand rôle ici cette semaine, et c'est notre équipe d'officiels sur et hors glace, de techniciens de glace et d'employés de Curling Canada. Ils sont vraiment dévoués à notre sport et à faire en sorte que ces championnats se déroulent à merveille pour vous tous, et je tiens à les remercier pour leur travail acharné.

Enfin, à tous les concurrents, je souhaite bonne chance et bon curling!

Michael Szajewski,

Président du Conseil des gouverneurs, Curling Canada

AU NOM DU COMITÉ D'ORGANISATION DES CHAMPIONNATS

canadiens de curling des moins de 21 ans New Holland, nous vous souhaitons la bienvenue à Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo!

Nous sommes très heureux d'accueillir ce prestigieux championnat de curling, qui réunira dans notre région les meilleurs joueurs de curling de moins de 21 ans du pays. Des événements comme celui-ci créent non seulement des possibilités extraordinaires pour les bénévoles et les spectateurs de notre communauté locale, mais nous donnent également l'occasion de présenter notre région aux joueurs et aux visiteurs de tout le Canada. Cet événement a également été l'occasion d'une collaboration locale pour l'organisation d'un événement sportif national, la Société de loisirs régionaux de Wood Buffalo s'étant associée au Club de curling Fort McMurray Oilsands pour accueillir la compétition.

Nous tenons à remercier Curling Canada de nous avoir choisis pour organiser les championnats cette année et de nous avoir donné la chance de les accueillir, ainsi que tous les participants! Nous tenons également à remercier tous nos partenaires locaux, les nombreux bénévoles, tous les athlètes, entraîneurs, officiels et membres des familles, et bien sûr notre communauté locale de curling enthousiaste pour son soutien à l'événement.

Du 24 au 31 mars, nous sommes impatients de voir le parc de l'île MacDonald s'animer grâce à une expérience de curling de premier plan, alors que les curleurs se disputeront le droit de représenter le Canada aux Championnats du monde juniors de curling, tout en tissant des liens et en mettant en valeur l'excellence dans ce sport.

Merci de vous joindre à nous pour les Championnats canadiens de curling U-21 New Holland 2024!

Jodie Cooper

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d'accueil*

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ALBERTA SWEEP THE FIELD IN

men's and women's competitions at the 2023 New Holland Canadian Under-21 Curling Championships. One team splashed onto the scene and made history with its win. The other had been knocking at the door of a championship title for years and saw it come together during an impressive run at Aréna Jacques LaPerrière in Rouyn-Noranda, Que.

Team Myla Plett of Alberta capped off its magical season with its first Under-21 women's national championship victory. It was the cherry on top of an incredible 2022-23 season, including a silver medal at the 2023 Canada Winter Games and gold at the 2023 Canadian Under-18 championship.

It is the first time in Canadian history that a team has won the Canadian U-18 and U-21 championships in the same season.

"I didn't actually know that so that's really unbelievable," said Plett shortly after winning the New Holland Under-21 gold. "It's a big honour for us. We worked really hard for it."

Hard work paid dividends as Team Plett quickly jumped to a 7-1 lead after five ends of play in the gold-medal final against Team Mackenzie Mitchell of Newfoundland and Labrador. Plett, vice-skip Alyssa Nedohin, second Chloe Fediuk, lead Allie Iskiw and coach Blair Lenton cruised to a 10-4 win, capping off an undefeated campaign with a 10-0 record.

It is the fourth time in a row the women's team ran the table at the New Holland Canadian Under-21, with the streak dating back to 2019 (no championship was held in 2021).

An undefeated round-robin record provided Team Plett with a bye to the semifinals in the playoffs. The Airdrie and Sherwood Park Curling Club team handily won the semifinal game courtesy of an 11-3 win against Team Tori Zemmeling of Ontario.

In the bronze-medal game, Manitoba's Team Zoey Terrick defeated Ontario's Team



Myla Plett, skip of Alberta #1, made history at the 2023 New Holland Canadian Under-21 Women's Curling Championship with a gold-medal victory. The Airdrie/Sherwood Park unit is the first team to capture a Canadian Under-21 Women's Curling Championship as well as the Canadian Under-18 Girls Curling Championship in the same season. The winners (from left): lead Allie Iskiw, second Chloe Fediuk, third Alyssa Nedohin, and Plett.

Zemmeling 8-6 thanks to a three-ender in the ninth end to regain and keep the lead.

While it was a debut win for Team Plett in the women's competition, the men's gold-medal victors had come close to winning a national title last season but settled for silver. Alberta's Team Johnson Tao reached the peak of Under-21 curling in Canada following its gold-medal win in 2023.

It was a long year of contemplative reflection over the disappointing defeat last season, but that was all laid to rest as Tao and his Albertan team of vice-skip Jaedon Neuert, second Ben Morin, lead Adam Naugler and coach Skip Wilson defeated Northern Ontario's Dallas Burgess 7-4 in the gold-medal game.

"It's surreal," said Tao of the satisfying victory. "We all grew up watching the Canadian Juniors on TV every year and just to be on this stage for the last couple of years has been amazing. But to finally be able to stand on the top of the podium, especially after getting silver last year, it's just surreal. It's a dream come true."

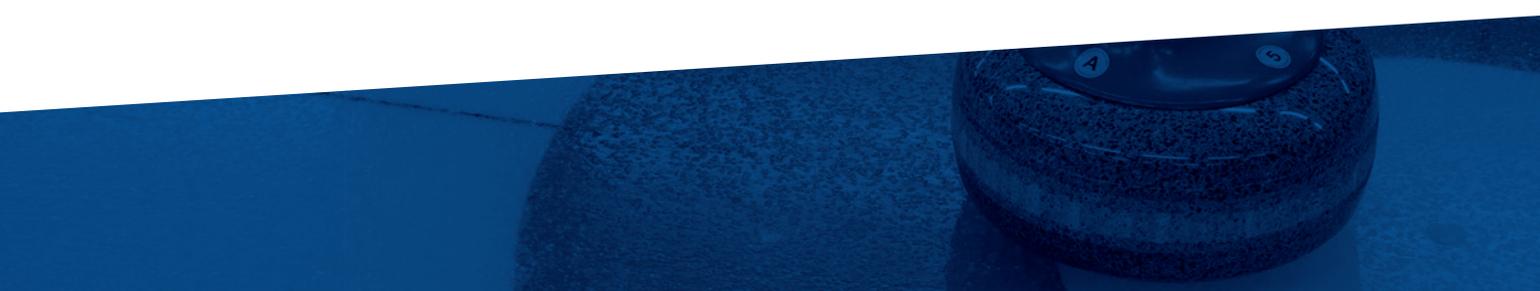


Skip Mackenzie Mitchell (right) didn't have her best game in the final, but a silver-medal finish deserved a warm embrace.

Team Tao finished the round robin first in its pool with seven wins and one loss. The team used its semifinal head start and defeated the team it lost to in last year's gold-medal game, Ontario's Team Landan



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Skip Johnson Tao's Team Alberta #2 captured the 2023 Canadian Under-21 Junior Men's Championship in Quebec. (From left): Tao, vice-skip Jaedon Neuert, second Ben Morin, and lead Adam Naugler. Tao had some unfinished business having lost the final in 2022 to Ontario's Landan Rooney in Stratford, Ont.



Northern Ontario third Jackson Dubinsky made sure his sweepers could hear him. The team, skipped by Dallas Burgess, took home silver.

Rooney, with a 7-1 win. Team Tao scored two in the third end and stole another point in the third for a 4-0 lead it wouldn't relinquish.

The bronze-medal game featured Ontario's Team Rooney against Manitoba's Team Jordon McDonald. Team McDonald lost the bronze-medal game last season but made up for it with a bronze-medal victory in 2023, defeating Ontario 7-4.

UNDER-21 WOMEN'S GOLD-MEDAL FINAL

Newfoundland/Labrador (Mackenzie Mitchell)	010 020 10x x - 4
Alberta #1 (Myla Plett)*	301 301 02x x-10

BRONZE-MEDAL FINAL

Manitoba #1 (Zoey Terrick)	021 010 103 x - 8
Ontario (Tori Zemmeling)*	100 101 030 x - 6

QUARTERFINALS

Manitoba #1 (Zoey Terrick)*	100 230 304 x-13
Nova Scotia #1 (Sophie Blades)	005 002 020 x- 9
Ontario (Tori Zemmeling)*	100 100 300 11 - 7
Alberta #2 (Claire Booth)	010 011 021 00 - 6

SEMIFINALS

Alberta #1 (Myla Plett)*	201 102 32x x- 11
Ontario (Tori Zemmeling)	010 020 00x x- 3
Newfoundland/Labrador (Mackenzie Mitchell)*	102 010 020 1 - 7
Manitoba #1 (Zoey Terrick)	010 201 101 0 - 6

* - Last-rock advantage

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	W	L
Alberta #1 (Myla Plett)	2	0
Manitoba #1 (Zoey Terrick)+	2	1
Newfoundland/Labrador (Mackenzie Mitchell)	1	1
Ontario (Tori Zemmeling)	1	2
Nova Scotia #1 (Sophie Blades)	0	1
Alberta #2 (Claire Booth)	0	1

+ - Defeated Ontario 8-6 in bronze-medal game

ROUND-ROBIN STANDINGS

Pool A	W	L
Newfoundland/Labrador (Mackenzie Mitchell)**	7	1
Ontario (Tori Zemmeling)**	6	2
Nova Scotia #1 (Sophie Blades)**	6	2
Manitoba #2 (Grace Beaudry)	5	3
Prince Edward Island (Ella Lenentine)	4	4
Québec #1 (Anne-Sophie Gionest)	3	5
New Brunswick #2 (Melodie Forsythe)	3	5
New Brunswick #1 (Jenna Campbell)	2	6
Northwest Territories (Reese Wainman)	0	8

Pool B	W	L
Alberta #1 (Myla Plett)**	8	0
Manitoba #1 (Zoey Terrick)**	6	2
Alberta #2 (Claire Booth)**	5	3
Québec #2 (Elizabeth Cyr)	4	4
Northern Ontario (Bella Croisier)	4	4
British Columbia (Emily Bowles)	3	5
Nova Scotia #2 (Allyson MacNutt)	3	5
Saskatchewan (Elizabeth Kessel)	2	6
Yukon (Bayly Scoffin)	1	7

** - Top three teams from each pool advanced to the playoffs



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Teams Plett and Tao represented Canada proudly in international competition this season. Both competed at the World Junior B championships in Lohja, Finland, in December, with Team Tao winning gold and Team Plett silver. That qualified Canada for the World Junior Championships in February where Team Plett finished fourth and Team Tao placed seventh.

UNDER-21 MEN'S GOLD-MEDAL FINAL

Northern Ontario (Dallas Burgess)	010 201 000 x – 4
Alberta #2 (Johnson Tao)*	201 000 121 x – 7

BRONZE-MEDAL FINAL

Manitoba #1 (Jordon McDonald)*	010 210 020 1 – 7
Ontario #2 (Landan Rooney)	001 001 101 0 – 4

SEMIFINALS

Alberta #2 (Johnson Tao)*	031 011 01x x – 7
Ontario #2 (Landan Rooney)	000 000 10x x 1
Manitoba #1 (Jordon McDonald)*	001 002 021 00 – 6
Northern Ontario (Dallas Burgess)	110 110 200 01 – 7

QUARTERFINALS

Nova Scotia (Calan MacIsaac)	020 010 10x x – 4
Northern Ontario (Dallas Burgess)*	104 102 01x x – 9
Manitoba #2 (Jace Freeman)*	002 020 000 0 – 4
Ontario #2 (Landan Rooney)	000 201 012 2 – 8

* – Last-rock advantage

FINAL STANDINGS

Playoffs	W	L
Alberta #2 (Johnson Tao)	2	0
Northern Ontario (Dallas Burgess)	2	1
Manitoba #1 (Jordon McDonald)	1	1
Ontario #2 (Landan Rooney)	1	2
Manitoba #2 (Jace Freeman)	1	0
Nova Scotia (Calan MacIsaac)	0	1

ROUND-ROBIN STANDINGS

Pool A	W	L
Manitoba #1 (Jordon McDonald)*	8	0
Manitoba #2 (Jace Freeman)*	7	1
Northern Ontario #1 (Dallas Burgess)*+	5	3
Newfoundland/Labrador #2 (Nathan Young)	5	3
Alberta #1 (James Ballance)	4	4
Ontario #1 (Jayden King)	3	5
Québec #2 (Léandre Girard)	2	6
P.E.I. (Mitchell Schut)	2	6
B.C. #2 (Thomas Reed)	0	8

Pool B	W	L
Alberta #2 (Johnson Tao)*	7	1
Nova Scotia (Calan MacIsaac)*	6	2
Ontario #2 (Landan Rooney)*+	5	3
B.C. #1 (Adam Fenton)	5	3
Saskatchewan #1 (Logan Ede)	3	5
New Brunswick (Timothy Marin)	3	5
Saskatchewan #2 (Matthew Drewitz)	3	5
Newfoundland/Labrador #1 (Simon Perry)	2	6
Québec #1 (Adam Bédard)	2	6

* – Top three teams from each pool advanced to the playoffs; + – Ontario #2 and Northern Ontario #1 advanced on tiebreaker system

BALANCE PLUS FAIR PLAY AWARDS

Men

- Skip** Landan Rooney, Ontario #2
- Third** Sam Follett, Newfoundland/Labrador #1
- Second** William Butler, Newfoundland/Labrador #1
- Lead** Miles Reed, British Columbia #2
- Coach** Patrick Bédard, Québec #1

Women

- Skip** Bayly Scoffin, Yukon
- Third** Kate Weissent, Nova Scotia #1
- Second** Amber Gargul, Québec #2
- Lead** Piper Croisier, Northern Ontario
- Coach** Shauna Lehtimaki, Northern Ontario

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



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The 2023 Asham National Coaching Awards went to junior men's coach Craig Burgess of Nova Scotia, left, and junior women's coach Shauna Lehtimaki of Northern Ontario.

ASHAM NATIONAL COACHING AWARD

The 2023 Asham National Coaching Award recipients are Nova Scotia's Craig Burgess and Shauna Lehtimaki of Northern Ontario. The award winners at the New Holland Canadian Under-21 are chosen by coaches who are asked to select an opposing team coach who best exemplifies the attributes of coaching.



Ken Watson Award winners for 2023 (left to right): Adam Fenton, Matt Duizer, Maddy Hollins, Kaylee Raniseth.

KEN WATSON SPIRIT AWARD

The 2023 women's winners of the Ken Watson Award are Kaylee Raniceth, Alberta #2 (Pool A) and Maddy Hollins, Manitoba #2 (Pool B), while the men's winners were Matt Duizer, Northern Ontario. (Pool A) and Adam Fenton, British Columbia #1 (Pool B). The awards are voted on by the players in the New Holland Canadian Under-21 and presented to the curlers who best combine playing ability with sportsmanship.



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CANADIAN U-21 MEN'S CHAMPIONS

2023	Alberta 2	Johnson Tao, Jaedon Neuert, Benjamin Morin, Adam Naugler
2022	Ontario	Landan Rooney, Nathan Steele, Jacob Jones, Austin Snyder
2021	Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic	
2020	Manitoba	Jacques Gauthier, Jordan Peters, Brayden Payette, Zack Bilawka
2019	British Columbia	Tyler Tardi, Sterling Middleton, Matthew Hall, Alex Horvath
2018	British Columbia	Tyler Tardi, Sterling Middleton, Jordan Tardi, Zac Curtis
2017	British Columbia	Tyler Tardi, Sterling Middleton, Jordan Tardi, Nick Meister
2016	Manitoba	Matt Dunstone, Colton Lott, Kyle Doering, Rob Gordon
2015	Manitoba	Braden Calvert, Kyle Kurz, Lucas Van Den Bosch, Brendan Wilson
2014	Manitoba	Braden Calvert, Kyle Kurz, Lucas Van Den Bosch, Brendan Wilson
2013	Manitoba	Matt Dunstone, Colton Lott, Daniel Grant, Brendan MacCuish
2012	Alberta	Brendan Bottcher, Evan Asmussen, Landon Bucholz, Bryce Bucholz
2011	Saskatchewan	Braeden Moskowy, Kirk Muyres, Colton Flasch, Matt Lang
2010	Ontario	Jake Walker, Craig Van Ymeren, Geoff Chambers, Matthew Maplettoft
2009	P.E.I.	Brett Gallant, Adam Casey, Anson Carmody, Jamie Danbrook
2008	Quebec	William Dion, Jean-Michel Arsenault, Erik Lachance, Miguel Bernard
2007	Alberta	Charley Thomas, Brock Virtue, Matthew Ng, Kyle Reynolds
2006	Alberta	Charley Thomas, Geoff Walker, Rollie Robinson, Kyle Reynolds
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2004	New Brunswick	Ryan Sherrard, Jason Roach, Darren Roach, Jared Bezanson
2003	Saskatchewan	Steve Laycock, Christopher Haichert, Michael Jantzen, Kyler Broad
2002	Manitoba	David Hamblin, Ross Derksen, Kevin Hamblin, Ross McCannell
2001	Newfoundland	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brent Hamilton, Mike Adam
2000	British Columbia	Brad Kuhn, Kevin Folk, Ryan Kuhn, Hugh Bennett
1999	Ontario	John Morris, Craig Savill, Jason Young, Brent Laing
1998	Ontario	John Morris, Craig Savill, Andy Ormsby, Brent Laing
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1996	Northern Ontario	Jeff Currie, Greg Given, Andrew Mikkelsen, Tyler Oinonen
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1994	Alberta	Colin Davison, Kelly Mittelstadt, Scott Pfeifer, Sean Morris
1993	Nova Scotia	Shawn Adams, Ben Blanchard, Jon Philip, Robert MacArthur
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1991	Northern Ontario	Jason Repay, Aaron Skillen, Scott McCallum, Trevor Clifford
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1989	British Columbia	Dean Joanisse, David Nantes, Tim Coombes, Jef Pilon
1988	British Columbia	Mike Wood, Mike Bradley, Todd Troyer, Greg Hawkes
1987	New Brunswick	Jim Sullivan, Charlie Sullivan, Craig Burgess, Dan Alderman
1986	Manitoba	Hugh McFadyen, Jon Mead, Norman Gould, John Lange
1985	Alberta	Kevin Martin, Richard Feeney, Daniel Petryk, Michael Berger
1984	Manitoba	Bob Ursel, Brent Mendella, Gerald Chick, Mike Ursel
1983	Saskatchewan	Jamie Schneider, Danny Ferner, Steven Leippi, Kelly Vollman
1982	Ontario	John Base, Bruce Webster, Dave McAnerney, Jim Donahoe
1981	Manitoba	Mert Thompsett, Bill McTavish, Joel Gagne, Mike Friesen
1980	Quebec	Denis Marchand, Denis Cecil, Yves Barrette, Larry Phillips
1979	Manitoba	Mert Thompsett, Lyle Derry, Joel Gagne, Mike Friesen
1978	Alberta	Darren Fish, Lorne Barker, Murray Ursulak, Barry Barker
1977	Alberta	Paul Gowsell, John Ferguson, Doug MacFarlane, Kelly Stearne
1976	P.E.I.	Bill Jenkins, John Scales, Sandy Stewart, Alan Mayhew
1975	Alberta	Paul Gowsell, Neil Houston, Glen Jackson, Kelly Stearne
1974	Alberta	Robb King, Brad Hannah, Bill Fowlis, Chris King
1973	Ontario	Mark McDonald, Lloyd Emmerson, Phillip Tomsett, Jon Clare
1972	Alberta	Lawrence Niven, Rick Niven, Jim Ross, Ted Poblowski
1971	Saskatchewan	Greg Montgomery, Don Despins, Jeff Montgomery, Rod Verboom
1970	New Brunswick	Ronald Ferguson, Garth Jardine, Brian Henderson, Cyril Sutherland
1969	Saskatchewan	Robert Miller, Roger Rask, Lloyd Helm, William Aug
1968	Ontario	William Hope, Bruce Lord, Brian Domney, Dennis Gardiner
1967	Alberta	Stanley Trout, Doug Dobry, Allan Kullay, Donald Douglas
1966	Alberta	Brian Howes, Blair Pallesen, John Thompson, Chris Robinson
1965	Saskatchewan	Dan Fink, Ken Runtz, Ron Jacques, Larry Lechner
1964	Northern Ontario	Bob Ash, Bill Ash, Terry Armstrong, Fred Prier
1963	Alberta	Wayne Saboe, Ron Hampton, Rick Aldridge, Mick Adams
1962	Saskatchewan	Mike Lukowich, Ed Lukowich, Doug McLeod, David Moore
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CANADIAN U-21 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

