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# GREETINGS

# ON BEHALF OF WORLD CURLING'S

Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to Moose Jaw for the BKT World Men's Curling Championship 2025.

This event is the final opportunity for our participating teams to gain qualification points for the upcoming Milano-Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. We are certainly expecting an incredible amount of excitement and great competition!

While this will be the first time Moose Jaw has hosted a men's world championship, this community is no stranger to hosting World Curling competitions. The city played host to the Pioneer Life World Women's Championship in 1983 and the Uniroyal World Junior Curling Championships in 1979. Moose Jaw has also hosted many Canadian championships, including the 2023 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship.

We are certain that the local organizing committee along with our friends at Curling Canada will do their very best to make this championship experience a special one for everyone.

We hope you enjoy the action on the ice this week and have a great time in Moose Jaw.

Thank you for coming out to support these talented athletes and our wonderful sport. If there is anything that I may be able to assist with during your time at the championship, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at beau.welling@worldcurling.org.

To the athletes competing in this event, good luck and good curling!

## **BEAU WELLING**

President, World Curling

# SALUTATIONS

# AU NOM DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

de World Curling, je vous souhaite la bienvenue à Moose Jaw pour le Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT 2025.

Cet événement est la dernière occasion pour nos équipes participantes d'obtenir des points de qualification pour les Jeux olympiques d'hiver de Milano Cortina 2026. Nul doute que nous aurons droit à des sensations fortes et à une compétition exceptionnelle!

Bien que Moose Jaw accueille un championnat du monde masculin pour la première fois, cette communauté s'y connaît dans l'organisation de compétitions de World Curling. La ville a accueilli le Championnat du monde féminin Pioneer Life en 1983 et les Championnats du monde juniors de curling Uniroyal en 1979. Moose Jaw a également accueilli de nombreux championnats canadiens, dont le Championnat canadien de curling en fauteuil roulant de 2023.

Nous sommes certains que le comité d'organisation local et nos amis de Curling Canada feront de leur mieux pour faire de ce championnat une expérience inoubliable pour tous.

Nous espérons que vous apprécierez l'action sur la glace cette semaine et que votre séjour à Moose Jaw sera des plus agréables.

Merci de votre présence pour soutenir ces athlètes talentueux et notre merveilleux sport. Si je peux vous aider de quelque manière que ce soit pendant votre présence au championnat, n'hésitez pas à me contacter à l'adresse beau.welling@worldcurling.org.

À tous les athlètes qui participent à cet événement, bonne chance et bon curling!

# **BEAU WELLING**

Président, World Curling

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# **TO THE 2025 BKT WORLD** MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: WHERE PASSION AND EXCELLENCE MEET ON THE ICE!

# WE ARE THRILLED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE MOST

exciting event of the year, the 2025 BKT World Men's Curling Championship. In these moments of triumphs and challenges, we stand together with you, the fans, to celebrate not just the remarkable talent of the athletes, but also the core values that make this sport extraordinary.

It's a time when our shared values of commitment, passion, and determination take main stage, showing the very best of what this sport represents and teaches. BKT is so proud to play a primary role in this journey, supporting curling and its passionate community in every step.

Together, we promote a culture of inclusivity and respect, making sure every player feels valued. We collaborate closely with organizers, athletes, and fans to promote an environment of sporting excellence and positive community impact. Through this collective effort, we sow the seeds for future generations.

Moreover, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the professionals, volunteers, and everyone whose dedication brings the 2025 BKT World Men's Curling Championship to life. Your efforts are the core of this tournament's success, and we deeply appreciate everything you do.

Lastly, we want to thank the city of Moose Jaw and the Temple Gardens Centre that allow all the fans to enjoy the amazingness of this outstanding tournament.

As we embark on this journey together, let's continue to support curling standing alongside its champions and spreading the values of BKT throughout this beautiful sport. Cheers to a spectacular display of emotions, here in Moose Jaw, for you all!



# **BIENVENUE**

# **AU CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE CURLING MASCULIN BKT 2025: LÀ OÙ LA PASSION ET L'EXCELLENCE SE RENCONTRENT SUR LA GLACE!**

# NOUS SOMMES RAVIS DE VOUS SOUHAITER LA BIENVENUE

à l'événement le plus emballant de l'année, le Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT 2025. Dans ces moments de triomphes et de défis, nous nous unissons à vous, les partisans, pour célébrer non seulement le talent remarquable des athlètes, mais aussi les valeurs fondamentales qui rendent ce sport si extraordinaire.

C'est une occasion au cours de laquelle nos valeurs communes d'engagement, de passion et de détermination occupent le devant de la scène, mettant à l'avant-plan le meilleur de ce que ce sport représente et enseigne. BKT est très fier de jouer un rôle de premier plan dans cette aventure, en soutenant le curling et sa communauté passionnée à chaque étape.

Ensemble, nous promouvons une culture d'inclusion et de respect, en veillant à ce que chaque joueur se sente valorisé. Nous collaborons étroitement avec les organisateurs, les athlètes et les partisans pour favoriser un environnement d'excellence sportive et un impact positif sur la communauté. Grâce à cet effort collectif, nous répandons les semences pour les générations futures.

De plus, nous exprimons notre sincère gratitude aux professionnels, aux bénévoles et à tous ceux dont le dévouement donne vie au Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT 2025. Vos efforts sont au cœur du succès de ce tournoi et nous apprécions profondément tout ce que vous faites.

Enfin, nous tenons à remercier la ville de Centre Temple Gardens des événements de Moose Jaw qui permettent à tous les partisans de profiter de ce tournoi exceptionnel.

Alors que nous nous lançons ensemble dans cette aventure, continuons à soutenir le curling aux côtés de ses champions et à diffuser les valeurs de BKT dans l'ensemble de ce magnifique sport. À vous tous, nous souhaitons de vivre des émotions extraordinaires, ici à Moose Jaw!





# WHERE MOMENTS TURN INTO MEMORIES













# MESSAGES



## ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT

of Saskatchewan, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the Temple Gardens Centre for the 2025 BKT World Men's Curling Championship.

Curling is part of Canada's identity. Nowhere does that ring more true than in Saskatchewan. We are proud to say our province's official sport, curling, is both a beloved tradition

and a favourite winter pastime. Saskatchewan is home to some of curling's greatest athletes, as well as the sport's most passionate fans. We are delighted to bring people from all over the world together for the love of curling and to experience the game at this elite level.

Our province has a proud history of hosting national and international curling championships, and we are thrilled to continue that tradition by hosting this prestigious event. Volunteer spirit and community pride are at the heart of our province's character, and events like these are a unique opportunity to showcase the down-to-earth hospitality that can only be found in Saskatchewan.

Thank you to the organizers, sponsors, volunteers and everyone involved for making this much anticipated event possible. Fans, competitors and coaches can expect an enthusiastic welcome in Moose Jaw at the World Men's Championship. May you create unforgettable memories in Saskatchewan and enjoy curling at its finest.

Let the competition begin!

# **Scott Moe**

Premier of Saskatchewan

## AU NOM DU GOUVERNEMENT DE LA SASKATCHEWAN,

je suis heureux de vous accueillir au Centre Temple Gardens pour le Championnat mondial de curling masculin BKT 2025.

Le curling est ancré dans l'identité canadienne, une vérité qui résonne encore plus fort en Saskatchewan. Nous sommes fiers de dire que le sport officiel de notre province, le curling, fait partie d'une tradition qui nous est chère et constitue un passe-temps des plus appréciés durant la saison hivernale. La Saskatchewan se trouve être le berceau de quelques-uns des plus grands et quelques-unes des plus grandes athlètes de curling, ainsi que des partisans et partisanes les plus passionnés de ce sport. Nous sommes ravis de rassembler des personnes du monde entier afin de vivre ensemble l'amour du curling et de faire l'expérience du jeu à son niveau le plus élevé.

Notre province se démarque par sa fière histoire d'organisation de championnats de curling aux niveaux national et international, et nous sommes très heureux de perpétuer cette tradition en organisant une fois de plus cette compétition prestigieuse. Le caractère de notre province est forgé par l'esprit de bénévolat et la fierté communautaire, et ces types d'évènements représentent une occasion unique de mettre en valeur l'hospitalité authentique pour laquelle la Saskatchewan est réputée.

Je remercie tous les organisateurs, les commanditaires, les bénévoles et tous ceux et celles qui ont rendu possible cet évènement tant attendu. Les partisans et partisanes, les compétiteurs ainsi que les entraîneurs et entraîneuses peuvent s'attendre à un accueil des plus enthousiastes à leur arrivée au Championnat mondial de curling masculin à Moose Jaw. Nous espérons que vous rapporterez des souvenirs impérissables de la Saskatchewan et profiterez du curling à son plus haut niveau.

Que la compétition commence!

## **Scott Moe**

Premier ministre de la Saskatchewan

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## ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF

Moose Jaw and my colleagues on City Council, it is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2025 BKT World Men's Curling Championship being held at the Temple Gardens Centre.

Moose Jaw has a strong tradition of supporting curling in our community, and we are very proud and excited to be hosting this event. I can guarantee that

players and spectators alike are in for an exciting week of curling.

I offer a warm welcome to all our out-of-town athletes, coaches, dignitaries and their families. Moose Jaw has an excellent reputation for its friendly hospitality, so I know you will have a wonderful time while you're in Canada's Most Notorious City! Please take some time to enjoy all the great attractions we have to offer.

To the organizers and volunteers, I offer a heartfelt thank you for all your hard work preparing, planning, and hosting this event. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Have fun and good luck to all athletes!

# **James Murdock** Mayor, City of Moose Jaw



# ON BEHALF OF CURLING CANADA'S

Board of Governors, it is a privilege to extend our warm welcome to players and fans alike attending the 2025 BKT World Men's Curling Championship in Moose Iaw.

I know the City of Moose Jaw is ready to make all of us feel welcome, and I am truly grateful to the hard work of the host committee and the

hundreds of volunteers who will be working tirelessly through to Championship Sunday to make this event memorable.

World Curling continues to raise the profile of our sport around the world, and we are grateful for the confidence they've shown in us to host this world championship. We value our partnership and our shared ambitions of continuing to raise the profile of our sport and its athletes.

BKT has been an outstanding partner and supporter of curling, and we look forward to many more productive years of working together. Their support is valued and appreciated.

The athletes in Moose Jaw will have world-class conditions on which to perform, and that is due to the efforts of the on- and off-ice officials, ice technicians and staff from both World Curling and Curling Canada. A sincere 'thank you' to all of you for your hard work.

Congratulations to all of the teams and their support staffs who will be playing for gold and chasing their curling dreams in Moose Jaw. You have sacrificed countless hours in pursuit of excellence, and you are champions regardless of your record here.

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

## Teri Palynchuk

Chair, Board of Governors, Curling Canada

## AU NOM DES CITOYENS DE MOOSE IAW ET DE MES

collègues du conseil municipal, c'est un plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue au Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT qui se déroule au Centre Temple Gardens.

Moose Jaw a une longue tradition de soutien au curling dans notre communauté, et nous sommes très fiers et ravis d'accueillir cet événement. Je peux garantir que les joueurs et les spectateurs vivront une semaine de curling passionnante.

Je souhaite chaleureusement la bienvenue à tous nos athlètes, entraîneurs, dignitaires et leurs familles de l'extérieur de la ville. Moose Jaw a une excellente réputation pour son hospitalité amicale, alors je sais que vous passerez un merveilleux moment pendant votre séjour dans « la ville la plus célèbre du Canada »! Prenez le temps de profiter de toutes les superbes attractions que nous avons à offrir.

Aux organisateurs et aux bénévoles, je vous adresse mes plus sincères remerciements pour tout le travail acharné que vous avez accompli pour préparer, planifier et accueillir cet événement. Vos efforts sont grandement appréciés!

Amusez-vous bien et bonne chance à tous les athlètes!

## James Murdock

Maire, Ville de Moose Jaw

## AU NOM DU CONSEIL DES GOUVERNEURS DE CURLING

Canada, c'est un privilège de souhaiter chaleureusement la bienvenue aux joueurs qui participent et aux partisans qui assistent au Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT 2025 à Moose Jaw.

Je sais que la ville de Moose Jaw est prête à nous accueillir et je suis vraiment reconnaissante du travail acharné du comité d'accueil et des centaines de bénévoles qui travailleront sans relâche jusqu'au dernier dimanche du championnat afin de rendre cet événement mémorable.

World Curling continue d'accroître la visibilité de notre sport dans le monde entier et nous sommes reconnaissants de la confiance qu'ils nous témoignent en nous permettant d'accueillir ce championnat du monde. Nous apprécions notre partenariat et nos ambitions communes de continuer à faire connaître notre sport et ses athlètes.

BKT est un partenaire et un partisan exceptionnel du curling et nous sommes impatients de poursuivre cette collaboration productive pendant de nombreuses années. Son soutien est estimé et apprécié.

Les athlètes présents à Moose Jaw profiteront de conditions de performance de classe mondiale, et ce grâce aux efforts des officiels sur glace et hors glace, des techniciens de glace et du personnel de World Curling et de Curling Canada. Un sincère merci à vous tous pour votre travail acharné.

Félicitations à toutes les équipes et à leur personnel de soutien qui se disputeront le titre canadien et tenteront de réaliser leurs rêves sportifs à Moose Jaw. Vous avez sacrifié d'innombrables heures à la poursuite de l'excellence, et vous êtes des champions, peu importe vos résultats ici.

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

## Teri Palynchuk

Présidente, Conseil des gouverneurs, Curling Canada

# /ELCOM



From left/de gauche: Marcie Ramage, Danielle Sicinski, Heather Eby and/et Devon

# WELCOME TO MOOSE JAW! OUR HOST COMMITTEE

is excited to assemble the world's premier men's curling teams, welcome thousands of passionate curling fans, and collaborate with dedicated volunteers to host the 2025 BKT World Men's Curling Championship in Moose Jaw!

Moose Jaw has proven in the past to be a proud and prosperous host to several prestigious sporting events. We know this championship will add to Moose Jaw's tradition of ensuring a tremendous experience for everyone involved and attending the event.

Once again, our depth of volunteerism is on the podium - from the city itself, as well as others who have joined the team of more than 350 volunteers, all committed to ensure a successful event.

We are excited to bring this world-class championship to the Temple Gardens Centre, which has a proud tradition and successful track record presenting high-profile events, including the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and the World Para Hockey Championships. Now, we are excited once again to elevate our efforts and present our city on the world stage with the BKT World Men's Curling Championship.

Moose Jaw also prides itself as a four-season tourist destination, commonly known as Canada's Most Notorious City! Aside from this exciting World Curling event and the good times at the food and entertainment Patch, we encourage people to partake in the sites and experiences of one of the oldest and notorious cities on the Prairies.

BKT stands proud as the title sponsor for our event. We are also extremely appreciative of all levels of generous funding and sponsorship from so many businesses and community partners.

Our group of vice-chairs, along with our directors and dedicated volunteers, are proud to contribute to a successful curling experience for the competitors, sponsors, and passionate curling fans. We all look forward to a tremendous experience in Moose Jaw at the 2025 BKT World Men's **Curling Championship!** 

Your vice-chairs,

**Devon Oleniuk** – Facilities **Danielle Sicinski** – Volunteers & Special Events Heather Eby and Marcie Ramage - Hosting

# BIENVENUE À MOOSE JAW! NOTRE COMITÉ D'ACCUEIL

est ravi de réunir les meilleures équipes masculines de curling au monde, d'accueillir des milliers de partisans de curling et de collaborer avec des bénévoles dévoués pour organiser le Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT 2025 à Moose Jaw, en Saskatchewan!

Moose Jaw a prouvé par le passé sa capacité d'accueillir de nombreux événements sportifs prestigieux couronnés de succès. Nous savons que ce championnat renforcera la tradition de Moose Jaw d'offrir une expérience formidable à tous ceux qui y participent et y assistent.

Une fois de plus, nos bénévoles sont dignes du podium — de la ville elle-même, ainsi que tous les autres qui se sont joints à l'équipe de plus de 350 bénévoles, tous engagés à organiser un événement réussi.

Nous sommes ravis d'organiser ce championnat de classe mondiale au Centre Temple Gardens, qui possède une fière tradition et un palmarès exceptionnel dans la présentation d'événements de grande envergure, notamment le Tournoi des Cœurs Scotties et les Championnats du monde de para-hockey. Nous sommes maintenant emballés de rehausser notre jeu d'un cran et de mettre en valeur notre ville sur la scène mondiale avec le Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT.

Moose Jaw est également fière d'être une destination touristique quatre saisons, communément appelée la ville la plus célèbre du Canada! En plus de cet événement passionnant de World Curling et des bons moments passés à profiter de la gastronomie et du divertissement au Patch, nous encourageons les gens à profiter des sites et des expériences de l'une des villes les plus anciennes et les plus célèbres des Prairies.

BKT est fier d'être le commanditaire en titre de notre événement. Nous sommes également extrêmement reconnaissants de tous les niveaux de financement et de commandite généreux de la part de tant d'entreprises et de partenaires communautaires.

Notre groupe de vice-présidents, ainsi que nos directeurs et nos bénévoles dévoués, sont fiers de contribuer à une expérience de curling couronnées de succès pour les compétiteurs, les commanditaires et les partisans de curling. Nous sommes tous impatients de vivre une expérience formidable à Moose Jaw dans le cadre du Championnat du monde de curling masculin BKT 2025!

Vos vice-présidents,

**Devon Oleniuk** – Installations **Danielle Sicinski** – Bénévoles et événements spéciaux Heather Eby et Marcie Ramages - Accueil





## WORLD CURLING IS THE RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL

governing body for curling. World Curling's's first formal constitution was approved in 1967 under the original charter of the International Curling Federation in Perth, Scotland. The constitution was changed significantly in 1982, when the federation was declared independent from Scotland's Royal Caledonian Curling Club, to which its original constitution had been tied. In 1990, the official name was changed to the World Curling Federation, and recently to World Curling. Further significant changes were made to the constitution in 1994 and in 2013.

World Curling has a four-part mandate:

- To represent curling internationally and to facilitate the growth of the sport through a network of member associations
- To formulate rules of the sport of curling for world competitions and all other competitions approved by World Curling and to further the interests of world curling
- To conduct world curling competitions
- To provide co-operation and mutual understanding among member associations and to unite curlers throughout the world.

World Curling is governed by an eight-member board elected by the federation's member associations. Each board member is elected for a four-year term.

World Curling's operation is based on the following key elements:

- The board is composed of the president, two vice-presidents, and five other board members, all elected at the Annual General Assembly held during the annual World Curling Congress.
- An Athlete Commission Chair has been given full voting rights on the board.



















# WORLD CURLING BOARD

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## **PRESIDENT**

Beau Welling of the United States is the president of World Curling.

Welling was elected at the 11th Annual General Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1922, replacing president Kate Caithness CBE at the conclusion of her 12-year term of office.

Welling is the 11th president of World Curling and is the second president from the U.S., following Dr. Donald F. Barcome from 1988-1990.

Welling was elected as a board member of World Curling in 2018, with his original four-year term concluding in 2022.

Welling was the chair of the Structural Review Group and prior to his time with World Curling was an independent board director of the United States Curling Association from 2007 until 2018.

Welling came into the sport of curling in a rather unconventional way. He first saw the sport on television and was immediately drawn in. He got involved locally in curling and gradually worked his way up the ladder in the U.S.

"I was fascinated watching the sport on television and was able to learn a lot quickly from one of my colleagues who grew up in Northern Ontario," recalled Welling. "Curling is a strategic game that fits my brain. I have a degree in physics so that aspect of the sport was interesting to me, as well as the fact that golf and curling are of the same ether."

Welling is excited to grow the game around the world.

"I feel an incredible sense of responsibility and at the same time an incredible sense of excitement about the future of curling," he said.

Welling is the Founder and President of Beau Welling Design, a golf course design and development company based in Greenville, S.C.

"I love it more than ever," Welling told Golf Week. "I can't get enough. And to think that I would get to the point where I'm at, especially since I knew almost nothing about this growing up, it's been an incredible experience."

