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Gushue for two

Newfoundland/Labrador skipper Brad Gushue and his St. John's crew got off to a great start Saturday, and leads the field at 2-0.

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First marquee tilt: Stoughton

BY JIM MORRIS

The Heart Chart

The first heavyweight battle was a beauty.

In a game that could determine who finishes first in the round robin, home-town favourite Kevin Martin went toe-to-toe with Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton in Saturday evening's main event during the opening day of the Tim Hortons Brier, presented by Monsanto.

It was a punch that failed to land that finally decided the bout in an extra end. Martin was attempting a raise when his rock picked. That allowed Stoughton to steal a point and a 5-4 win.

"We had a couple of chances early on, they had a couple of chances," said Stoughton, the 2011 world champion. "It was one of those games where you know there was going to be some misses on both sides.

"It was the type of game we thought it would end up to be, really close and a miss here and there. Fortunately he missed his last one."

Martin, who was loudly cheered by the Rexall Place crowd all night, was frustrated after the loss.

"Jeff didn't miss anything he had to make," said the Edmonton skip who is looking for his record fifth Brier win. "We were a little unlucky. We were in trouble at that point.

"You hate to give one away. It's a long week. That's not the end of the world but we do have to come back and win a couple tomorrow. We have to play a little better."

In other evening games defending champion Glenn Howard of Ontario survived an early scare from B.C.'s Andrew Bilesky for a 8-4 victory while Jamie Koe of the NWT/Yukon won his first game of the week with a 10-7 decision against James Gratton of New Brunswick.

Brad Gushue and his young rink from Newfoundland/Labrador is off to a quick start, winning both their games. Gushue beat Nova Scotia's Paul Flemming 10-2 in the afternoon then scored an 8-3 win over Eddie MacKenzie of P.E.I. in the evening.

"We played good today," said Gushue, the 2006 Olympic gold medallist. "Both teams we played, I don't think played real sharp, but we played solid.

"We put on a lot of pressure and played pretty aggressively."

Howard trailed Bilesky 3-0 at one point. He battled back with three in the third, then stole points in the next two ends.

"They played better than us in the first few ends," said the defending world champion. "We came back, got a couple of misses out of them early, then we got the three. I think we played pretty solid after that.

It was a great way to kick off Howard's record 15th Brier appearance.

"I'm just as giddy being here as my first one," said the 50-year-old, who is the oldest skip in this year's event. "I really love to play the game and have fun with my buddies."

After two draws Newfoundland/Labrador lead the standings a 2-0. Northern Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario are 1-0. Sitting alone at 1-1 is the NWT/Territories. Alberta, Nova Scotia and B.C. are 0-1. New Brunswick and P.E.I. are 0-2.

During the afternoon draw Gushue snapped a 2-2 tie by scoring five in the sixth end, then stealing three in the seventh



Jeff Stoughton managed to steal a big game from Kevin Martin Saturday night.

for the 10-2 spanking of Nova Scotia.

Gushue made no apologies for the lopsided score.

"I've been on the other side of that," he said. "I don't feel sorry for them.

"When you are out there, you are there to win and score as many points as possible. You hate to see somebody struggle but you take any sympathy, you could give up three."

In other opening-draw games Brock Virtue of Saskatchewan needed an extra end to defeat P.E.I. 4-3, Jean-Michel Menard of Quebec used a lost-rock draw to beat New Brunswick 5-4 and Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario scored a 11-6 victory against the NWT/Yukon.

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Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs (back) and Territories' Jamie Koe both got in the win column Saturday.

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Virtue and MacKenzie played a cat-and-mouse game that featured five bank ends. The Saskatchewan team took a 3-1 lead into the 10th, but Virtue missed a raise takeout, allowing MacKenzie to tie the match with a deuce.

In the extra end, facing four New Brunswick rocks, Virtue made a last-rock draw to the four-foot ring for the win.

"It was a really exciting way to finish it," said the former world junior champion who is making his Brier debut.

"I was more frustrated with my shot making that game. I missed a lot of shots that I really shouldn't have. It was lots of figuring out the ice and trying to work with brand new stones. It's all coming together now. I'm sure during the week it will get better and better for us."