2023	Alberta 1	Myla Plett, Alyssa Nedohin, Chloe Fediuk, Allie Iskiw
2022	Nova Scotia	Taylor Stevens, Lauren Ferguson, Alison Umlah, Cate Fitzgerald
2021	Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic	
2020	Manitoba	Mackenzie Zacharias, Karlee Burgess, Emily Zacharias, Lauren Lentine
2019	Alberta	Selena Sturmey, Abby Marks, Kate Goodhelpsen, Paige Papley
2018	Nova Scotia	Kaitlyn Jones, Kristin Clarke, Karlee Burgess, Lindsey Burgess
2017	Alberta	Kristen Streifel, Chantele Broderson, Kate Goodhelpsen, Brenna Bilassy
2016	Nova Scotia	Mary Fay, Kristin Clarke, Karlee Burgess, Janique LeBlanc
2015	Alberta	Kelsey Rocque, Danielle Schmiemann, Holly Jamieson, Jessica Iles
2014	Alberta	Kelsey Rocque, Keely Brown, Taylor McDonald, Claire Tully
2013	British Columbia	Corryn Brown, Erin Pincott, Sam Fisher, Sydney Fraser
2012	Alberta	Jocelyn Peterman, Brittany Tran, Rebecca Kenschuh, Kristine Anderson
2011	Saskatchewan	Trish Paulsen, Kari Kennedy, Kari Paulsen, Natalie Yanko
2010	Ontario	Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Laura Crocker, Lynn Kreviazuk
2009	Manitoba	Kaitlyn Lawes, Jenna Loder, Laryssa Grenkow, Breanne Meakin
2008	Manitoba	Kaitlyn Lawes, Jenna Loder, Liz Peters, Sarah Wazney
2007	Nfld./Labrador	Stacie Devereaux, Stephanie Guzzwell, Sarah Paul, Julie Devereaux
2006	Saskatchewan	Mandy Selzer, Erin Selzer, Kristen Mitchell, Megan Selzer
2005	New Brunswick	Andrea Kelly, Kristen MacDiarmid, Jodie deSolla, Lianne Sobey
2004	Nova Scotia	Jillian Mouzar, Paige Mattie, Blisse Comstock, Chloe Comstock
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1999	Quebec	Marie-France Larouche, Nancy Bélanger, Marie-Eve Létourneau, Valerie Grenier
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1988	Alberta	LaDawn Funk, Sandy Symyrozum, Cindy Larsen, Laurelle Funk
1987	British Columbia	Julie Sutton, Judy Wood, Susan Auty, Marla Geiger
1986	British Columbia	Jodie Sutton, Julie Sutton, Dawn Rubner, Chris Thompson
1985	Saskatchewan	Kimberley Armbruster, Sheila Calcutt, Wanda Figitt, Lorraine Krupski
1984	Manitoba	Darcy Kirkness, Barb Kirkness, Janet Harvey, Barbara Fetch
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WHEN NORTHERN STARS ALIGN

Dunstone, Brown cherish a memorable week, fantastic Under-21 championships, in Fort McMurray

BY MARIO ANNICCHIARICO



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Above: Corryn-Brown says a victory in the Under-21 championship was 'just meant to be' as her British Columbia team capitalized on its opportunities.

Right: Team Manitoba skip Matt Dunstone had to beat an older, more experienced Team Alberta in the final, but pulled it off.

It was 11 years ago, in Fort McMurray, Alta., that a pair of fresh-faced 17-year-olds walked off the ice at the Suncor Community Centre at MacDonald Island Park with the largest prize in Canadian Under-21 curling.

Skips Matt Dunstone of Manitoba and Corryn Brown of British Columbia captured the New Holland Canadian Under-21 men's and women's titles before a raucous crowd and neither will ever forget the lasting memories from northern Alberta.

"It's hard to believe it's been 11 years," said Brown. "The one thing I think of is to win a championship like that, you can't just play well, some luck has to go your way as well. That's my look at it.

"There were games where the stars just, kind of, aligned and maybe you didn't deserve to win. We did play pretty well, too, but it seemed like it was just meant to be. There were opportunities and we capitalized when we needed to, and it was definitely one of the highlights of my career. It was extremely memorable and definitely something I will cherish forever."

As will the contestants for these 2024 New Holland Canadian U-21 Curling Championships that return to the Wood Buffalo area.

The way Dunstone and Brown claimed their respective trophies with their teammates still remain remarkable feats, considering the two were competing against older athletes.

In the championship finals, Dunstone and his team of vice-skip Colton Lott, second Daniel Grant and lead Brendan MacCuish, edged defending champion Alberta, led by skip Thomas Scoffin, which had solid backing in the stands.

Brown, with Erin Pincott at vice-skip, Samantha Fisher at second, Sydney Fraser at lead, and her dad Ken coaching, downed Manitoba's Shannon Birchard, who is now a five-time Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion.

Dunstone did it in impressive fashion with a memorable in-off, double-takeout for the winning point. With two Scoffin counters (one touching the button and the other nudging the four-foot), Dunstone opted to throw some heat, redirecting off his own rock at 90-degrees to eliminate both Alberta stones.

Much to the amazement of the crowd, he pulled it off.

"Looking back at it now, and knowing what I know about strategy and how it works now, it was a completely crazy shot to call. But young 17-year-old me didn't know right from wrong," Dunstone said with a laugh. "At the end of the day, whatever shot you're going to make is the right one in that moment."

As soon as the incredible shot was made, Dunstone threw his broom up in the air and joyfully hopped up and down in the excitement of the moment.

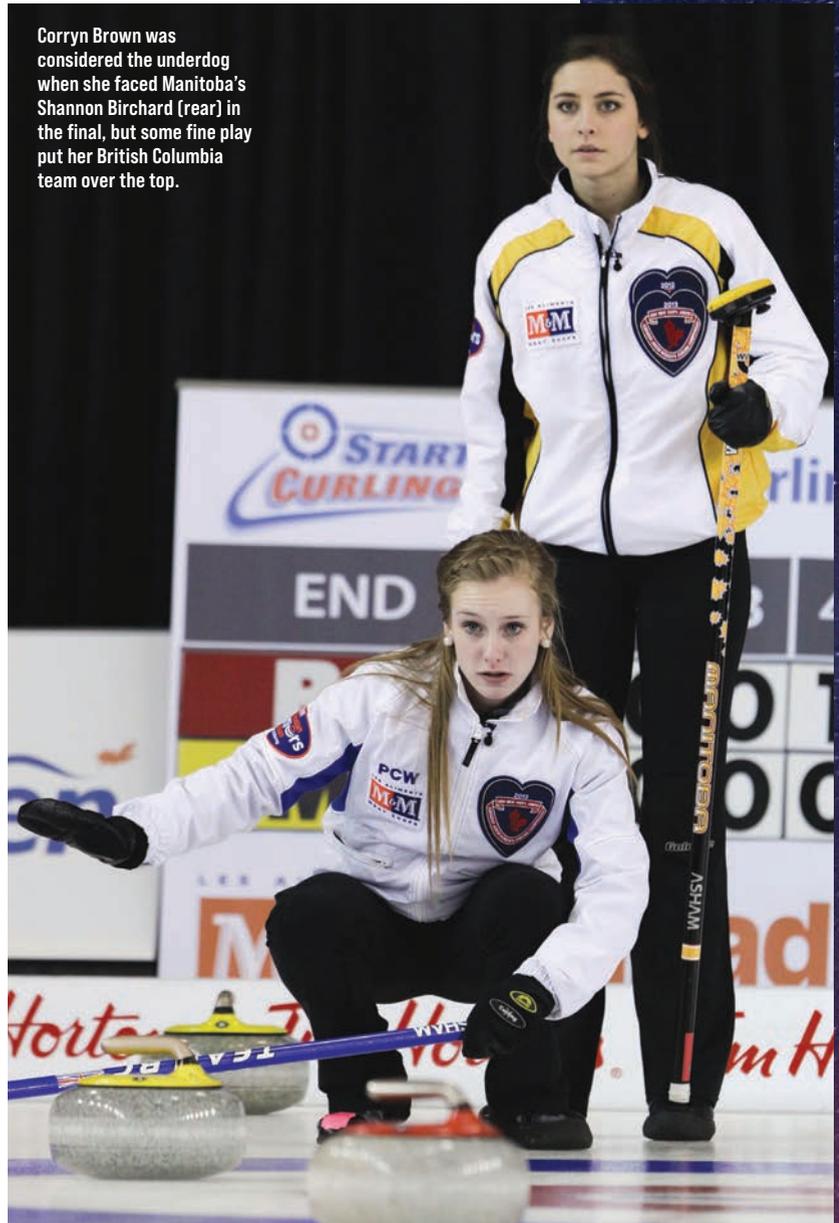


Corryn Brown says she will enjoy her victory, and the taste of the winning trophy, in Fort McMurray, Alta., for a long, long time.

"I totally blacked out. Those 10 minutes afterward, you're not even thinking much. It was a dream come true at that moment. It was pretty surreal. We were 17 years old at the time and you dream of winning the juniors, but you don't expect it to come at that age," said Dunstone, who was a silver medallist at the 2023 Brier. "I do remember looking up into the crowd and trying to find our family, giving them a little fist pump after the fact.

"That whole 10 minutes after the shot was made, and the entire evening, was a blur. You completely black out, super excited and you don't really capture much of what went on."

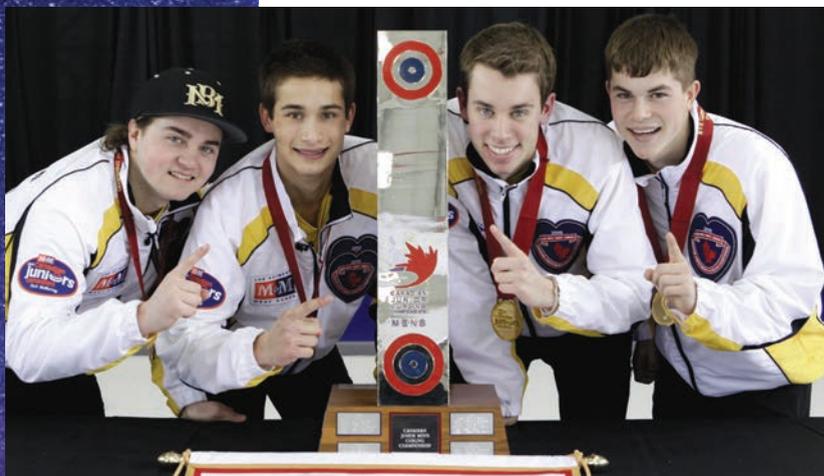
Dunstone struggled with his draw weight that day, throwing just two all game. Lott was an impressive 96 per cent in his shot-making in the final and Grant was a spectacular 96 per cent.



Corryn Brown was considered the underdog when she faced Manitoba's Shannon Birchard (rear) in the final, but some fine play put her British Columbia team over the top.



Matt Dunstone made an incredible in-off double to win, touching off a victory dance on the ice that people in Fort McMurray are still talking about.



The hospitality in Fort McMurray was incredible, which made skip Matt Dunstone's title even more special for his Manitoba team. Left to right: Matt Dunstone, vice-skip Colton Lott, second Daniel Grant, and lead Brendan MacCuish.

The team, as a whole, curled 92 per cent in the semifinal win over Nova Scotia as well.

It was the first of two Canadian U-21 crowns for Dunstone, who still curls with Lott. Brown later competed in two more national U-21 championships of her own, finishing third in 2015 and also participating in the 2017 event in Victoria.

"We played Shannon Birchard in the final (in Fort McMurray) and she was a bit older than us. We were definitely the underdog there and might not have been the favourites to win on paper, but like I said, things really went our way and we played well and executed when we needed to and that's what put us over the top," recalled Brown of the final.

"I remember it well. It was an end going away, the seventh end, and I made a triple and it was kind of the game changer. I think we got three in that end," said Brown, nailing the details of the championship final's seventh end perfectly.

For both Brown and Dunstone to win titles at such a tender age set the stage for what continues to be solid curling careers.

"It definitely makes you appreciate the moments while you're there because you don't realize how hard it is to get back to those situations, as we saw in 2015 and 2017," said Brown. "It certainly makes you want to cherish the moments while you do have them and while you are on top, because it doesn't come back every day that's for sure."

"It was far from easy," said Dunstone. "In our last round-robin game we had to win just to make it into a tiebreaker game. Saskatchewan just had to hit the rings in the 10th end and they threw it through. That got us into the tiebreaker and from there, the rest was history.

"It was far from an easy event, we had some breaks go our way and I think anytime you win a national championship that has to happen."

It happened in Fort McMurray and will remain in the memories and hearts of both Brown and Dunstone.

"The hospitality in McMurray was incredible. It was the first year that we had gone (to the national U-21 championship) and we were in for a treat. It was an amazing facility, the ice was great, and all volunteers were amazing," recalled Brown, who still curls with Pincott — who happens to be Dunstone's life partner — and Fisher.

"It was a long time ago. Winning the event, obviously stands out, for sure. It was the first national championship that I had ever played in and getting to meet people from all around Canada and creating friendships and obviously relationships (where he met Pincott) was great," said Dunstone. "It was awesome. The facility was awesome, the people were awesome and I'll cherish it forever."

"We definitely made some good memories at all the (national) juniors that we were at, but Fort McMurray will definitely hold a special place in my heart, for sure," stressed Brown.

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Lori Olson (front) had a big hand in helping Team Canada, skipped by Mackenzie Zacharias (right), win the 2020 World Junior Women's championship.

LESSONS BY JOHN KOROBANIK in FORT MAC

Lori Olson found her path in life and curling in small-town Alberta, and is passing her knowledge on to youth of today

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. For Lori Olson that village was Fort McMurray, the northern Alberta community where she grew up, went to school, learned to curl and found her path in life.

It was a path that took her to three Alberta junior curling championships, to two finals at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and ultimately to her current life as schoolteacher and curling coach. And it all began with four young girls in the Oilsands Curling Club.

“The curling rink was just like in any small-town community and my parents were heavily involved,” the now 47-year-old Olson recalls. “I remember growing up watching them curl, hanging out at the rink, going to McDonald Island, watching them interact with different people. It was very social.”

Her dad, Randy, an accomplished curler in his own right who went to the 1993 Canadian men’s championship as part of the Greg Ferster Alberta team, began coaching Lori when she was about 11. Trying to put together a junior team presented a numbers challenge.

“We had three of the girls who were curling in the junior program at the Oilsands Curling Club,” says Randy. “They needed a fourth so Lori asked one of her volleyball girls if she would be interested. And Kary Ann (Kjelshus) said yes, so they were off to the nationals in their first year of curling (as a team).”

It was a situation that would teach the four girls some valuable life and sporting lessons.

“It taught us to be friends, it taught us to be teammates, it taught us communication

skills, it taught us how to get along and work through problem solving,” Lori says of the team that also included Rhonda Sinclair and Jody Lee. “We happened to be successful and go to the junior nationals in 1992, and I went again in ’95 and ’97. It was that experience with those girls and that tight-knit group that really propelled my passion for the sport.

“Going to the nationals early was something special. We felt like we really accomplished something, these four girls from the north who were able to beat out teams from bigger cities. We felt really empowered.”

The success of the team eventually earned them induction into the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

“Lori and the rinks she played with represent a great moment in our winter sports history in Wood Buffalo,” hall of fame president Wade Kolmel said at the induction ceremony.

Some of the lessons she learned playing with that team proved beneficial as Olson moved into the ladies’ curling ranks. Things, she says, like how to communicate effectively, resiliency, how to recognize your gaps or weaknesses, and how to put a plan in place and build on it.

“How to work through things versus changing teams every year. If you look at my career, the teams I did play with, I played long term. We had long-term goals and we worked diligently on our skills and building our capacity as a team. And all of that came from there (Fort McMurray) and my love of the game.”

Olson played in four Scotties Tournament



Junior curling success empowered curlers like Lori Olson who were able to defeat teams from bigger cities.



Not all of Lori Olson’s success came on the ice. Some also came with an award at the end of an event.

of Hearts — 2005 and 2006 with Cathy King, 2015 with Val Sweeting when they lost in the final to Jennifer Jones, and 2022 with Manitoba's Team Mackenzie Zacharias. She also had stints with teams skipped by Cheryl Bernard, Crystal Webster and Laura Walker. She also played briefly as a substitute for Jones in 2019.

"Winning my first provincials to go to the Scotties was unbelievable and to actually slide over the emblem that's in the middle of the ice that you watched your entire life, I was just like, OK, now I can retire."

During her first few years in the ladies division, Olson found herself often making the five-hour drive from Fort McMurray to Edmonton, play a game and drive five hours back home in the middle of the night. That was on Highway 63, known to Albertans as the Highway of Death. Between 2001-05 there were

1,004 crashes along the 436-kilometre drive, resulting in 25 deaths and 257 serious injuries. Fortunately for Olson and her dad, they never became one of those statistics.

"It was a long drive for sure," says Randy. "We drove down after school, played a game and drove home afterwards. Five hours each way."

In those days players had to play a certain number of games with a team to qualify as a member for competitions.

"So I taught in Fort McMurray and drove to Edmonton to play in a league game and then we would back and be in the classroom the next morning. And it wasn't just during the week. Competitions were on weekends so there was a lot of commitment with my coaching and my responsibilities at school because I was the only female teacher at that school and was coaching all the sports and travelling down the highway.

"There were a few times, like on lunch hours, I'm sure I was having a quick nap on my desk in the PhyEd office. I did that for three years and then finally got a job in St. Albert and moved here. It was definitely a blur, but I think it just shows the desire that I had to really chase my dream in the sport."

She also chased another dream, to be a teacher, because of the example set by her PhyEd coach and teacher Debbie O'Halloran.

"I share so much love and passion for my hometown, it really shaped who I am in all aspects. I became a teacher because of a teacher at the school, Debbie O'Halloran, she really paved the path for me, wanting to take after her. I told her in Grade 12, you better figure out what you want to do because I'm going to university and coming back here to teach. And that's exactly what happened. She moved into counselling and I took over her position."

Olson retired from competitive curling following the 2022 Scotties and turned her curling focus to coaching, particularly with Curling Canada's Next-Gen Program where she's found a new passion.