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Dominican	Kazakhstan	Portugal	Ukraine
Republic	Kenya	Puerto Rico	United States
England	Korea	Qatar	Wales



# 2025 BKT WORLD MEN'S CHEDULE OF

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MARCH 29	2:00 p.m.	Draw #1	Temple Gardens Centre
	Noon	Original 16 Patch Opens	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	5:30 p.m.	Up Close and Personal: Team Norway	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #2	Temple Gardens Centre
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Wonderland	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
SUNDAY, MARCH 30	9:00 a.m.	Draw #3	Temple Gardens Centre
Saskatchewar	Noon	Original 16 Patch Opens	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
Saskatchewar Surday!	2:00 p.m.	Draw #4	Temple Gardens Centre
00	7:00 p.m.	Draw #5	Temple Gardens Centre
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: FOGDOG	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
MONDAY, MARCH 31	9:00 a.m.	Draw #6	Temple Gardens Centre
	II:00 a.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #7	Temple Gardens Centre
	5:30 p.m.	Up Close and Personal: Team Canada	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #8	Temple Gardens Centre
	10:00 p.m.	Original 16 Patch - Live Entertainment: EPIC	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
TUESDAY, APRIL 1	9:00 a.m.	Draw #9	Temple Gardens Centre
	II:00 a.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #10	Temple Gardens Centre
No Foolin' Day!	5:30 p.m.	Up Close and Personal: Team Sweden	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
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	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: JJ Voss	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2	9:00 a.m.	Draw #12	Temple Gardens Centre
	II:00 a.m.	Original I6 Patch Opens	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #13	Temple Gardens Centre
	5:30 p.m.	Up Close and Personal: Team Switzerland and Team Scotland	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #14	Temple Gardens Centre
	10:00 p.m.	Original I6 Patch - Live Entertainment: Tequila Mockingbird	Moose Jaw Curling Centre

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 3	9:00 a.m.	Draw #15	Temple Gardens Centre
	II:00 a.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #16	Temple Gardens Centre
0 # D.J	5:00 p.m.	Up Close and Personal: Team Italy	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
Country Day!	5:30 p.m.	Original 16 Patch - Live Entertainment: Lone Rambler	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #17	Temple Gardens Centre
	10:00 p.m.	Original 16 Patch - Live Entertainment: El Guitaro	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
FRIDAY, APRIL 4	9:00 a.m.	Draw #18	Temple Gardens Centre
	II:00 a.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	2:00 p.m.	Draw #19	Temple Gardens Centre
	5:30 p.m.	Original 16 Patch - Live Entertainment: Jason Gervais	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	7:00 p.m.	Draw #20	Temple Gardens Centre
	10:00 p.m.	Original 16 Patch - Live Entertainment: Men Without Shame	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
SATURDAY, APRIL 5	II:00 a.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	II:00 a.m.	Draw # 21 - Qualifiers	Temple Gardens Centre
	1:30 p.m.	Original 16 Patch - Live Entertainment: Alley Cats Kris & Stu Duo	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
	5:00 p.m.	Draw #22 - Semifinals	Temple Gardens Centre
	8:00 p.m.	Original 16 Patch - Live Entertainment: Tilted Kilts	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
SUNDAY, APRIL 6	II:00 a.m.	Original 16 Patch Opens	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
Ol ampionslip	Noon	Original 16 Patch - Live Entertainment: Asham Stompers	Moose Jaw Curling Centre
Championship  Day!	II:00 a.m.	Draw #23 - Bronze Medal	Temple Gardens Centre
Juy!	4:00 p.m.	Draw #24 - Gold Medal	Temple Gardens Centre
	6:00 p.m.	Post Final Medal and Trophy Presentation	Temple Gardens Centre

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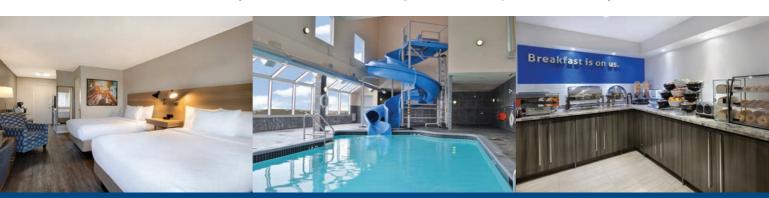




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# LGT WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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## THEY HAVE BATTLED, HAMMER AND

tong, for years, rarely a point or two to separate them at the end of the game.

And so it was no surprise that Team Sweden, skipped by the incomparable Niklas Edin, and Brad Gushue, the exceptional skip of Team Canada, squared off again for all the marbles at the 2024 LGT World Men's Curling Championship at Schauffhausen, Switzerland.

It was a coin-flip, as usual, and this time it came up heads - Sweden - in a 6-5 victory for the gold medal.

No shame in that for Gushue. The victory marked Edin's seventh world championship. Last year in Ottawa, Edin finished out of the medals which broke a string of four consecutive titles won since Las Vegas in 2018. The 2020 world championship was cacelled because of the pandemic.

For Gushue, it marked his fourth consecutive silver medal at the worlds since he scored gold at his first appearance in 2017. Edin has won three of those championship matchups against the Canadian.

"Undescribable, it feels so good after this week" said Edin. "We felt that we played so well the whole week ... (not like) the struggles from last year, not playing as a whole team, losing out in the (2023) quarters.

"Now, we just played maybe the best game we've ever played to win. Super proud of the team."

The game came down to the wire, as expected. The teams were knoted at 5-5 after nine ends, but Edin had the hammer.

Canada was sitting three in the house and forced Edin to a wide, frostaccumulated draw path. Sweden needed to hit the side of the four-foot to score, and thanks to a perfect throw, line call, and sweep, the shot settled in the back four for a single point and the Swedish victory.

"We fought, made a lot of shots and we forced them to play a very, very difficult shot," said Gushue, who was supported



Sweden, skipped by Niklas Edin (left), was back on top the gold-medal podium after its victory over Canada at the 2024 LGT World Men's Curling Championship in Switzerland. It was Edin's seventh world title - a record for a skip. The Swedes went 11-1 in the round-robin before winning both their playoff matches.

by vice-skip Mark Nichols, second E.J. Harnden, lead Geoff Walker, alternate Kyle Doering, coach Caleb Flaxey, and national coach Jeff Stoughton.

"I think that's a shot you probably miss more than you make, to be honest. Credit to him, he made a great shot and no better way for him to win a world championship, but it kind of sucks for us," he added.

The game didn't always look like it would go the distance. Sweden had a great start out of the gates, earning a deuce in the second end thanks to a cross-house hit-and-roll behind cover earlier.

A key moment for the Canadians was in the third end when Sweden stole a point for a 3-0 lead. Team Gushue had a hit-androll out to blank the end, but the shot was redirected off a corner guard.

Besides the one flaw, Team Gushue played exceptionally to get back into the



Skip Brad Gushue was looking for his second world men's title, but came up just short after losing the final to Team Sweden.











game and shot 87 per cent efficiency as a unit. Sweden was just as good, reaching 95 per cent efficiency as a team. However, Canada took advantage of the rare Swedish errors to get back into the game.

In the fourth, Team Gushue had about as great of a response as possible. Sweden made an error during third stones which left a Canadian counter in the house. That allowed Canada an opportunity to split the house and eventually make a hit for two to trail by one. However, Sweden blanked the fifth and prevented Canada from setting up aggressive ends by making a few runbacks and peels to clean the guard zone.

Sweden and Canada exchanged singles in the sixth, seventh and eighth ends.

With the hammer in the ninth, Canada put together a second of two on a tapback around a guard to tie the game.

Then came the back-breaking 10th for Canada.

"It's just disappointing. That's four [losses] in a row for me and I'm sure at some point down the road I'll appreciate

it more than I do now, but right now it's tough to take," Gushue said.

Edin, Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå and Christoffer Sundgren have now won five world titles as a foursome, plus Olympic silver in 2018 and gold in 2022.

The Canadians were convincing 9-4 winners in eight ends over defending champions Scotland skipped by Bruce Mouat in the semifinals.

Sweden advanced with a 5-1 win over Joel Retornaz and his Italian team in the other semifinal.

The Italians came from behind to defeat Scotland 7-6 in an extra end to win the bronze medal. Italy had to score three in the 10th end to tie the game and steal a single for the win.

Two Canadians were selected to the all-star team. The back-end combination of Gushue at skip and Nichols at vice-skip earned the honour. Gushue led all fourth-rock throwers with 88.4 per cent accuracy, and Nichols led all vice-skips with 91 per cent accuracy.



# COLLIE CAMPBELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Christopher Plys of the United States was the winner of the 2024 Collie Campbell Memorial Award. The award winner is selected annually by competitors in the World Men's Curling Championship as the player who best combines playing ability with sportsmanship. The award was instituted in 1979 to honour the memory of Colin A. Campbell who served as president of the International Curling Federation (now World Curling) from 1969 until his death in 1978.

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2024	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
2023	Scotland	Bruce Mouat, Grant Hardie, Bobby Lammie, Hammy McMillan Jr.
2022	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
2021	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
2020	Cancelled	
2019	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
2018	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren
2017	Canada	Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant, Geoff Walker
2016	Canada	Kevin Koe, Marc Kennedy, Brent Laing, Ben Hebert
2015	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Kristian Lindström, Christoffer Sundgren
2014	Norway	Thomas Ulsrud, Torger Nergård, Christoffer Svae, Håvard Vad Petersson
2013	Sweden	Niklas Edin, Sebastian Kraupp, Fredrik Lindberg, Viktor Kjäll
2012	Canada	Glenn Howard, Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing, Craig Savill
2011	Canada	Jeff Stoughton, Jon Mead, Reid Carruthers, Steve Gould
2010	Canada	Kevin Koe, Blake MacDonald, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Thiessen
2009	Scotland	David Murdoch, Ewan MacDonald, Peter Smith, Euan Byers
2008	Canada	Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, Ben Hebert
2007	Canada	Glenn Howard, Richard Hart, Brent Laing, Craig Savill
2006	Scotland	David Murdoch, Ewan MacDonald, Warwick Smith, Euan Byers
2005	Canada	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
2004	Sweden	Peja Lindholm, Tomas Nordin, Magnus Swartling, Peter Narup
2003	Canada	Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque
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2001	Sweden	Peja Lindholm, Tomas Nordin, Magnus Swartling, Peter Narup
2000	Canada	Greg McAulay, Brent Pierce, Bryan Miki, Jody Sveistrup
1999	Scotland	Hammy McMillan, Warwick Smith, Ewan MacDonald, Peter Loudon
1998	Canada	Wayne Middaugh, Graeme McCarrel, Ian Tetley, Scott Bailey
1997	Sweden	Peja Lindholm, Tomas Nordin, Magnus Swartling, Peter Narup
1996	Canada	Jeff Stoughton, Ken Tresoor, Garry Vandenberghe, Steve Gould
1995	Canada	Kerry Burtnyk, Jeff Ryan, Rob Meakin, Keith Fenton
1994	Canada	Rick Folk, Pat Ryan, Bert Gretzinger, Gerry Richard
1993	Canada	Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Wayne Middaugh, Peter Corner
1992	Switzerland	Markus Eggler, Frédéric Jean, Stefan Hofer, Bjorn Schröder
1991	Scotland	David Smith, Graeme Connal, Peter Smith, David Hay
1990	Canada	Ed Werenich, John Kawaja, Ian Tetley, Pat Perroud
1989	Canada	Pat Ryan, Randy Ferbey, Don Walchuk, Don McKenzie
1988	Norway	Eigil Ramsfjell, Sjur Loen, Morten Søgaard, Bo Bakke
1987	Canada	Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Tim Belcourt, Kent Carstairs
1986	Canada	Ed Lukowich, John Ferguson, Neil Houston, Brent Syme
1985	Canada	Al Hackner, Rick Lang, Ian Tetley, Pat Perroud
1984	Norway	Eigil Ramsfjell, Sjur Loen, Gunnar Meland, Bo Bakke
1983	Canada	Ed Werenich, Paul Savage, John Kawaja, Neil Harrison
		Al Hackner, Rick Lang, Bob Nicol, Bruce Kennedy
1982	Canada	
1981	Switzerland	Jürg Tanner, Jürg Hornisberger, Patrik Lörtscher, Franz Tanner
1980	Canada	Rick Folk, Ron Mills, Tom Wilson, Jim Wilson
1979	Norway	Kristian Sørum, Morten Sørum, Eigil Ramsfjell, Gunnar Meland
1978	United States	Bob Nichols, Bill Strum, Tom Locken, Bob Christman
1977	Sweden	Ragnar Kamp, Håkan Rudström, Björn Rudström, Christer Mårtensson
1976	United States	Bruce Roberts, Joe Roberts, Gary Kleffman, Jerry Scott
1975	Switzerland	Otto Danieli, Roland Schneider, Rolf Gautschi, Ueli Mülli
1974	United States	Bud Somerville, Bob Nichols, Bill Strum, Tom Locken
1973	Sweden	Kjell Oscarius, Bengt Oscarius, Tom Schaeffer, Boa Carlman
1972	Canada	Orest Meleschuk, Dave Romano, John Hanesiak, Pat Hailley
1971	Canada	Don Duguid, Rod Hunter, Jim Pettapiece, Bryan Wood
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1969	Canada	Ron Northcott, Dave Gerlach, Bernie Sparkes, Fred Storey
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# COLIN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL AWARD WINNERS

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2024	Christopher Plys	United States				
2023	Anton Hood	New Zealand				
2022	Simone Gonin	Italy				
2021	Oskar Eriksson	Sweden				
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2019	Kim Soo-hyuk	South Korea				
2018	Markus Høiberg	Norway				
2017	Carlo Glasbergen	Netherlands				
2016	Kosuke Morozumi*	Japan				
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2014	Ewan MacDonald*	Scotland				
2013	Niklas Edin	Sweden				
2012	Sean Becker**	New Zealand				
2011	Thomas Ulsrud	Norway				
2010	Torger Nergård	Norway				
2009	Fengchun Wang	China				
2008	Thomas Dufour	France				
2007	Ralph Stöckli	Switzerland				
2006	Ewan MacDonald*	Scotland				
2005	Marco Mariani	Italy				
2004	Sean Becker**	New Zealand				
2003	Markku Uusipaavalniemi*	Finland				
2002	Pål Trulsen	Norway				
2001	Spencer Mugnier	France				
2000	Greg McAulay	Canada				
1999	Sean Becker**	New Zealand				
1998	Markku Uusipaavalniemi*	Finland				
1997	Jussi Uusipaavalniemi*	Finland				
1996	Mikael Hasselborg	Sweden				
1995	Peja Lindholm	Sweden				
1994	Gert Larsen	Denmark				
1993	Hugh Millikin	Australia				
1992	Jussi Uusipaavalniemi*	Finland				
1991	Markus Eggler	Switzerland				
1990	Tommy Stjerne*	Denmark				
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1988	Bo Bakke	Norway				
1987	Goran Roxin	Sweden				
1986	Uli Sutor	Germany				
1985	Tim Wright	United States				
1984	Mike Hay	Scotland				
1983	Keith Wendorf*	Germany				
1982	Rick Lang	Canada				
1981	Mark Olson	Canada				
1980	Greig Henderson	Scotland				
1979	Keith Wendorf*	Germany				
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Jacobs reinvigorated with new teammates in quest for a world men's curling championship for Team Canada

BY MELISSA MARTIN

he moment the last rock left his hand, Brad Jacobs knew it was golden. He knew, as it sailed down the ice, that the line was true, the weight bang-on, and that he, third Marc Kennedy, second Brett Gallant and lead Ben Hebert were moments away from being the new Canadian men's curling champions.

get back to the winner's circle, but Brad Jacobs

has once ag<mark>ain wrapped</mark> his arms around the Brier Tankard Trophy.

"When I let (that last shot) go, I thought to myself, 'well, that's it, we did it, we've won the Brier, as long as this doesn't pick,'" Jacobs recalls, chatting over the phone just a few days after his gold-medal win at the 2025 Montana's Brier, presented by AGI.

The rock didn't pick. And when it knocked out Manitoba skip Matt Dunstone's yellow rock, clinching a 5-3 victory for Team Alberta-Jacobs, the rush was overwhelming. It was the fifth Brier win for Hebert and Gallant; the fourth for Kennedy; and the second for Jacobs, the veteran skip and 2014 Olympic champion. But it was their first together, the stunning culmination of a rollercoaster season — and, they hope, the promise of more magic to come.

By now, the story of Jacobs' resurgence is familiar. It's been just three years since the skip announced he was stepping away from men's curling at the end of the 2022 season. At the time, Jacobs says, he was burned out: "That love for the game wasn't there like it once was." The break lasted just nine months before he returned the ice, first as third — then fourth — for Manitoba's Reid Carruthers.

Then, at the close of the 2024 season, he got a fateful call from Kennedy, his former third from 2019-2022. Kennedy,

It was a 'thumbs up'
Montana's Brier for Brad
Jacobs who only lost
one game on his way to
the title.

along with teammates Hebert and Gallant, wanted to make a change at skip, parting ways with Brendan Bottcher. Would Jacobs take over the reins? He didn't hesitate to say yes: "I knew it was the opportunity of a lifetime," Jacobs says. "When I came on board, I said to the guys, it's really the challenge that I was looking for in my life."

News of the move rocked the curling world. "Today, yeah we look like geniuses," Hebert says. "But it wasn't an easy decision. Probably the easy thing to do would have been to just stay with what we had, because we had a pretty good team. But... the one thing we were missing was someone like Brad who can go toeto-toe with any skip on the biggest stage, someone who's ferocious like him, an amazing leader (who) leads by example."

After a rocky start to the season, the team soon found its groove. It helped that they shared the same goals: "We never really had a honeymoon stage, because we knew what the goal was," Hebert says.

They got straight to work, fine-tuning their teamwork and improving their game. The team, Jacobs says, made him a better curler; that includes in both intangible and measurable ways.

For example, Hebert points out, when Jacobs joined the team he was third-best at hitting the weight times they'd established; within months, he was leading all of them in weight-time accuracy by so much, they started dubbing him Weight Man. In return, Jacobs' relentless work ethic drove his colleagues to ramp up their own efforts. At home in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., he would frequently send his Alberta-based teammates videos of his workouts and on-ice practices.

"I think Brad's probably the hardest worker on our team," Hebert says. "So that funnels down to the rest of us to make sure we're getting our ass to the gym, make sure we're throwing rocks. So the things he's brought to the table for us have been really special."

By the time they hit the ice in Kelowna, B.C., for the Montana's Brier, Jacobs says, they were totally locked in. They dropped just one game in the Brier, the Page 1-2 qualifying game against Team Canada titan Brad Gushue. Despite a sterling performance to that point, that loss set them on a do-or-die course: to



Ben Hebert (left foreground), along with Brett Gallant, were glad when Brad Jacobs came aboard to skip. But it wasn't an easy decision to make, although Hebert admits that 'Today, yeah, we look like geniuses.'



There was high pressure but zero panic on the team from Alberta on the final weekend at the Montana's Brier. When it was all over the silverware belonged to (from left) Brad Jacobs, Marc Kennedy, Brett Gallant, and Ben Hebert.

take the Tankard Trophy home, they'd have to win an unprecedented four elimination games in a row — including a rematch against Gushue.

Yet from their perspective, the situation was not as dire as it may have seemed to those watching at home. Jacobs says that final weekend was the calmest he's ever seen a team in a big-pressure situation; Hebert says there was "zero panic." The

word "resilience" gets thrown around a lot, Hebert acknowledges, and though it fits their performance, there's another word that comes to his mind to describe how those final four games unfolded.

"I think a word that would be more appropriate for me and our team would be 'belief,'" Hebert says. "We never even really talked about it. It was just like, 'OK, next game, who do we play? What rocks do



It seems so long ago that Brad Jacobs was the best in Canadian men's curling. Jacobs won the Montana's Brier in 2013 with his team of (from left) Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden and Ryan Harnden, from Sault Ste Marie, Ont.

we have? Let's just keep doing what we're doing.' Because even the game we lost, we were playing pretty good. We all knew that if we kept playing the way we were playing, we were going to have a chance. We thought we were going to win."

"When I look back at it now, it's like, 'holy smokes, we won four elimination games," he adds. "But it didn't really feel like that at the time."