Menard, the 2006 Brier champion, scored three in the fourth end and led Grattan 4-1 after seven ends. Grattan refused to give up and scored one in the eighth then stole two in the ninth to tie the game 4-4.

Menard won by drawing the button with his last shot in 10.

"I missed a shot that was quite easy in the ninth end to put ourselves in a little trouble," said the skip from the Etchemin Curling Club. "I was happy to have a decent shot to win the game. It was a confidence builder for us."

Jacobs was happy to start the week with a victory.

"It's really important to get out of the gate with a win," he said. "You don't want to come and lose. It doesn't make the team feel good."

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HOW THEY GOT HERE: NOVA SCOTIA

Good Alberta karma for Bluenosers



Paul Flemming

The Labatt suds people shipped Bluenose skip Shawn Adams off to Newfoundland last year but that didn't mean seafood restaurateur Paul Flemming of Halifax, who'd played third for Adams eight straight winters, was going to call it a curling career.

Flemming just recruited a new last-rock specialist, trotted back to the teehead, and directed his new team to his sixth Nova Scotia title last month and his third Edmonton Brier.

The last time he was in Edmonton, his team with Adams directing traffic, came within a wet noodle of the Brier title, losing to Randy Ferbey in a tight final in which Ferbey locked up his fourth skipping crown in five years and his record sixth championship overall.

"It was a great feeling going back to Edmonton where we had a great performance in 1999," Flemming said of the shindig attended by more patrons than any in Brier history.

In his previous Edmonton incarnation, all Flemming achieved was an all-star skipping citation following a 7-5 record.

"Edmonton is undoubtedly the best venue with the most knowledgeable and appreciative fans in the country," the 44-year-old Flemming opined later.

"We were extremely comfortable going into the '05 Brier but, unfortunately our Edmonton native at lead, Kelly Mittelstadt, came down with a nasty flu bug two days before the event started. He missed the opening banquet, the Hot Shots competition and the first three round-robin games. Kelly finally got himself together and had an incredible week.

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"We won at least a game every day and ended up at 8-3, knocking off Brad Gushue, Jean-Michel Menard and Wayne Middaugh along the way.

"The ice conditions were amazing. The crowds were fantastic. And Ferbey managed the scoreboard so well against us in the final and had hammer coming home. Dave Nedohin made no mistake with his final draw for the win and the better team won. We were relaxed out there and really enjoyed that game. Having fun took the pressure off and we had no regrets.

"Hey, we were almost Brier champs. It was a memorable ride and I will cherish it forever."

A bad knee and a back that isn't much better deprives long, tall Flemming of much meaningful sweeping nowadays. Hence Flemming recruited 2010 skip Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc, who was 3-8 in a difficult rookie Brier assignment in his hometown, to toss the last rocks. Rookie Graham Breckon joined at second and Mittelstadt remained at lead.

"We've had a good season . . . but at one point my knee was so bad because of cysts, meniscus tears and inflammation, I almost quit. But after two cortisone shots, rest and strengthening, I was able to compete again just in time for the playdowns."

The Lower Sackville team deprived last year's rookie, Jamie Murphy, of his second straight Brier trip. The differences in the provincial final last month at Truro were two three-enders Flemming engineered early in

the piece for a 6-1 lead after four ends. That handed him control even though Murphy battled back to square the account heading into the final exchange without last rock which, as it turned out, wasn't required, anyway.

It was come-from-behind from the start for the Flemming crew which lost its first two outings — 6-3 to Shea Steele of Halifax and 10-4 to Mark Dacey, the last Bluenoser to win a Brier.

But the eventual champs won six of seven games thereafter in a field nobody was destined to dominate.

"We controlled the first half of the final game, but a strong team like that, they certainly don't roll over," Flemming said following the win. "We finished it off strong. We had a solid ninth and a solid 10th. We put the rocks in really good positions, especially in the 10th and left him (Murphy) barely anything on his last one. So I'm really proud of our guys to get our emotions in check in the last two ends."