"I love it, I love it," she says empathically. "Of course I miss being out there competing. There's nothing like that . . . but seeing young kids put in the work and effort and then perform at their



Lori Olson played in four Scotties Tournament of Hearts with a variety of skips. She says her first provincial win to go to the Scotties was "unbelievable."

best when they're required to, it just gives me chills."

Olson reaches into the memory banks to recall lessons she learned from her coaches that she can use when coaching youngsters in the NextGen program that offers individuals and teams national coaching and support and funding to offset some costs of competing at the national and international level.

"There are very few people who have every tool in the toolbox and are skilled at all things," she says. "So, for me, I take things like organization, clear communication, positive interactions, team dynamics, building skills as individuals and building skills as a team."

"If I need to, I will bring in a sports psychologist or a trainer or a physiotherapist or connect (the young curlers) with someone outside of my expertise. I'm someone who wants these young athletes feeling confident, supported in all aspects and I think we have some incredible individuals in this country."

"So there's definitely no ego in this. It's all about helping these kids be the best that they can be."

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Lori Olson chased her dreams to be a curler, but also a teacher.



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Curling Canada is gearing up to revamp its NextGen program, looking to strengthen the frameworks that will get — and keep — promising young athletes in the sport.



When David Murdoch took over as Curling Canada’s High Performance Director last year, he considered the athletic landscape of the country, so different than his native Scotland. What stood out, he says, was the “incredible” depth of Canadian curling talent, with multitudes of players, including rising youngsters, and a wealth of quality facilities.

These, he thought, are the key building blocks to produce Canada’s next crop of world-class curlers. Yet he also saw the challenges in that process. Access to top coaching varies widely across the vast country. The pandemic dented key development time; for three years Curling Canada couldn’t hold its national U-18 championships. What is especially concerning is that, after they leave high school, many talented young rock-throwers drift away from the sport.

Meanwhile, the very depth that’s Canada’s biggest strength can also pose its own challenge. Around the world, countries eyeing Olympic gold



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GROWING OUR FUTURE STARS

Curling Canada’s NextGen program a framework that will get — and keep — promising young athletes in the sport

BY MELISSA MARTIN

are investing more money in curling; where the player pool is smaller, national coaches often assemble teams from the best players, and infuse them with funding and coaching support. That approach can't work with Canada's big competitive field, but it can produce elite sharpshooters at increasingly younger ages.

"If you go on that journey of essentially full-time athletes, and you're getting regular coaching, and you make incremental gains year on year, you've got a pretty incredible team within three to four years," Murdoch says. "You're pooling your country's best resources into a small, finite amount of people. That's pretty different to us where we've got a huge amount of people, and maybe not all the coaches to cover all of that. So we need to be smart about how we channel this."

In other words, in a country as big as Canada, with so many young curlers jostling to reach their dreams, how do you make sure all those rising stars can get the opportunities and the expert guidance that they need?

To solve this puzzle, Curling Canada is gearing up to revamp its NextGen program, looking to strengthen the frameworks that will get — and keep — promising young athletes in the sport. This means new events, new supports, and a new focus on shoring up access to training and development resources across Canada, based in large part on feedback from regional curling associations and young players themselves.

"We really want to put a focus on, what do we want our national team athletes to achieve

and aspire to in the future?" says Helen Radford, NextGen program manager. "What does training look like? How do we set up competitions? What's the 12-month plan for those athletes, and who's coaching them? What are they doing for their rest and recovery, how do they have life balance?"

Curling Canada launched its NextGen program in 2017, looking to better support rising talent. The pandemic knocked that momentum back; but the good news, Radford says, is that youth participation numbers seem to be recovering. The key now, she thinks, is to seize the chance to bring them into a system that is set up to provide a smooth progression through their goals in the sport.

"We're excited about where we're going," Radford says. "We want to have a really wide base of athletes at a younger age, give them lots of opportunities, and have them have pathways, whether it's competitive or recreational. At the end of the day, we want them to have fun, we want them to get better at curling, and make friends and learn life skills."

There are several areas of focus. Among the most important, Murdoch and Radford agree, is coaching. While some regions have a bevy of qualified coaches, others don't have enough to meet the need.

"There are a lot of good coaches out there, but how can we make them the world's best coaches?" Murdoch says. "We can't provide 30 or 40 in each province, but can we at least get one in every province, one in every territory, is that at least possible? That, we could help with. Hopefully in





NextGen program manager Helen Radford says youth participation numbers are recovering after the pandemic.

time we have a broader network of access to that type of expertise.

Consistency is another issue: ideally, no matter where they're located, young players would be getting similar messaging on technical development as Canada's top national teams. That will make for a smoother progression through the ranks of the sport, Radford and Murdoch think.

"We are trying to close the gaps on that," Radford says. "We're making sure everybody has the same information, regardless of where you live . . . so that if you're coaching at U-15, or U-18, or U-21, or U-25, it's all the same. Because if we get our younger athletes curling and throwing the rock really well, they're going to be pretty consistent and awesome curlers as they get older."

There are also new events on the horizon. This year, Curling Canada launched RockFest, an innovative multi-regional competition for curlers under age 15. The event, which focuses on skills development, saw young athletes qualify by entering their best shots into an app, then come together for a weekend of coaching, socializing, and friendly competition.

There will be more to come. Ultimately, Radford and Murdoch say, the goal is to ensure that rising curlers have seamless access to a wide range of professional knowledge, from off-ice training plans to advice on the mental components of competition.

"It's all these little components now that really give an edge," Murdoch says. "Once you start making the journey and climbing the mountain up here, the more tools you have in your bag, the quicker and stronger you'll get through the battle of getting to the top."

But it isn't just about getting to the top, either. It's also about ensuring that all the athletes who start in curling, and want to stay, have the support to do it, in whatever way suits their dreams. Not every talented young junior wants to point themselves towards the Olympics, but with the right scaffolding around them, maybe more will stay in close contact with curling as their lives get busier, and find other ways of meaningfully participating in the sport.

"Essentially what we want is an extremely wide funnel," Murdoch says. "Canada's got the strength in depth to do that. As you progress through that funnel, you'll navigate your own path. For some, that's 'you know what, I really like this journey, and I'm probably trending to where I could achieve something in this,' and there's a pathway that keeps going to the top

"Equally, for some it's just that 'we want to compete for life.' We don't want to lose them in the sport. They came through our junior systems and they enjoyed being a part of that, and that could lead to some other things in the sport in different disciplines. I think having the funnel as wide as we can is just going to help us more."

Melissa Martin is a writer-at-large, currently on leave, at the Winnipeg Free Press



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CANADIAN NATURAL ARENA 2								
DATE	DRAW	TIME	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D	SHEET D	
SUNDAY, MARCH 24		8:00 a.m.	PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE					
	1	4:00 p.m.	NB vs SK2	MB1 vs BC1	NL vs ON2	SK1 vs NS2	NS1 vs AB1	
	2	9:00 p.m.	QC vs NS1	MB1 vs N01	MB2 vs ON2	SK vs BC	ON1 vs AB1	
MONDAY, MARCH 25	3	9:00 a.m.	MB1 vs SK1	QC vs NL	NS2 vs SK2	BC1 vs ON2	N01 vs AB2	
	4	2:00 p.m.	MB1 vs SK	PE vs MB2	BC vs NS1	N01 vs ON2	NB vs NS2	
	5	7:00 p.m.	MB2 vs ON1	AB2 vs NS1	PE vs N01	AB1 vs N02	BC1 vs NS2	
TUESDAY, MARCH 26	6	9:00 a.m.	NT vs NL2	NS2 vs ON1	NL1 vs NB	AB1 vs AB2	N01 vs BC	
	7	2:00 p.m.	AB1 vs PE	ON1 vs BC2	AB2 vs MB2	N01 vs NS1	SK2 vs QC	
	8	7:00 p.m.	AB1 vs NL1	NL2 vs N02	NS2 vs NT	NB vs ON1	NS1 vs PE	
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27	9	9:00 a.m.	ON2 vs MB1	BC1 vs SK2	NB vs NL	QC vs SK1	BC2 vs N01	
	10	2:00 p.m.	ON2 vs MB1	N01 vs NS1	QC vs MB2	PE vs SK	N02 vs NB	
	11	7:00 p.m.	NL vs BC1	NB vs QC	MB1 vs NS2	ON2 vs SK2	N02 vs MB2	
THURSDAY, MARCH 28	12	9:00 a.m.	MB2 vs N01	QC vs PE	MB1 vs BC	ON2 vs NS1	AB2 vs NT	
	13	2:00 p.m.	ON1 vs NS1	BC2 vs AB2	MB2 vs PE	N02 vs N01	NS2 vs NB	
	14	7:00 p.m.	NL2 vs ON1	N02 vs NS2	NT vs NL1	AB2 vs NB	BC vs QC	
FRIDAY, MARCH 29	15	9:00 a.m.	QC vs ON2	NL vs NS2	SK2 vs SK1	NB vs BC1	PE vs BC2	
	16	2:00 p.m.	PE vs ON2	MB2 vs BC	NS1 vs SK	QC vs N01	NL1 vs N02	
	17	7:00 p.m.	AB2 vs N02	AB1 vs N01	BC2 vs NS1	ON1 vs PE	SK1 vs NL	
SATURDAY, MARCH 30	18	9:00 a.m.	NS2 vs AB2	AB1 vs NB	N02 vs ON1	NL2 vs NL1	SK vs MB2	
		1:00 p.m.	PLAYOFFS					
		7:00 p.m.	PLAYOFFS					
SUNDAY, MARCH 31		9:00 a.m.	PLAYOFFS					
		11:00 a.m.	MEN'S FINAL					
		3:00 p.m.	WOMEN'S FINAL					



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NS1 vs MB1	ON2 vs QC	BC vs PE



WOMEN	
POOL A	POOL B
Nova Scotia 1	Alberta 1
Manitoba 1	Ontario 1
Northern Ontario 1	Newfoundland/Labrador 1
Quebec	New Brunswick
Saskatchewan	Nova Scotia 2
Ontario 2	Alberta 2
Manitoba 2	Northern Ontario 2
British Columbia	Newfoundland/Labrador 2
Prince Edward Island	Northwest Territories

MEN	
POOL A	POOL B
Manitoba 1	Alberta 1
Saskatchewan 1	Ontario 1
British Columbia 1	Northern Ontario 1
Newfoundland/Labrador	Nova Scotia 1
Quebec	Manitoba 2
Ontario 2	Alberta 2
Saskatchewan 2	British Columbia 2
Nova Scotia 2	Northern Ontario 2
New Brunswick	Prince Edward Island



NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

ALBERTA 1 LACOMBE CURLING CLUB/SAVILLE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE, EDMONTON



From left: Emma DeSchiffart, Emma Yarmuch, Morgan DeSchiffart and Sarah Yarmuch.

SKIP: Emma DeSchiffart **Age:** 16
School: Grade 11 student, St. Augustine School **Highlights:** Skipped Alberta at 2023 and '24 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Emma Yarmuch **Age:** 18
School: Grade 12 student, Archbishop Jordan High School **Highlights:** Played third for Alberta at 2024 Canadian U-18s

SECOND: Morgan DeSchiffart **Age:** 18
School: Student, Red Deer Polytechnic **Highlights:** Played third for Alberta at 2023 Canadian U-18s and second in '24

LEAD: Sarah Yarmuch **Age:** 15
School: Grade 10 student, Archbishop Jordan High School

ALTERNATE: Rhiley DeSchiffart
COACH: Mark DeSchiffart

ALBERTA 2 THE GLENCOE CLUB, CALGARY



From left: Grace Beaudry, Claire Booth, Keelie Duncan, Carley Hardie and Tyson Toews.

SKIP (second stones): Grace Beaudry **Age:** 19 **School:** Communication and media studies student, University of Calgary **Highlights:** Skipped Manitoba 2 (third stones) at 2023 Canadian U-21s, skipped at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s

FOURTH: Claire Booth **Age:** 20 **School:** Kinesiology student, University of Calgary **Highlights:** Skipped Alberta 2 at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s; won bronze in '22. Won silver as skip at 2022 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Keelie Duncan **Age:** 19 **School:** Business student, University of Calgary **Highlights:** Played third for British Columbia at 2022 Canadian U-18s, skipped in '23; won bronze in '22. Played second for British Columbia at 2019 Canada Winter Games

LEAD: Carley Hardie **Age:** 18 **School:** Biological science student, University of Calgary **Highlights:** Played lead for British Columbia at 2022 Canadian U-18s, third in '23; won bronze in '22

ALTERNATE: Kate Ector
COACH: Tyson Toews

BRITISH COLUMBIA VICTORIA CURLING CLUB



From left: Emily Bowles, Meredith Cole, Gabby Brissette, Mahra Harris and Logan Miron.

SKIP: Emily Bowles **Age:** 20 **School:** Biology student, Camosun College (gap year) **Highlights:** Skipped British Columbia at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022 Canadian U-18s and 2021 world junior qualifier. Played mixed doubles at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Meredith Cole **Age:** 20 **School:** Psychology student, University of Victoria **Highlights:** Played third for British Columbia at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022 Canadian U-18s and 2021 world junior qualifier. Played third for University of Victoria at 2023 and '24 U SPORTS championships

SECOND: Gabby Brissette **Age:** 19
School: Civil engineering student, University of Victoria **Highlights:** Played second for University of Victoria at 2023 and '24 U SPORTS championships

LEAD: Mahra Harris **Age:** 20 **School:** Geography student, University of Victoria **Highlights:** Played second for British Columbia at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Alternate for University of Victoria at 2023 U SPORTS championships and skip in '24

COACH: Logan Miron

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

MANITOBA 1 CARMAN GOLF AND CURLING CLUB



From left: Shaela Hayward, Keira Krahn, India Young, Rylie Cox and Diane Hayward.

SKIP: Shaela Hayward **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Carman Collegiate
Highlights: Won gold as Manitoba skip at 2024 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Keira Krahn **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Carman Collegiate
Highlights: Won gold as Manitoba third at 2024 Canadian U-18s

SECOND: India Young **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Carman Collegiate
Highlights: Won gold as Manitoba second at 2024 Canadian U-18s

LEAD: Rylie Cox **Age:** 18 **School:** Grade 12 student, Carman Collegiate
Highlights: Won gold as Manitoba lead at 2024 Canadian U-18s

COACH: Diane Hayward

MANITOBA 2 HEATHER CURLING CLUB, WINNIPEG



From left: Zoey Terrick, Cassidy Dundas, Tessa Terrick, Jensen Letham and Clint Cullen.

SKIP: Zoey Terrick **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, University of Manitoba
Highlights: Won bronze as Manitoba skip at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Skipped at 2022 Canadian U-18s and alternate in '19

THIRD: Cassidy Dundas **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, University of Manitoba
Highlights: Played third for Manitoba at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s

SECOND: Tessa Terrick **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, University of Manitoba
Highlights: Won bronze as Manitoba lead at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Played second for Manitoba at 2022 Canadian U-18s and lead in '23

LEAD: Jensen Letham **Age:** 20 **School:** Criminology student, University of Manitoba
Highlights: Won bronze as Manitoba second at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Played second at 2022 Canadian U-18s

ALTERNATE: Taylor Letham
COACH: Clint Cullen

NEW BRUNSWICK CAPITAL WINTER CLUB (FREDERICTON) & CURL MONCTON



From left: Mélodie Forsythe, Paige Brewer, Caylee Smith, Rebecca Watson and Wayne Tallon.

SKIP: Mélodie Forsythe **Age:** 19 **School:** Criminology student, Université de Moncton
Highlights: Skipped New Brunswick at 2020 and '23 Canadian U-21s. Skipped Host Team (New Brunswick) at 2018 Canadian U-18s, New Brunswick in '19 and New Brunswick 2 in '23; won silver in '23. Skipped New Brunswick at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Rebecca Watson **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, University of New Brunswick
Highlights: Played lead for New Brunswick at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Won silver at 2023 Canadian U-18s as New Brunswick 2 third. Played third for New Brunswick at 2023 Canada Winter Games. Played lead for University of New Brunswick at 2024 U SPORTS championships

SECOND: Caylee Smith **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Moncton High School
Highlights: Played lead for New Brunswick at 2020 and '23 Canadian U-21s. Played lead for Host Team (New Brunswick) at 2018 Canadian U-18s, for New Brunswick in '19 and for New Brunswick 2 in '23; won silver in '23. Played lead for New Brunswick at 2023 Canada Winter Games

LEAD (vice-skip): Paige Brewer **Age:** 20 **School:** Enrolled at New Brunswick Community College's Industrial Control Technology program

COACH: Wayne Tallon

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

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



From left: Izzy Paterson, Sitaye Penney, Sandra Sparrow, Hayley Gushue and Cailey Locke.

SKIP: Cailey Locke **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 11 student, Holy Spirit High School **Highlights:** Skipped Newfoundland & Labrador at 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games. Represented Canada in mixed doubles at 2024 Youth Olympic Games

THIRD: Hayley Gushue **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, O'Donel High School **Highlights:** Alternate for Newfoundland & Labrador at 2023 Canadian U-18s and third in '24

SECOND: Sitaye Penney **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Prince of Wales Collegiate **Highlights:** Played second for Newfoundland & Labrador at 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games

LEAD: Izzy Paterson **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, Memorial University **Highlights:** Played second for New Brunswick at 2023 Canadian U-21s, U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games; won silver at U-18s.

COACH: Sandra Sparrow

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR 2 RE/MAX CENTRE, ST. JOHN'S CURLING CLUB



From left: Sarah McDonah, Katie Peddigrew, Kate Young and Kayla Musseau.

SKIP: Sarah McDonah **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Memorial University

THIRD: Katie Peddigrew **Age:** 17 **School:** Mount Pearl Senior High School **Highlights:** Played third for Newfoundland & Labrador at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games

SECOND: Kate Young **Age:** 17 **School:** Student, Holy Heart of Mary High School **Highlights:** Played lead for Newfoundland & Labrador at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games

LEAD: Kayla Musseau **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, Memorial University

COACH: Leslie Anne Walsh

NORTHERN ONTARIO I KAKABEKA FALLS CURLING CLUB



From left: Deanna Chilton, Lily Ariganello, Bella McCarville, Rylie Paul, Claire Dubinsky and Rob Dubinsky.

SKIP: Claire Dubinsky **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, St. Ignatius High School **Highlights:** Skipped Northern Ontario 2 and 2023 Canadian U-18s and Northern Ontario 1 in '24

THIRD: Rylie Paul **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, Saint Patricks High School **Highlights:** Played third for Northern Ontario 2 at 2023 Canadian U-18s and Northern Ontario 1 in '24

SECOND: Bella McCarville **Age:** 14 **School:** Grade 9 student, Saint Patricks High School **Highlights:** Played second for Northern Ontario 2 at 2023 Canadian U-18s and Northern Ontario 1 in '24

LEAD: Lily Ariganello **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, Superior CVI **Highlights:** Played lead for Northern Ontario 2 at 2023 Canadian U-18s and Northern Ontario 1 in '24

ALTERNATE: Deanna Chilton
COACH: Rob Dubinsky

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

NORTHERN ONTARIO 2

NORTHERN CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY CENTRE, SUDBURY



From left: Karli Hicklin, Clara Dissanayake, Justine Toner, Britney Malette, Mia Toner and Lee Toner.