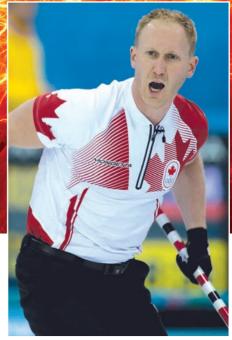
Needless to say, the love of the game is back in full force, for Jacobs. To win his second now, at age 39 and 12 years after his first, was like a "dream come true," he says; he thinks the 2025 Brier was his best performance ever, as a skip. It was also a more grounding experience than his 2013 win, skipping a team from Sault Ste Marie: back then, he says, he and his teammates were "quite naive, and a little bit more immature." Now, he's a battle-tested veteran on the ice, and a family man off it: this Brier marked the first time that Jacobs' 10-year-old daughter, Camille, and eightyear-old son, Cole, have seen him win a major championship.

"To pull it off in front of everyone that you love and care about, just makes it that much more special," he says. "To see my daughter after the game, shedding tears of happiness and joy, it was mind blowing for me. It was really an emotional thing that I don't think the kids will ever forget, and our families will never forget."

Now, along with alternate Tyler Tardi. team coach Paul Webster and national coach Jeff Stoughton, they have have a chance to make the next chapter in this story even more special. Hebert and Kennedy are two-time world champions; Gallant won the worlds with Gushue in 2017. But a world championship gold is the one major trophy missing from Jacobs' shelf. (In 2013, he earned silver.) To clinch the championship for Canada and his team "would mean everything," he says, and his teammates would love to help him bring that home.

One thing at a time, though. "It would be a huge, huge thing to check that off the old bucket list for Brad," Hebert says. "But it's hard to put myself there right now. I just know how much work we have to do to get there. That world field is a lot deeper than the Brier field. I looked at the draw last night for the first time and I literally said 'holy s—t.' The teams are very, very good. We know what kind of effort and level of curling it's going to take to win."

At least they'll have an extra strong cheering section — and not just because they're Team Canada, on Canadian turf. For Hebert, who grew up in Regina, the 2025 BKT World Men's Curling Championship in Moose Jaw, Sask., is a homecoming, and a rare chance for nearly everyone he's ever known to see him wear the Maple Leaf. Hebert expects at least



Brad Jacobs will be back wearing the Maple Leaf on the ice. He competed at the 2013 world men's championship where he won silver, then took gold at the 2014 Olympics.

100 members of his family, plus dozens of high school friends, former coaches, and sports buddies to be in the stands this week.

"You never know if you're going to be able to get back here again to represent your country, so to have it (not only) in Canada, but 30 minutes from where I grew up, it's going to be real special for me," Hebert says. "I've never gotten to have anyone from my extended family come (to a worlds), and trust me, they're coming. It's going to be crazy, I can't even wait."

And Team Jacobs knows they'll need every bit of that support, to make it to the end. The level of competition will be daunting, but they're ready.

"It's going to be extremely difficult, but that's what makes it more worth it," Jacobs says. "The harder something is, if you can climb that mountain, the more gratifying that that win would be. So we're going to do what we did in Kelowna. Hopefully we can play our best, maybe even play a little bit better than what we did in Kelowna although that'll be difficult, because we played awesome. And hopefully, we can get a few breaks along the way."

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**BY BOB WEEKS** 

urling has always been a part of the fabric of Saskatchewan. The province has produced many of the greatest teams in the sport's history, from Sandra Schmirler's Olympic championship team to the Richardsons, four-time Brier winners.

The province also been a great host to many of the sport's biggest events, including 12 Montana's Briers and eight Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

This year's BKT World Men's Championship at Moose Jaw's Temple Gardens Centre marks the fourth time the men's global title will be decided on the ice in Saskatchewan, and if it's as good as the

last three held in this province, the fans are in for something special.

The first of those world championships was in Regina 1973. Ten teams descended on Exhibition Stadium, with Canada represented by Harvey Mazinke. It was truly a home game for the Mazinke team which played out of the Regina Curling Club.

Mazinke's squad, which included Bill Martin, George Achtymichuk and Dan Klippenstein, played together for several years, making it as far as the provincial playdowns on several occasions. But year after year, they were stymied there, most often by Bob "Pee Wee" Pickering, who won four consecutive Saskatchewan titles starting in 1968.

Things were different in 1973. That year, Mazinke led his team through the club, city and provincial playdowns without a loss, knocking off Pickering twice along the way. They also eased through the Brier with just a single loss, earning the right to travel across town to play for a world championship.

Backed by boisterous local support, Mazinke rolled through the round robin with a perfect 9-0 record. In the semifinal, the Canadian team scored a single in an extra end to knock off Scotland and move into the final against Sweden, skipped by Kjell Oscarius.

The championship game drew a packed house of 4,500. That was good for the hometown boys but not so good for the ice conditions. Along with television lights and an ice maker who slept in,

which meant not enough time to prepare the ice, the final was a messy affair.

The teams struggled and after 10 ends, the score was tied at five, sending it to an extra end. By this time the ice was barely ice any more.

"There was a puddle of water in front of the rings that I had to slide through," recalled Mazinke, in a Regina Leader-Post story.

"The first time I released too soon... and the stone just died. The second one, I tried another draw and I think they only had a little biter. It was about a half inch in back of the house and this time I drove through the water and then I released it and it wouldn't stop sliding."

The result gave Sweden a single point, the win and its first world title.

A decade later, the world championship returned to Regina, this time at the Agridome, a new facility that opened in 1977.

Canada was represented by Ed Werenich, the colourful skip from Toronto. His team, which earned the nickname the Dream Team, included three equally audacious individuals: Paul Savage, John Kawaja and Neil Harrison.

Part of the attraction was their style of play. At a time when most top teams favoured defence, Werenich preferred offence, drawing more than hitting. It endeared him to fans who loved to see all the rocks in play and they came out in big numbers to watch.

"It was packed every draw," said Kawaja. "And it was a Saskatchewan crowd, so they knew their stuff. It was just a great atmosphere."

To add to the Saskatchewan experience, the Werenich team driver that week was Larry McGrath,

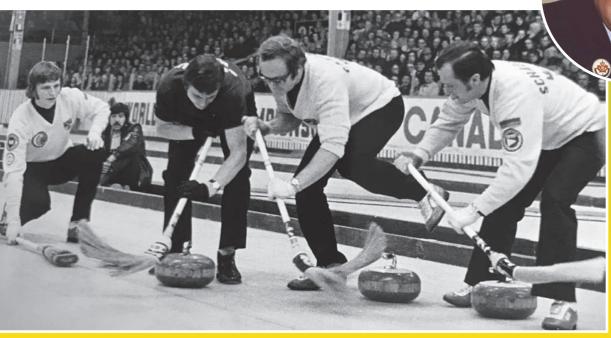


a tremendous curler in his own right who had played in the Brier and would go on to win three Canadian Mixed titles. He helped the team adjust to the surroundings and also set up a couple of dinners with another great Saskatchewan curler, Sam Richardson, of the famous family team.

"Sam was a tremendous storyteller," Kawaja said, "and we would sit and listen to these tales and just laugh our guts out. It was a great distraction during a long week."

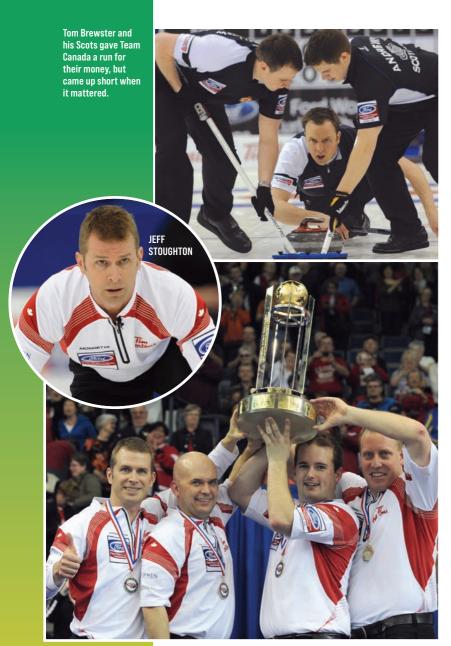
On the ice, the levity stopped. In a match against Sweden's Stefan Hasselborg, the Canadian players had to continuously sweep away debris from the Swedish corn brooms. On one occasion, as Werenich cleaned up the corn on his way to throw his stone, Hasselborg applauded facetiously. That was enough for the Canadian skip.

Ed Werenich (left) skipped the 'Dream Team' of Paul Savage, John Kawaja, and Neil Harrison to the Brier title in 1977. Then it was on to the world championship in Regina where the boys from Ontario lost only one game en route to the title.



Inset: He was playing at home in Regina, but television lights and an ice maker who slept in created poor ice conditions in the final that Harvey Mazinke was not able to overcome.

Left: The Swedish team skipped by Kjell Oscarius used some powerful sweeping to defeat Canada in the final before a packed house.



What better way to win a world men's curling championship than in front of a home crowd. Skip Jeff Stoughton and Team Canada did it in 2011 in Regina. From left, Stoughton, Jon Mead, Reid Carruthers, and Steve Gould.

"Eddie stopped and went over to him, and he had his hand gripped about half-way up his broom handle," recalled Kawaja. "He looked at Hasselborg, held out his broom and told him if he didn't stop, he'd shove the broom up his hoop."

The Canadian team won that game and, after running through the round robin with an 8-1 mark, knocked off the Swedes again in the semifinal. The final, against Germany, was never in doubt after Werenich took two in the first end. They controlled the match from that point on, eventually posting a 7-4 victory and winning the world championship.

The most recent world championship to be contested in Regina came in 2011. Once again it was held in the Agridome and once again, curling fans packed the facility.

"The crowd support that we had from all the people in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Alberta, who came and watched was amazing," recalled Canadian skip Jeff Stoughton. "It was like a hometown provincial championship, but with six or seven thousand people cheering for you."

Stoughton was playing in his third world championship, this time with a lineup that included Jon Mead, Reid Carruthers and Steve Gould. In curling-crazy Regina, they were superstars that week.

"We couldn't go anywhere without getting mobbed," Stoughton said. "We were signing autographs, selfies, everything, it was just crazy."

The team had fun on the ice too. They came out on top in the first 10 matches of the round robin before finally suffering defeat in the last contest against Norway.

The fine play continued in the 1-vs-2 match as the Canadians knocked off Scotland's Tom Brewster to lock up a spot in the final. But Brewster won the semifinal to earn another shot at Stoughton's team for the championship.

In the final, the Canadians seemed to be in control in the first end, sitting two behind a guard with each skip having one shot left. But with his stone, Brewster made a remarkable runback double, scattering all the yellow stones and leaving his side sitting five.

"It was a really great shot," said Stoughton. "I wasn't paying attention to what was going on in the house. I was sort of in a zone but they were laying five. I went down to the other end thinking all I had to do was throw a little out-turn back-weight shot.

"Years later Jon told me that his legs were shaking the entire time I was getting ready to throw that rock. But we made it and carried on."

The Canadian fans breathed a collective sigh of relief and the Canadian team regrouped. In the third end, the Scots scored two then stole a single in the next end and the crowd in the Agridome began to murmur.

Finally in the fifth end, Stoughton made a soft tap-back hit to score three and the crowd exploded in cheers. The Canadian team never looked back, coming out on top 6-5 to become world champions in front of the home-country fans.

"I remember they presented us with the trophy and after they took some photos, they wanted the trophy back," Stoughton stated. "I said, 'No way, we're not giving this up after all that.' So, we celebrated with our families, support staff, the fans, and the trophy."

There will be more celebrating this week by the winning team. And, as it has done in the past, Saskatchewan will welcome the world to watch the greatest curlers in the game in front of what might be the best fans in the sport.

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# **EGG FARMERS ROCKS & RINGS TEACHES KIDS TO** WANT TO CURL

The program for elementary school students brings the sport to communities across Canada

he action might be taking place in a school gym instead of on a sheet of ice but the excitement around the game of curling is just as high.

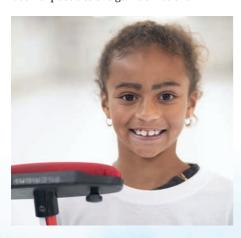
Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings, presented by Curling Canada in partnership with Rock Solid Productions, brings floor curling to elementary schools across the country and introduces kids to the sport in a fun and inclusive way.

"There's cheering, there's hooting and hollering. We often get a lot of teachers who say, 'Even the kids who don't normally participate, they're engaged, they're throwing stones," says Abbie Darnley, director of operations with Rock Solid Productions.

Created by Rock Solid Productions owner Chad McMullan in 2009, Rocks & Rings started out in just 30 schools in the Greater Toronto Area. Sponsored by Egg Farmers of Canada since 2016, it has since grown to include more than 200,000 curling and wheelchair curling experiences in schools across the country each year.

"I don't teach people how to curl in a school gym I teach people to want to curl," savs Darnley.

More than two million kids have now been exposed to the game since the





program started. With the partnership between Curling Canada and Rock Solid Productions being extended through 2028, it shows no signs of slowing down.

Using FloorCurl custom equipment, kids have the chance to learn the game in the gym by doing a series of drills and relays and sliding stones across the floor onto target mats. Since success is not based on physical or athletic ability, it gives everyone a chance to do well.

"It allows kids who maybe don't traditionally score the winning goal to get that winning shot, and it also allows kids who may have a disability or need to use the pusher stick to equally participate in the activity," adds Darnley.

Rocks & Rings includes a classroom component, with more than 100 online resources available including lessons and activities that incorporate math, history and other subjects in line with each

school's curriculum. The schools can also rent equipment and host tournaments.

Several men's and women's national champions and Olympic medallists have also dropped in as VIP instructors including Emma Miskew, Brad Jacobs, John Epping, Lisa Weagle, Marc Kennedy, Scott Pfeifer and Joanne Courtney.

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of Rocks & Rings in 2024, more than 3,500 students participated in a Canadawide Trivia Challenge, with the winners taking part in a live virtual session with Canadian and World women's champions Team Homan.

Because of the limited equipment needed and low cost, Rocks & Rings is available to communities across the country, including some that might not have been previously exposed to curling.

"Our job really is to introduce the sport and be that first experience for kids who



maybe don't have the opportunity or haven't seen it before," says Darnley.

Rocks & Rings was also part of an Indigenous-focused pilot project that had 100 First Nations youth try curling at the 2023 Youth Tee Pee Summit, organized by the First Nations Health Consortium (FNHC) in St. Albert, Alta. The event was a huge hit, and many more Indigenous communities are now signing up for their own Rocks & Rings event.

Rocks & Rings is also helping to grow curling across the country as it serves as a springboard for young people and their families to participate in an on-ice session called Try Curling.

"We know it works," says Darnley. "Kids

they said they learned about it from Rocks & Rings."

Kids who participate in Rocks & Rings receive a postcard with a QR code linking them to the Try Curling sign-up page, but anyone can attend regardless of whether they participated in the school program.

Darnley and her team work closely with Curling Canada around the Season of Champions events to engage local schools, taking students to attend a draw at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Montana's Brier or BKT World Men's and Women's Curling Championships, courtesy of Curling Canada, and encouraging them to try the game at a nearby curling club.

The Temple Gardens Centre in Moose Jaw, Sask., is one place where kids and their families have a chance to participate in Try Curling.

place at the club in advance of the BKT World Men's Curling Championship at the adjacent Moose Jaw Events Centre.

"I'm excited to do that with them and hope that it helps grow our own club's members moving forward," says Jaylyn Knudson, manager of the Moose Jaw Curling Centre.

With members at the club ranging from ages six – 86, Knudson hopes Try Curling shows newcomers that the sport is for all ages and abilities.

She's also hoping to build on the buzz of the World Men's Curling Championship.

"I know our league members and our curlers are excited about it and all the opportunities it's bringing for the community and curlers in general," says Knudson. "It's exciting to get new people out to learn and enjoy the sport."







To learn more about Curling Canada's Try Curling Program or to find out how to support Curling Canada's For the Love of Curling philanthropic program, scan the QR code or visit www.curling.ca/FTLOC



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# **BKT WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

# OFFICIAL DRAW

DATE	DRAW	LOCAL TIME	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D
Saturday, March 29	1	2 p.m.	KOR vs CZE	JPN vs CAN	SUI vs NOR	USA vs ITA
	2	7 p.m.	SWE vs CHN	KOR vs ITA	AUT vs SCO	GER vs CAN
Sunday, March 30	3	9 a.m.	SCO vs JPN	CHN vs USA	CZE vs GER	AUT vs SUI
	4	2 p.m.	USA vs SUI	NOR vs CZE	CAN vs KOR	JPN vs SWE
	5	7 p.m.	GER vs NOR	SWE vs AUT	ITA vs CHN	SCO vs KOR
Monday, March 31	6	9 a.m.	CZE vs ITA	SUI vs JPN	GER vs AUT	
	7	2 p.m.	SUI vs CHN	CAN vs SCO	KOR vs SWE	NOR vs USA
	8	7 p.m.	AUT vs JPN	ITA vs NOR	SCO vs CZE	CHN vs GER
Tuesday, April I	9	9 a.m.		JPN vs CZE	USA vs AUT	SWE vs CAN
	10	2 p.m.	CHN vs NOR	GER vs KOR	SWE vs SUI	ITA vs SCO
	11	7 p.m.	CAN vs ITA	AUT vs CHN	JPN vs GER	CZE vs USA
Wednesday, April 2	12	9 a.m.	SCO vs SUI	USA vs SWE	NOR vs CAN	KOR vs JPN
	13	2 p.m.	GER vs SWE	SCO vs NOR	CHN vs CZE	ITA vs AUT
	14	7 p.m.	JPN vs USA	CZE vs CAN	AUT vs KOR	SUI vs GER
Thursday, April 3	15	9 a.m.	NOR vs KOR	ITA vs SUI	SWE vs SCO	CAN vs CHN
	16	2 p.m.	CZE vs AUT	CHN vs JPN	GER vs ITA	USA vs SCO
	17	7 p.m.	SUI vs CAN	KOR vs USA	NOR vs JPN	SWE vs CZE
Friday, April 4	18	9 a.m.	ITA vs SWE	SCO vs GER	KOR vs CHN	AUT vs NOR
	19	2 p.m.	USA vs GER	CAN vs AUT	CZE vs SUI	JPN vs ITA
	20	7 p.m.	CHN vs SCO	NOR vs SWE	CAN vs USA	SUI vs KOR

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3 vs 6	Saturday, April 5	9 a.m.
4 vs 5	Saturday, April 5	9 a.m.

**SEMIFINALS** 

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SEMIFINAL I	Saturday, April 5	3 p.m.
SEMIFINAL 2	Saturday, April 5	3 p.m.

**MEDAL GAMES** 

BRONZE	Sunday, April 6	9 a.m.
GOLD	Sunday, April 6	3 p.m.



# PLAYER PROFILES

# **CANADA THE GLENCOE CLUB, CALGARY**



From left: Brad Jacobs, Marc Kennedy, Brett Gallant and Ben Hebert.

SKIP: Brad Jacobs Age: 39 Occupation: Senior marketing director, World Financial Group Highlights: Won 2014 Olympic gold as skip for Canada. Skipped Northern Ontario at 2010, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21 and '22 Briers, Manitoba in '24, CTRS in '25, played vice-skip (fourth rocks) in '07, alternate/lead/skip in '08; won gold in '13 and '25, silver in '15, bronze in '10, '16 and '19. Won silver at 2013 worlds. Played in 2023 Canadian mixed doubles. Skipped at 2005 Canadian U-20s.

THIRD: Marc Kennedy Age: 43 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Played second for Canada at 2010 Olympics and second in '18; won gold in '10. Played third for Alberta at 2015 and '16 Briers, second in '07, '08, '09, '11 and '13, third for Canada in '17, third for Northern Ontario in '20, '21 and '22, third for Wild Card #1 in '23, third for CTRS in '24 and '25; won gold in '08, '09, '16 and '25, silver in '17, bronze in '23, '24. Won gold at 2008 and '16 worlds, silver in '09. Played in 2021 Canadian mixed doubles. Played second at 1998 Canadian U-20s, third in '99 and 2001: won silver in '98.