Flemming made a double-takeout and Fitzner-LeBlanc a nose hit to have three rocks counting, and one protected, in the final exchange. With no option to draw, Murphy tried to raise a corner guard to the side of the button, a near impossible shot that failed to come off.

A two-time national mixed champion skip, Flemming bossed the show at his first Brier in 1998 where he finished 5-6.

"That wasn't too bad considering it was our first time on arena ice," Flemming recalled. "But I remember playing Wayne

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—Paul Flemming

Middaugh in our second game. We were sitting three on the tee-line halfway through the end and next thing I knew he had an open draw for five."

The experience paid certain dividends in '99.

"I had to draw to a piece of the button with last rock to win the province and the front end put it right where we needed it," said Flemming.

"We had a great Brier week and finished the round robin with a 7-4 record and earned a tiebreaker against Russ Howard, who was playing for New Brunswick. We lost the game but that Brier put us on the map and we knew at that point we could compete against these guys."

Nevertheless, Flemming stepped back to play third for Mark Dacey, was 6-5 at the 2001 Brier, then set out on his own with no success until Adams came calling.

The pair didn't get back to the Brier until 2011 at London and the old magic was long gone. The record was 5-6 again.

Murphy owned the eight-team round-robin prelims at Truro with a 6-1 record which included a 7-2 waxing of Flem-

ming in the sixth round. Flemming was 4-3 along with former winners Dacey, and Alan O'Leary of Halifax and Peter Burgess of Truro.

Dacey drubbed O'Leary 8-2 in a tiebreaker and Burgess 8-5 in the Page Three-Four scuffle.

Flemming avenged the earlier loss to Murphy by stealing a pair of deuces in an 8-6 Page One-Two scuffle. But Murphy wasn't through. He bounced back with two four-enders en route to a 10-6 semi-final conquest of Dacey.

Flemming wound up 6-3, Murphy 7-3, Dacey 6-4, Burgess and O'Leary 4-4. At 2-5 were Steele and Halifax clubmates Ian Juurlink and Chad Stevens.

CCA announces HOF, volunteer honours

Two history-making players have been inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame, while three longtime curling boosters have been honoured with major awards, the Canadian Curling Association announced last week.

Cathy King of Edmonton and Sonja Gaudet of Vernon, B.C., are the 2013 Hall of Fame inductees, while Dianne Barker of Kamloops, B.C., has won the Ray Kingsmith Award for commitment and dedication to curling, Samantha Stouffer of Brantford, Ont., has been named Volunteer of the Year, and Pat Bibby of Prince Albert, Sask., has won the CCA Award of Achievement.

King and Gaudet will receive their awards during the CCA's annual meetings in June; Stouffer will be honoured at the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier in Edmonton; and Barker and Bibby will be recognized by their respective Member Associations for their achievements.

Here's a closer look at the 2013 Award Winners.

Cathy King (Hall of Fame)

King made history in 2012 by becoming the first skip to win Canadian curling championships at the junior (back to back in 1977 and 1978), women's (1998) and senior levels (2012). A bronze-medallist at the 1998 Ford World Women's Championship in Kamloops, B.C., King will once again wear the Maple Leaf on the international stage when she plays at

the 2013 World Senior Women's Championship, April 13-20 in Fredericton, N.B.

"I was pretty shocked to hear about this," said King, who played in seven Scotties Tournament of Hearts, collecting gold in 1998 at Regina, and placing second a year later at Charlottetown. She also earned a silver medal in 1995 at Calgary. "I thought maybe at some point I might be recognized, but I didn't think it would be this soon, so it was really a nice surprise. The only thing I feel kind of strange about is that it's not really an individual sport. I have to thank all the players who helped me to win this award because I couldn't do it by myself. It's all to do with them, too."

Sonja Gaudet (Hall of Fame)

Canada's most decorated wheelchair curler is showing no signs of slowing down. Gaudet has won gold medals at the past two Paralympic Winter Games, playing lead both times (in 2006 at Torino, Italy, with skip Chris Daw; in 2010 at Vancouver with skip Jim Armstrong).