SKIP: Mia Toner **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, Queen's University
Highlights: Skipped Northern Ontario at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Justine Toner **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, College Notre-Dame
Highlights: Played second for Northern Ontario at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s

SECOND: Clara Dissanayake **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, McMaster University
Highlights: Played lead for Northern Ontario at 2022 and '23 Canadian

U-18s. Played lead for McMaster University at 2023 U SPORTS championships, second in '24

LEAD/VICE-SKIP: Britney Malette **Age:** 20 **School:** Student, Laurentian University
Highlights: Skipped Northern Ontario 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s. Played lead for Laurentian University at 2024 U SPORTS championships

ALTERNATE: Karli Hicklin
COACH: Lee Toner

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES YELLOWKNIFE CURLING CLUB



From left: Brian Kelln, Brynn Chorostkowski, Mackenzie Chiasson, Ella Skauge, Sydney Galusha and Kali Skauge.

SKIP (third stones): Sydney Galusha **Age:** 14 **School:** Grade 9 student, Sir John Franklin High School
Highlights: Played third for Northwest Territories at 2023 Canadian U-18s

FOURTH: Kali Skauge **Age:** 18 **School:** Grade 12 student, Sir John Franklin High School
Highlights: Played second for Northwest Territories at 2022 Canadian U-21s, 2021 world junior qualifier and 2019 Canadian U-18s. Fourth at 2023 Canadian U-18s

FRONT END: Mackenzie Chiasson **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, Sir John Franklin High School
Highlights: Front end for Northwest Territories at 2023 Canadian U-18s

FRONT END: Ella Skauge **Age:** 15 **School:** Grade 10 student, Sir John Franklin High School
Highlights: Alternate for Northwest Territories at 2022 Canadian U-21s. Played front end for Northwest Territories at 2023 Canadian U-18s

FRONT END: Brynn Chorostkowski **Age:** 14 **School:** Grade 9 student, Sir John Franklin High School
Highlights: Front end for Northwest Territories at 2023 Canadian U-18s

COACH: Brian Kelln

NOVA SCOTIA I HALIFAX CURLING CLUB



From left: Ally MacNutt, Maria Fitzgerald, Alison Umlah, Grace McCusker and Theresa Breen.

SKIP: Ally MacNutt **Age:** 20 **School:** Environmental science student, Dalhousie University
Highlights: Skipped Nova Scotia 2 at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Played third for Dalhousie University at 2023 and '24 U SPORTS championships

THIRD: Maria Fitzgerald **Age:** 20 **School:** Psychology student, St. Mary's University
Highlights: Played third for Nova Scotia at 2022 Canadian U-18s

SECOND: Alison Umlah **Age:** 20 **School:** Communications student, Mount Saint Vincent University
Highlights: Played second for Nova

Scotia at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s. Played second for Canada at 2023 world juniors. Won gold as Canada second at 2022-23 World Junior B championships. Played second for Nova Scotia at 2021 world junior qualifier

LEAD: Grace McCusker **Age:** 19 **School:** Psychology student, Dalhousie University
Highlights: Played second for British Columbia at 2022 Canadian U-18s. Played lead for Dalhousie University at 2023 U SPORTS championships, second in '24

COACH: Theresa Breen

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

NOVA SCOTIA 2 TRURO CURLING CLUB



From left: Cassidy Blades, Kate Weissent, Stephanie Atherton and Anna MacNutt.

SKIP: Cassidy Blades **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, Charles P. Allen High School **Highlights:** Skipped Nova Scotia 2 at 2024 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Stephanie Atherton **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, Forest Heights Community School **Highlights:** Played second for Nova Scotia at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s, 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s, 2023 Canada Winter Games; won gold at 2023 Canada Winter Games and bronze at 2023 U-18s

SECOND/VICE-SKIP: Kate Weissent **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, Dalhousie University **Highlights:** Played third for Nova Scotia at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s, 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s, 2023 Canada Winter Games; won gold at 2023 Canada Winter Games and bronze at 2023 U-18s

LEAD: Anna MacNutt **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Cobequid Educational Centre **Highlights:** Played lead at 2024 Canadian U-18s

COACH: Andrew Atherton

ONTARIO 1 LONDON CURLING CLUB



From left: Julia Markle, Evelyn Robert, Scotia Maltman, Sadie McCutcheon and Jodi McCutcheon.

SKIP: Julia Markle **Age:** 19 **School:** Business communications student, Brock University **Highlights:** Played third for Ontario at 2022 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Evelyn Robert **Age:** 20 **School:** Health and society and anthropology student, McMaster University **Highlights:** Won silver as Ontario lead at 2022 Canadian U-21s. Played second for McMaster University at 2023 U SPORTS championships, third in '24

SECOND: Scotia Maltman **Age:** 19 **School:** Education student, Wilfrid Laurier University **Highlights:** Played lead for Ontario at 2023 Canadian U-21s, second at 2022 Canadian U-18s

LEAD: Sadie McCutcheon **Age:** 20 **School:** Student, Queen's University **Highlights:** Played lead for Ontario 2 at 2022 Canadian U-21s

ALTERNATE: Jenny Madden
COACH: Jodi McCutcheon

ONTARIO 2 RCMP CURLING CLUB, OTTAWA



From left: Ava Acres, Aila Thompson, Isabella McLean and Mya Sharpe.

SKIP: Ava Acres **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 11 student, North Dundas District High School **Highlights:** Played third for Ontario at 2022 Canadian U-18s, skipped in '24; won bronze in '24. Skipped at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Aila Thompson **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, South Carleton High School **Highlights:** Alternate for Ontario at 2022 Canadian U-18s, played third in '24; won bronze in '24. Played third at 2023 Canada Winter Games

SECOND: Isabella McLean **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 11 student, All Saints High School **Highlights:** Played second for Ontario at 2023 and '24 Canadian U-18s; won bronze in '24

LEAD: Mya Sharpe **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 11 student, St. Michael's Catholic High School **Highlights:** Played lead for Ontario at 2022 and '24 Canadian U-18s; won bronze in '24

COACH: Gord Butler

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

SUMMERSIDE AND CORNWALL CURLING CLUBS



From left: Ella Lenentine, Makiya Noonan, Reid Hart, Erika Pater and Robbie Lenentine.

SKIP: Ella Lenentine **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, Bluefield High School **Highlights:** Skipped P.E.I. at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games. Played mixed doubles for P.E.I. at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Makiya Noonan **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Three Oaks Senior High School **Highlights:** Played third for P.E.I. at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games

SECOND/VICE-SKIP: Reid Hart **Age:** 15 **School:** Grade 10 student, Westisle Composite High School **Highlights:** Played second for P.E.I. at 2024 Canadian U-18s

LEAD: Erika Pater **Age:** 18 **School:** Grade 12 student, Charlottetown Rural High School **Highlights:** Played lead for P.E.I. at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games

COACH: Robbie Lenentine

QUEBEC KENOGAMI CURLING CLUB



From left: Jolianne Fortin, Emy Lafrance, Megan Lafrance, Mégane Fortin and Brandon Lafrance.

SKIP: Jolianne Fortin **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, Cégep de Chicoutimi **Highlights:** Skipped Quebec at 2022 Canadian U-21's, 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games; won silver at 2024 Canadian U-18s and bronze at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Emy Lafrance **Age:** 17 **School:** Student, Cégep de Jonquière **Highlights:** Played third for Quebec at 2022 Canadian U-21's, 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games; won silver at 2024 Canadian U-18s and bronze at 2023 Canada Winter Games

SECOND: Megan Lafrance **Age:** 16 **School:** Student, Riverside Regional High School **Highlights:** Played second for Quebec at 2022 Canadian U-21's, 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games; won silver at 2024 Canadian U-18s and bronze at 2023 Canada Winter Games

LEAD: Mégane Fortin **Age:** 16 **School:** Student, Polyvalente Jonquière **Highlights:** Played lead for Quebec at 2022 Canadian U-21's, 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games; won silver at 2024 Canadian U-18s and bronze at 2023 Canada Winter Games

COACH: Brandon Lafrance

SASKATCHEWAN NUTANA CURLING CLUB, SASKATOON



From left: Jenna Pomedli, Melissa Remeshylo, Kelsey Noyes, Kylie Willms and Verne Anderson.

SKIP: Jenna Pomedli **Age:** 19 **School:** Pre-pharmacy student, University of Saskatchewan

THIRD: Melissa Remeshylo **Age:** 18 **School:** Grade 12 student, Warman High School **Highlights:** Played for Saskatchewan in mixed doubles at 2023 Canada Winter Games

SECOND: Kelsey Noyes **Age:** 19 **School:** Science student, University of Regina

LEAD: Kylie Willms **Age:** 18 **School:** Business student, University of Saskatchewan

COACH: Verne Anderson

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

ALBERTA 1 THE GLENCOE CLUB, CALGARY



From left: Derek Bowyer, Kenan Wipf, Ky Macaulay, Michael Keenan and Max Cinnamon.

SKIP: Kenan Wipf **Age:** 20 **School:** Business student, University of Calgary **Highlights:** Skipped Alberta 2 at the 2022 Canadian U-18s and University of Calgary at 2023 U SPORTS championships

THIRD: Ky Macaulay **Age:** 20 **School:** Biology and business student, University of Calgary **Highlights:** Played lead for Alberta at 2022 Canadian mixed

SECOND: Michael Keenan **Age:** 19 **School:** Political science student, University of Calgary **Highlights:** Played second for Alberta 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s and second for University of Calgary at 2023 U SPORTS championships

LEAD: Max Cinnamon **Age:** 20 **School:** Music student, University of Calgary **Highlights:** Played lead for Alberta 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s

COACH: Derek Bowyer

ALBERTA 2 SHERWOOD PARK CURLING CLUB



From left: Nate Burton, Evan Hennigar, Jaxon Hiebert, Timothy Marin and Les Sonnenberg.

SKIP: Timothy Marin **Age:** 19 **Occupation:** Lifeguard **Highlights:** Skipped New Brunswick at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022, '23 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Jaxon Hiebert **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Northstar Academy **Highlights:** Played second for Alberta (host) at 2019 Canadian U-18s and skipped Alberta in '23 and '24. Skipped Alberta at 2023 Canada Winter Games

SECOND: Evan Hennigar **Age:** 18 **School:** Animal sciences student, University of Alberta **Highlights:** Played second for Nova Scotia at 2022 Canadian U-21s. Played second at 2022 Canadian U-18s, third in '23 and '24; won silver in '22 and bronze in '23

LEAD: Nate Burton **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 11 student, Harry Ainlay High School **Highlights:** Played lead for Alberta at 2023 and '24 Canadian U-18s, alternate in '22. Played lead at 2023 Canada Winter Games

COACH: Les Sonnenberg

BRITISH COLUMBIA 1 ROYAL CITY CURLING CLUB, NEW WESTMINSTER



From left: Adam Fenton, Thomas Reed, Chris Parkinson, Miles Reed and Brad Fenton.

SKIP: Adam Fenton **Age:** 19 **School:** Computer science student, Douglas College **Highlights:** Skipped British Columbia at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s and 2022 U-18s. Played in mixed doubles at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Thomas Reed **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Trinity Western University **Highlights:** Skipped British Columbia at 2023 Canadian U-21s

SECOND: Chris Parkinson **Age:** 19 **Occupation:** Ice technician **Highlights:** Played second for British Columbia at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Skipped at 2022 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games; won silver at 2023 Canada Winter Games

LEAD: Miles Reed **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Traditional Learning Academy **Highlights:** Played lead for British Columbia at 2023 Canadian U-21s

COACH: Brad Fenton

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

BRITISH COLUMBIA 2 VERNON/SALMON ARM/ROYAL CITY CURLING CLUBS



From left: Alex Duncan-Wu, Kaiden Beck, Nolan Beck, Harrison Hrynew and Dale Hofer.

SKIP (third stones): Alex Duncan-Wu **Age:** 20 **School:** Student, University of British Columbia **Highlights:** Played third for British Columbia 2 at 2022 Canadian U-21s, third for British Columbia 1 in '23 and at '22 Canadian U-18s

FOURTH: Kaiden Beck **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Salmon Arm Secondary **Highlights:** Skipped (threw third) for British Columbia 1 at 2023 Canadian U-18s, skip in '24

SECOND: Nolan Beck **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Centennial Secondary School **Highlights:** Played second for British Columbia 1 at 2023 and '24 Canadian U-18s

LEAD: Harrison Hrynew **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, Salmon Arm Secondary **Highlights:** Played lead for British Columbia 2 at 2023 Canadian U-18s and lead in '24

COACH: Dale Hofer

MANITOBA 1 ASSINIBOINE MEMORIAL CURLING CLUB, WINNIPEG



From left: Jordon McDonald, Dallas Burgess, Elias Huminicki, Cameron Olafson and William Lyburn.

SKIP: Jordon McDonald **Age:** 20 **School:** Engineering student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Skipped Manitoba at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s and '21 world junior qualifier; won bronze at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Skipped Manitoba at the 2019 and '22 Canadian U-18s; won bronze in '19

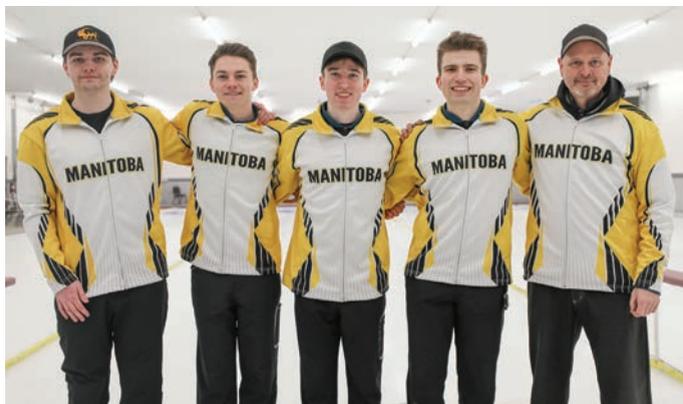
THIRD: Dallas Burgess **Age:** 19 **School:** Psychology student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Skipped Northern Ontario at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s and '21 world junior qualifier; won silver at 2023 Canadian U-21s

SECOND: Elias Huminicki **Age:** 19 **School:** Agriculture student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played second for Manitoba at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s and '21 world junior qualifier; won bronze at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Played second for Manitoba at 2022 Canadian U-18s and third in '23. Played third for Manitoba at 2023 Canada Winter Games

LEAD: Cameron Olafson **Age:** 19 **School:** Accounting student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played lead for Manitoba at 2023 Canadian U-21s and 2022 Canadian U-18s; won bronze at 2023 Canadian U-21s

COACH: William Lyburn

MANITOBA 2 VIRDEN CURLING CLUB



From left: Jace Freeman, Ryan Ostrowsky, Nick Senff, Luke Robins and Graham Freeman.

SKIP: Jace Freeman **Age:** 19 **Occupation:** Shipper and receiver, Four Seasons Sales **Highlights:** Skipped Manitoba at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2023 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games. Won bronze as third at 2022 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Ryan Ostrowsky **Age:** 20 **School:** Student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played second for Manitoba at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Skipped at 2022 Canadian U-18s

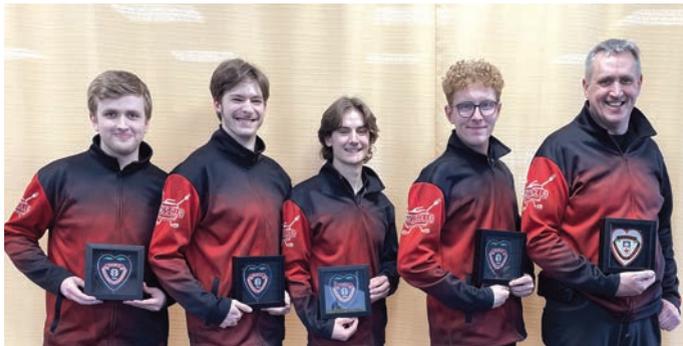
SECOND: Nick Senff **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played third for Manitoba at 2023 Canadian U-18s and second in '24

LEAD: Luke Robins **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, University of Manitoba **Highlights:** Played second for Manitoba at 2022 Canadian U-18s

COACH: Graham Freeman

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

NEW BRUNSWICK CAPITAL WINTER CLUB (FREDERICTON)/ GAGE GOLF & CURLING CLUB (OROMOCTO)/WOODSTOCK & SACKVILLE CURLING CLUBS



From left: Jamie Stewart, Samuel Goodine, Noah Riggs, John Siddall and Jeff Stewart.

SKIP: Jamie Stewart **Age:** 20 **School:** Computer science student, University of New Brunswick
Highlights: Played third for New Brunswick 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s. Skipped University of New Brunswick at 2023 and '24 U SPORTS championships

THIRD: Samuel Goodine **Age:** 20
School: Psychology student, St. Francis Xavier University **Highlights:** Played second for New Brunswick 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s

SECOND: Noah Riggs **Age:** 19
Occupation: Pro shop attendant, JH Sports **Highlights:** Alternate for New Brunswick 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s. Played in mixed doubles at 2023 Canada Winter Games

LEAD: John Siddall **Age:** 19
Occupation: Server **Highlights:** Played third for New Brunswick at 2022 Canadian U-21s and 2022 Canadian U-18s

ALTERNATE: Sahil Dalrymple
COACH: Jeff Stewart

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



From left: Parker Tipple, Spencer Tipple, Jack Kinsella, Liam Quinlan and Jeff Thomas.

SKIP: Parker Tipple **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, Memorial University
Highlights: Skipped Newfoundland & Labrador at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Spencer Tipple **Age:** 17 **School:** Student, O'Donel High School
Highlights: Played third for Newfoundland & Labrador at 2023 Canada Winter Games

SECOND: Jack Kinsella **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, O'Donel High School
Highlights: Played second for Newfoundland & Labrador at 2023 Canada Winter Games

LEAD: Liam Quinlan **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Memorial University
Highlights: Skipped Newfoundland & Labrador 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s

COACH: Jeff Thomas

NORTHERN ONTARIO I NORTHERN CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY CENTRE, SUDBURY



From left: Adam Wiersema, Jesse Crozier, Jackson Dubinsky, Brendan Rajala and Brian Rajala.

SKIP (third stones): Jackson Dubinsky **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Lakehead University **Highlights:** Played third for Northern Ontario at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s, '21 world junior qualifier and '23 Canadian U-18s; won silver at '23 U-21s

FOURTH: Brendan Rajala **Age:** 18
School: Student, Cambrian College
Highlights: Alternate for Northern Ontario at 2023 Canadian U-21s, skipped at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s

SECOND: Jesse Crozier **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Laurentian University
Highlights: Played lead for Northern Ontario 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s and second for Northern Ontario 1 in '23

LEAD: Adam Wiersema **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Lakehead University
Highlights: Played lead for Northern Ontario 1 in 2023

COACH: Brian Rajala

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

NORTHERN ONTARIO 2

NORTHERN CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY CENTRE, SUDBURY



From left: Ian Deschene, Olivier Bonin-Ducharme, Brayden Sinclair, Connor Simms and Jeff Masters.

SKIP (lead stones): Connor Simms
Age: 20 **School:** Sports administration student, Sault College **Highlights:** Skipped Sault College at 2023 CCAA championships and skip/third stones in '24

FOURTH: Ian Deschene **Age:** 19
School: Kinesiology student, Laurentian University **Highlights:** Played third for Northern Ontario 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Olivier Bonin-Ducharme **Age:** 20 **School:** Sociology student, Laurentian University **Highlights:** Played third for Laurentian University at 2023 U SPORTS championships

SECOND: Brayden Sinclair **Age:** 19
School: Trades program student, Confederation College **Highlights:** Played lead for Northern Ontario 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s and U-21s and 2021 world junior qualifier

COACH: Jeff Masters

NOVA SCOTIA 1 TRURO CURLING CLUB



From left: Calan MacIsaac, Nathan Gray, Owain Fisher, Christopher McCurdy and Craig Burgess.