SECOND: Brett Gallant Age: 35 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Won bronze as second for Canada at 2022 Olympics. Played third for N.L. at 2013 and '14 Briers, second in '15, '16, '17 and '20, Canada in '18, '19 and '21, Wild Card #1 in '22 and '23, CTRS in '24, '25; won gold in '17, '18, '20, '22 and '25, silver in '16, bronze in '23 and '24. Won gold at 2017 worlds, silver in '18 and '22. Played in 2016, '19, '21, '23 and '24 Canadian mixed doubles; won gold in '16 and '19, silver in '23, bronze in '24. Played in 2019 and '22 world mixed doubles; won silver in '19. Skipped

P.E.I. at 2012 Canadian mixed. Skipped P.E.I. at 2004, '06, '07, '08, '09 and '10 Canadian U-20s; won gold in '09, silver in '07. Won silver at 2009 world juniors.

LEAD: Ben Hebert Age: 42 Occupation: Business development manager, Caltech Surveys Ltd. Highlights: Played lead for Canada at 2010 and '18 Olympics: won gold in '10. Played lead for Saskatchewan at 2005, '06 Briers, Alberta in '07, '08, '09, '11, '13, '15, '16, '19 and '22, Team Canada in '17 and '20, Wild Card #2 in '21, Wild Card #1 in '23, CTRS in '24, '25; won gold in '08, '09, '16, '19 and '25, silver in '17, '21 and '22, bronze in '23 and '24. Won gold at 2008 and '16 worlds, silver in '09 and '19. Won silver at 2005 Canadian mixed as second for Saskatchewan. Played third for Saskatchewan at 2002 Canadian U-20s.

ALTERNATE: Tyler Tardi Age: 26 Occupation: Brand and marketing designer, Curling Alberta Highlights: Played third for Alberta at 2023 and '25 Brier, CTRS in '24. Played in 2013, '15, '19, '21, '23 and '24 Canadian mixed doubles; won bronze in '23. Skipped British Columbia at 2016, '17, '18, and '19 Canadian U-20s; won gold in '17, '18, and '19, bronze in '16. Won gold as Canada skip at 2018 and '19 world juniors. Won gold as Canada third at 2017 Youth Olympics.

**COACH:** Paul Webster

# **AUSTRIA KITZBÜHEL CURLING CLUB**



From left: Matthaeus Hofer, Florian Mavec, Martin Reichel, Jonas Backofen and Mathias Genner.

SKIP: Mathias Genner Age: 30 Occupation: Airline pilot Highlights: Played third for Austria at 2015 world mixed. Played third for Austria at 2014 world juniors. Skipped Austria at 2012 Youth Olympic Games.

THIRD: Jonas Backofen Age: 23 **Occupation:** Sales project manager

SECOND: Martin Reichel Age: 30 Occupation: Scientific researcher Highlights: Played for Austria at 2019 and '23 world mixed doubles. Played lead for Austria at 2015 world mixed. Played second for Austria at 2014 world juniors. Played second for Austria at 2012 Youth Olympic Games.

**LEAD:** Florian Mavec **Age:** 23 Occupation: Student

ALTERNATE: Matthaeus Hofer Age: 20

Occupation: Student

### **CHINA VARIOUS CLUBS**



From left: Xiaoming Xu, Xueqing Fei, Zhiyu Wang, Zhichao Li and Bohao Yang.

**SKIP:** Xiaoming Xu **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Coach **Highlights:** Played second for China at 2010 Olympics, third in '14. Played second at 2008 and '09 worlds, third in '10, '12, '13, '14 and '17. Played third for China at 2006 world juniors.

**THIRD:** Xueqing Fei **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won gold as China skip at 2023 world juniors.

**SECOND:** Zhiyu Wang **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Played second for China at 2022 Olympics. Played third for China at 2019 worlds, second in '21. Played fourth for China at 2017 world juniors, skip in '18.

**LEAD:** Zhichao Li **Age:** 23 **Occupation:** Curler **Highlights:** Won gold as China second at 2023 world juniors.

ALTERNATE: Bohao Yang Age: 21

Occupation: Curler

**COACH:** Weidong Tan

### **CZECH REPUBLIC CC ZBRASLAV & CC DION. PRAGUE**



From left: Radek Bohac, Lukas Klipa, Martin Jurik, Marek Cernovsky and Lukas Klima.

**SKIP:** Lukas Klima **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Attorney **Highlights:** Played third for Czech Republic at 2015 worlds, skipped at '22, '23 and '24. Played at 2012 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2018 world mixed. Skipped at 2011 and '12 world juniors.

THIRD: Marek Cernovsky Age: 30 Occupation: Travel agency associate Highlights: Played third for Czech Republic at 2022, '23 and '24 worlds. Played second at 2018 world mixed. Played third at 2011 and '12 world juniors, skipped in '13. **SECOND:** Martin Jurik **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** IT salesman **Highlights:** Played lead for Czech Republic at 2023 worlds, second in '24.

**LEAD:** Lukas Klipa **Age:** 28 **Occupation:** Bank employee **Highlights:** Alternate for the Czech Republic at 2022 and '23 worlds, lead in '24. Won bronze as second at 2017 world mixed.

**ALTERNATE:** Radek Bohac **Age:** 47 **Occupation:** Referent **Highlights:** Played second for the Czech Republic at 2022 and '23 worlds, alternate in '24.

COACH: Craig Savill

### **GERMANY FUESSEN CURLING CLUB**



From left: Marc Muskatewitz, Benjamin Kapp, Felix Messenzehl, Johannes Scheuerl and Marin Trevisiol.

**SKIP:** Marc Muskatewitz **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Student **Highlights:** Played second for Germany at 2016 worlds, skipped in '19 and '24, third in '21 and '22, alternate in '23.

**THIRD:** Benjamin Kapp **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Sport soldier **Highlights:** Alternate for Germany at 2019 and '22 worlds, third in '24. Played second at 2019 world mixed. Skipped at 2022, '23 and '24 world juniors; won silver in '22 and '23.

**SECOND:** Felix Messenzehl **Age:** 21 **Occupation:** Sport soldier **Highlights:** Played second for Germany at 2024

worlds. Played third for Germany at 2022, '23 and '24 world juniors; won silver in '22 and '23.

**LEAD:** Johannes Scheuerl **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Sport soldier **Highlights:** Played lead for Germany at 2024 worlds. Played second at 2022, '23 and '24 world juniors; won silver in '22 and '23.

ALTERNATE: Mario Trevisiol Age: 21 Occupation: Sport soldier Highlights: Alternate for Germany at 2024 worlds. Lead at 2023 and '24 world juniors; won silver in '23.

**COACH:** Ryan Sherrard

### **ITALY TRENTINO CURLING & CURLING CEMBRA**



From left: Mattia Giovanella, Sebastiano Arman, Amos Mosaner and Joel Retornaz.

**SKIP:** Joel Retornaz **Age:** 41 **Occupation:** Businessman Highlights: Skipped Italy at 2006 and '22 Olympics, skipped (third rocks) in '18. Alternate at 2005 worlds, skipped in '10, '19, '21, '22, '23 and '24, skipped (third rocks) in '15, '17 and '18; won bronze in '22 and '24. Skipped at 2004 and '05 world juniors.

THIRD: Amos Mosaner Age: 30 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Played fourth for Italy at 2018 Olympics and third in '22. Won gold at 2022 Olympics in mixed doubles. Played fourth at 2015, '17 and '18 worlds, third in '19, '21, '22, '23 and '24; won bronze in '22 and '24. Played in 2019 and '21 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2012 world juniors, skipped in '13, '14 and '15.

SECOND: Sebastiano Arman Age: 28 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Played second for Italy at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2015 worlds, second in '19, '21, '22, '23 and '24; won bronze in '22 and '24. Played in 2022 and '23 world mixed doubles. Alternate at 2012 and '13 world juniors, played third in '14 and '15.

LEAD/VICE-SKIP: Mattia Giovanella Age: 27 Occupation: Stone porphyry maker **Highlights:** Alternate for Italy at 2022 Olympics. Played lead at 2021, '23 and '24 worlds, alternate in '22; won bronze in '22 and '24. Played third at 2019 world juniors.

ALTERNATE: Giacomo Colli Age: 23 Occupation: Student Highlights: Skipped Italy at 2020, '22 and '23 world juniors.

COACH: Ryan Fry

### **JAPAN KARUIZAWA CURLING CLUB**



From left: Riku Yanagisawa, Tsuvoshi Yamaguchi, Takeru Yamamoto and Satoshi Koizumi.

FOURTH: Riku Yanagisawa Age: 23 **Occupation:** Manufacturer **Highlights:** Skipped Japan at 2023 worlds.

SKIP/THIRD: Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi Age: 40 **Occupation:** Curling club manager and commentator Highlights: Played second for Japan at 2018 Olympics. Played third at 2009, '13, '14, '15 and '23 worlds, second in '16, '17. Played in 2018, '19 and '24 world mixed doubles. Played third at 2002 world juniors.

SECOND: Takeru Yamamoto Age: 18 Occupation: Student Highlights: Played second for Japan at 2023 worlds.

LEAD: Satoshi Koizumi Age: 37 **Occupation:** Curling instructor and office worker Highlights: Played lead for Japan at 2023 worlds.

ALTERNATE: Shingo Usui Age: 30 Occupation: Company employee Highlights: Alternate for Japan at 2023 worlds.

COACH: Bob Ursel

### **NORWAY TRONDHEIM CURLING CLUB**



From left: Gaute Nepstad, Martin Sesaker, Bendik Ramsfjell and Magnus Ramsfjell.

SKIP: Magnus Ramsfiell Age: 27 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Played fourth for Norway at 2019 worlds and skip in '22, '23 and '24. Played in 2018 and '22 world mixed doubles. Skipped at 2016, '17, '18 and '19 world juniors; won bronze in '17.

THIRD: Martin Sesaker Age: 30 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Played third for Norway at 2022, '23 and '24 worlds. Played second at 2017 and '18 world mixed. Played second at 2013 world juniors, alternate in '14, third in '15; won bronze in '14.

SECOND: Bendik Ramsfjell Age: 29 **Occupation:** City planner **Highlights:** Played second for Norway at 2022, '23 and '24 worlds. Played third at 2016 and '17 world juniors; won bronze in '17.

**LEAD/VICE-SKIP:** Gaute Nepstad Age: 30 **Occupation:** Data scientist, SpareBank Highlights: Played lead for Norway at 2022, '23 and '24 worlds. Alternate at 2013 world juniors, lead in '14, skipped (threw lead) in '15; won bronze in '14.

ALTERNATE: Wilhelm Naess Age: 30 **Occupation:** Carpenter **Highlights:** Alternate for Norway in 2023 and '24. Threw fourth for Norway at 2017, '18 and '19 world mixed; won bronze in '19. Played lead at 2013 world juniors, second in '14 and '16; won bronze in '14.

**COACH:** Thomas Loevold

### **SCOTLAND VARIOUS CLUBS**



From left: Kyle Waddell, Hammy McMillan, Bobby Lammie, Grant Hardie and Bruce Mouat.

SKIP: Bruce Mouat Age: 30 Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Won silver as skip of Great Britain at 2022 Olympics. Played in 2022 for Great Britain at 2022 Olympics mixed doubles. Skipped Scotland at 2018, '19, '21, '23 and '24

worlds: won gold in '23, silver in '21, bronze in '18. Played in 2013, '14, '16, '17, '21 and '23 world mixed doubles; won gold in '21. Won gold at 2016 world juniors as skip, bronze in '15.

THIRD: Grant Hardie Age: 33 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Won silver as Great Britain third at 2022 Olympics. Played third for Scotland at 2018, '19, '21, '23 and '24 worlds; won gold in '23, silver in '21, bronze in '18. Won gold at 2017 world mixed as skip.

SECOND: Bobby Lammie Age: 28 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Won silver as Great Britain second at 2022 Olympics. Played second for Scotland at 2018, '19, '21, '23 and '24 worlds: won gold in '23, silver in '21, bronze in '18. Won gold at 2022 world mixed doubles. Played second at 2015 and '16 world mixed; won bronze in '16. Won gold at 2016 world juniors as third, bronze in '15 as alternate.

LEAD: Hammy McMillan Age: 32 **Occupation:** Curling development officer Highlights: Won silver as Great Britain lead at 2022 Olympics. Played lead for Scotland at 2016, '18, '19, '21, '23 and '24 worlds; won gold in '23, silver in '21, bronze in '18. Won gold at 2013 world juniors as alternate, bronze

ALTERNATE: Kyle Waddell Age: 31 Occupation: Financial advisor **Highlights:** Played second for Great Britain at 2018 Olympics. Skipped (threw third) for Scotland at 2022 worlds, alternate in '23 and '24; won gold in '23. Played second at 2012, '13 and '14 world juniors; won gold in '13, silver in '14 and bronze in '12.

**COACH:** Michael Goodfellow

### **SOUTH KOREA UISEONG**



From left: Jaebeom Lee, Hyojun Kim, Jeongmin Pyo, Eunbin Kim and Jinhun Kim.

**SKIP:** Jaebeom Lee Age: 23 Occupation: Student Highlights: Played lead for South Korea at 2018 world juniors, skip in '22.

THIRD: Hyojun Kim Age: 21 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Played second for South Korea at 2022 world juniors, third in '23.

SECOND: Jeongmin Pyo Age: 22 Occupation: Student Highlights: Played lead for South Korea at 2022 world juniors, second in '23.

**LEAD:** Eunbin Kim **Age:** 22 **Occupation:** Student Highlights: Played third for South Korea at 2022 world juniors, skipped in '23.

ALTERNATE: Jinhun Kim Age: 22 **Occupation:** Student Highlights: Alternate for South Korea at 2022 world juniors, lead in '23.

COACH: Dongkeun Lee

### **SWEDEN KARLSTAD CURLING CLUB**



From left: Niklas Edin, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren and Oskar Eriksson.

SKIP: Niklas Edin Age: 39 Occupation: Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Sweden at 2010, '14, '18 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '22, silver in '18, bronze in '14. Played third at 2006 worlds, skipped in '11, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23,

'24 skipped/alternate in '12; won gold in '13, '15, '18, '19 '21, '22, '24, silver in '17, bronze in '11 and '12. Skipped at 2004 and '07 world juniors, alternate in '05, third in '06; won gold in '04, silver in '05, '06 and '07.

THIRD: Oskar Eriksson Age: 33 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Alternate for Sweden at 2010 and '14 Olympics, played third in '18, '22; won gold in '22, silver in '18, bronze in '14. Alternate at 2011 and '13 worlds, alternate/second in '12, skipped in '14, played third in '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24; won gold in '13, '15, '18, '19, '21, '22, '24, silver in '14 and '17, bronze in '11 and '12. Played in 2019 and '21 world mixed doubles; won gold in '19, bronze in '21. Skipped at 2008 world juniors, skipped (third rocks) in '09 and '11; won gold in '11, silver in '08.

SECOND: Rasmus Wranå Age: 30 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Second for Sweden at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won

gold in '22, silver in '18. Played second at 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24 worlds; won gold in '18, '19, '21, '22, '24, silver in '17. Played in 2022 and '24 world mixed doubles; won gold in '24. Won silver at 2015 world mixed as skip. Skipped at 2012 and '16 world juniors; won silver in '12.

LEAD: Christoffer Sundgren Age: 35 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Lead for Sweden at 2018 and '22 Olympics; won gold in '22, silver in '18. Played lead at 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24 worlds: won gold in '15, '18, '19, '21, '22, '24, silver in '14 and '17. Played lead at 2009 world juniors, alternate in '11; won gold in '11

ALTERNATE: Simon Olofsson Age: 25 Occupation: Engineering student **Highlights:** Skipped Sweden at the 2019 world mixed.

**COACH:** Alexander Lindstroem

### **SWITZERLAND VARIOUS CLUBS**



From left: Yannick Schwaller, Benoit Schwarz-Van Berkel, Sven Michel and Pablo Lachat-Couchepin.

FOURTH: Benoit Schwarz-Van Berkel Age: 33 Occupation: Business administration student Highlights: Fourth for Switzerland at 2018 and '22 Olympics, alternate in '14: won bronze in '18. Alternate at 2012 and '13 worlds, fourth in '14, '17, '19, '21, '23 and '24; won bronze in '14, '17, '19, '21 and '23. Played third at 2010 world juniors, fourth in '11, alternate in '12; won gold in '10, silver in '11.

SKIP/THIRD: Yannick Schwaller Age: 30 Occupation: Student psychology and consultant Highlights: Skipped Switzerland at 2022 worlds, skip/third stones in '23 and '24; won bronze in '23. Played in 2023 and '24 world mixed doubles. Skip/second stones at 2015 world mixed and skipped in '17. Skipped/third stones at 2014 and '15 world juniors, skip in '16; won gold in '14, silver in '15.

SECOND: Sven Michel Age: 37 Occupation: Bricklayer/Curler **Highlights:** Skipped Switzerland at 2014 Olympics, third in '22. Alternate at 2011 and '15 worlds, skipped in '13, '16, third in '19 and '21, second in '23 and '24; won bronze in '19, '21 and '23. Won gold at 2011 and '18 world mixed doubles, silver in '22. Played third at 2006 and '07 world juniors; won bronze in '07.

LEAD: Pablo Lachat-Couchepin Age: 24 Occupation: Curler Highlights: Alternate for Switzerland at 2022 Olympics. Alternate at 2021 worlds, lead in '23 and '24; won bronze in '21 and '23.

ALTERNATE: Kim Schwaller Age: 21 Occupation: Bank customer advisor Highlights: Skip/third stones for Switzerland at 2022 world juniors, alternate in '24.

COACH: Håvard Vad Petersson

### **UNITED STATES VARIOUS CLUBS**



From left: Korey Dropkin, Tom Howell, Andrew Stopera, Mark Fenner and Christopher Plys.

SKIP: Korey Dropkin Age: 29 Occupation: Realtor/curler/investor **Highlights:** Alternate for United States at 2019 worlds, skipped in '22. Played in 2015, '18 and '23 world mixed doubles; won gold in '23. Played third at 2012 world juniors, skipped in '13 and '16, alternate in '15; won silver in '16.

THIRD: Tom Howell Age: 30 Occupation: Financial advisor Highlights: Played lead for United States at 2022 worlds. Played second at 2012 world juniors, third in '13 and '16; won silver in '16.

SECOND: Andrew Stopera Age: 27 **Occupation:** Insurance **Highlights:** Skipped United States at 2017, '18 and '19 world juniors; won silver in '17.

**LEAD:** Mark Fenner **Age:** 30 **Occupation:** Bartender Highlights: Played second for United States at 2022 worlds. Played second at 2013 and '16 world juniors; won silver in '16.

ALTERNATE: Christopher Plys Age: 37 Occupation: Owner, Plys Superior Consulting Highlights: Alternate for the U.S. at 2010 Olympics, third in '22. Played in 2022 Olympic mixed doubles. Alternate at 2009 and '18 worlds, third in '19, '21, '23 and '24. Skipped at 2006, '07, '08 and '09 world juniors; won gold in '08, bronze in '09.

**COACH:** Mark Lazar



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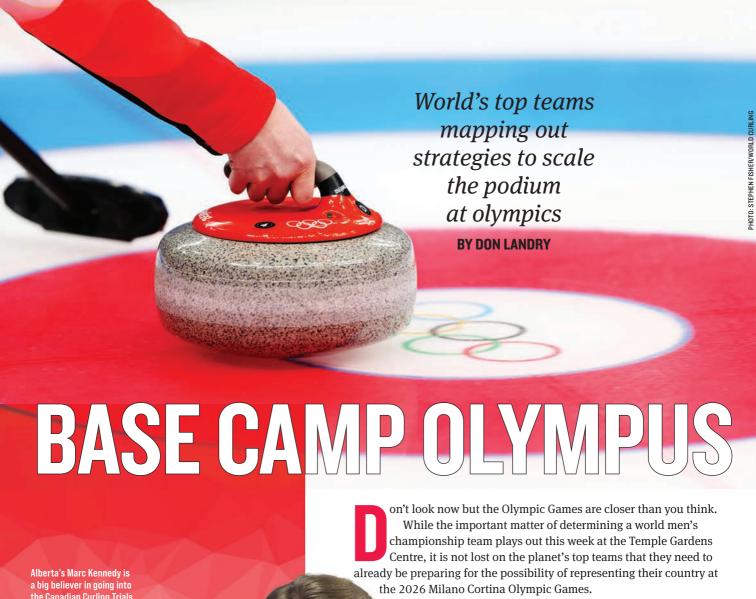
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There is the "now" of it all and there is the "later" of it, too. For each team of potential Olympians there are many challenges — some common, some distinct — that need to be met successfully in order to strike gold in Italy, next February.