As well, this past weekend in Sochi, Russia, Gaudet won her third world wheelchair curling championship gold medal. She also won gold in 2009 in Vancouver and 2011 in the Czech Republic, all with Armstrong as the skip.

"It totally comes as a surprise to me, for sure," said Gaudet. "I mean, I've been treated like royalty by the CCA from Day 1 and I've thoroughly enjoyed being an athlete on

the national wheelchair curling team. I am thrilled."

Gaudet becomes the first athlete inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame based on her wheelchair curling achievements (Armstrong also is a member, but was inducted prior to taking up wheelchair curling).

"Our sport has just moved forward in leaps and bounds," said Gaudet. "The gap between the grassroots and our level is nowhere near what it was a few years ago. The skill level of our sport and the awareness of our sport has just grown tremendously. And this honour is definitely an indication of that."

Dianne Barker (Ray Kingsmith Award)

Former CCA president Ray Kingsmith was a tireless worker on behalf of curling, and the same description can be applied to Barker.

She's a life member of the Kamloops Curling Club who's participated in curling as an athlete, as an administrator (she served on the boards of the CCA and CurlBC) and as an official, having worked countless national and international competitions, including in recent years being the chief umpire at the 2011 and 2012 world junior championships.

She was also the deputy chief of competition at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and will work as an on-ice official at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Samantha Stouffer (Volunteer of the Year)

Curling can't succeed without the commitment of its volunteers, and Stouffer embodies the spirit of giving back to the Roaring Game.

During the 2011-12 curling season, while attending university on a full-time basis, Stouffer embarked on a mission to create a program for children outside of a classroom setting.

The end result was called Field Trip Fridays. The program introduced curling to students in Grades 2-8 at a cost of just \$2 per student. She held classroom sessions with the students to teach them the sport, and then put them on the ice at the Paris Curling Club to give them hands-on-experience. It proved wildly popular as 942 students took part. The second year of the program was immediately filled with no advertising required.

Pat Bibby (Award of Achievement)

The CCA Award of Achievement recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly in one of four areas: builder, technical development, marketing and media.

Bibby has been a longtime volunteer for the Saskatchewan Curling Association, and has been an active player, coach, instructor and official. She has been an instructor at the SCA's Prairieland Curling Summer Camp since 1995. A member of the Prince Albert Sports Hall of Fame, Bibby was the vice-chair of the 2008 Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Curling Championships host committee.

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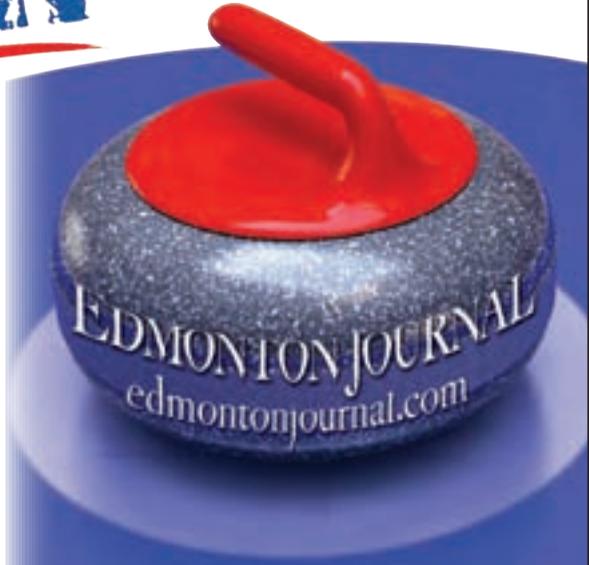

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Quebec skip Jean-Michel Menard got off to a 1-0 start in Edmonton, beating New Brunswick in Draw 1. Menard won the Brier in 2006.

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HOW THEY GOT HERE: B.C.

Left coasters an all-rookie production

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It's rare when you find only one all-rookie batting order lining up to compete at the Tim Hortons Brier.

Just one!

Like, four rookies on the same provincial champ.