SKIP: Calan MacIsaac **Age:** 19
Occupation: Employed at Atlantic Tree Solutions **Highlights:** Skipped Nova Scotia at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s; won bronze in '22 and '23. Won gold as skip at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Nathan Gray **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Woodlawn High School **Highlights:** Played third for Nova Scotia at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s; won bronze in '22 and '23. Won gold as third at 2023 Canada Winter Games. Skipped Canada at 2024 Youth Olympics

SECOND: Owain Fisher **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Cobequid Educational Centre **Highlights:** Played second for Nova Scotia at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s; won bronze in '22 and '23. Won gold as second at 2023 Canada Winter Games. Played second Canada at 2024 Youth Olympics

LEAD/VICE-SKIP: Christopher McCurdy **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 11 student, Cobequid Educational Centre **Highlights:** Played lead for Nova Scotia at 2023 Canadian U-21s, 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s; won bronze in '22 and '23. Won gold as lead at 2023 Canada Winter Games

COACH: Craig Burgess

NOVA SCOTIA 2 HALIFAX CURLING CLUB



From left: Nick Mosher, Sean Beland, Owen McPherson and Aidan MacDonald.

SKIP: Nick Mosher **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, St. Mary's University **Highlights:** Skipped Nova Scotia at 2022 Canadian U-21s, 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s; won silver at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s. Skipped St. Mary's University at 2024 U SPORTS championships

THIRD: Sean Beland **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, University of New Brunswick **Highlights:** Played third for Nova Scotia at 2022 Canadian U-21s and 2022 Canadian U-18s; won silver at 2022 Canadian U-18s. Played second for University of New Brunswick at 2023 U SPORTS championships, third in '24

SECOND: Owen McPherson **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Dalhousie University **Highlights:** Alternate for Nova Scotia at 2022 Canadian U-21s and 2022 Canadian U-18s; won silver at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s. Played second at 2023 Canadian U-18s. Alternate for Dalhousie University at 2024 U SPORTS championships

LEAD: Aidan MacDonald **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Acadia University **Highlights:** Played lead for Nova Scotia at 2022 Canadian U-21s, 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s; won silver at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s

COACH: Danny Christianson

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

ONTARIO 1 GUELPH CURLING CLUB



From left: Kibo Mulima, Kyle Stratton, Owen Henry, Matt Duizer and Nathan Scott.

SKIP: Kibo Mulima **Age:** 20 **School:** Student, Wilfrid Laurier University **Highlights:** Won bronze as Ontario alternate at 2022 Canadian U-18s. Played third for Wilfrid Laurier at 2022 FISU qualifier, 2023 and '24 U SPORTS championships; won gold at 2023 U SPORTS and silver at '22 FISU qualifier. Won silver in mixed doubles at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Kyle Stratton **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Toronto Metropolitan University **Highlights:** Skipped Ontario at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games; won bronze at 2022 Canadian U-18's and 2023 Canada Winter Games

SECOND: Owen Henry **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, Brock University **Highlights:** Played second for Ontario at 2023 Canadian U-21s and 2022 Canadian U-18s. Skipped Brock University at 2024 U SPORTS championships

LEAD: Matt Duizer **Age:** 20 **School:** Brock, University **Highlights:** Played second for Northern Ontario at 2022 and '23 Canadian U-21s, '21 world junior qualifier and '22 Canadian U-18s; won silver at '23 Canadian U-21s. Played second for Toronto Metropolitan University at 2022 FISU qualifier

ALTERNATE: Noah Garner
COACH: Nathan Scott

ONTARIO 2 KW GRANITE CLUB, KITCHENER-WATERLOO



From left: Tyler MacTavish, Evan Madore, Nathan Kim, Colsen Flemington and Tim Lindsay.

SKIP: Tyler MacTavish **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, Laurel Heights School **Highlights:** Skipped Ontario at the 2024 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Evan Madore **Age:** 18 **School:** Chemical engineering student, University of Waterloo **Highlights:** Played third for Ontario at the 2024 Canadian U-18s

SECOND: Nathan Kim **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Resurrection Catholic High School **Highlights:** Played second for Ontario at the 2024 Canadian U-18s

LEAD: Colsen Flemington **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 11 student, Garth Webb Secondary School **Highlights:** Played lead for Ontario at the 2024 Canadian U-18s

ALTERNATE: Evan MacDougall
COACH: Tim Lindsay

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SILVER FOX (SUMMERSIDE) & CORNWALL CURLING CLUBS



From left: Jack MacFadyen, Keegan Warnell, Luke Butler, Anderson MacDougall and David MacFadyen.

SKIP: Jack MacFadyen **Age:** 19 **School:** Business student, University of Prince Edward Island **Highlights:** Played third for Prince Edward Island at 2023 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Keegan Warnell **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Three Oaks Senior High School

SECOND: Luke Butler **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Colonel Gray High School

LEAD: Anderson MacDougall **Age:** 18 **Occupation:** Gap year **Highlights:** Played lead for Prince Edward Island at 2023 Canadian U-18s and 2023 Canada Winter Games

COACH: David MacFadyen

NEW HOLLAND CANADIAN U-21 **PLAYER PROFILES**

QUEBEC NORANDA & LAVAL-SUR-LE-LAC CURLING CLUBS



From left: Adam Bédard, Nathan Beaudoin-Gendron, Gabriel Audette, Maël Chrétien and Patrick Bédard.

SKIP: Adam Bédard **Age:** 17 **School:** Student, Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue **Highlights:** Skipped Quebec at 2023 Canadian U-21s

THIRD: Nathan Beaudoin-Gendron **Age:** 16 **School:** Grade 11 student, École d'Iberville **Highlights:** Played lead for Quebec at 2023 Canadian U-21s

SECOND: Gabriel Audette **Age:** 15 **School:** École d'Iberville **Highlights:** Alternate for Quebec at 2023 Canadian U-21s

LEAD: Maël Chrétien **Age:** 18 **School:** Student, Cégep Lionel-Groulx

COACH: Patrick Bédard

SASKATCHEWAN 1 NUTANA CURLING CLUB, SASKATOON



From left: Matthew Drewitz, Michael Hom, Brayden Heistad, Jared Tessier and Dale Neufeld.

SKIP: Matthew Drewitz **Age:** 20 **School:** Student, University of Saskatchewan **Highlights:** Skipped Saskatchewan 2 at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Won gold at 2022 Canadian U-18s

THIRD: Michael Hom **Age:** 20 **School:** Student, University of Saskatchewan **Highlights:** Played second for Saskatchewan at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Won gold at 2022 Canadian U-18s

SECOND/VICE-SKIP: Brayden Heistad **Age:** 20 **School:** Student, University of Saskatchewan **Highlights:** Skipped Saskatchewan 2 at 2022 Canadian U-18s

LEAD: Jared Tessier **Age:** 19 **School:** Student, University of Saskatchewan **Highlights:** Played lead for Saskatchewan 2 at 2023 Canadian U-21s. Won gold at 2022 Canadian U-18s

COACH: Dale Neufeld

SASKATCHEWAN 2 MARTENSVILLE CURLING CLUB



From left: Dylan Derksen, Logan Sawicki, Tyler Derksen, Gavin Martens and Brad Kennedy.

SKIP: Dylan Derksen **Age:** 18 **School:** Agriculture student, University of Saskatchewan **Highlights:** Skipped Saskatchewan at 2023 and '24 Canadian U-18s; won silver in '24. Played in mixed doubles at 2023 Canada Winter Games

THIRD: Logan Sawicki **Age:** 18 **Occupation:** Apprentice, Town and Country Plumbing and Heating **Highlights:** Played third for Saskatchewan at 2022, '23 and '24 Canadian U-18s; won silver in '24

SECOND: Tyler Derksen **Age:** 15 **School:** Grade 10 student, Hague High School **Highlights:** Played second for Saskatchewan at 2023 and '24 Canadian U-18s; won silver in '24

LEAD: Gavin Martens **Age:** 17 **School:** Grade 12 student, Rosthern Community School **Highlights:** Played lead for Saskatchewan at 2023 and '24 Canadian U-18s; won silver in '24

COACH: Brad Kennedy

GIVING BACK TO JUNIOR CURLERS

Second scholarship stream ensures Curling Canada invests equally into future champions and builders of the sport BY JILLIAN KENT

Giving back to the community has long been a part of Curling Canada's mission for growth in the sport. Starting in 2014, the For the Love of Curling (FTLOC) scholarship has been instrumental in the growth and development of our junior curlers.

Thanks to the generous donations of the nationwide curling community, FTLOC has given out 106 scholarships to youth curlers, with more than \$200,800 given back to the growth of the sport.

The success of which has been seen several times over, most notably with the growing presence of former scholars participating in our men's and women's Canadian curling championships — 11 at the 2023 Brier in London, Ont., and 15 at the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary.

In 2022, Curling Canada started a second initiative designed to support junior curlers on their journey — the Fran Todd All Heart Award (FTAHA), named after longtime supporter of junior curling development, Fran Todd. Not only was Todd a founding member of the FTLOC scholarship panel, serving for several years, but she was instrumental in the launch of the All Heart Awards, which were designed to help support passionate youth curlers and create new initiatives and programs to help promote inclusivity at their local curling centres. Over the course of two seasons, FTAHA awarded \$32,500 to 13 applicants.

Tyler Powell, recent FTAHA award winner stated: "Curling has . . . provided me with many work and volunteer opportunities that have created meaningful impacts in my life. The sense of community and belonging that I feel from being a part of curling is something that I truly love about the sport and I want to make sure that people from under-represented

communities can feel this while they are in curling facilities as well."

Furthering their impact on the curling community and ensuring that they are best serving its growth as a whole is a priority. As such, 2024 will mark a change to these programs. The Fran Todd All Heart Award is becoming a second scholarship stream to be applied for and presented along with the FTLOC scholarship. The move from awards to scholarships will ensure Curling Canada is investing equally into the future champions and future builders of our sport at a critical stage in a junior curler's journey.

"The inspiration behind the Fran Todd All Heart Awards was a direct outcome from years of For the Love of Curling Scholarship submissions," said Brodie Bazinet, Philanthropic Program Manager for Curling Canada. "It's been incredible to see the impact these young athletes are having in their community and in our sport, on and off the field of play. It's important for junior curlers to see that Curling Canada values their leadership, curling accomplishments and community impacts equally. Transiting this award to a scholarship is exciting and meaningful progression in the program."

Regardless of the scholarship stream, the focus has always been and will remain on supporting well-rounded athletes who also place high value on volunteerism and community leadership. The goal with either scholarship stream is to provide the recipients with the funds necessary to achieve their goals within curling, creating leaders and role models for the generations of curlers that are coming up behind them, whether that is through their on-ice performance or off-ice actions.



FRAN TODD

FRAN TODD ALL HEART AWARD WINNERS



REBECCA DOHERTY

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Ottawa (RA Curling Club)

Sharing the Love, Curling with All:

Implementing a program to introduce students from three schools who are part of specialized programs, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder program and Development Delayed Program, to curling through a one-day event.

MADISON KLEITER

Saskatoon (Sutherland Curling Club)

The Curling Connection:

An outreach diversity and inclusion program focusing on students within and around Saskatoon and local community groups dedicated to promoting 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, Indigenous communities and people experiencing disabilities.



MADISON KLEITER



SIMON PERRY

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Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, N.L.

(RE/MAX Centre, St. John's Curling Club)

New Canadians in Curling:

Creating a program designed to grow and diversify the local curling population and aid English Second Language and newcomer students in finding a sense of community. This event focuses on both curling instruction and a social component to bring community members together.



TYLER POWELL



ARYN THIBAULT

TYLER POWELL

Calgary (Acadia Recreation Complex)

Rock the House: Working with Centre for Newcomers Calgary to provide a five-week intro to curling program to new Canadians and Ukrainian refugees ages 10-18.

ARYN THIBAULT

Swift Current, Sask. (Swift Current Curling Club)

Community Through Curling:

A three-week intro to curling program designed to introduce new Canadians to the sport through the Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre.



Sharing their passion for the sport of curling is important to scholarship winners, and that includes sharing it with differently-abled people who are discovering the game can include them, too.

“Role models in sports are important because these are people that someone can look up to and strive to have qualities like this person,” says Powell. “I feel that I can be a role model in sport by sharing my unique story and experiences. I did not grow up in a curling family, and I did not grow up in a big city. I grew up in a small town where we had to travel long distances to get to curling competitions; I feel that this is an important part of my story that I will share with people. I also feel that I can model positive behaviour to future generations, and champion inclusivity within our sport.”

In a similar vein, Madison Kleiter, 2023 FTLOC scholar and 2023 FTAHA recipient, is eager to share her love and passion for the sport with others.

“My love for curling stems from its unique blend of physicality and mental strategy, along with its component of teamwork and inclusive nature. In addition, it is a sport that brings people together, regardless of age or ability level, while providing a fun experience on the ice. Curling has provided me with countless memorable moments and has pushed me to be the best version of myself. I love the challenges curling brings and how these experiences within the game continue to shape who I am both as an athlete and as an individual.”

Both Powell and Kleiter represent the sentiment that is shared by the many curlers who have already been recognized by either program. They are just a small part of what is possible when our junior curlers are provided a platform to share their love and passion for curling, allowing them to show what the future of curling can be. As explained by Emma Nagel, FTLOC’s first scholar from wheelchair curling.

“I wanted to show differently-abled youth that it is possible to succeed in a sport

where the majority are able bodied and the adapted counterparts are not widely known in communities,” she says. “I was hesitant to apply for the scholarship as I did not have a lot of experience with higher-level competitions, as there are just not the same opportunities as in able-bodied curling. I would like to see more representation in all aspects of the sport. Everything from seeing it televised, to junior programs being available, having more showcases during elite events (i.e. Scotties/Brier), and more bonspiel opportunities.”

Regardless of the chosen stream(s) of the scholarship program, the application will remain similar for each. All curlers interested in either scholarship program must be an active member of a local curling centre, who regularly participates in the sport. As well, they must be accepted into a full year post-secondary program.

Both streams of the application process will also require an essay which gives the curler the opportunity to express their passion for the sport, displaying their unique personality and vision for the panel to see.

Where the two streams differ is through the curlers on-ice and off-ice achievements and where their passions lie. The winners will be selected based on a track record of meaningful impact in one or both areas.

The official launch of the scholarship program will be May 1st, 2024. In 2024, there will be \$50,000 presented to 20 deserving junior curlers, creating many opportunities for passionate and driven individuals. All of which is made possible through the generous contributions from the curling community. If you are interested in applying or donating, you can do both at curling.ca/ftloc or scanning the provided QR code.



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TRY CURLING

ALBERTA CHAMPIONS HONOUR ROLL

The first Canadian Junior Women's Curling Championship took place in 1971. Since then, teams from Alberta have won the title 11 times. The first Canadian Junior Men's Curling Championship took place in 1950. Since then, teams from Alberta have won the title 17 times.

Note: 2021 championships were cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic

WOMEN

ANDERSON, Jackie-Rae — of St. Albert as skip in 1980
ANDERSON, Joan — of Innisfree as skip in 1966
ANDERSON, Kimberly — of Calgary as lead in 2010, '11
ANDERSON, Kristine — of Red Deer as lead in 2012
BASS, Jamie — of Edmonton as lead in 2001
BENTLEY, Kathy — of Edmonton as lead in 1962
BILASSY, Brenna — of Edmonton as lead in 2017
BLOOR, Terelyn — of Grande Prairie as lead in 1996
BOBIER, Holly — of Edmonton as second in 1993
BOWES, Diane — of Edmonton as lead in 1978
BRANDT, Tara — of Edmonton as skip in 1991
BREDIN, Shannon — of Edmonton as lead in 1993
BRODERSON, Chantal — of Edmonton as third in 2017
BROWN, Dacey — of Airdrie as third in 2016
BROWN, Keely — of Edmonton as third in 2014
BROWNE, Trudy — of Edmonton as second in 1965
BUCHANAN, Gwyneth — of St. Albert as third in 1980
BUCHANAN, Jennifer — of Edmonton as skip in 1982, '83
BUDAU, Donna — of Lethbridge as third in 1984
BUDD, Bonnie — of Brooks as second in 1963
BURCH, Jacqueline — of Edmonton as lead in 1981
BURDEN, Colleen — of Edmonton as lead in 1985
BUSHELL, Maria — of Calgary as skip in 2008
BUSSIERE, Renee — of Beaumont as lead in 1989, '90
CALLIES, Charlene — of Edmonton as second in 1975
CAMPBELL, Donna — of Brooks as third in 1963
CAMPBELL, Kathy — of Calgary as lead in 1976
CHAMCZUK, Irene — of Edmonton as skip in 1993
CHANTLER, Farrell — of Calgary as skip in 1964
CHYZ, Nadine — of Calgary as skip in 2010, '11
CINNAMON, Zoe — of Edmonton as third in 2022
CLEMENS, Helen — of Calgary as second in 1964
CLIFFORD, Catherine — of Edmonton as third in 2020
CLOSE, Delores — of Medicine Hat as third in 1968
COLLIER, Kathy — of Edmonton as second in 1969
COUTTS, Jayme — of Lethbridge as lead in 2009
CULLEN, Brianna — of Edmonton as second in 2022
CUTLER, Debra — of Edmonton as second in 1983
DANLOWICH, Lynda — of Edmonton as skip in 1969



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Alberta skip Casey Scheidegger of Lethbridge was a junior star for Team Alberta at the 2009 Canadian championships. She lost to Manitoba's Kaitlyn Lawes in the semifinal.