In mapping out a rise to Olympic glory, players must strike a balance among rest (both physical and emotional), practice and competition, aiming for top performance over a week-and-a-half long run that could see them topping the podium early next year.

Canada's Brad Gushue has been to this rodeo a number of times, winning Olympic gold in 2006 and bronze in 2022. The 44-year-old skip's team has already secured a berth in next November's Montana's Canadian Curling Trials in Halifax.

"Most teams are forward-looking where they want to be as good as they can be in November," said Gushue of the road to Italy. "And we're no different."

"I think we did a very good job of that four years ago and even eight years ago, when we didn't win the Trials," added the 2017 world champion skip. "We try and learn from all those things that we did in the last couple of Trials, improve on them a little bit and see what happens."

well-rested. A long, grinding week means teams will need

to be at peak mental and

physical condition

Marc Kennedy, who won bronze as a Gushue alternate three years ago and gold for Canada as Kevin Martin's second in 2010, is aiming for his fourth trip to the Olympics, this time as third with Team Brad Jacobs. Like Gushue, Kennedy's team has a spot in Halifax already nailed down.

"Our focus right now is finishing this season off strong," said Kennedy, who will be competing at the 2025 BTK World Men's Championship for Team Canada. "What I have found in the past is that the fall leading up to the Trials goes by very quickly," said the 43-year-old, two-time world champion.

Italy's Team Joel Retornaz can look straight to the Olympics, having already been selected to represent the host country in 2026. That's obviously a good thing, but it also means next season will be different for the two-time World Men's Curling Championship bronze medallist.

"Normally, we try to peak in November for the Europeans and April for the Worlds," said Retornaz. "So we will have to adjust a few things here and there. We will have to sit down during the summer and see how we want to approach the season and try to be ready in February."

One of the busiest teams on the planet, the Retornaz foursome seems to be at its sharpest whenever they have a heavy competition schedule and they might continue that plan of attack when next season begins.

"It's maybe easier to find the (high) level we're at when we play games," explained Retornaz. "You have to win the competition. You don't have to win in practice, right? Competitions work for us."

Still, Retornaz believes that a busy events calendar must be offset by some high-quality down time. "I'm 41-years-old," the three-time Olympian said. "I need breaks for sure. For me, it's taking a break, big time, during the summer. I also take breaks during the season, sometimes, when I need them."

Scotland's Bruce Mouat feels a little uncertainty right now as he and his team prepare to perhaps represent Great Britain once again at the Games.

The 2022 Olympic silver medallist doesn't face a

'winner take all' Trials set-up like the Canadians do. Great Britain's representatives will be selected by a panel, as early as next month, basing that selection not just on recent results, but on an ongoing track record.

So while Gushue's, Kennedy's and Retornaz's teams have markers to look ahead to next season, Mouat is still all about winning as much as possible



The 2026 Olympic Winter Games will be held in Milan and Cortina, Italy. The curling venue will be the Palazzo del Ghiaccio Ice Palace in Cortina D'Ampezzo, northern Italy.



"We're trying to make sure that we are doing the best out of all the Scottish teams, to try and make sure that we're the team that has all the criteria ticked off in the selection," said Mouat, mindful of the keen competition his team has in Team Ross Whyte and Team James Craik, to name two chief rivals.

Should Mouat's team get the nod, the 30-yearold skip believes they would do things similarly to the run-up to the 2022 Games, zeroing in on an intense training camp after the turn of the new year.

"I think it would be very similar to what we normally do for the first half of the season, and then maybe have a bit more focus on team training and focus on making sure we're in the

best technical spot possible going into the Olympics," the 2023 world champion said.

For all of these competitors, crafting the correct master plan will be quite tricky. For Gushue and Kennedy, there is the added gauntlet of the Trials. Essentially, they'll be trying to climb Mt. Olympus twice in less than three months.

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"We probably
would be in that
second category,"

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said Gushue, adding that his team will be picky about its pre-Trials schedule. "We're going to play the events that have conditions that are going to be similar to the Olympic Trials or the Olympic Games, where we get on arena ice."

"I'm a big fan of going into the Trials being well-rested," said Kennedy. "Have some good competitions under your belt in the fall, but make sure that by the time you get there, you're in peak mental and physical condition because it's going to be a really long, gruelling week."

But that's still down the road a piece. As the 2024-25 curling season draws to a close, summer plans are being established. Gushue says his team won't likely get on the ice again until mid-August and while that means no throwing of stones, it does not mean completely trading the task of Olympic pursuit for summer fun.

"Last year when I went on vacation," said Gushue, "I was still working out every day. It's gonna be no different this summer. When you're away, it's not a matter of binging for two or three weeks. You're still working on your fitness and trying to improve."

"Summer will be about taking care of the body more than anything," echoed Kennedy. "Taking care of some injuries, making sure we're in great shape and feeling ready and energized for the season."

In the end, there are no guarantees. A curler and his mates might do everything in their power, Gushue said, and still come up short.

"You just want to feel when you go out there and you throw the first rock at the Olympic Trials or first rock at the Olympics that 'I'm ready,'" he said.

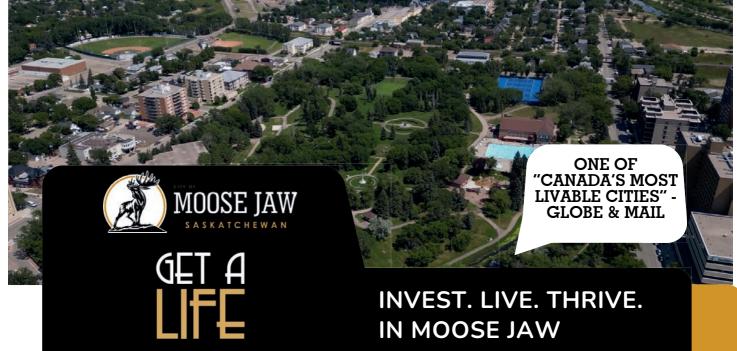
"If you can get to that point, then your preparation was successful."

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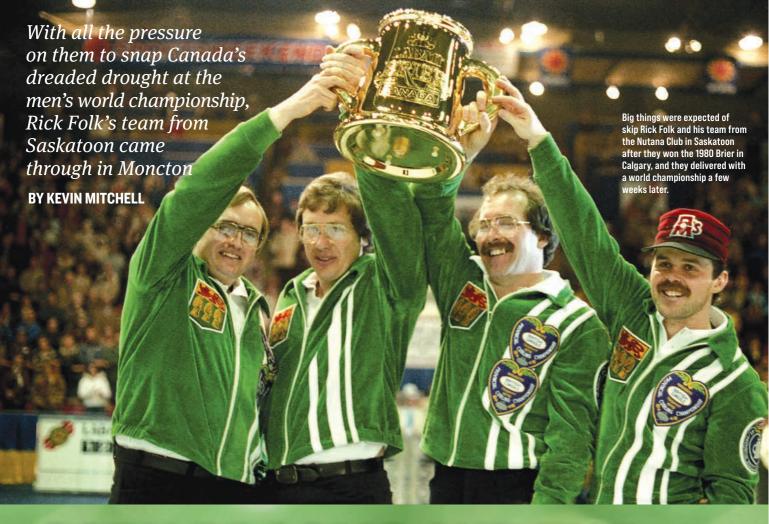
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## CORN BROOMS AND THE SWEEP SMELL OF SUCCESS



Skip Rick Folk broke a
Canadian cold spell by
winning the 1980 World
Men's Curling Championship.
Canada's had gone winless in
the previous seven years.

ick Folk signed a lot of autographs in the hour after he became a world curling champion — inking his name on a big banner, bits of paper, the hack.

The newly-crowned 1980 world men's curling champion stood on a frozen sheet in Moncton, N.B., interviews nearly finished, the place quieting down after a noisy celebration. An ice maker approached the Saskatoon skip with two hacks that had just been pried from the ice.

"He said 'You keep this one. Will you sign this other one for our crew here?" laughs Folk, who beat Norway's Kristian Soerum 7-6 in that longago final.

And that's how the 1980 curling season wrapped up: An autographed hack, after an epic run through both the Canadian Men's Curling Championship and then the Air Canada Silver Broom, now called the BKT World Men's Curling Championship.

Saskatchewan-based men's teams have not won either of those two events since that magical run, creating an added mystique that gets attention every year when the province heads to the Montana's Brier.

Folk's Saskatoon Nutana foursome — which included third Ron Mills and front-end siblings Tom and Jim Wilson — was also the last all-corn-broom team to win those two events. Straw sweeping implements had already begun to fade away, but Folk's stubborn team boasted the hard-charging Wilsons, whose brooms sent up a thunderous crack and boom.

"That was just our goal in life, was to win," says Jim Wilson, whose rumpus room includes an old Macdonald Lassie scoreboard, acquired

from a curling rink, carrying the line score from the world championship.

"I see (the mystique) now, but I didn't see it then. We worked. Our curling would be Tuesday night men's league, Wednesday night Super League, Thursday night men's league, and then we were off to Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmonton on the weekend. Monday would be the only day off, and then, boom — we were back at it again. It was done to feed a hunger."

That hunger built for years.

When Folk was a kid, he played against the world's best curlers every time he got onto the ice not physically, but in his head. He had a variety of big-name Canadian idols to choose from.

"I'd be out on the ice by myself practicing," Folk says, "and I'd be having things go through my mind. 'Okay, I'm going against Merv Mann here.' 'I'm playing Ernie Richardson, and I gotta make this hit and roll.' I was putting myself in situations like that in my own young mind."

When he got older, Folk, brother Dave, and Tom Wilson would practise together and work their imaginations.

"We would put ourselves in those situations," Folk says. "I'm Merv Mann, you're Ernie Richardson. Or I'm Ron Northcott. We were always dreaming ahead, so when we finally did get to play against a Ron Northcott or an Ernie Richardson or Merv Mann or Bob Pickering or Garnet Campbell ... it was thrilling, but we'd done this before, even though we hadn't."

day his team won the world championship: He wishes Folk had a chance to make his final shot. Soerum came up short of the rings on his last throw while trying to work around a guard. It meant that Folk's last stone was not needed.

"I'm not going to say I regret it, because we won," Wilson says. "But if I could change it and we still win. I would have loved to have had Rick draw the four-foot. He was a master of it. He was so good. It would have been .... sweep, put it on the fourfoot, and we win, rather than have someone come up short. I mean, it's the same effect. We're still world champions, but it would have just topped it

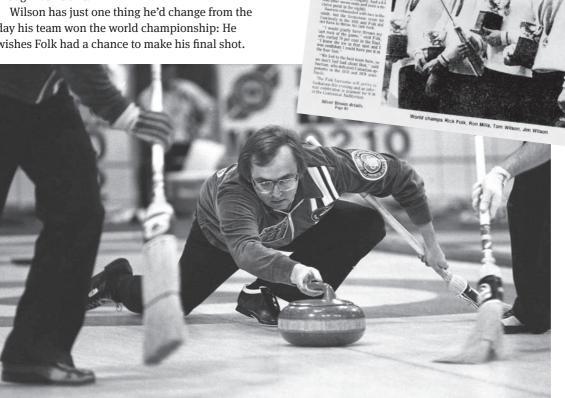
Folk would have loved to take a crack.

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"I was totally ready to throw it," Folk says, adding that he'd gone through the scenarios as Soerum went back to throw — takeout if he showed the full rock, draw to the four-foot otherwise. He

The hometown paper Saskatoon Star-Phoenix had all the delightful details documenting Rick Folk's victory at the 1980 world men's championship.



Skip Rick Folk didn't have to throw his final rock to win the 1980 world men's championship in Moncton, but he was more than ready to.



Rick Folk's 1980 Team Canada (from left): Folk, Ron Mills, Jim and Tom Wilson. They had all the shots, and some wicked brooms to work with. knew it would be an in-turn, and was considering how draws played in the patch of ice he'd use.

"I was ready, and then when his rock came up a few inches short . . . Oh! OK! We won!"

Folk had added Mills, a long-time skipping foe, during the off-season after third Bob Thompson moved to Lethbridge, Alta. Mills, the only skip to beat Folk four times during the 1978-79 season, was a calm presence behind the T-line — they called him "Sleepy" — and he shared the same mental wave length as his new skip.

"Tom and Jim were as excitable as they come," Folk says of his front end. "There's nobody else at that time in the whole world that I would have wanted to play lead and second. They were up for every game, and you knew they had the shots. They were out there to win, in a different way than Ron. Ron didn't show it nearly as much as them on the outside, and I guess neither did I. But it was quite a contrast, looking out on the sheet and seeing Jim and Tom and what they put into every game, and Ron, who was kind of laid back."

There was no doubt that Folk skipped the world's best team that year. They won their last 16 games, including the final four at the Brier, two in the Saskatoon Super League, and all 10 at worlds.

But they made it hard on themselves early, stumbling badly enough at the Nutana Club playdowns that they needed to win three straight games to advance to cities, after falling all the way to the E event. Saskatoon curling fans were buzzing, because Folk had won the previous two provincial titles and earned runner-up showings at back-to-back Briers.

The Nutana was packed Sunday when he set out to win three do-or-die matches, and he did just that.

"It's amazing how guys gather when they can smell the kill," Folk told the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix after that last win. "I couldn't believe how many people were there." Today, Wilson says: "I can remember vividly that the bar was full. It was 10 o'clock in the morning, and the bar was packed to see us."

That's when the roll started. They went through cities and northerns undefeated, and lost once at provincials. At the Brier, they went 9-2 in the round robin and beat Northern Ontario's Al Hackner 10-6 in the final.

And then it was off to worlds, and a peculiar kind of pressure. Canada hadn't won since 1972, when Orest Meleschuk claimed the title.

"There was a lot of pressure put on the Canadian teams to break out of that," Folk says. "We felt it almost the moment we landed in Moncton.

"They weren't the usual questions (from reporters). You know — who you're playing first, who do you see as your main competition, how's your game plan? It was: 'How do you feel about being behind the eight-ball? Canada hasn't won for all these years.' A totally different mind focus.

"A lot of people felt we were carrying the burden for Canada, but we were there to win. That was an incredible week. All the people in the Moncton Coliseum, 90-some per cent of them, were cheering for Canada. We'd never had that before, that many people cheering for us. We could feel their anxiety. By going through undefeated, everybody was happy... except the opposition."

The import of what they'd just accomplished — and how it would have felt if they'd lost — hit Jim Wilson in the moments after the victory.

"Closing ceremonies, they did the anthem from — I think it was Bobby Gimby — (his song) 'Canada'. Kids bringing out the Canadian flags. And I said to my brother, 'holy crap. What happens if we had lost?' I hope they had an alternative, a second closing set. Because it was all geared for us."

Folk carries the distinction of winning the Brier and world championship with a corn broom team, as well as with a brush team. He accomplished the latter in 1994 while representing B.C. It's imbedded in his head, all of it, including a wonderful week in Moncton 45 years ago.

"When we were out on the ice, we could feel the anxiety of the crowd," Folk says. "When we were in tight games, they were trying to pull us through. They knew we were trying hard, and they were trying to help us. And then when the Norwegian rock came up a few inches short, and I didn't have to throw, both Ron and I, we were kind of frozen for a second. Suddenly he threw his arms up in the air, and I thought 'Oh, geez — we won!' I remember that like it was yesterday."

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## WORLD MEN'S CANADIAN HONOUR ROLL

The first World Men's Curling Championship took place in 1959. Since then, teams from Canada have won the title a record 36 times.

ACHTYMICHUK, George — of Regina as second in 1973

AITKEN, Donald — of Montreal as second in 1977

ANTON, Ronald - of Edmonton as third in 1974

ARMSTRONG, Doug — of Winnipeg as lead in 1999

BAILEY, Scott - of Toronto as lead in 1998

BARTLETT, Donald — of Edmonton as lead in 1991, '97

BELCOURT, Tim — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as second in 1987

BOTTCHER, Brendan — of Edmonton as skip in 2021

BRAUNSTEIN, Terry — of Winnipeg as skip in 1965

BRITTON, Fred — of Vancouver as second in 1964

BURTNYK, Kerry - of Winnipeg as skip in 1981, '95

CAREY, Dan — of Winnipeg as third in 1992

CAREY, William - of Winnipeg as third in 1979

CARRUTHERS, Reid — of Winnipeg as second in 2011

CARSTAIRS, Kent — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as lead in 1987

CHERNOFF, Michael — of Medicine Hat, Alberta, as third in 1978

**CORNER**, **Peter** — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as lead in 1993

DACEY, Mark — of Halifax as skip in 2004

DAGG, Lyall — of Vancouver as skip in 1964

DUGUID, Donald — of Winnipeg as third in 1965, as skip in '70, '71

**ELMALEH**, **Maxime** — of Ste-Foy, Quebec, as lead in 2006

FENTON, Keith — of Winnipeg as lead in 1995

**FERBEY**, **Randy** — of Edmonton as third in 1988, '89, as skip in 2001, '02, '03, '05

FERGUSON, John — of Calgary as third in 1986

FINK, George — of Calgary as third in 1966

FLASCH, Colton — of Calgary as second in 2019

FOLK, Rick — of Saskatoon as skip in 1980; of Kelowna, British Columbia, as skip in '94

FRY, Barry — of Winnipeg as skip in 1979

FRY, Ryan — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as third in 2013

GALLANT, Brett — of St. John's, N.L., as second in 2017, '18, '20\*, '22

GERLACH, David — of Calgary as third in 1969

GERVAIS, Hector — of Edmonton as skip in 1961, '74

GIBSON, Andrew — of Halifax as lead in 2004

GOULD, Steve — of Winnipeg as lead in 1996, 2011

GRETZINGER, Bert — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as second in 1994

GUSHUE, Brad — of St. John's, N.L., as skip in 2017, '18, '20\*, '22, '23, '24

HACKNER, Allan — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as skip in 1982, '85

HAILLEY, Pat — of Winnipeg as lead in 1972

**HANESIAK**, **John** — of Winnipeg as second in 1972

HANSEN, Warren — of Edmonton as second in 1974



His release of the rock was tight and controlled, and it took David Nedohin to four world championsips throwing fourth stones for the 'Ferbey Four' team out of Edmonton, skipped by Randy Ferbey. The team won three of those events, a sparkling achievement indeed.