But Lotusland has sent just such greenery to the Edmonton Brier. In fact, Andrew Bilesky's outfit from New Westminster constitutes the province's ninth different outfit in the last 10 Briers. The province has unveiled a dozen different skips in the last 15 go-rounds.

Ironically, this team has two of those skips — Sean Geall (alternate) and Dean Joanisse (coach) — playing supporting roles.

Nothing, it seems, is certain in B.C. men's curling. Compared to just about every other province, some of which are sending skips to the Brier for the 12th time, the 10th time and/or the eighth straight time.

So, in the immortal words of Butch and Sundance, "who are those guys"?

"I wouldn't say that we are intimidated with all the big names and players that have so much experience in the Brier this year," the 29-year-old Bilesky, an aircraft avionics technician who started curling when he was nine years old, he said.

"It's more that we are so excited and honoured to play in such a high-class event with the best teams in the world.

"We just recently said to ourselves that we are probably one of the youngest teams in B.C. to get to the Brier in a very long time. Maybe



Bilesky

ever. We recognize that we could be one of those teams that, if we stick it out together for the long haul, we would be the team to beat in British Columbia.

"The consistency in B.C. has not been anywhere near the other provinces. Maybe part of the problem is the amount of team changes that happen with only a couple of teams sticking it out together for more than two seasons.

"Our team would like to change that. We're a pretty strong team and, most importantly,

we have lots of fun.

"We all live in the Greater Vancouver area and decided to form a bit of a younger team two years ago to stick together for a few years. We wanted to see how far we can take it.

"Our goal was to get to the Brier."

And, wow, this team attained that goal in short order.

A 7-4 final-game winner over comparative veteran and former (2000) world champion Brent Pierce, a Royal City clubmate for whom Bilesky used to play third, the new champ is backed by 24-year-old third Steve Kopf, 24-year-old second Derek Errington and 34-year-old lead Aaron Watson, formerly of Edmonton.

"It's awesome," Bilesky said after the win. "The whole game you try not to think of the outcome. The team played awesome and shot well all week. We worked hard all year for this."

Bilesky (2001, skip, 5-7) and Errington (2007, third, 5-7 and 2009, third, 6-6) have experience at the national junior level. And the skip claims his group has averaged about 11 grand in winnings the last two years on the B.C., bonspiel trail. It's most prestigious showing? A runnerup placing to Kevin Martin at the home club 'spiel in October.

British Columbia doesn't boast one of the better provincial formats around. It's a 16-team, straight triple-knockout in which the A winner sits around for more than 24 hours awaiting a Page playoff opponent.

Geall, the 2009 champ who won six of 11, reeled off four straight wins to claim that A berth. In the A final, Bilesky yielded a three-

spot and a four-spot in losing 9-4.

Pierce, who played third on Greg McAulay's world champ in 2000 — the last B.C. Brier winner, by the way — shaded Bilesky 7-6 in the B final.

In the last-chance C division, Bilesky and Kimberley's Tom Buchy emerged, with Bilesky sidelining defending champion Jim Cotter of Kelowna 7-4 to qualify for playoffs and Buchy 8-3 in the quarter-final.

Pierce doubled Geall 8-4 in the One-Two playoff, then Bilesky ousted Geall 7-4 in the semi before jumping into a 3-0 lead by way of steals in the final. The winners led 5-1 after six with half the points heisted, and cruising to the final conquest of Pierce.

"We're coming off ice conditions at our provincials in Parksville which, we're told, will be very similar to what is expected at Rex-all Place," said Bilesky. "That really helps in preparation and experience. We hope to play well, continue to learn by playing the best team from each of the provinces."

Bilesky finished 8-2 while Pierce was 6-2, Geall was 4-2 and Buchy 5-3.

Vernon's Trevor Perepolkin finished 4-3 while sawing off at 3-3 were Cotter, Neil Dangerfield of Victoria, Deane Horning of Castlegar and Jay Wakefield of New Westminster with Mike Johnson firing last boulders.