DENMORE, Marge — of Edmonton as second in 1970
DUPONT, Lace — of Lethbridge as lead in 2004, '06
ELLIS, Jackie — of Brooks as skip in 1963
ERICKSON, Patsy — of Medicine Hat as second in 1968
EWONIAK, Lesley — of Edmonton as second in 1997
FEDIUK, Chloe — of Airdrie/Sherwood Park as second in 2023
FEDOR, Candace — of Calgary as second in 1972
FEDOR, Loretta — of Calgary as third in 1972
FIELD, Judy — of Edmonton as third in 1962
FLORY, Karynn — of Edmonton as skip in 2013
FROEHLER, Donna — of Calgary as lead in 1964
FUNK, LaDawn — of Spruce Grove as skip in 1987, '88
FUNK, Laurelle — of Spruce Grove as lead in 1987, '88
GABOURY, Carrie — of Debolt as second in 1973
GARTNER, Sara — of Calgary as second in 1999
GIBSON, Joan — of Edmonton as lead in 1961
GIBSON, Lorna — of Calgary as skip in 1967
GODBERSON, Heather — of Grande Prairie as skip in 1996

GOERTZEN, Jenilee — of Edmonton as second in 2001
 GOLISS, Debbie — of Calgary as lead in 1971
 GOODFELLOW, Lawnie — of Calgary as second in 1994
 GOODHELPS, Kate — of Edmonton as second in 2017, '19
 GOUDREAU, Joanne — of Beaumont as second in 1989, '90
 GRABER, Linda — of Debolt as second in 1974
 GRAVES, Amanda — of Edmonton as third in 1981
 GRAVES, Lindsey — of Edmonton as skip in 1985
 GRAY-WITHERS, Serena — of Edmonton as skip in 2022
 HADDEN, Kristina — of Calgary as second in 2010
 HALL, Shannon — of Edmonton as second in 1991
 HAMILTON, Teryn — of Lethbridge as third in 2004, '06
 HANDFIELD, Nicole — of Beaumont as third in 1989, '90;
 of Edmonton as third in '91
 HANDFIELD, Renee — of Beaumont as skip in 1989, '90
 HAWKINS, Janice — of Edmonton as third in 1982, '83
 HENDERSON, Pam — of Edmonton as third in 2001
 HEPBURN, Sharon — of Edmonton as second in 1960
 HILDEBRAND, Erika — of Calgary as lead in 1998; as third in '02
 HORTON, Pat — of Edmonton as third in 1965
 HRDLICKA, Arlene — of Calgary as second in 1971
 ILES, Jessica — of Edmonton as lead in 2015
 ISKIW, Allie — of Airdrie/Sherwood Park as lead in 2023
 ISKIW, Suzie — of Edmonton as third in 2000
 JAMES, Mary Kay — of Edmonton as lead in 1977
 JAMIESON, Holly — of Edmonton as third in 2013; as second in '15
 JAMISON, Gail — of Edmonton as skip in 1961
 JAMISON, Jackie — of Edmonton as third in 1961
 JENNINGS, Carolyn — of Edmonton as second in 1962
 JENNINGS, Lenore — of Edmonton as skip in 1962
 JOHNSON, Megan — of Falher as lead in 2018
 JONES, Raylene — of Spruce Grove as third in 1987
 JORDAN, Stephanie — of Grande Prairie as lead in 2003, '05
 KADONGA, Dianne — of Calgary as lead in 1979
 KAUFMAN, Jessie — of Edmonton as second in 2007
 KEIM, Jody — of Calgary as second in 2008
 KING, Cathy — of Edmonton as skip in 1977, '78
 KIRK, Megan — of Lethbridge as skip in 2004, '06
 KJELSHUS, Kary Anne — of Fort McMurray as lead in 1992;
 as second in '95
 KNIGHTS, Sandra — of Calgary as skip in 1979
 KONSCHUH, Rebecca — of Red Deer as second in 2012
 LAMB, Nicole — of Edmonton as lead in 1991
 LARSEN, Cindy — of Spruce Grove as second in 1988
 LEE, Diane — of Fort McMurray as lead in 1995; of Edmonton
 as lead in '97
 LEE, Jody — of Fort McMurray as third in 1992; as skip in '95
 LEONARD, Rita — of Calgary as second in 1976
 LINDSAY, Shelagh — of Calgary as second in 1967
 LINER, Jenn — of Calgary as third in 2008
 LINTZ, Brenda — of Edmonton as third in 1975
 LINTZ, Joyce — of Edmonton as lead in 1975
 LOFTUS, Susan — of Calgary as lead in 2002
 MacKENZIE, Janet — of St. Albert as lead in 1980
 MacLACHLAN, Kyla — of Calgary as skip in 1999
 MacLEOD, Paula — of Calgary as lead in 1994
 MARCHAND, Janice — of Calgary as third in 1976
 MARKS, Abby — of Edmonton as third in 2019; as skip in '20



Skip Kelsey Rocque represented Team Alberta in back-to-back championships in 2014 and 2015, winning the gold medal both times.

MATERI, Tana — of Lethbridge as skip in 1986
 MATLOCK, Terry — of Debolt as lead in 1973, '74
 MATTOCH, Jean — of Edmonton as third in 1970
 MAY, Madelyn — of Calgary as third in 1967
 MAYER, Judy — of Calgary as skip in 1972
 McCUNE, Kit — of Brooks as lead in 1963
 McDONALD, Taylor — of Edmonton as second in 2014
 McKENZIE, Colleen — of Edmonton as skip in 1960
 McKENZIE, Shelly — of Calgary as skip in 1971
 McLENNAN, Lori — of Edmonton as second in 1982
 McMURDO, Wanda — of Calgary as third in 1979
 MOCKREY, Teresa — of Innisfree as third in 1966
 MOFFAT, Megan — of Airdrie as second in 2016
 MOORE, Kristen — of Calgary as second in 2002
 MOORE, Kristie — of Grande Prairie as second in 1996;
 of Edmonton as skip in '97
 MORGAN, Natalie — of Edmonton as lead in 2000
 MUNROE, Anna — of Edmonton as lead in 2022
 NEDOHIN, Alyssa — of Airdrie/Sherwood Park as third in 2023
 NICHOLSON, Kit — of Calgary as third in 1964
 NOBLE, Ellen — of Medicine Hat as lead in 1968
 ODEGARD, Tiffany — of Edmonton as skip in 2000
 OKO, Brenda — of Edmonton as third in 1978
 OLSEN, Maureen — of Edmonton as second in 1977, '78
 OLSON, Lori — of Fort McMurray as second in 1992; as third in '95;
 of Edmonton as third in '97
 OSBORNE, Lynn — of Edmonton as skip in 1970
 PAPLEY, Paige — of Edmonton as lead in 2019; as second in '20
 PARADIS, Chantel — of Calgary as third in 1999
 PARGETER, Marlene — of Calgary as third in 1971
 PARK, Kalynn — of Edmonton as skip in 2007; of Lethbridge
 as third in '09
 PATTISON, Rebecca — of Calgary as third in 2010, '11
 PEAT, Jackie — of Lethbridge as second in 2004, '06
 PERRY, Jennifer — of Grande Prairie as second in 2003, '05
 PETERMAN, Jocelyn — of Red Deer as skip in 2012
 PILLING, Carla — of Lethbridge as lead in 1986

PILLING, Rosalie — of Lethbridge as third in 1986
 PLETT, Myla — of Airdrie/Sherwood Park as skip in 2023
 PROCTOR, Corinne — of Edmonton as lead in 1960
 PRUDEN, Twyla — of Edmonton as second in 1985
 RAUHALA, Ledean — of Lethbridge as second in 1986
 ROBERTSON, Della — of Debolt as skip in 1973, '74
 ROBERTSON, Desiree — of Grande Prairie as skip in 2003, '05
 ROBERTSON, Heather — of Debolt as third in 1973, '74
 ROCQUE, Kelsey — of Edmonton as skip in 2014, '15
 ROGERS, Heather — of Calgary as lead in 2008
 ROGERS, Leslie — of Edmonton as skip in 2001
 ROSKEWICH, Katie — of Edmonton as lead in 2013
 ROWLAND, Cindy — of Calgary as lead in 1972
 RUMBERG, Crystal — of Calgary as skip in 1994
 RUNQUIST, Tara — of Calgary as second in 1998
 ST. CLAIR, Diane — of St. Albert as second in 1980
 SALLOW, Cary-Ann — of Grande Prairie as third in 2003, '05;
 of Edmonton as third in '07
 SAMIS, Jean — of Edmonton as second in 1961
 SANKEY, Karen — of Edmonton as lead in 1970
 SASS, Debbie — of Edmonton as skip in 1975
 SAUNDERS, Bronwen — of Calgary as skip in 1998
 SCHEIDEGGER, Casey — of Lethbridge as skip in 2009
 SCHEIDEGGER, Jessie — of Lethbridge as second in 2009; of Calgary
 as second in '11
 SCHMIDT, Anne — of Innisfree as second in 1966
 SCHMIEMANN, Danielle — of Edmonton as third in 2015
 SCOTT, Jamie — of Edmonton as lead in 2020
 SHARON, Marg — of Edmonton as third in 1969
 SHIELDS, Susan — of Medicine Hat as skip in 1968
 SILVERTHORNE, Jill — of Calgary as skip in 1976
 SINCLAIR, Rhonda — of Fort McMurray as skip in 1992
 SKRLIK, Ashton — of Falher as third in 2018
 SKRLIK, Kayla — of Falher as skip in 2018
 SLOAN, Tracy — of Calgary as second in 1979
 SLOBODIAN, Lynn — of Lethbridge as skip in 1984
 SMILEY, Klara — of Edmonton as second in 2013
 STEEDMAN, Norma — of Edmonton as lead in 1969
 STEWART, Bonnie — of Edmonton as lead in 1965
 STREIFEL, Kristen — of Edmonton as skip in 2017
 STRONG, Marcie — of Spruce Grove as second in 1987
 STURMAY, Selena — of Airdrie as skip in 2016; of Edmonton
 as skip in '19
 SUNLEY, Hope — of Airdrie as lead in 2016; of Falher as second in '18
 SYMROZUM, Sandy — of Edmonton as third in 1985; of Spruce Grove
 as third in '88
 TAYLOR, Joanne — of Edmonton as lead in 2007
 TAYLOR, Pat — of Edmonton as skip in 1965
 TIBBS, Alison — of Edmonton as lead in 1982, '83
 TRAN, Brittany — of Red Deer as third in 2012
 TULLY, Claire — of Edmonton as lead in 2014
 TYM, Lorna — of Innisfree as lead in 1966
 URSULAK, Patty — of Edmonton as second in 1981
 URSULIAK, Robin — of Edmonton as third in 1977
 USHER, Leanne — of Edmonton as skip in 1981
 VEGESI, Marnie — of Lethbridge as lead in 1984
 VEJPRAVA, Jennifer — of Calgary as third in 1998; of Edmonton
 as second in '00; of Calgary as skip in '02

WALKER, Gail — of Edmonton as third in 1960
 WATERS, Kathy — of Calgary as lead in 1967
 WATTS, Shelly — of Lethbridge as second in 1984
 WEGMANN, Lyndsay — of Calgary as lead in 1999
 WHYTE, Carmen — of Edmonton as third in 1993; of Grande Prairie as
 third in '96
 WRIGHT, Margo — of Calgary as third in 1994

MEN

ADAMS, Mick — of Edmonton as lead in 1963
 ADAMS, Shane — of Boyle as lead in 1973
 AHO, David — of Calgary as second in 2014
 ALDRIDGE, Rick — of Edmonton as second in 1963
 ANDERSON, John — of Sedgewick as skip in 1969
 ANDERSON, Victor — of Edmonton as second in 1961
 ANDROSOFF, Larry — of Mossleigh as skip in 1952
 ANDRUSKI, Gilbert — of Boyle as skip in 1973
 ARDIEL, Taylor — of Calgary as third in 2014
 ARMSTRONG, Jeff — of Edmonton as lead in 1976
 ASMUSSEN, Evan — of Edmonton as third in 2012
 BACHMEIER, Cory — of Red Deer as lead in 2004
 BALLANCE, James — of Okotoks/Lethbridge as skip in 2023
 BANKS, Warren — of Vulcan as second in 1953
 BARKER, Barry — of Edmonton as lead in 1978, '79
 BARKER, Lorne — of Edmonton as third in 1978, '79
 BELL, Fred — of Calgary as third in 1951
 BENINI, Brad — of Calgary as second in 2009
 BENNETT, Tylor — of Drayton Valley as lead in 2008
 BERGER, Michael — of Edmonton as lead in 1985
 BERRETH, Troy — of Edmonton as second in 1989
 BEUERLEIN, Brian — of Spruce Grove as third in 1980
 BOAL, Frank — of Lethbridge as third in 1956
 BOORSE, Caleb — of Edmonton as lead in 2016, '18
 BORTNICK, Barry — of Athabasca as second in 1970, '71
 BOSCH, Clarke — of Lethbridge as lead in 1981
 BOTHERAS, Bruce — of Claresholm as second in 1958
 BOTTCHEER, Brendan — of Edmonton as skip in 2010, '12



Team Alberta skip Brendan Bottcher was a rising star as a young player, winning the Canadian junior men's championship in 2012 in Napanee, Ont.

BRAREN, Chuck — of Claresholm as third in 1958
BRASETH, Regan — of Camrose as second in 2002
BRUCKER, Randy — of Lethbridge as second in 1981
BRUSKY, Roderick — of Medicine Hat as lead in 1996
BRUSKY, Ryland — of Medicine Hat as third in 1996
BUCHOLZ, Bryce — of Edmonton as lead in 2010, '12, '13
BUCHOLZ, Landon — of Edmonton as second in 2010, '12, '13
BUTLER, Jim — of Edmonton as second in 1976
CANNINGS, Rennie — of Medicine Hat as second in 1996
CHERAM, John — of Sedgewick as lead in 1969
CHILLIBECK, Ron — of Viking as lead in 1965
CLAPSON, Lorne — of Camrose as third in 1947
CLARK, Derek — of Calgary as lead in 2009, '11
CLIMENHAGA, John — of Edmonton as third in 1976
COLEMAN, Barry — of Vulcan as skip in 1953; of Lethbridge as skip in '56
COX, Burnie — of Calgary as third in 1968
DAVIDSON, Jeff — of Edmonton as lead in 1989
DAVISON, Colin — of Edmonton as skip in 1994
DECHANT, Cameron — of Edmonton as skip in 1995
DOBRY, Doug — of Viking as skip in 1965; of Edmonton as third in '67
DONOVAN, Neil — of Okotoks/Lethbridge as lead in 2023
DOUGLAS, Don — of Edmonton as lead in 1967
DRYSDALE, Ethan — of Okotoks/Lethbridge as second in 2023
DUNSWORTH, Bob — of Edmonton as third in 1948
DYCK, Gabriel — of Edmonton as lead in 2019, '20
ECKSTRAND, Dustin — of Edmonton as third in 2005
ENRIGHT, Adam — of Camrose as third in 2002
ENRIGHT, Matthew — of Camrose as lead in 2002; of Edmonton as second in '05
ERICKSON, Jeff — of Edmonton as skip in 1999, '01
EVERSON, Bob — of Lethbridge as second in 1956
FEENEY, Richard — of Edmonton as third in 1985
FAICHUK, Kevin — of Calgary as second in 1988
FERGUSON, John — of Calgary as third in 1977
FISH, Darren — of Edmonton as skip in 1978, '79
FOWLIS, Bill — of Edmonton as second in 1974
FROST, Wes — of Sedgewick as third in 1969
FULKERTH, Murray — of Lethbridge as skip in 1981
GATEMAN, Bruce — of Mossleigh as lead in 1952
GAUDIN, Robert — of Mirror as second in 1950
GILBART, Clavin — of Athabasca as lead in 1970
GILLANDERS, Jim — of Mossleigh as second in 1952
GITTIS, Andrew — of Edmonton as second in 2020
GIVEN, Troy — of Grande Prairie as third in 1993
GOLLER, Colton — of Calgary as skip in 2017
GOLLER, Kurtis — of Calgary as second in 2017
GOLONKA, Ron — of Athabasca as third in 1970, '71
GOUSSEAU, Dylan — of Edmonton as third in 2013
GOWSELL, Paul — of Calgary as skip in 1975, '77
GREEN, Don — of Mossleigh as third in 1952
HAFSO, Vern — of Viking as third in 1965
HALEY, Dave — of Athabasca as skip in 1970, '71
HAMPTON, Ron — of Edmonton as third in 1963
HANNAH, Brad — of Edmonton as third in 1974
HANSELL, William — of Vulcan as lead in 1953
HARPER, Bob — of Calgary as skip in 1951
HARPER, Jim — of Edmonton as skip in 1948
HASSALL, Chris — of Chauvin as skip in 1992
HECK, Peter — of Edmonton as lead in 1997
HENDERSON, Scott — of Lethbridge as lead in 1956
HIGHET, Allen — of Edmonton as second in 1983
HILTON, Tom — of Calgary as second in 1957
HODGSON, Colin — of Drayton Valley as second in 2008; of Calgary as skip in '11
HORNELAND, Lyle — of Edmonton as second in 1982
HOUSTON, Neil — of Calgary as third in 1975
HOWSE, Brian — of Calgary as skip in 1966
INABA, Ryan — of Calgary as second in 2000
ISAMAN, Jack — of Stettler as third in 1960
ISAMAN, Lorence — of Stettler as third in 1964
ISKIWI, Blayne — of Edmonton as second in 1997
JACKSON, Glen — of Calgary as second in 1975
JACQUES, Ryan — of Edmonton as skip in 2020
JACOBSEN, Justin — of Camrose as skip in 2002
JOHNSTON, Wade — of Chauvin as third in 1992; of Edmonton as second in '95
KEANE, Ryan — of Edmonton as skip in 1997
KELLY, Ron — of Calgary as skip in 1968
KENNEDY, Christopher — of Edmonton as second in 2016; as third in '18
KENNEDY, Glen — of Edmonton as third in 1998
KENNEDY, Marc — of Edmonton as second in 1998; as third in '99, '01
KENT, Ray — of Edmonton as third in 1962
KING, Chris — of Edmonton as lead in 1974
KING, Robb — of Edmonton as skip in 1974
KLEIBRINK, Richard — of Lethbridge as second in 1986, '87
KONSCHUH, Parker — of Calgary as second in 2011
KRAMER, Rod — of Lethbridge as third in 1986, '87
KRASSMAN, Tim — of Lethbridge as lead in 1986, '87
KRINBILL, Michael — of Chauvin as lead in 1992
KROEGER, Tommy — of Stettler as skip in 1960
KRYSALKA, Denis — of Edmonton as lead in 1982
KULLAY, Allan — of Edmonton as second in 1967
LAHTI, Greg — of Leduc as second in 1991
LAUTNER, Carter — of Calgary as skip in 2014
LAUTNER, Tyler — of Calgary as third in 2017
LAWRENCE, Gary — of Edmonton as third in 1961
LEIN, Cliff — of Camrose as skip in 1947
LEGGETT, Greg — of Chauvin as second in 1992
LENTON, Mac — of Edmonton as lead in 2015
LESMEISTER, Jason — of Edmonton as lead in 1995, '98
LIBBUS, Jacob — of Edmonton as second in 2019
LINDQUIST, Gerald — of Blackie as lead in 1949
LITTLE, Cyrus — of Red Deer as third in 1955
LUNDGREN, Roger — of Calgary as lead in 1951
MACDONALD, Blake — of Edmonton as third in 1995
MACGREGOR, Bill — of Mirror as third in 1950
MACKAY, Murray — of Red Deer as second in 1955
MADER, George — of Calgary as second in 1968
MARTIN, Jack — of Blackie as second in 1949
MARTIN, Kevin — of Edmonton as skip in 1985
MARTIN, Robbie — of Grande Prairie as lead in 1993
MATTHEWS, Joel — of Calgary as lead in 1988
MAZE, Rob — of Edmonton as lead in 1984
McCORD, Bob — of Milo as second in 1954
McFARLAN, Ted — of Calgary as second in 1977
McLEAN, Robert — of Blackie as third in 1949