HARNDEN, E.J. — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as second in 2013, '23, '24

HARNDEN, Ryan — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as lead in 2013

HARRIS, Rob — of Halifax as second in 2004

HARRISON, Neil - of Toronto as lead in 1983, '90

HART, Richard — of Coldwater, Ontario, as third in 2007

**HEBERT**, **Ben** — of Edmonton as lead in 2008, '09; of Calgary as lead in '16, '19



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HEBERT, Leo - of Vancouver as third in 1964

HELSTON, John — of Winnipeg as second in 1984

HNATIEW, Peter — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 1975

**HODGSON**, William — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1975

HOUSTON, Neil - of Calgary as second in 1986

HOWARD, Glenn — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as third in 1987, '93;

of Coldwater, Ontario, as skip in 2007, '12 HOWARD, Russell — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as skip in 1987, '93

HUDSON, Douglas — of St. John's, Newfoundland, as second in 1976

**HUNTER**, **Rod** — of Winnipeg as third in 1970, '71

JACOBS, Brad — of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as skip in 2013

JOHNSTON, Dale — of Medicine Hat, Alberta, as second in 1978

KAMMERLOCK, Ronald — of Winnipeg as lead in 1981

KAWAJA, John — of Toronto as second in 1983, as third in '90

KENNEDY, Bruce — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 1982

**KENNEDY**, Marc — of Edmonton as second in 2008, '09; of Calgary as third in '16

KLIPPENSTEIN, Dan — of Regina as lead in 1973

KOE, Kevin — of Edmonton as skip in 2010; of Calgary as skip in '14, '16, '19

LAING, Brent — of Coldwater, Ontario, as second in 2007, '12; of Calgary as second in '16

LANG, Rick — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as third in 1975, '82, '85

**LOBEL.** Arthur — of Montreal as third in 1977

LOHNES, Bruce — of Halifax as third in 2004

LUKOWICH, Ed — of Medicine Hat, Alberta, as skip in 1978; of Calgary as skip in '86

MACDONALD, Blake — of Edmonton as third in 2010

MACDUFF, Jack — of St. John's, Newfoundland, as skip in 1976

MANNING, Ronald — of Toronto as second in 1967

MARTIN, Karrick — of Edmonton as lead in 2021

MARTIN, Kevin — of Edmonton as skip in 1991, '97, 2008, '09

MARTIN, William — of Regina as third in 1973

MAZINKE, Harvey — of Regina as skip in 1973

MCAULAY, Greg — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as skip in 2000

MCCARREL, Graeme - of Toronto as third in 1998

MCDONALD, Toby — of St. John's, Newfoundland, as third in 1976

MCKENZIE, Donald — of Edmonton as lead in 1988, '89

MCTAVISH, Gordon — of Winnipeg as second in 1965

MEAD, Jonathan — of Winnipeg as third in 1999, 2011

MEAKIN, Rob — of Winnipeg as second in 1995

MELESCHUK, Orest — of Winnipeg as skip in 1972

MÉNARD, Jean-Michel — of Ste-Foy, Quebec, as skip in 2006

MIDDAUGH, Wayne — of Penetanguishene, Ontario, as second in 1993;

of Toronto as skip in '98; of Coldwater, Ontario, as third in 2012

MIKI, Bryan — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as second in 2000

MILLS, Ronald — of Saskatoon as third in 1980

MORRIS, John — of Edmonton as third in 2008, '09; of Calgary as third in '15

MOULDING, Darren — of Edmonton as third in 2021

NAIMARK, Barry — of Vancouver as lead in 1964

NEDOHIN, David — of Edmonton as third in 2001, '02, '03, '05

NEUFELD, B.J. — of Calgary as third in 2019

NEUFELD, Chris — of Winnipeg as second in 1992

NICHOLS, Mark — of St. John's, N.L., as third in 2017, '18, '20\*, '22, '23, '24

NICOL. Robert — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1982

NORTHCOTT, Ronald — of Calgary as skip in 1966, '68, '69

**OLSON**, Mark — of Winnipeg as third in 1981

PARK, Kevin — of Edmonton as third in 1991

PERROUD, Patrick — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as lead in 1985; of Toronto as lead in '90

PERRY, Mel - of Regina as lead in 1963

**PETERS**, Victor — of Winnipeg as skip in 1992

PETRYK, Dan — of Edmonton as second in 1991

PETTAPIECE, James — of Winnipeg as second in 1970, '71



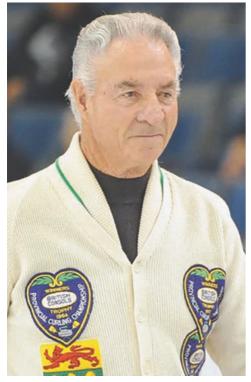
Vice-skip Mark Nichols has been a force for skip Brad Gushue's team from St. John's, N.L. for years, helping his skipper qualify for the world men's championship six times over his career, winning it all in 2017.



Kevin Martin will go down as one of the greatest skips produced in Canada, and his record proves it. Besides winning an Olympic gold medal, the Alberta product led his team to the world men's championship four times, winning once.



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Saskatchewan's Ernie Richardson started it all for Canada, winning world titles four times in five years.



It was a big day in 1986 when Canada won the World Men's Curling Championship in Toronto, and enjoying the reward for their labour on the ice were (from left) Brent Syme, Neil Houston, John Ferguson, and skip Ed Lukowich.

PFEIFER, Scott — of Edmonton as second in 2001, '02, '03, '05 PHILLIPS. Alfie Jr. — of Toronto as skip in 1967

PIERCE, Brent — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as third in 2000

RAMCHARAN, Rudy — of Edmonton as second in 1997

RAYMER, Vic — of Edmonton as second in 1961

REILLY, Keith - of Toronto as lead in 1967

 $\mbox{{\it RICHARD}},$   $\mbox{{\it Gerry}}$  — of Kelowna, British Columbia, as lead in 1994

RICHARDSON, Arnold — of Regina as third in 1959, '60, '62, '63

RICHARDSON, Ernie — of Regina as skip in 1959, '60, '62, '63

RICHARDSON, Garnet — of Regina as second in 1959, '60, '62, '63

RICHARDSON, Wesley — of Regina as lead in 1959, '60, '62

RILEY, Michael — of Winnipeg as skip in 1984

**ROBERGE. François** — of Ste-Fov. Ouebec, as third in 2006

ROCQUE, Marcel — of Edmonton as lead in 2001, '02, '03, '05

ROMANO, David — of Winnipeg as third in 1972

**ROSS**, **Brian** — of Montreal as lead in 1977

ROSS, John — of Toronto as third in 1967

**RUDD**, **Donald** — of Winnipeg as lead in 1992

RYAN, Jeff — of Winnipeg as third in 1995

RYAN, Patrick — of Edmonton as skip in 1988, '89; of Kelowna, British Columbia, as third in '94

RYCROFT, Carter — of Edmonton as second in 2010; of Calgary as second in '14, '15

SAVAGE, Paul — of Toronto as third in 1983

SAVILL, Craig — of Coldwater, Ontario, as lead in 2007, '12

SCHINDLE, Ronald — of Medicine Hat, Alberta, as lead in 1978

SHIELDS, James — of Calgary as third in 1968

SIMMONS, Pat — of Calgary as third in 2014, as skip in '15

SPARKES, Bernard — of Calgary as second in 1966, '68, '69

**SPARKES**, **Gordon** — of Winnipeg as second in 1979

**SPENCER**, **James** — of Winnipeg as second in 1981

STOREY, Fred - of Calgary as lead in 1966, '68, '69

STOUGHTON, Jeff — of Winnipeg as skip in 1996, '99, 2011

SUTTON, Darrel — of Edmonton as lead in 1974

**SVEISTRUP**, **Jody** — of New Westminster, British Columbia, as lead in 2000

SYLVAIN, Éric — of Ste-Foy, Quebec, as second in 2006

**SYME**, **Brent** — of Calgary as lead in 1986

**TEMPLETON.** Kenneth — of St. John's, Newfoundland, as lead in 1976

**TETLEY**, lan — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as second in 1985; of Toronto as second in '90, '98

**TETLEY. William** — of Thunder Bay, Ontario, as skip in 1975

THIESSEN, Brad — of Edmonton as second in 2021

THIESSEN, Nolan — of Edmonton as lead in 2010; of Calgary as lead in '14.'15

TOEWS, Brian — of Winnipeg as third in 1984

TRESOOR, Kenneth — of Winnipeg as third in 1996

TURNBULL, Raymond — of Winnipeg as lead in 1965

URSEL, James — of Montreal as skip in 1977

URSULIAK, Wally — of Edmonton as lead in 1961

VAN DEN BERGHE, Garry — of Winnipeg as second in 1996, '99

**WALCHUK**, **Donald** — of Edmonton as second in 1988, '89, as third in '97

**WALKER**, **Geoff** — of St. John's, N.L., as lead in 2017, '18, '20\*, '22, '23, '24

WERENICH, Ed — of Toronto as skip in 1983, '90

WERNER, Ray — of Edmonton as third in 1961

WILSON, James — of Saskatoon as lead in 1980

WILSON, Thomas - of Saskatoon as second in 1980

WOOD, Bryan — of Winnipeg as lead in 1970, '71, '79

WOOKEY, Russell - of Winnipeg as lead in 1984

Note: 2020 World Championship not played due to COVID-19 pandemic

# WORLD CURLING HALL OF FAME

Most recent inductees, as of March 14, 2025

orld Curling announced the induction of five new members into the World Curling Hall of Fame in 2024.

There were two inductees into the "Curler" category — Thomas Ulsrud from Norway

and Canada's Sonja Gaudet. The third inductee, Les Harrison from Canada was inducted into the "Builder" category, while the final inductees, Jalle Jungnell from Sweden and Pål Trulsen from Norway were inducted into the combined "Curler and Builder" category.

World Curling President Beau Welling said, "I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to all five of our World Curling Hall of Fame inductees.

"It is particularly special to welcome Thomas Ulsrud into the Hall of Fame, Thomas was an exceptional world champion and ambassador for our sport and is deeply missed in our community."

Ulsrud died Ulsrud died in 2022 from cancer at age 50.

"It is also wonderful to see Les Harrison inducted. His impact on our sport cannot be understated. As a former president of World Curling, he contributed greatly to our sport in many ways and became part of a small fraternity of people who have undertaken this role. During that time, Les was instrumental in our involvement with the Winter Universiade, contributing to it becoming a medal sport in 2007.

"Congratulations to Thomas, Sonja, Les, Jalle and Pal! Our five new inductees are all extremely worthy recipients of the Freytag Award, which is the highest honour we can bestow in our sport."



### Curler (Norway)

Thomas Ulsrud was one of the most decorated and most popular curlers of the past decades. His international curling career lasted for more than 35 years, starting with the Uniroyal World Junior Curling Championships in 1985, and concluding at the Le Gruyère AOP European Curling Championships in 2019.



He participated in three Olympic Winter Games, winning silver in 2010 in Vancouver. He took part in 12 world men's championships, taking medals in five. He was crowned world men's champion in 2014 in Beijing, China.

He represented Norway at 17 European championships and medalled at 11 of them. His team took back-to-back European gold medals in 2010 and 2011.

During the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games, Thomas and his team introduced the now famous Fancy Pants to the game, which brought a new and dynamic take on the curling uniform. The Fancy Pants became a core component of Team Ulsrud's branding for the remainder of his career, bringing significant attention to both the team and our sport.

### **SONJA GAUDET**

### Curler (Canada)

Sonja Gaudet is one of the most decorated wheelchair curlers, winning three Paralympic Winter Games and three gold medals from world championships.



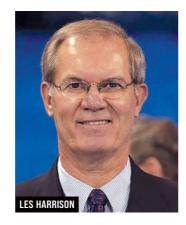
Her Paralympic medal record is perfect. She took part in three Winter Paralympics and won gold at all three: in 2006 in Torino, Italy, in 2010 in Vancouver, and in 2014 in Sochi, Russia.

She represented Canada at eight world wheelchair championships and was crowned world champion at three: in 2009 in Vancouver. in 2011 in Prague, Czechia, and in 2013 in Sochi, Russia.

### **LES HARRISON**

### Builder (Canada)

Les Harrison served curling as a volunteer in several organizations in numerous roles. He served as World Curling President from 2006



to 2010. He also held the Vice-President position for six vears and served as a Member of the Executive Board for three years.

He also played a significant role in the inclusion of curling as a medal sport at the Winter Universiade in 2007.

Serving as Vice-Chair of International Relations at the Canadian Olympic Committee, he played a key role in the development of mixed doubles as a new discipline.

### **JALLE JUNGNELL**

Curler & Builder (Sweden) As an athlete, Jalle won two Paralympic bronze medals: in 2006 in Torino, Italy and



in 2010 in Vancouver. He also won silver medals at two world championships: in 2009 in Vancouver and in 2013 in Sochi, Russia.

He has been awarded the Sportsmanship Award three times and has been a role model for wheelchair athletes since the discipline was created.

As a builder, Jalle has played an important role in the development of wheelchair curling, since the first clinics in 2000 in Switzerland. There, he was part of the group that tried out the sport, started its development and created the rules.

He served on the Board of the Swedish Curling Association (2014-2023) and has also been involved in the Swedish Paralympic Committee as a delegate from curling.

### **PÅL TRULSEN**

### Curler & Builder (Norway)

As an athlete, Pål Trulsen won silver at the Olympic Winter Games in 1992 in Albertville, France, when curling was a demonstration sport. Ten years later he was crowned Olympic champion in Salt Lake City, U.S.A., when curling was a medal sport.

He also won three world championship medals and stood on the podium of European championships twice. One of his European medals is gold from 2005.

As a builder, during his time as General Secretary for the Norwegian Curling Association, nine dedicated curling arenas have been built since 2010 with another venue planned. Trulsen has provided valuable support and advice during the planning and building process.

During his time as General Secretary, Norway has hosted three World Curling events: the Le Gruyère European Curling Championships in 2013, the World Mixed Doubles and Senior Championships in 2019, all in Stavanger, and the Le Gruyère AOP European Curling Championships 2 021 in Lillehammer. Pål Trulsen's support during planning and execution were instrumental to the success of these events.





Go out. Have a good time. Just make sure those good times can happen again by always finding a safe ride.



WORLD C	CURLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES	
2024	Les Harrison, builder Sonja Gaudet, curler Pål Trulsen, builder/curler Thomas Ulsrud, curler Jalle Jungnell, builder/curler	Canada Canada* Norway Norway Sweden
2023	Kate Caithness CBE, Builder Jack Lynch, Builder Ewan MacDonald, Curler Peter Smith, Curler Bill Strum, Curler	Scotland Canada* Scotland Scotland United States*
2022	Jan Betker, Joan McCusker and Marcia Gudereit, curlers Ian Tetley, curler Peter Becker, builder	Canada Canada New Zealand
2021	Anette Norberg, Eva Lund, Cathrine Lindahl and Anna Maria Svard, curlers Bernard "Bernie" Leslie Sparkes, curler Johannes Arthur Jensen, builder	Sweden Canada Denmark
2020	Elisabet Gustafson, Katarina Nyberg, Louise Marmont and Elisabeth Persson, curlers Gordon Craig, builder Leif Öhman, builder	Sweden Canada Sweden
2019	Dordi Nordby, curler Michael Burns Sr., builder Michael (Mike) Thomson, builder	Norway Canada Scotland
2018	Elmer Freytag, builder Kevin Martin, curler Young C. Kim, builder	United States Canada South Korea
2017	Team Richardson, curlers Clarence (Shorty) Jenkins, builder	Canada Canada
2016	Elisabeth Högström, curler Warren Hansen, builder Franco Zumofen, builder	Sweden Canada Italy
2015	Russ Howard, curler Ray Turnbull, curler Hiroyuki Saito, builder	Canada Canada Japan
2014	Randy Ferbey, curler Patrick Hürlimann, curler Eigil Ramsfjell, curler	Canada Switzerland Norway
2013	Don Duguid, curler Ron Northcott, curler	Canada Canada
2012	Günther Hummelt, builder Jean-Paul Bidaud, builder Elisabet Gustafson, curler	Austria Switzerland Sweden
*posthun	nously	

WORLD C	URLING FREYTAG AWARD WINNERS	
2011	Ray Kingsmith, builder	Canada
2010	Malcolm Richardson, builder	Scotland
2009	Sandra Schmirler, curler	Canada
2008	Leslie Ingram-Brown, builder	Scotland
2007	Roy Sinclair, builder	Scotland
2006	Kunio Nando, builder	Japan
2003	Robert Whitehead, builder	United States
2002	Franz Tanner, builder	Switzerland
2001	Bud Somerville, curler	United States
	Shirley Morash, builder	Canada
2000	Ernie Richardson, curler Bob Hardy, builder	Canada United States
1997	Erwin Sautter-Hewitt	Switzerland
1996	Elizabeth Paterson-Brown	Scotland
1994	Keith Wendorf	Germany
Not awar	ded in 1991, '92, '93, '95, '98, '99,	2004, '05
ELMER FR	REYTAG AWARD WINNERS	
1990	Colin Campbell	Canada
1989	Don McKay	United States
1988	Kay Sugahara	United States
1987	Bob Picken	Canada
1986	Art Cobb	United States
1985	Don MacLeod	Canada
1984	Robin Welsh	Scotland
1983	Mabel DeWare	Canada
1982	Sven Eklund	Sweden
1981	Doug Maxwell	Canada
1980	Bob Grierson	Scotland
1979	Chuck Hay	Scotland
1978	Ken Watson	Canada



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## **ON THE ROCKS**

**BY AL CAMERON** 

### THIRTEEN TEAMS COMPETING IN MOOSE JAW

at the 2025 BKT World Men's Curling Championship are doing something that should be considered one of the most noble and brave acts that an athlete can perform.

Wearing their national team uniform.

Whether the country is big or small, has a huge curling population, such as Canada, or small group of passionate curlers, such as Austria and the Czech Republic, the sacrifices that are made to compete on the world stage are simply staggering and awesome in every sense of the word.

It's different for each team, of course, but the price paid to get here — literally out of the pocket for some of the teams — is immense and should be acknowledged and respected by curling fans everywhere.

For the Canadian team, the expectations on it are, let's be honest, unlike any other team competing here. No team in Moose Jaw will have more fans cheering it on, and, as Canadian curlers know too well, will have more fans piling on when things don't go well.

That's the nature of being a high-performance curler in this country. The rewards — sponsorship money, endorsements, etc. — can be significant, but there's a price to be paid because of the passionate nature of fans in Canada. It's a two-way street, but Canadian curlers know that, which is why, at the end of the day, we need to remember these are human beings with friends and family, and be thankful that they were willing to put in the hours, days, weeks and months of hard work to put themselves in the position to wear the Maple Leaf on the world stage.

Having borne witness to what these athletes go through behind the scenes — the successes and failures, and the knowledge that they can't escape the spotlight — it's safe to say there aren't many people who are equipped to handle this kind of pressure, and I am simply in awe of those who do, regardless of outcome.

While the rewards within their respective countries for international success may not be as high as in Canada, the 12 other teams competing here face no less pressure.

Many are full-time funded athletes (and, by the way, not getting much more or less than what Canadian high-performance athletes receive), with funding entirely dependent on results, and little to no sponsorship income or jobs away from curling to fall back on if things don't go well at a world championship. Those international teams you see competing at Grand Slam events may have an impressive array of sponsor logos on their uniforms, but the amount of money generated by that sponsor support is paltry in comparison to what top Canadian teams can earn.

And, in many cases, that pressure is financial in ADDITION to result-oriented as some teams here are literally paying for their own trips to compete in Moose Jaw with paltry, if any, support from their respective governments or national sport organization.

Think, for a moment, of THOSE athletes and what they're sacrificing to be here with no realistic expectation of standing on the podium on Championship Sunday.

Their dreams are no less valid and noble than those of the medal contenders in Moose Jaw, and the simple fact is that it's quite likely that their efforts here will be more appreciated by the fans in the stands at the Temple Gardens Centre and at the Original 16 Patch than they will when they return to their respective countries.

You can be assured that none of the athletes competing in Moose Jaw will be taking this experience for granted. There will be World Championship rookies who will be wearing their country's colours for the first time, and there will be curlers who are now into double figures for World Championship appearances. They all will be experiencing the thrill and expectations that accompany putting on the team uniform and stepping onto the ice to compete.

It's a select group of athletes who are equipped to make the sacrifices and pay the price — physically, emotionally, and financially — that is required to compete at a World Championship.

Yes, success will be measured in Moose Jaw by wins and losses, medals, Olympic qualifying points, but in so many ways, the true success story was just getting to Moose Jaw in the first place. So many curlers around the world have aspirations of playing in a World Championship. Only a few dozen of them will actually have that opportunity in 2025.

Pay them your respects; they deserve that, and they have earned it.

Al Cameron is Curling Canada's director of communication and media relations

### **WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **RECORDS & STATISTICS**



It wouldn't be a world men's curling championship if Norway's Eigil Ramsfjell wasn't in it, or so it seemed for two decades, starting in 1976.