Up the track, Mark Longworth of Vernon was 2-3. Richard Brower of White Rock, Jason Montgomery of Victoria, Ken McArdle of New West and Joanisse of Abbotsford were 1-3. And Brent Yamada of Kamloops and Jason Tuson of Victoria were zip-for-3.

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HOW THEY GOT HERE: NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR

Brier title is focus for Gushue, crew

TANKARD TIMES

Mention The Rock and The Brier in the same breath and it comes out Brad Gushue.

That's because the 32-year-old Newfoundlander, now a frozen yogurt tycoon when he isn't tossing curling stones, has skipped Newfoundland/Labrador representatives in every Brier save one since 2003, right after he spent time winning the national and world junior championships.

That save-one Brier? Oh, that was in 2006. Gushue was too busy skipping Canada's men's curling representative — and winning gold — at the Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy.

Such achievements bring a bundle of plaudits, including having your name inscribed on street signs, highways, rec centres and other home-town locales of interest.

But Gushue still is in search of his first Tim Hortons Brier title and this will be campaign No. 10 in that regard. He should be in no hurry, of course. All the guys he's had trouble beating at previous Briers are getting long in the tooth. Gushue still has his sights on many a stat in the Brier record book and he has 18 years on Glenn Howard, 17 on Jeff Stoughton, the guy he beat to win the Oly trials in 2005, and 14 on Kevin Martin.

Now-retired Russ Howard owns the record for most Brier appearances as a skip (14) and most games as a skip (174). Gushue is four behind in appearances and 66 behind in games. Hence longevity and health appear to be the only problems facing the Newfie rocktossing in the foreseeable future.

Meantime, Gushue has gone about the unenviable task of annually rebuilding his team in order to play in an enviable location where the competition isn't exactly Olympian.

This time around, third Ryan Fry has departed The Rock and former Canadian junior champion skip Brett Gallant, 23, from Spud Island has moved in to throw third rocks with Adam Casey, another 23-year-old Islander and Gallant title-winning teammate, playing second, and Alberta transplant Geoff (Texas Ranger) Walker, 27, returning at lead.

Walker renders this outfit an all-champion unit from junior days. He played third for skip Charley Thomas in 2006 when that worthy won his first of two national baubles.

"Brett is going to be a real good one," says Gushue. "He has a great mentality for the game. He has a great attitude. He's going to become one of the top players in the game. Adam's a thinker. He's a guy you turn to in order to think through situations. And Geoff has improved so much since last year. In the last few events, his statistics have been right up there. He's evolving into one of the best in the country."

Gushue's past Brier records: 6-5 in 2003, 8-4 in 2004, 6-5 in 2005, 9-4 and runner-up to Howard in 2007, 7-5 in 2008, 8-4 in 2009, 8-4 in 2010, 10-4 and the bronze winner at Martin's expense in 2011 and, in 2012 at Saskatoon, his first-ever losing record, 5-6.

"For the other guys, it's the Olympics," Gushue admitted. "For me it's the Brier. I've already won the gold medal at the Olympics. I haven't won the Brier. Don't get me wrong, we're going to go hard to try to be in the Olympics again, too."

Gushue figures he's close on the Canadian Team Ranking System scale. With the likes of Martin, Stoughton, Howard and Kevin Koe already locked for the eight-team Trials at Winnipeg in December and six getting direct berths, only four other teams rank in front of the Newfoundlanders.



Brad Gushue

All of which means a top-four finish at the Brier would be of immense assistance.

But, like he says, the Brier is Job One.

"My goal isn't to end up with the record for the number of Briers I played in during my career, it's to win Briers," Gushue said.

"I know it's skewered when it comes to a province like Alberta, where you have Kevin Martin and Kevin Koe and all those other competitive teams. On the other hand, I don't think people totally understand how I had to learn my lessons at the national level while guys from provinces like Alberta and Manitoba learned theirs at the provincial level. The first few Briers I went to, while I had winning records, I didn't really have a chance to win. I was good, but I wasn't good enough to beat Randy Ferbey in a final.

"My goal isn't to get to another 10 or 20 Briers. I'd rather go to another 12 and win two than go to another 22 and win none.