McNEE, Kevin — of Edmonton as lead in 1999

McQUARRIE, Trenton — of Lethbridge as skip in 1986, '87

MIKUSH, Dustin — of Edmonton as third in 2019

MILLER, Derek — of Edmonton as skip in 2005

MILLS, Kevin — of Edmonton as lead in 1983; as second in '84

MITTLESTADT, Kelly — of Edmonton as third in 1994

MONSEBROTEN, Brad — of Spruce Grove as second in 1980

MONSEBROTEN, Curtis — of Spruce Grove as skip in 1980

MORIN, Benjamin — of Edmonton as second in 2022

MORRIS, Sean — of Edmonton as lead in 1994

MORRISON, Kyle — of Calgary as lead in 2014

MOULDING, Darren — of Calgary as skip in 2000, '03

MUNRO, Ron — of Red Deer as skip in 1955

NAYDWSKI, Kenneth — of Boyle as third in 1973

NELSON, Eddie — of Camrose as second in 1947

NELSON, Ken — of Stettler as second in 1964

NELSON, Ron — of Stettler as second in 1960

NESS, Alan — of Sedgewick as second in 1969

NEUERT, Jadon — of Edmonton as third in 2022

NG, Matthew — of Calgary as second in 2007

NG, Michael — of Calgary as third in 2009, '11

NIVEN, Lawrence — of Edmonton as skip in 1972

NIVEN, Rick — of Edmonton as third in 1972

NORTHCOTT, Ron — of Vulcan as third in 1953

NOWELL, Andrew — of Edmonton as lead in 2022

PAHL, James — of Edmonton as skip in 1989

PALAMARUK, Lance — of Edmonton as lead in 2005

PALLESON, Blair — of Calgary as third in 1966

PARK, Kevin — of Edmonton as skip in 1983; as third in '84

PARK, Scott — of Edmonton as third in 1983; as skip in '84

PARK, Shane — of Edmonton as third in 1989

PERRIN, Corey — of Lethbridge as third in 1981

PETERSON, Troy — of Grande Prairie as second in 1993

PETRYK, Dan — of Edmonton as second in 1985

PETRYK, Steve — of Edmonton as skip in 1982

PFEIFER, Scott — of Edmonton as second in 1994; as third in '97

PHILLIPS, Darwin — of Milo as lead in 1954

PHILLIPS, Murray — of Milo as third in 1954

POBLAWSKI, Ted — of Edmonton as lead in 1972

POZNASKY, Ed — of Edmonton as second in 1962

PYSYK, David — of Boyle as second in 1973

RABL, Nicholas — of Calgary as lead in 2017

RATTRAY, Doug — of Edmonton as lead in 1962

RAY, Ted — of Mirror as skip in 1950

REEVES, Bill — of Calgary as third in 1957

REEVES, John — of Edmonton as second in 1948

REYNOLDS, Kyle — of Beaverlodge as lead in 2006; of Calgary in '07

ROBINSON, Chris — of Calgary as lead in 1966

ROBINSON, Rollie — of Beaverlodge as second in 2006

ROSS, Jim — of Edmonton as second in 1972

RUSSELL, Bob — of Mirror as lead in 1950

RYCROFT, Carter — of Edmonton as skip in 1998

SABOE, Wayne — of Edmonton as skip in 1963

SALI, Mike — of Calgary as skip in 1988

SARAFINCHAN, Aaron — of Edmonton as lead in 2001

SCHAFFER, Sheldon — of Medicine Hat as skip in 1996

SCHEERSCHMIDT, Doug — of Stettler as skip in 1964

SCHEIMAN, Alf — of Calgary as skip in 1957

SCHILLE, Chris — of Red Deer as skip in 2004

SCHLENDER, Robert — of Leduc as skip in 1990, '91

SCOFFIN, Thomas — of Edmonton as skip in 2013

SHARPE, Allen — of Edmonton as lead in 1959

SHAW, Brian — of Athabasca as lead in 1971

SHEARER, Ross — of Claresholm as lead in 1958

SKARBAN, Kevin — of Edmonton as second in 1999, '01

SLAVIK, Jerry — of Viking as second in 1965

SLUCHINSKI, Aaron — of Drayton Valley as skip in 2008

SLUCHINSKI, Justin — of Drayton Valley as third in 2008

SONNENBERG, Les — of Grande Prairie as skip in 1993

SOPHER, Jim — of Calgary as lead in 1968

SORENSEN, Murray — of Stettler as lead in 1960

SORENSEN, Paul — of Stettler as lead in 1964

SORENSEN, Paul — of Leduc as second in 1990

SPARKES, Bernie — of Claresholm as skip in 1958

STEARNE, Kelly — of Calgary as lead in 1975, '77

STEINKE, Tristan — of Edmonton as third in 2015, '16

STEWART, Ken — of Edmonton as lead in 1961

STONE, Jason — of Leduc as lead in 1990

STOREY, Fred — of Calgary as second in 1951

STURMAY, Karsten — of Edmonton as skip in 2015, '16, '18

TAO, Johnson — of Edmonton as skip in 2022

TAYLOR, Brian — of Edmonton as skip in 1962

TAYLOR, Matt — of Calgary as lead in 2000, '03

THIESSEN, Brad — of Edmonton as third in 2010

THOMAS, Brad — of Spruce Grove as lead in 1980

THOMAS, Charley — of Beaverlodge as skip in 2006; of Calgary as skip in '07

THOMSON, Robbie — of Milo as skip in 1954

THOMPSON, John — of Calgary as second in 1966

TROUT, John — of Edmonton as skip in 1959

TROUT, Stan — of Edmonton as skip in 1967

URSULAK, Murray — of Edmonton as second in 1978, '79

USSELMAN, Thomas — of Calgary as third in 2000; of Red Deer as second in '04

VALLENS, Jack — of Red Deer as lead in 1955

VENANCE, Glenn — of Edmonton as second in 2018

VERMETTE, Graham — of Calgary as third in 1988

VIRTUE, Brock — of Calgary as third in 2003, '07

VIRTUE, Nic — of Calgary as lead in 2003

WALKER, Bruce — of Edmonton as third in 1959

WALKER, Geoff — of Beaverlodge as third in 2006

WAPLES, Craig — of Leduc as lead in 1991

WARNICK, Ivor — of Calgary as lead in 1957

WATT, Chad — of Red Deer as third in 2004

WHITTMIRE, Lowell — of Okotoks/Lethbridge as third in 2023

WIESCHORSTER, Jeff — of Leduc as third in 1990, '91

WILLIAMS, John — of Edmonton as skip in 1961

WILLIAMS, Robb — of Edmonton as skip in 1976

WILSON, Art — of Camrose as lead in 1947

WINFIELD, Brett — of Edmonton as second in 2015

WOOD, Lorne — of Edmonton as lead in 1948

WOODS, David — of Edmonton as second in 1959

YABLONSKI, Kevin — of Calgary as skip in 2009

YEOMANS, Lawrence — of Blackie as skip in 1949

YOUNG, Desmond — of Edmonton as skip in 2019; as third in '20

ZABOLOTNIUK, Dave — of Edmonton as skip in 1982



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She's been a regular at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, but before that Sarah Koltun of the Yukon played in eight Under-21 championships.

U-21 WOMEN

MOST APPEARANCES

- 8 – Sarah Koltun of the Yukon in 2007, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14
- 8 – Sadie Pinksen of Nunavut in 2013, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 8 – Christianne West of Nunavut in 2013, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 7 – Karlee Burgess of Nova Scotia in 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19; of Manitoba in '21
- 7 – Chelsea Duncan of the Yukon in 2007, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13
- 6 – Jenna Duncan of the Yukon in 2009, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14
- 6 – Linea Eby of the Yukon in 2007, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12
- 6 – Kaitlin MacDonald of Nunavut in 2015, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20
- 5 – Nancy Bélanger of Quebec in 1995, '96, '97, '98, '99
- 5 – Suzanne Gaudet of Prince Edward Island in 1998, '99, 2000, '01, '02
- 5 – Tara Hamer of the Territories in 1992, '93, '94, '95; of Nova Scotia in '97
- 5 – Kelly Higgins of Prince Edward Island in 1998, '99, 2000, '01, '02
- 5 – Stephanie Jackson of British Columbia in 2001, '02, '05, '06, '07
- 5 – Kerry Koe of the Territories in 1993, '94, '95, '96, '98
- 5 – Marie-France Larouche of Quebec in 1995, '96, '97, '98, '99
- 5 – Stephanie LeDrew of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1998, 2001, '02, '03, '04

- 5 – Marie-Eve Létourneau of Quebec in 1995, '96, '97, '98, '99
- 5 – Marliese Miller of Saskatchewan in 1997, '99, 2000, '01, '03
- 5 – Emily Grace Matthews of Nunavut in 2013, '14; of the Yukon in '16, '17, '18
- 4 – Nicole Baldwin of the Yukon in 1998, '99, 2000, '01
- 4 – Gloria Basha of Prince Edward Island in 1972, '73, '74, '75
- 4 – Hailey Birnie of the Yukon in 1998, '99, 2000, '01
- 4 – Brigitte Comeau of New Brunswick in 2015, '16, '18, '19
- 4 – Justine Comeau of New Brunswick in 2015, '16, '18, '19
- 4 – Julie Devereaux of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2005, '06, '07, '08
- 4 – Stacie Devereaux of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2004, '05, '06, '07
- 4 – Sinead Dolan of Prince Edward Island in 2003, '04, '05, '06
- 4 – Meredith Doyle of Nova Scotia in 1996, '97, '98, '99
- 4 – Lauren Ferguson of Prince Edward Island in 2019, '20; of Nova Scotia in '22, '23
- 4 – Katie Follett of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2018, '19, '20, '22
- 4 – Katie Fullerton of Prince Edward Island in 2013, '14, '15, '16
- 4 – Valerie Grenier of Quebec in 1996, '97, '98, '99
- 4 – Laryssa Grenkow of Manitoba in 2005, '06, '07, '09
- 4 – Sara Guy of Northern Ontario in 2014, '15, '17, '19
- 4 – Stephanie Guzzwell of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2004, '05, '06, '07
- 4 – Anne Hennessey of Prince Edward Island in 1972, '73, '74, '75
- 4 – Meaghan Hughes of Prince Edward Island in 2003, '04, '05, '06
- 4 – Jennifer Jones of Manitoba in 1991, '93, '94; of Team Canada in '95
- 4 – Karlee Korchinski of Saskatchewan in 2012, '14, '15, '16
- 4 – Emma Le Blanc of New Brunswick in 2015, '16, '18, '19
- 4 – Janique LeBlanc of Nova Scotia in 2014, '15, '16, '17
- 4 – Susan LeBlanc of New Brunswick in 1990, '91, '94, '95
- 4 – Lauren Lenentine of Prince Edward Island in 2017, '18; of Nova Scotia in '19; of Manitoba in '20
- 4 – Jessie Leschart of the Yukon in 2002, '03, '04, '05
- 4 – Kendra Lilly of Northern Ontario in 2009, '10, '11, '12
- 4 – Chloé McCloskey of Prince Edward Island in 2013, '14, '15, '16
- 4 – Keira McLaughlin of New Brunswick in 2015, '16, '18, '19
- 4 – Breanne Meakin of Manitoba in 2007, '09, '10, '11
- 4 – Leslie Merrithew of the Territories in 2003, '04, '05, '06
- 4 – Stefanie Miller of Saskatchewan in 1997, '99, 2000, '01
- 4 – Sarah Paul of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2004, '05, '06, '07
- 4 – Stefanie Richard of Prince Edward Island in 1998, '99, 2000, '01
- 4 – Beth Roach of Nova Scotia in 1996, '97, '98, '99
- 4 – Michala Robison of Prince Edward Island in 2003, '04, '05, '06
- 4 – Alanna Routledge of Quebec in 2007, '08, '10, '11
- 4 – Barbara Rudolph of Manitoba in 1972, '73, '74, '75
- 4 – Krista Scharf of Northern Ontario in 1998, 2000, '01, '02
- 4 – Ladene Shaw of the Yukon in 2002, '03, '04, '05
- 4 – Mandi Shaw of the Yukon in 2002, '03, '04, '05
- 4 – Sabrina Smith of Prince Edward Island in 2013, '14, '15, '16
- 4 – Gina Stanley of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1989, '91, '93, '94
- 4 – Cindy Street of Saskatchewan in 1992, '94, '95, '96
- 4 – Kristen Streifel of Saskatchewan in 2012, '14, '15; of Alberta in '17
- 4 – Heather Strong of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1992, '95, '96, '97
- 4 – Laura Strong of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1997, '98, '99, 2000
- 4 – Patti Vandekerckhove of Manitoba in 1974, '75, '76, '77
- 4 – Marika Van Osch of British Columbia in 2012, '14, '16, '17
- 4 – Carolyn Wark of Quebec in 1981, '82, '83, '84
- 4 – Debbie Wark of Quebec in 1981, '82, '83, '84
- 4 – Janet Wood of Prince Edward Island in 1972, '73, '74, '75
- 4 – Sheena Yakeleya of the Territories in 1993, '94, '95, '96

UNDEFEATED RECORDS

- 1972 – Manitoba, 7-0
- 1973 – Saskatchewan, 9-0
- 1975 – Saskatchewan, 9-0
- 1978 – Alberta, 10-0
- 1989 – Manitoba, 11-0
- 2010 – Ontario, 13-0
- 2019 – Alberta, 11-0
- 2020 – Manitoba, 11-0
- 2022 – Nova Scotia, 10-0
- 2023 – Alberta, 10-0

TIES (SINGLE-POOLS ONLY)

THREE-WAY TIES FOR FIRST PLACE

- 1976 – Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island
1986 – British Columbia, Newfoundland/Labrador, Manitoba
1999 – Nova Scotia, Quebec, Saskatchewan
2004 – Nova Scotia, Quebec, New Brunswick

TWO-WAY TIES FOR FIRST PLACE

- 1980 – Nova Scotia, Manitoba
1981 – Manitoba, Ontario
1982 – British Columbia, Ontario
1984 – Manitoba, Quebec
1985 – Saskatchewan, British Columbia
1998 – New Brunswick, Ontario
2002 – Prince Edward Island, Nfld./Labrador
2003 – Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan
2006 – Manitoba, Saskatchewan
2012 – Alberta, Manitoba
2013 – British Columbia, Manitoba

THREE-TIME WINNERS

Karlee Burgess of Nova Scotia as second in 2016, '18; a Manitoba third in '20

TWO-TIME WINNERS

- Kristin Clarke of Nova Scotia as third in 2016, '18
Suzanne Gaudet of Prince Edward Island as skip in 2001, '02
Kate Goodhelpsen of Alberta as second in 2017, '19
Kelly Higgins of Prince Edward Island as lead in 2001, '02
Cathy King of Alberta as skip in 1977, '78
Kaitlyn Lawes of Manitoba as skip in 2008, '09
Jenna Loder of Manitoba as third in 2008, '09
Robyn MacPhee of Prince Edward Island as second in 2001; as third in '02
Marliese Miller of Saskatchewan as third in 2000; as skip in '03
Maureen Olsen of Alberta as second in 1977, '78
Cathy Pidzarko of Manitoba as third in 1972, '74
Chris Pidzarko of Manitoba as skip in 1972, '74
Kelsey Rocque of Alberta as skip in 2014, '15
Colleen Rudd of Saskatchewan as third in 1975; as skip in '76
Barbara Rudolph of Manitoba as lead in 1972, '74
Julie Sutton of British Columbia as third in 1986; as skip in '87

BACK-TO-BACK WINNERS

- Saskatchewan's Colleen Rudd – 1975-76
Alberta's Cathy King and Maureen Olsen – 1977-78
British Columbia's Julie Sutton – 1986-87
Prince Edward Island's Suzanne Gaudet, Kelly Higgins and Robyn MacPhee – 2001-02
Manitoba's Kaitlyn Lawes and Jenna Loder – 2008-09
Alberta's Kelsey Rocque – 2014-15

MOST WINS BY ONE SKIP

- 49 – Suzanne Gaudet, Prince Edward Island

MOST APPEARANCES BY ONE SKIP

- 8 – Sarah Koltun, Yukon
8 – Sadie Pinksen, Nunavut

SKIPS WITH 15 OR MORE WINS

- 49 – Suzanne Gaudet, Prince Edward Island
42 – Marie-France Larouche, Quebec
41 – Stefanie Miller, Saskatchewan
37 – Meredith Doyle, Nova Scotia

- 31 – Sarah Koltun, Yukon
30 – Stacie Devereaux, Nfld./Labrador
27 – Justine Comeau, New Brunswick
26 – Andrea Kelly, New Brunswick
26 – Dailene Sivertson, British Columbia
25 – Melissa McClure, New Brunswick
25 – Kristen Streifel, Alberta/Saskatchewan
24 – Mary Fay, Nova Scotia
24 – Calleen Neufeld, Manitoba
24 – Debbie Wark, Quebec
23 – Jennifer Guzzwell, Nfld./Labrador
23 – Rachel Homan, Ontario
23 – Julie Reddick, Ontario
23 – Desirée Robertson, Alberta
22 – Corryn Brown, British Columbia
22 – Kaitlyn Jones, Saskatchewan/Nova Scotia
22 – Laurie St-Georges, Quebec
21 – Kaitlyn Lawes, Manitoba
21 – Kendra Lilly, Northern Ontario
20 – Nicole Baldwin, Yukon
20 – Shannon Birchard, Manitoba
20 – Marie-Christine Cantin, Quebec
20 – Sherry Linton, Saskatchewan
20 – Kelsey Rocque, Alberta
20 – Krista Scharf, Northern Ontario
19 – Janique Berthelot, Quebec
19 – Erin Carmody, Prince Edward Island
19 – Nadine Chyz, Alberta
19 – Sarah Fullerton, Prince Edward Island
19 – Jennifer Jones, Manitoba/Team Canada
19 – Cathy King, Alberta
19 – Trish Paulsen, Saskatchewan
18 – Sarah Daniels, British Columbia
18 – Mary Jane McGuire, New Brunswick
18 – Tylour Stevens, Nova Scotia
17 – Alison Goring, Ontario
17 – Jill Noseworthy, Nfld./Labrador
17 – Sylvie Robichaud, New Brunswick
17 – Selena Sturmay, Alberta
17 – Mackenzie Zacharias, Manitoba
16 – Michele Cowan, Territories
16 – Meaghan Hughes, Prince Edward Island
16 – Mackenzie Mitchell, Nfld./Labrador
15 – Robyn Mattie, Nova Scotia
15 – Jamie Sinclair, Ontario
15 – Kay Smith, Nova Scotia
15 – Elaine Uhryn, Northern Ontario
15 – Patti Vandekerckhove, Manitoba

CHAMPIONS BY PROVINCE

- 11 – Alberta in 1971, '77, '78, '88, '96, 2012, '14, '15, '17, '19, '23
11 – Saskatchewan in 1973, '75, '76, '79, '85, '90, '92, 2000, '03, '06, '11
10 – Manitoba in 1972, '74, '81, '84, '89, '94, '95, 2008, '09, '20
6 – Nova Scotia in 1980, '97, 2004, '16, '18, '22
4 – British Columbia in 1982, '86, '87, 2013
3 – New Brunswick in 1991, '98, 2005
3 – Ontario in 1983, '93, 2010
2 – Prince Edward Island in 2001, '02
1 – Newfoundland/Labrador in 2007
1 – Quebec in 1999

CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

- 1971 British Columbia Vancouver
1972 Manitoba Winnipeg
1973 Quebec Montreal
1974 Alberta Edmonton
1975 Nfld./Labrador Grand Falls
1976 Northern Ontario Thunder Bay