### Most appearances (including alternates)

- 15 Eigil Ramsfiell of Norway in 1976, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '83, '84, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91, '95, '96
- 14 Andy Kapp of Germany in 1989\*, '90, '91, '94, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10. '11
- 13 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2006, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24
- 13 Oskar Eriksson of Sweden in 2011\*, '12\*, '13\*, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24
- 13 Torger Nergård of Norway in 1998, 2004\*, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16, '21
- 13 Andrea Pavani of Italy in 1973, '74, '76, '77, '79, '80, '81, '82, '84, '85, '86, '89, '90
- 12 Thomas Ulsrud of Norway in 1998, '99\*, 2006, '07, '08, '09, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 11 Flemming Davanger of Norway in 1986, '90\*, '93, '94, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05
- 11 Johnny Frederiksen of Denmark in 2001, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12, '13, '14, '16
- 11 Holger Höhne of Germany in 1994\*, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '05, '07\*, '08, '09, '10, '11\*
- 11 Sjur Loen of Norway in 1974, '82, '83, '84, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91, '95\*, '96\*

- 11 Hugh Millikin of Australia in 1992, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, 2005, '06, '07, '08
- 11 John Shuster of the United States in 2003, '05, '06, '09, '15, '16, '17, '19, '21, '23, '24
- 11 Peter Smith of Scotland in 1986, '88, '90, '91, '93, '96, '98, 2003, '06\*, '08, '09
- 11 Markku Uusipaavalniemi of Finland in 1992, '97, '98, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '05, '06, '07
- 10 Ewan MacDonald of Scotland in 1999, 2002, '03, '04, '05\*, '06, '07, '09, '14, '15
- 10 Joel Retornaz of Italy in 2005\*, '10, '15, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24
- 10 David Smith of Scotland in 1984, '86, '88, '90, '91, '93, '96, '98, 2007, '10
- 10 Christoffer Sundgren of Sweden in 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24
- 10 Christoffer Svae of Norway in 2006\*, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 10 Lars Vilandt of Denmark in 2001, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12\*, '13\*, '14
- 9 Pierre Boan of France in 1967, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '77, '78
- 9 David Hay of Scotland in 1984, '88, '90, '91, '93, '96, '98, 2003, '04
- 9 Patrik Lörtscher of Switzerland in 1980, '81, '82, '86, '89, '96, '99\*, 2000\*, '02\*
- 9 Ulrik Schmidt of Denmark in 1997, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '06, '08, '09, '10
- 9 Tetsuro Shimizu of Japan in 2009, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19, '21, '24
- 9 Warwick Smith of Scotland in 1996, '98, '99, 2002, '03, '04, '06, '07, '10
- 9 Tommy Stjerne of Denmark in 1977, '81, '83, '86, '89, '90, '94\*, '98, 2011
- 9 Pål Trulsen of Norway in 1993\*, '97, '99, 2000. '01, '02. '03, '04. '05
- 9 Håvard Vad Petersson of Norway in 2008, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
- 9 Lars Vågberg of Sweden in 1992; of Norway in '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05
- 8 Peter Andersen of Denmark in 1977, '81, '83, '86, '89, '90, '98, 2011
- 8 Dexin Ba of China in 2010\*, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '17, '19\*
- 8 Thomas Dufour of France in 2001, '04, '07, '08, '09 '10, '11, '12
- 8 Markus Eggler of Switzerland in 1991, '92, '94, 2001, '05, '07, '09, '10
- 8 Peter Fenson of the United States in 1993, '94, 2003, '05, '06, '10, '11, '14
- 8 Daniel Herberg of Germany in 1993\*, 2004, '06, '09\*, '10\*, '11, '17, '18
- 8 Steve Hewitt of Australia in 1992, '94, '95, '96\*, '97, '98\*, 2005\*, '08\*
- 8 Markus Høiberg of Norway in 2011\*, '13\*, '14\*, '15\*, '16\*, '17, '18, '21
- 8 Bo Jensen of Denmark in 2001, '02, '04, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10

- 8 Kalle Kiiskinen of Finland in 2002, '03, '05, '06, '07, '09, '16\*, '22
- 8 Peja Lindholm of Sweden in 1993, '95, '97, '98, 2000, '01, '04, '07
- 8 Gunnar Meland of Norway in 1976, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '83, '84
- 8 Sven Michel of Switzerland in 2011\*, '13, '15\*, '16, '19, '21, '23, '24
- 8 Amos Mosaner of Italy in 2015, '17, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24
- 8 David Murdoch of Scotland in 2005, '06, '08, '09, '10\*, '13, '15\*, '17
- 8 Enea Pavani of Italy in 1975, '76, '77, '79, '80, '81, '82, '86\*
- 8 Bent Ånund Ramsfjell of Norway in 1997, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05
- 8 Benoît Schwarz of Switzerland in 2012\*, '13\*, '14, '17, '19, '21, '23, '24
- 8 Magnus Swartling of Sweden in 1993, '95, '97, '98, 2000, '01, '04, '07\*
- 8 Jialiang Zang of China in 2008, '09, '10, '12, '13, '14, '15, '17
- 7 Tony Angiboust of France in 2004, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12
- 7 Scott Baird of the United States in 1979, '93, '94, 2003\*, '05\*, '06\*, '11\*
- 7 Giuseppe Dal Molin of Italy in 1975, '76, '77, '79, '80, '81, '83
- 7 Jan Ducroz of France in 1993, 2001, '07, '08, '09 '10, '11\*
- 7 Matt Hamilton of the United States in 2015, '16, '17, '19, '21, '23, '24\*
- 7 Michael Hay of Scotland in 1984, '86, '88, '90, '91\*, '97, '98\*
- 7 Patrick Hürlimann of Switzerland in 1986, '89, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '08
- 7 Stephen Johns of Australia in 1995, '96, '97, '98, 2005, '06, '08
- 7 Uli Kapp of Germany in 1994, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '05, '07
- 7 Jindřich Kitzberger of the Czech Republic in 2008, '09, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15
- 7 John Landsteiner of the United States in 2015, '16, '17, '19, '21, '23, '24
- 7 Gert Larsen of Denmark in 1982, '87, '88, '93, '94, '98, 2001\*
- 7 Jari Laukkanen of Finland in 1988, '90, '91, '98, '99, 2000, '01
- 7 Lasse Lavrsen of Denmark in 1991, '97, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '06
- 7 Rui Liu of China in 2008, '09, '10, '12, '13, '14, '17
- 7 Ville Mäkelä of Finland in 1997, '98, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '05
- 7 Peter Narup of Sweden in 1993, '95, '97, '98, 2000, '01. '04
- 7 Tomas Nordin of Sweden in 1993, '95, '97, '98, 2000, '01, '04

- 7 Oluf Olsen of Denmark in 1977, '81, '83, '87, '88, '93, '94
- 7 Joe Polo of the United States in 2005, '06, '10, '11, '14, '17\*, '22
- 7 Shawn Rojeski of the United States in 1998\*, 2003, '05, '06, '10, '11, '14
- 7 Teemu Salo of Finland in 2002, '03, '05, '06, '07, '09, '22
- 7 Jiří Snítil of the Czech Republic in 2008, '09, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15
- 7 Martin Snítil of the Czech Republic in 2008, '09, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15
- 7 Kristian Sørum of Norway in 1976, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '85
- 7 Giancarlo Valt of Italy in 1977, '79, '80, '81, '82, '84, '85
- 7 Keith Wendorf of Germany in 1978, '79, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85
- 7 Rasmus Wranå of Sweden in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24
- 7 Xiaoming Xu of China in 2008, '09, '10, '12, '13, '14, '17
- 7 Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi of Japan in 2009, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '23
- 6 Sebastiano Arman of Italy in 2015\*, '19, '21, '22, '23, '24
- 6 Oliver Axnick of Germany in 1994, '95, '97, '99, 2001, '05
- 6 Euen Byers of Scotland in 2005, '06, '08, '09, '14, '15
- 6 Gerald Chick of Australia in 1992, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97
- 6 Randy Ferbey of Canada in 1988, '89, 2001, '02, '03, '05
- 6 Ivan Frederiksen of Denmark in 1986, '89\*, '90, '98, 2005\*, '07\*
- 6 Wouter Gösgens of the Netherlands in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22, '24
- 6 Michael Harry of Denmark in 1982, '86\*, '87, '88, '93, '94
- 6 Laurens Hoekman of the Netherlands in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22, '24
- 6- Andreas Kempf of Germany in 1998, 2005\*, '07, '08, '09, '10
- 6 Andreas Lang of Germany in 2003, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11
- 6 Peter Loudon of Scotland in 1995, '97\*, '99, 2002, '04, '08\*
- 6 Hammy McMillan Jr. of Scotland in 2016, '18, '19, '21, '23, '24
- 6 Thierry Mercier of France in 1986, '88, '89\*, '91, '92, 2000
- 6 Stefano Morona of Italy in 1983, '84, '85, '86, '89, '90
- 6 Kosuke Morozumi of Japan in 2009, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17
- 6- Yusuke Morozumi of Japan in 2009, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17
- 6 Marc Muskatewitz of Germany in 2016, '19, '21, '22, '23\*, '24
- 6 Chris Plys of the United States in 2009\*, '18\*, '19, '21, '23, '24
- 6 Mikkel Poulsen of Denmark in 2008\*, '09\*, '10\*, '12, '13, '16
- 6 Christof Schwaller of Switzerland in 1995, '98, 2001, '05, '10, '11
- 6 Morten Søgaard of Norway in 1974, '82, '85, '87, '88, '89
- 6 Bud Somerville of the United States in 1965, '68, '69, '74, '81, '95\*
- 6 Carsten Svensgaard of Denmark in 1997\*, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '06
- 6 Andre Tronc of France in 1971, '72, '73, '75, '76, '82
- 6 Jussi Uusipaavalniemi of Finland in 1988, '90, '91, '92, '97, '98\*
- 6 Jaap van Dorp of the Netherlands in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22, '24
- 5- Dominic Andres of Switzerland in 1994, '99, 2000, '02, '10\*
- 5 Scott Andrews of Scotland in 2011, '12, '13, '16\*, '17
- 5 Bo Bakke of Norway in 1983, '84, '87, '88, '89
- 5- Sean Becker of New Zealand in 1999, 2001, '04, '05, '12
- 5 Per Berg of Denmark in 1982, '86, '89, '90, '11
- 5- Tom Brewster of Scotland in 2002\*, '11, '12, '13, '16
- 5 John Bryden of Scotland in 1963, '65, '66, '67, '68



Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi has been to the world men's championship seven previous times wearing the colours of Japan. Moose Jaw will make it eight.

- 5 Graeme Connal of Scotland in 1991, '93, '95\*, 2008, '09\*
- 5 Carlo Glasbergen of the Netherlands in 2017, '18, '19, '21, '22
- 5 Alan Glen of Scotland in 1963, '65, '66, '67, '68
- 5 Brad Gushue of Canada in 2017, '18, '22, '23, '24
- 5 Mark Haluptzok of the United States in 1979, '93, '94, '99\*, 2010\*
- 5 Grant Hardie of Scotland in 2018, '19, '21, '23, '24
- 5 Mikael Hasselborg of Sweden in 1983, '85, '86, '92, '96
- 5 Stefan Hasselborg of Sweden in 1983, '85, '86, '92, '96
- 5- Tommi Häti of Finland in 1997, '98, '99, 2000, '01
- 5 Chuck Hay of Scotland in 1963, '65, '66, '67, '68
- 5 Henrik Jakobsen of Denmark in 1991, '93, '94, 2001, '04\*
- 5 Aku Kauste of Finland in 2002\*, '03, '13, '15, '16
- 5 Hans Dieter Kiesel of Germany in 1980, '81, '82, '83, '84
- 5 Soo-Hyuk Kim of South Korea in 2003, '11, '16, '19, '22
- 5 Bobby Lammie of Scotland in 2018, '19, '21, '23, '24
- 5 Thomas Løvold of Norway in 2007\*, '09\*, '10, '12\*, '13
- 5 Daniel Magnusson of Sweden in 2019\*, '21\*, '22\*, '23\*, '24\*
- 5 Heiner Martin of Germany in 1980, '81, '82, '83, '84
- 5 Hammy McMillan of Scotland in 1986, '87, '92, '97, '99
- 5 Bruce Mouat of Scotland in 2018, '19, '21, '23, '24
- 5 Gordon Muirhead of Scotland in 1992, '93\*, '95, '99\*, 2000\*
- 5 Mark Nichols of Canada in 2017, '18, '22, '23, '24
- 5-Hans Nordin of Sweden in 1983, '85, '86, '92, '96
- 5 Scott Pfeifer of Canada in 2001, '02, '03, '05, '16\*
- 5 Paul Pustovar of the United States in 1977, '80, '91, '98, 2002
- 5 Bruce Roberts of the United States in 1966, '67, '76, '77, '84
- 5 Sven Saile of Germany in 1981, '82, '83, '84, '85
- 5 Michael Schäffer of Germany in 1990\*, '91, '94, '95\*, '97\*
- 5 Niels Siggaard Andersen of Denmark in 1984, '91; of Norway in 2002\*, '03\*, '05\*
- 5 Morten Skaug of Norway in 1982, '85, '89\*, '90, '91
- 5 Anders Søderblom of Denmark in 1989, '90\*, '91\*, '98\*, 2011
- 5 Franco Sovilla of Italy in 1983, '84, '85, '86, '90
- 5 Bill Strum of the United States in 1965, '68, '69, '74, '78
- 5 Jan Thoresen of Norway in 1995, '96, 2000\*, '06, '07
- 5 Marek Vydra of the Czech Republic in 2008, '11, '12, '13, '14\*
- 5 Geoff Walker of Canada in 2017, '18, '22, '23, '24
- \* indicates appearance as alternate

### Longest game

14 ends — Norway vs. the United States, in 1971

### Highest score, one team

34 - Scotland, vs. Germany, 0, in 1967

### Lowest score, one team

0 — Germany, vs. Scotland, 34, in 1967; Austria, vs. Sweden, 6, in 1984; Germany, vs. Scotland, 5, in 1985; Sweden, vs. Norway, 6, in 1985; Denmark, vs. Norway, 9, in 1986; France, vs. Norway, 11, in 1987; United States, vs. Scotland, 10, in 1993; Korea, vs. Canada, 12, in 2007; Denmark, vs. Switzerland, 7, in 2022; Czech Republic, vs. Scotland, 6, in 2022

### Highest score, two teams combined

37 - Scotland, 29, vs. Switzerland, 8, in 1965

### Lowest score, two teams combined

3 — Switzerland, 2, vs. the United States, 1, in 1981 final; Finland, 2, vs. France, 1, in 1988 (extra end); Sweden, 2, vs. the United States, 1, in 2004

### Highest single-end score

6 — Sweden, vs. Germany in 1968; France, vs. Germany in 1969; Canada, vs. Norway in 1969; the United States, vs. Canada in 1969; Scotland, vs. Norway in 1969; Germany, vs. Italy in 1973; the United States, vs. France in 1976; Sweden, vs. France in 1980; Denmark, vs. France in 1981; Sweden, vs. France in 1981; Canada, vs. Austria in 1983; Norway, vs. England in 1987; Canada, vs. the United States in 1991; Norway, vs. France in 1993; Germany, vs. Sweden in 1997; Germany, vs. Finland in 1999; Canada, vs. Japan in 2000; Canada, vs. Norway in 2002; Denmark, vs. Scotland in 2003; Scotland, vs. the United States in 2009; Scotland vs. China in 2018; Switzerland, vs. Korea in 2019; Czech Republic, vs. Netherlands in 2022; Italy, vs. United States in 2022; South Korea, vs. Japan in 2024





Most extra-end games, one championship 11-2018

Fewest extra-end games, one championship 0-1968

Most blank ends, one championship 118-2016

### Most blank ends, one game

8 - Finland, 2, vs. France, 1, in 1988

Fewest blank ends, one championship 7-1968

### **Undefeated records**

Canada 5-0, 1959; Canada 5-0, 1960; Canada 6-0, 1962; Canada 7-0, 1964; Canada 8-0, 1966; Canada 8-0, 1970; Canada 9-0, 1971; Canada 9-0, 1972; Canada 10-0, 1980; Canada 11-0, 1995; Canada 13-0, 2017

### Six-way tie for first place

2005 — Scotland, Germany, Norway, Canada, United States and Finland, 8-3. Playoff winner: Canada

### Four-way tie for first place

1990 — Canada, Scotland, Sweden and Denmark, 7-2. Playoff winner: Canada

### Three-way ties for first place

- 1961 Canada, Scotland and the United States, 2-2. Playoff winner: Canada
- 1975 United States, Canada and Sweden, 7-2. Playoff winner: Switzerland
- 1985 United States, Canada and Denmark, 6-3. Playoff winner: Canada

### Two-way ties for first place

- 1965 United States and Canada.
  Playoff winner: United States
- 1978 United States and Canada.
  Playoff winner: United States
- 1984 Switzerland and Sweden. Playoff winner: Norway
- 1989 Norway and Sweden. Playoff winner: Canada
- 1993 Scotland and Canada. Playoff winner: Canada
- 1994 Canada and Switzerland. Playoff winner: Canada
- 1997 Canada and Scotland.
  Playoff winner: Sweden
- 2015 Canada and Norway.

  Playoff winner: Sweden
- 2018 Sweden and Scotland. Playoff winner: Sweden
- 2021 Sweden and RCF.

Playoff winner: Sweden

### Seven-time winners

Niklas Edin of Sweden, as skip in 2013, '15, '18, '19, '21, '22, '24

Oskar Eriksson of Sweden, as alternate in 2013, as third in 2015, '18, '19, '21, '22, '24

### Six-time winners

Christoffer Sundgren of Sweden, as lead in 2015, '18, '19, '21, '22, '24

### Five-time winners

Rasmus Wranå of Sweden, as second in 2018, '19, '21, '22, '24



Scotland's Hammy McMillan Jr. did his country proud at the world men's championship, appearing five times and winning gold in 2023 with skip Bruce Mouat.

### Four-time winners

Randy Ferbey of Canada, as third in 1989, as skip in 2002, '03, '05

Glenn Howard of Canada, as third in 1987, '93, as skip in 2007, '12

Daniel Magnusson of Sweden, as alternate in 2019, '21, '22, '24

Scott Pfeifer of Canada, as second in 2002, '03, '05, as alternate in 2016

Ernie Richardson of Canada, as skip in 1959, '60, '62, '63

Arnold Richardson of Canada, as third in 1959, '60, '62, '63

Garnet Richardson of Canada, as second in 1959, '60, '62, '63

### Three-time winners

Dan Holowaychuk of Canada, as alternate in 2002, '03, '05

Brent Laing of Canada, as second in 2007, '12, '16 Peja Lindholm of Sweden, as skip in 1997, 2001, '04 Ewan MacDonald of Scotland, as second in 1999, as third in 2006, '09

Wayne Middaugh of Canada, as second in 1993, as skip in '98, as third in 2012

Peter Narup of Sweden, as lead in 1997, 2001, '04

David Nedohin of Canada, as third in 2002, '03, '05 Tomas Nordin of Sweden, as third in 1997, 2001,

Ron Northcott of Canada, as skip in 1966, '68, '69 Eigil Ramsfjell of Norway, as second in 1979, as skip in 1984, '88

Wesley Richardson of Canada, as lead in 1959, '60, '62

Marcel Rocque of Canada, as lead in 2002, '03, '05 Peter Smith of Scotland, as second in 1991, 2006, '09

Bernie Sparkes of Canada, as second in 1966, '68, '69

Fred Storey of Canada, as lead in 1966, '68, '69 Bill Strum of the United States, as third in 1965, as second in '74, as lead in '78

Magnus Swartling of Sweden, as second in 1997, 2001, '04

Ian Tetley of Canada, as second in 1985, '90, '98

### Two-time winners

Bo Bakke of Norway, as lead in 1984, '88 Graeme Connal of Scotland, as lead in 1991, as alternate in 2009

Don Duguid of Canada, as skip in 1970, '71 Rick Folk of Canada, as skip in 1980, '94 Steve Gould of Canada, as lead in 1996, 2011 Al Hackner of Canada, as skip in 1982, '85 Neil Harrison of Canada, as lead in 1983, as alternate in 1990

Ben Hebert of Canada, as lead in 2008, '16 Russ Howard of Canada, as skip in 1987, '93 Rod Hunter of Canada, as third in 1970, '71 John Kawaja of Canada, as second in 1983, as third in '90

Marc Kennedy of Canada, as second in 2008, as third in '16

Kevin Koe of Canada, as skip in 2010, '16 Anders Kraupp of Sweden, as alternate in 2001, '04 Rick Lang of Canada, as third in 1982, '85 Henrik Leek of Sweden, as alternate in 2015, '18 Tom Locken of the United States, as lead in 1974, as second in '78

Sjur Loen of Norway, as third in 1984, '88 Gunnar Meland of Norway, as third in 1979, as second in '84

David Murdoch of Scotland, as skip in 2006, '09 Bobby Nichols of the United States, as third in 1974, as skip in '78

Pat Perroud of Canada, as lead in 1985, '90 Jim Pettapiece of Canada, as second in 1970, '71 Pat Ryan of Canada, as skip in 1989, as third in '94 Craig Savill of Canada, as lead in 2007, '12 Warwick Smith of Scotland, as third in 1999, as second in 2006

Bud Somerville of the United States, as skip in 1965, '74

Jeff Stoughton of Canada, as skip in 1996, 2011 Ed Werenich of Canada, as skip in 1983, '90 Bryan Wood of Canada, as lead in 1970, '71

### **Back-to-back winning teams**

Ernie Richardson, Arnold Richardson, Garnet Richardson and Wes Richardson of Canada in 1959, '60

Don Duguid, Rod Hunter, Jim Pettapiece and Bryan Wood of Canada in 1970, '71

Randy Ferbey, David Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque and Dan Holowaychuk of Canada in 2002, '03

Niklas Edin, Oskar Eriksson, Rasmus Wranå, Christoffer Sundgren and Daniel Magnusson of Sweden in 2018, '19, '21, '22

Back-to-back winning skips

Ernie Richardson of Canada in 1959, '60 and 1962, '63

Ron Northcott of Canada in 1968, '69 Don Duguid of Canada in 1970, '71 Randy Ferbey of Canada in 2002, '03 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2018, '19, '21 and '22 (no event played in 2020)

### Most appearances, one skip

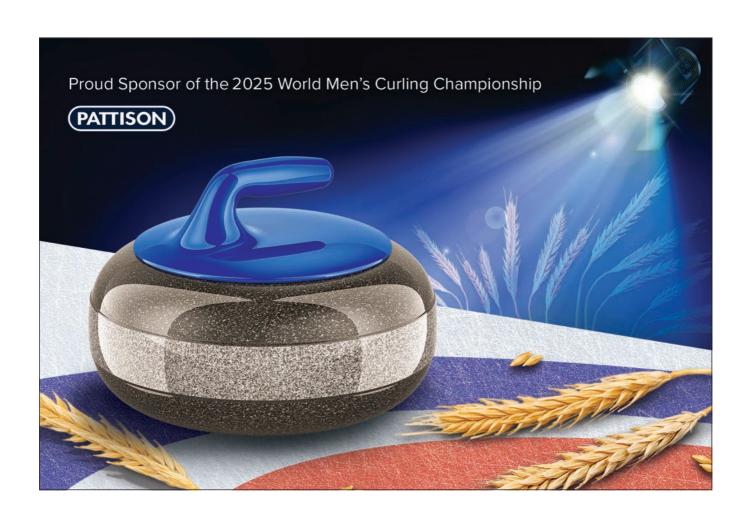
13 — Andy Kapp of Germany

### Most games, one skip

143 — Andy Kapp of Germany

### Most wins, one skip

117 - Niklas Edin of Sweden





Skips wit	th 15	or	more	wins
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117 - Niklas Edin of Sweden

88 - Thomas Ulsrud of Norway

72 — Andy Kapp of Germany

63 - Eigil Ramsfjell of Norway

61 - John Shuster of the United States

58 - Joel Retornaz of Italy

58 - David Smith of Scotland

57 — Brad Gushue of Canada

56 - Markku Uusipaavalniemi of Finland

55 - Peja Lindholm of Sweden

54 - Bruce Mouat of Scotland

54 - David Murdoch of Scotland

49 - Pål Trulsen of Norway

45 - Kristian Sørum of Norway

42 - Kevin Koe of Canada

40 - Kevin Martin of Canada

39 — Ulrik Schmidt of Denmark

38 - Peter de Cruz of Switzerland

36 - Randy Ferbey of Canada

36 - Keith Wendorf of Germany

35 — Hugh Millikin of Australia

32 — Bruce Roberts of the United States

32 — Bud Somerville of the United States

31 - Thomas Dufour of France

31 — Pete Fenson of the United States

31 - Patrick Hürlimann of Switzerland

31 — Yusuke Morozumi of Japan

31 — Jeff Stoughton of Canada

30 - Ralph Stöckli of Switzerland

28 - Jiří Snítil of the Czech Republic

28 - Jürg Tanner of Switzerland

27 — Rui Liu of China

25 - Peter Attinger Jr. of Switzerland

25 - Chuck Hay of Scotland

24 - Tom Brewster of Scotland

24 - Glenn Howard of Canada

24 - Yannick Schwaller of Switzerland

24 - Warwick Smith of Scotland

24 - Rasmus Stjerne of Denmark

24 — Tommy Stjerne of Denmark

23 - Hammy McMillan of Scotland

23 - Ron Northcott of Canada

21 - Markus Eggler of Switzerland

21 - Magnus Ramsfiell of Norway

21 - Ernie Richardson of Canada

21 - Alex F. Torrance of Scotland

20 - Rick Folk of Canada

20 - Stefan Hasselborg of Sweden

20 - Andrea Pavani of Italy

19 — Pierre Boan of France

19 - Kerry Burtnyk of Canada

19 - Bill Muirhead of Scotland

19 - Steffen Walstad of Norway

19 - Ed Werenich of Canada

18 — Giuseppe Dal Molin of Italy

18 - Russ Howard of Canada

18 - Pat Ryan of Canada

17 — Scott Baird of the United States

17 — Steve Brown of the United States

17 - Don Duguid of Canada

17 — Al Hackner of Canada

17 - Gert Larsen of Denmark

16 - Ragnar Kamp of Sweden

16 — Yuta Matsumura of Japan

16 — Paul Pustovar of the United States

16 — Tim Somerville of the United States

15 - Sergey Glukhov of Russia, RCF

15 - Christoff Schwaller of Switzerland

### Champions by country

36 - Canada in 1959, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '66, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '80, '82, '83, '85, '86, '87, '89, '90, '93, '94, '95, '96, '98, 2000, '02, '03,

'05, '07, '08, '10, '11, '12, '16, '17

СПУМ	PIONSHIP SITES				
		Y7	4007		Production
1959	Scotland	Various rinks	1994	Oberstdorf, Germany	Eisstadion
1960	Scotland	Various rinks	1995	Brandon, Manitoba, Canada	Keystone Centre
1961	Scotland	Various rinks	1996	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Copps Coliseum
1962	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	1997	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion
1963	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	1998	Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada	Riverside Coliseum
1964	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	Stampede Corral	1999	Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada	Harbour Station
1965	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	2000	Glasgow, Scotland	Braehead Arena
1966	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	PNE Forum	2001	Lausanne, Switzerland	Malley Ice Centre
1967	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	2002	Bismarck, North Dakota, USA	Bismarck Civic Center
1968	Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada	Pointe Claire Arena	2003	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Winnipeg Arena
1969	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	2004	Gävle, Sweden	Gavlerinken
1970	Utica, New York, USA	Memorial Auditorium	2005	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	Save-On-Foods
1971	Megève, France	Palais de Sports			Memorial Centre
1972	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion	2006	Lowell, Massachusetts, USA	Paul E. Tsongas Arena
1973	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Exhibition Arena	2007	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Rexall Place
1974	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion	2008	Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA	Ralph Engelstad Arena
1975	Perth, Scotland	Perth Ice Rink	2009	Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada	Moncton Coliseum
1976	Duluth, Minnesota, USA	Memorial Auditorium	2010	Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy	Olympic Ice Stadium
1977	Karlstad, Sweden	Farjestads Arena	2011	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Brandt Centre
1978	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Winnipeg Arena	2012	Basel, Switzerland	St. Iakobshalle
1979	Berne, Switzerland	Allmend Eisstadion	2013	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	Save-On-Foods
1980	Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada	Moncton Coliseum	2013	victoria, British Goramoia, Ganada	Memorial Centre
1981	London, Ontario, Canada	Thompson Arena	2014	Beijing, China	Capital Gymnasium
1982	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion	2014	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	Scotia Bank Centre
1983	Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Agridome	2013	Basel, Switzerland	St. Iakobshalle
1984	Duluth, Minnesota, USA	Memorial Auditorium	2010	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Northlands Coliseum
1985	Glasgow, Scotland	Trade Centre		Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Orleans Arena
1986	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	CNE Coliseum	2018	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ENMAX Centre
1987	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	B.C. Place Stadium		Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada	EIMMAA CEHHE
1988	Lausanne, Switzerland	Icehalle	2020	N/A	Militar Community Community Community Community
1989	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA	Mecca Center	2021	Calgary	WinSport Event Centre
1990	Vasteras, Sweden	Ice Arena	2022	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Orleans Arena
1991	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Winnipeg Arena	2023	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	TD Place
1992	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Olympic Eisstadion	2024	Schaffhausen, Switzerland	KSS Sports Complex
1993	Geneva, Switzerland	Patinoire des Vernets	2025	Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan	Temple Gardens Centre

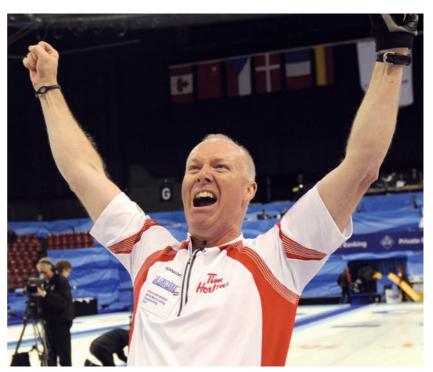




- 12 Sweden in 1973, '77, '97, 2001, '04, '13, '15, '18, '19, '21, '22, '24
- 6 Scotland in 1967, '91, '99, 2006, '09, '23
- 4 Norway in 1979, '84, '88 2014
- 4 United States in 1965, '74, '76, '78
- 3 Switzerland in 1975, '81, '92

### Top world men's records

- 13-0 Brad Gushue of Canada in 2017
- 13-1 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2018
- 13-1 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2019
- 13-1 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2024
- 13-2 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2021
- 12-1 Glenn Howard of Canada in 2007
- 12-1 Jeff Stoughton of Canada in 2011
- 12-1 Glenn Howard of Canada in 2012
- 12-1 Thomas Ulsrud of Norway in 2014
- 12-1 Kevin Koe of Canada in 2016
- 12-2 Kevin Martin of Canada in 2008
- 12-2 Bruce Mouat of Scotland in 2018
- 12-2 Bruce Mouat of Scotland in 2023
- 12-2 Yannick Schwaller of Switzerland in 2023
- 12-3 Randy Ferbey of Canada in 2005
- 11-0 Kerry Burtnyk of Canada in 1995
- 11-2 Kevin Koe of Canada in 2010
- 11-2 Thomas Ulsrud of Norway in 2015
- 11-3 David Murdoch of Scotland in 2006
- 11-3 Kevin Martin of Canada in 2009
- 11-3 Torger Nergård of Norway in 2010
- 11-3 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2015
- 11-3 Pat Simmons of Canada in 2015
- 11-3 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2022
- 11-3 Brad Gushue of Canada in 2022
- 11-3 Brad Gushue of Canada in 2024
- 11-4 Brad Gushue of Canada in 2018
- 11-4 Kevin Koe of Canada in 2019
- 11-4 Sergey Glukhov of RCF in 2021
- 11-4 Brad Gushue of Canada in 2023
- 11-4 Bruce Mouat of Scotland in 2024
- 11-5 Bruce Mouat of Scotland in 2021
- 11-6 Peter de Cruz of Switzerland in 2021
- 10-0 Rick Folk of Canada in 1980
- 10-1 Harvey Mazinke of Canada in 1973
- 10-1 Bruce Roberts of the United States in 1976
- 10-1 Ragnar Kamp of Sweden in 1977
- 10-1 Ed Werenich of Canada in 1983
- 10-1 David Smith of Scotland in 1986
- 10-1 Pat Ryan of Canada in 1988
- 10-1 Kevin Martin of Canada in 1991
- 10-1 Rick Folk of Canada in 1994
- 10-1 Jeff Stoughton of Canada in 1996
- 10-1 Wayne Middaugh of Canada in 1998
- 10-1 Greg McAulay of Canada in 2000
- 10-1 Randy Ferbey of Canada in 2003
- 10-1 Mark Dacey of Canada in 2004
- 10-3 David Murdoch of Scotland in 2009
- 10-3 Magnus Ramsfiell of Norway in 2023 10-4 — Warwick Smith of Scotland in 2010
- 10-4 Tom Brewster of Scotland in 2011
- 10-4 Niklas Edin of Sweden in 2017
- 10-4 Peter de Cruz of Switzerland in 2017
- 10-4 John Shuster of the United States in 2016
- 10-4 Peter de Cruz of Switzerland in 2019
- 10-4 John Shuster of the United States in 2021
- 10-5 Sebastian Kraupp of Sweden in 2012 10-5 - Oskar Eriksson of Sweden in 2014
- 10-5 Yuta Matsumura of Japan in 2019
- 10-5 Joel Retornaz of Italy in 2022
- 10-5 Joel Retornaz of Italy in 2024
- 10-6 Andy Kapp of Germany in 2007



Canada's Glenn Howard is one of the country's most decorated curlers, winning four world titles, twice while playing third for his brother, Russ Howard, and twice as a skip.

### Aggregate win-loss percentages (including playoffs)

		WINS	LOSSES	PERCENTAG
Canada (1959 to p	resent)	570	137	.806
RCF (2021)		11	4	.733
Scotland (1959 to	present)	397	265	.600
Sweden (1962 to p	resent)	382	259	.590
Norway (1964 to p	resent)	339	278	.549
United States (196	1 to present)	350	297	.541
Switzerland (1964	to present)	335	286	.539
Finland (1985 to p	resent)	87	115	.431
Germany (1967 to	present)	215	325	.398
China (2008 to pre	esent)	53	85	.384
Japan (2000 to pre	esent)	64	109	.370
Italy (1973 to pres	ent)	105	180	.368
Denmark (1973 to	present)	146	274	.357
Czechia (2008 to p	resent)	40	73	.354
Australia (1992 to	present)	35	72	.327
France (1966 to pr	resent)		93	208
.309				
Netherlands (1994		22	59	.272
England (1987 to	,	12	34	.261
New Zealand (199		18	56	.243
Russia (2013-202)	*	18	61	.229
Wales (1995 to pre	•	2	7	.222
South Korea (2003	. ,	26	92	.220
Turkey (2023 to pr	,	2	10	.167
Ireland (2006 to p	•	1	10	.091
Austria (1985 to p	resent)	1	26	.037

### Championships hosted (including 2025)

Canada	27
Scotland	12
United States	9
Switzerland	9
Germany	4
Sweden	3
China	1
France	1
Italy	1

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### POINTSBET INVITATIONAL

September	25 to 29	2024	Calgary
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Sweep 16	Wed. Sept. 25	3 p.m.
Sweep 16	Wed. Sept. 25	8 p.m.
Sweep 16	Thurs. Sept. 26	3 p.m.
Sweep 16	Thurs. Sept. 26	8 p.m.
Elite 8	Fri. Sept. 27	3 p.m.
Elite 8	Fri. Sept. 27	10 p.m.
Final 4	Sat. Sept. 28	3 p.m.
Final 4	Sat. Sept. 28	10 p.m.
Women's Final	Sun. Sept. 29	Noon
Men's Final	Sun. Sept. 29	5 p.m.

### **SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS**

February I	uary 14 to 23, 2025 Thunder Bay, Ont.			
Draw 1		Fri. Feb. 14	7 p.m.	
Draw 2		Sat. Feb. 15	2 p.m.	
Draw 3		Sat. Feb. 15	7 p.m.	
Draw 4		Sun. Feb. 16	9 a.m.	
Draw 5		Sun. Feb. 16	2 p.m.	
Draw 6		Sun. Feb. 16	7 p.m.	
Draw 7		Mon. Feb. 17	9 a.m.	
Draw 8		Mon. Feb. 17	2 p.m.	
Draw 9		Mon. Feb. 17	7 p.m.	
Draw 10		Tues. Feb. 18	9 a.m.	
Draw 11		Tues. Feb. 18	2 p.m.	
Draw 12		Tues. Feb. 18	7 p.m.	
Draw 13		Wed. Feb. 19	9 a.m.	
Draw 14		Wed. Feb. 19	2 p.m.	
Draw 15		Wed. Feb. 19	7 p.m.	
Draw 16		Thurs. Feb. 20	9 a.m.	
Draw 17		Thurs. Feb. 20	2 p.m.	
Draw 18		Thurs. Feb. 20	7 p.m.	
Page Quali	ifiers	Fri. Feb. 21	1 p.m.	
Page Quali	ifiers	Fri. Feb. 21	7 p.m.	
Page 3v4		Sat. Feb. 22	1 p.m.	
Page 1v2		Sat. Feb. 22	7 p.m.	
Semifinal		Sun. Feb. 23	1 p.m.	
Final		Sun. Feb. 23	7 p.m.	

### **MONTANA'S BRIER**

### February 28 to March 9, 2025 Kelowna, B.C.

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Draw 1	Fri. Feb. 28	9:30 p.m.
Draw 2	Sat. March 1	4:30 p.m.
Draw 3	Sat. March 1	9:30 p.m.
Draw 4	Sun. March 2	11:30 a.m.
Draw 5	Sun. March 2	4:30 p.m.
Draw 6	Sun. March 2	9:30 p.m.
Draw 7	Mon. March 3	11:30 a.m.
Draw 8	Mon. March 3	4:30 p.m.
Draw 9	Mon. March 3	9:30 p.m.
Draw 10	Tues. March 4	11:30 a.m.
Draw 11	Tues. March 4	4:30 p.m.
Draw 12	Tues. March 4	9:30 p.m.

Draw 13	Wed. March 5	11:30 a.m.
Draw 14	Wed. March 5	4:30 p.m.
Draw 15	Wed. March 5	9:30 p.m.
Draw 16	Thurs. March 6	11:30 a.m.
Draw 17	Thurs. March 6	4:30 p.m.
Draw 18	Thurs. March 6	9:30 p.m.
Page Qualifiers	Fri. March 7	3:30 p.m.
Page Qualifiers	Fri. March 7	9:30 p.m.
Page 3v4	Sat. March 8	3:30 p.m.
Page 1v2	Sat. March 8	9:30 p.m.
Semifinal	Sun. March 9	2 p.m.
Final	Sun. March 9	8 p.m.

### LGT WORLD WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

### March 15 to 23, 2025 \ Uijeongbu, South Korea

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Draw 1	Sat. March 15	1 a.m.
Draw 2	Sat. March 15	6 a.m.
Draw 4	Sun. March 16	1 a.m.
Draw 7	Mon. March 17	1 a.m.
Draw 9	Mon. March 17	8 p.m.
Draw 11	Tues. March 18	6 a.m.
Draw 12	Tues. March 18	8 p.m.
Draw 14	Wed. March 19	6 a.m.
Draw 15	Wed. March 19	8 p.m.
Draw 17	Thurs. March 20	6 a.m.
Draw 19	Fri. March 21	1 a.m.
Draw 20	Fri. March 21	6 a.m.
<b>Playoff Qualifiers</b>	Fri. March 21	9 p.m.
Semifinals	Sat. March 22	3 a.m.
<b>Bronze-medal Game</b>	Sat. March 22	9 p.m.
<b>Gold-medal Game</b>	Sun. March 23	3 a.m.

### **BKT WORLD MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

### March 29 to April 6, 2025 Moose Jaw, Sask.

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Draw 1	Sat. March 29	4 p.m.
Draw 2	Sat. March 29	9 p.m.
Draw 4	Sun. March 30	4 p.m.
Draw 7	Mon. March 31	4 p.m.
Draw 9	Tues. April 1	11 a.m.
Draw 11	Tues. April 1	9 p.m.
Draw 12	Wed. April 2	11 a.m.
Draw 14	Wed. April 2	9 p.m.
Draw 15	Thurs. April 3	11 a.m.
Draw 17	Thurs. April 3	9 p.m.
Draw 19	Fri. April 4	4 p.m.
Draw 20	Fri. April 4	9 p.m.
Playoff Qualifiers	Sat. April 5	11 a.m.
Semifinals	Sat. April 5	5 p.m.
Bronze-medal Game	Sun. April 6	11 a.m.
Gold-medal Game	Sun. April 6	5 p.m.

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