- 1977 New Brunswick Saint John
1978 British Columbia Chilliwack
1979 Saskatchewan Yorkton
1980 Prince Edward Island Charlottetown
1981 Nova Scotia Dartmouth
1982 Manitoba Winnipeg
1983 Alberta Calgary
1984 British Columbia Fort St. John
1985 New Brunswick Fredericton
1986 Quebec Noranda
1987 Saskatchewan Prince Albert
1988 British Columbia North Vancouver
1989 Manitoba Winnipeg
1990 Northern Ontario Sudbury
1991 Alberta Leduc
1992 British Columbia Vernon
1993 Quebec Trois-Rivières
1994 Nova Scotia Truro
1995 Saskatchewan Regina
1996 Alberta Edmonton
1997 Manitoba Selkirk
1998 Alberta Calgary
1999 British Columbia Kelowna
2000 New Brunswick Moncton
2001 Ontario St. Catharines
2002 Prince Edward Island Summerside
2003 Ontario Ottawa
2004 British Columbia Victoria
2005 New Brunswick Fredericton
2006 Northern Ontario Thunder Bay
2007 Ontario St. Catharines
2008 Northern Ontario Sault Ste. Marie
2009 British Columbia Salmon Arm
2010 Quebec Sorel-Tracy
2011 Alberta Calgary
2012 Ontario Napanee
2013 Alberta Fort McMurray
2014 Nova Scotia Liverpool
2015 Nfld./Labrador Corner Brook
2016 Ontario Stratford
2017 British Columbia Victoria
2018 Quebec Shawinigan
2019 Saskatchewan Prince Albert
2020 British Columbia Langley
2021 Cancelled due to COVID-19
2022 Ontario Stratford
2023 Quebec Rouyn-Noranda
2024 Alberta Fort McMurray

NUMBER OF CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED

- British Columbia 10
Alberta 8
Ontario 6
Quebec 6
Manitoba 4
New Brunswick 4
Northern Ontario 4
Saskatchewan 4
Nova Scotia 3
Prince Edward Island 2
Newfoundland/Labrador 2

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MOST APPEARANCES

- 8 – David Aho of the Territories in 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11; of the Yukon in '12; of Alberta in '14
7 – Jacob Horgan of Northern Ontario in 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20
7 – Thomas Scoffin of the Yukon in 2007, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12; of Alberta in '13

7 – Will Mahoney of the Yukon in 2007, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13

7 – Mitch Young of the Yukon in 2007, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13

6 – Maxime Blais of Northern Ontario in 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19

6 – Brett Gallant of Prince Edward Island in 2004, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10

6 – Brad Gushue of Newfoundland/Labrador in 1995, '96, '98, '99, 2000, '01

6 – Tanner Horgan of Northern Ontario in 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19

6 – Colin Miller of the Territories in 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11

6 – Matt Miller of the Territories in 2011, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16

6 – John Murray of the Territories in 2007, '08, '09, '10, '11, '13

6 – Tyler Smith of Prince Edward Island in 2013, '15, '17, '19, '20; of New Brunswick in '18

5 – Anson Carmody of Prince Edward Island in 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10

5 – Adam Casey of Prince Edward Island in 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10

5 – Martin Crête of Quebec in 2002, '03, '04, '05, '06

5 – Robert Heimbach of the Territories in 2006, '07, '08, '09, '10

5 – Trygg Jensen of Yukon in 2014, '15, '16, '18, '19

5 – Jamie Koe of the Territories in 1994, '95, '96, '97, '98

5 – Colin Koivula of Northern Ontario in 1999, 2000, '01, '02, '03

5 – Alex MacFadyen of P.E.I. in 2006, '07, '08; of Nova Scotia in '09; of P.E.I. in '10

5 – Jeff MacPheat of the Territories in 1986, '87, '88, '89, '90

5 – Ryan McNeil Lamswood of Newfoundland/Labrador in 2015, '16, '18, '19, '20

5 – Kevin Whitehead of the Territories in 1994, '95, '96, '97, '98

4 – Ryan Abraham of Nova Scotia in 2015, '16; of P.E.I. in '19, '20

4 – Félix Asselin of Quebec in 2012, '13, '15, '16

4 – Josh Barry of New Brunswick in 2010, '11, '12, '13

4 – Robert Borden of the Territories in 2002, '03, '04, '05

4 – Alec Cameron of Nova Scotia in 2015, '16, '17, '18

4 – Josh Clark of the Yukon in 1996, '97, '98, '99

4 – Kevin Cymbalisty of the Territories in 1995, '96, '97, '98

4 – Jacques Gauthier of Manitoba in 2017, '18, '19; of Manitoba 2 in '20

4 – Matthew Hall of Ontario in 2016, '17, '18; of British Columbia in '19

4 – Jacob Hersikorn of Saskatchewan in 2012, '13, '15, '16

4 – Randy Hiebert of the Territories in 2012, '13, '14, '16

4 – Trevor Johnson of Saskatchewan in 2017, '18, '19, '20

4 – Sawyer Kaeser of the Territories in 2017, '18, '19, '20

4 – Brady Kendel of Saskatchewan in 2012, '13, '15, '16

4 – Brayden Klassen of Yukon in 2014, '15, '16, '18

4 – Rylan Kleiter of Saskatchewan in 2017, '18, '19, '20

4 – Nick Koltun of the Yukon in 2007, '08, '09, '10

4 – Javen Komaksiutiksak of Nunavut in 2016, '17, '18, '19

4 – Olivier Leclerc of Quebec in 2002, '03, '04, '05

4 – Tristan MacPherson of the Territories in 2017, '18, '19, '20

4 – Matthew Manuel of Nova Scotia in 2015, '16, '17, '18

4 – Joshua Mattern of Saskatchewan in 2017, '18, '19, '20

4 – Garret Minute of the Territories in 2017, '18, '19, '20

4 – Alexx Peech of the Yukon in 2002, '04, '05, '06

4 – Trevor Perepolkin of British Columbia in 1993, '94, '96, '97

4 – Paul Power of Prince Edward Island in 1986, '87, '88, '89

4 – Arthur Siksik of Nunavut in 2013, '14, '16, '17

4 – Matthieu Taillon of Saskatchewan in 2017, '18, '19, '20

4 – Tyler Tardi of British Columbia in 2016, '17, '18, '19

4 – Jonathan Tremblay of Quebec in 2002, '03, '04, '05

4 – Kelly Vollman of Saskatchewan in 1983, '84, '85, '86

4 – Spencer Wallace of the Yukon in 2013, '14, '15, '16

4 – Joe Wallingham of Yukon in 2013, '14, '15, '18

4 – Nick Zachernuk of Nova Scotia in 2015, '16, '17, '18

UNDEFEATED RECORDS

1952 – Saskatchewan, 9-0
 1962 – Saskatchewan, 10-0
 1963 – Alberta, 10-0
 1986 – Manitoba, 12-0
 2011 – Saskatchewan, 13-0

TIES (SINGLE-POOLS ONLY)

FIVE-WAY TIE FOR FIRST PLACE

1993 – Nova Scotia, Newfoundland/Labrador, Territories, Saskatchewan, Alberta

FOUR-WAY TIES FOR FIRST PLACE

1976 – Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Alberta, Manitoba
 1998 – Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick

THREE-WAY TIES FOR FIRST PLACE

1964 – Northern Ontario, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick
 1991 – Northern Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia
 1994 – Alberta, Territories, Quebec
 2001 – Newfoundland/Labrador, Manitoba, Northern Ontario
 2004 – Newfoundland/Labrador, Manitoba, New Brunswick

TWO-WAY TIES FOR FIRST PLACE

1948 – Manitoba, Saskatchewan
 1953 – Ontario, Saskatchewan
 1954 – Saskatchewan, Manitoba
 1956 – Saskatchewan, Northern Ontario
 1957 – Ontario, Northern Ontario
 1968 – Ontario, Saskatchewan
 1971 – Saskatchewan, Northern Ontario

1973 – Ontario, Quebec
 1974 – Alberta, British Columbia
 1978 – Alberta, Nova Scotia
 1982 – Ontario, British Columbia
 2009 – P.E.I., Northern Ontario
 2016 – Northern Ontario, Manitoba

THREE-TIME WINNERS

Tyler Tardi of British Columbia as skip in 2017, '18, '19
 Sterling Middleton of British Columbia as third in 2017, '18, '19

TWO-TIME WINNERS

Stan Austman of Saskatchewan as second in 1954; as third in 1955
 Braden Calvert of Manitoba as skip in 2014, '15
 Gary Cooper of Saskatchewan as third in 1951, '52
 Matt Dunstone of Manitoba as skip in 2013, '16
 Mike Friesen of Manitoba as lead in 1979, '81
 Joel Gagne of Manitoba as second in 1979, '81
 Paul Gowsell of Alberta as skip in 1975, '77
 Roy Hufsmith of Saskatchewan as lead in 1951, '52
 Kyle Kurz of Manitoba as third in 2014, '15
 Brent Laing of Ontario as lead in 1998, '99
 Colton Lott of Manitoba as third in 2013, '16
 John Morris of Ontario as skip in 1998, '99
 Scott Pfeifer of Alberta as second in 1994; as third in '97
 Kyle Reynolds of Alberta as lead in 2006, '07
 Craig Savill of Ontario as third in 1998, '99
 Bayne Secord of Saskatchewan as skip in 1954, '55
 Kelly Stearne of Alberta as lead in 1975, '77
 Jordan Tardi of British Columbia as second in 2017, '18
 Gary Thode of Saskatchewan as skip in 1951, '52
 Charley Thomas of Alberta as skip in 2006, '07
 Mert Thompson of Manitoba as skip in 1979, '81
 Lucas Van Den Bosch of Manitoba as second in 2014, '15
 Brendan Wilson of Manitoba as lead in 2014, '15

BACK-TO-BACK WINNERS

Saskatchewan's Gary Thode, Gary Cooper and Roy Hufsmith – 1951-52
 Saskatchewan's Bayne Secord and Stan Austman – 1954-55



British Columbia's Tyler Tardi is among the leaders of games played in the Canadian junior men's championship with 36. He's played in four national events.



A young Brett Gallant played in six Canadian junior championships representing Prince Edward Island.

Ontario's John Morris, Craig Savill and Brent Laing – 1998-99

Alberta's Charley Thomas and Kyle Reynolds – 2006-07

Manitoba's Braden Calvert, Kyle Kurz, Lucas Van Den Bosch and Brendan Wilson – 2014-15

British Columbia's Jordan Tardi – 2017-18

British Columbia's Tyler Tardi and Sterling Middleton – 2017, '18, '19

MOST WINS BY ONE SKIP

48 – Brett Gallant of Prince Edward Island

MOST APPEARANCES BY ONE SKIP

7 – Thomas Scoffin of the Yukon-Alberta

SKIPS WITH 15 OR MORE WINS

48 – Brett Gallant, Prince Edward Island

41 – Martin Crête, Quebec

40 – Tanner Horgan, Northern Ontario

38 – Brad Gushue, Newfoundland/Labrador

36 – Tyler Tardi, British Columbia

33 – John Morris, Ontario

33 – Thomas Scoffin, Yukon-Alberta

24 – Félix Asselin, Quebec

23 – Rylan Kleiter, Saskatchewan

23 – Jamie Koe, Territories

23 – JT Ryan, Manitoba

23 – Johnson Tao, British Columbia/Alberta

22 – Rob Heffernan, New Brunswick

22 – Scott Saunders, Nova Scotia

22 – Charley Thomas, Alberta

22 – Braeden Moskoway, Saskatchewan

21 – Matthew Blandford, Nfld./Labrador

21 – Randy Bryden, Saskatchewan

21 – Matt Dunstone, Manitoba

21 – Craig Kochan, Northern Ontario

21 – Trevor Perepolkin, British Columbia

21 – Mert Thompsett, Manitoba

20 – Braden Calvert, Manitoba

20 – Paul Gowsell, Alberta

20 – Matthew Hall, Ontario

20 – Matthew Manuel, Nova Scotia

20 – Tyler Smith, Prince Edward Island

20 – Karsten Sturmay, Alberta

19 – Brian Adams, Northern Ontario

19 – Peter Jenkins, Prince Edward Island

19 – Mike McEwen, Manitoba

18 – Shawn Adams, Nova Scotia

18 – Brendan Bottcher, Alberta

18 – Bill Jenkins, Prince Edward Island

18 – Jamie Schneider, Saskatchewan

17 – Mark Bice, Ontario

17 – Kyle George, Saskatchewan

17 – Lorne Henderson, Newfoundland/Labrador

17 – Mike Lukowich, Saskatchewan

17 – Mark McDonald, Ontario

17 – Brad Minogue, Northern Ontario

17 – Bayne Secord, Saskatchewan

17 – Gary Thode, Saskatchewan

17 – Colin Thomas, Newfoundland/Labrador

17 – Stuart Thompson, Nova Scotia

17 – Bob Ursel, Manitoba

16 – Josh Barry, New Brunswick

16 – Rene Comeau, New Brunswick

16 – Peter Eddy, Nova Scotia

16 – Michel Ferland, Quebec

16 – Darren Fish, Alberta

16 – Jordon McDonald, Manitoba

16 – Trent McQuarrie, Alberta

16 – Denis Marchand, Quebec

16 – Ryan Sherrard, New Brunswick

16 – Tom Tod, Northern Ontario

15 – Trevor Alexander, Territories

15 – John Base, Ontario

15 – Jeff Erickson, Alberta

15 – Philippe Lemay, Quebec

15 – Darren Moulding, Alberta

15 – Mike Pace, Nova Scotia

15 – Daley Peters, Manitoba

15 – Jeff Thomas, Newfoundland/Labrador

CHAMPIONS BY PROVINCE

17 – Alberta in 1959, '60, '63, '66, '67, '72, '74, '75, '77, '78, '85, '94, '97, 2006, '07, '12, '23

15 – Saskatchewan in 1949, 50, '51, '52, '54, '55, '56, '62, '65, '69, '71, '83, 2003, '05, '11

13 – Manitoba in 1947, '48, '79, '81, '84, '86, '95, 2002, '13, '14, '15, '16, '20

10 – Ontario in 1953, '57, '68, '73, '82, '90, '98, '99, 2010, '22

7 – British Columbia in 1961, '88, '89, 2000, '17, '18, '19

4 – Northern Ontario in 1958, '64, '91, '96

3 – New Brunswick in 1970, '87, 2004

3 – Quebec in 1980, '92, 2008

2 – Prince Edward Island in 1976, 2009

1 – Newfoundland/Labrador in 2001

1 – Nova Scotia in 1993

CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

1947 Saskatchewan

1948 Manitoba

1949 Alberta

1950 Quebec

1951 British Columbia

1952 New Brunswick

1953 Saskatchewan

1954 Ontario

1955 Nova Scotia

1956 Northern Ontario

1957 Manitoba

1958 Prince Edward Island

1959 Alberta

1960 Quebec

1961 British Columbia

1962 Nova Scotia

Regina

Winnipeg

Edmonton

Quebec City

Nelson

Moncton

Saskatoon

Hamilton

Sydney

Fort William

Winnipeg

Charlottetown

Calgary

Noranda

Prince George

Halifax

1963 Ontario

1964 Saskatchewan

1965 New Brunswick

1966 Nfld./Labrador

1967 Manitoba

1968 Northern Ontario

1969 Saskatchewan

1970 Quebec

1971 British Columbia

1972 Northern Ontario

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2007 Ontario

2008 Northern Ontario

2009 British Columbia

2010 Quebec

2011 Alberta

2012 Ontario

2013 Alberta

2014 Nova Scotia

2015 Nfld./Labrador

2016 Ontario

2017 British Columbia

2018 Quebec

2019 Saskatchewan

2020 British Columbia

2021 Cancelled due to COVID-19

2022 Ontario

2023 Quebec

2024 Alberta

Guelph

Regina

Fredericton

St. John's

Flin Flon

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Swift Current

Halifax

Winnipeg

St. John's

Red Deer

Prince Albert

North Vancouver

Winnipeg

Sudbury

Leduc

Vernon

Trois-Rivières

Truro

Regina

Edmonton

Selkirk

Calgary

Kelowna

Moncton

St. Catharines

Summerside

Ottawa

Victoria

Fredericton

Thunder Bay

St. Catharines

Sault Ste. Marie

Salmon Arm

Sorel-Tracy

Calgary

Napanee

Fort McMurray

Liverpool

Corner Brook

Stratford

Victoria

Shawinigan

Prince Albert

Langley

Stratford

Rouyn-Noranda

Fort McMurray

NUMBER OF CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED

British Columbia 11

Alberta 10

Ontario 9

Northern Ontario 8

Saskatchewan 8

Manitoba 7

Quebec 7

New Brunswick 6

Nova Scotia 5

Newfoundland/Labrador 3

Prince Edward Island 3



ON THE ROCKS

BY AL CAMERON

LET'S TALK ABOUT ICE CONDITIONS.

Actually, let's not.

In fact, let's actually just accept that understanding and accepting ice conditions, and finding ways to take advantage of them, should be an asset that any young curler should be cultivating if they want to be part of the high-performance curling culture.

And so, too, should be the ability to not dwell on them and use them as an excuse for poor play.

There is a school of thought out there that Canadian curlers have been too spoiled by ice conditions, and when they run into anything less than perfect conditions at events outside of Canada, it becomes a major impediment to peak performance.

That's not a physical problem, of course. If a player has a pure delivery on good ice, there's no reason it shouldn't be a pure delivery on ice that has a few flaws.

It is, of course, a problem between the ears, and that's where the hard work needs to be done by coaches and players on the warm side of the glass — to get young players' mindsets to a place that they can perform to the best of their abilities in any conditions.

That's easier said than done, of course, and in addition to that mental performance work, it likely would take a few practice sessions on ice that is less than consistent to prepare for what could be in store at an event.

It's also been theorized that players may benefit from a few hours, if not a full weekend, spent with an ice technician to understand the intricacies of ice preparation, and, when something goes wrong with the ice, to understand WHY it goes wrong and how to anticipate it, and potentially even take advantage of it before an opponent sees what's happening.

It's worth noting that many of the top teams outside of Canada practise this constantly, and, in fact, often do their own ice preparation so that they can set it up the way they want — with runs, slow spots, flat spots, etc., and figure out ways to read them, anticipate changes in the ice that come with sweeping, and then deal with them.

One other noticeable thing about most, if not all, of those teams is they rarely, if ever, voluntarily bring up ice conditions in their post-game media availabilities, and when asked about them, they generally dismiss them as a factor in the end result of a game.

That may or may not be true, but it's an example of

not showing vulnerability and using excuses, and that sends a message to future opponents.

There's no question ice conditions have an impact on games — it's indisputable. But curling is hardly alone among sports in which conditions are not always consistent.

Think of the 80-km/h winds at a British Open at St. Andrew's; the sideways rain and wind on the 106-yard par-3 seventh hole at Pebble Beach that has had players teeing off over the years with everything between a putter and a 3-iron.

Wind can play havoc with baseball games; some of the most memorable football games have been played in blizzards, ice storms, monsoon-like rain and fog.

The best players and teams find ways to fight through the conditions and succeed through adversity.

Events such as the New Holland Canadian Under-21 Championships and the Canadian Under-18 Championships are a proving ground for Canada's future curling stars, as well as their coaches, and the experience gained here can and will set a tone for a career that could one day send one of the players competing here this week in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo to a Winter Olympics.

Along the way, there will be days when a game is lost because a thrown stone didn't behave the way the team believed it would.

Those are the breaks of the game — no team, no player is immune to them. But it's the way those teams and players react to them that will define their character.

There are circumstances at any events where things go off plan — a sudden change in ice-sheet assignments, for instance. Instead of dwelling on the change, and how it could affect them, good teams should instead have the ability to accept the change and simply say, "OK, it doesn't matter WHERE we play — we are good enough to win."

Players can and will throw hundreds, if not thousands, of practice rocks over the course of a season, but some of those rocks need to be thrown on ice that is patchy, slow, frosty — pick an adjective that fits the description of "less than perfect". That work, in addition to the mental training, will make you a better curler.

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