"The thing with me is that I love the game and I love to compete to be the best.

"My goal is to be able to get to the Brier with a chance to knock on the door and get in the playoffs and break through and win."

Which, as the seventh-seeded skip in an eight-team '05 Olympic Trials, is exactly what he achieved.

Gushue had another of many undefeated runs through the eight-team Newfoundland Tankard last month, walloping

young Colin Thomas of St. John's 8-2 in the final after earlier parrying every thrust Thomas could muster in a fifth-round 7-5 victory.

Gushue also thumped the young Thomas 8-2 in the Page One-Two playoff, then awaited a final foe while Thomas defeated his father, Jeff, 8-5 in the semi-final.

Jeff Thomas reached that point by nailing a 10th-end deuce for a 7-6 tiebreaker victory over Andrew Symonds, also of the Newf capital.

The province owns only a single Brier title. That was engineered by Jack MacDuff's surprise unit at Regina in 1976.

Gushue's alternate a year ago was that team's vice-skip, Toby McDonald.

"That was four years before I was born," says Gushue. "But there are lots of people who were around then who still remember where they were when those guys won that Brier. And I heard a lot about it from Toby. I know how much it meant to them."

Gushue wrapped up his latest provincial title with a 9-3 record while Colin Thomas was 7-3, Jeff Thomas was 5-4 and Symonds was 5-3.

Up the track was defending Nova Scotia champion Shawn Adams who, over the off-season, was transferred to The Rock. Adams managed three wins in seven starts with a team team while Ken Peddigrew, the provincial champ when Gushue was away at the Olympics, finished 2-5.



The Party Line

your guide to what's goin' on



By Amy Moats

The 2013 Tim Hortons Brier got off to an exciting start Friday with Fan Appreciation Night, the official launch of The Original 16 Patch. Fans, athletes and sponsors alike experienced what will be Canada's Party Central for the week.

The kick-off party for the much-anticipated Canadian Men's Curling Championship included the official introductions of the athletes. Fans crowded the stage to get up close to their favourite curlers and cheered for each team with energy and enthusiasm. The hometown Kevin Martin squad, the last team to be introduced, received a standing ovation from the more than 3,000 in attendance.

"It was such a great experience walking up on that stage and seeing the crowd", said B.C. second Derek Errington as a first-time Brier competitor. Errington's mother, Holly Stang, was equally impressed with the number of people in attendance and the lively atmosphere. Errington's immediate

family, who have all travelled from out of province to watch him compete, are looking forward to returning to The Original 16 Patch throughout the week.

Sponsors in attendance were equally impressed with the atmosphere at the kick-off event. "There is a fun buzz in the air," stated Cathy Williams, Account Executive for CTV.

"The Patch serves as a homecoming for many curling fans", said Diana Langan of Flin Flon, Manitoba, who has been volunteering for curling events for over 20 years. "Everyone who comes to the Patch is so friendly. It's a fun atmosphere and I love meeting people from coast to coast to coast."

"It's the biggest party in Alberta! It's where you make new friends and see old friends," explained Stuart Brown, who along with Jungle Jim Jerome, will host the celebrations in The Original 16 Patch throughout the week.



Shane Chisholm, a three-time Canadian Country Music Association award-winner, takes the stage tonight in the Patch. Evolving as a tour de force on the country music scene, the bright young talent has shared his passion for music in performances around the world.

As well as writing, producing and performing some of the best tunes around, the native of Claresholm, Alberta also crafts his own musical instruments. The latest addition to the collection is the "Tank" – an upright bass created from a Chevy Astro gas tank that earned the 2010 CCMA award for Special Instrument of the Year.

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club cool shots champs crowned

Dan Sherrard and Scott McClements played their way to the Club Cool Shots Championship, winning the \$500 grand prize. They also picked up a \$2,000 cheque that will go to the Ellerslie and Crestwood Curling Clubs.

The action on the tables continues all week with the daily Cool Shots competition for the fans. Sign up for free and take your shot at the daily cash prize and the chance to qualify for the finals on championship weekend.

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Tomorrow – 5 p.m. Teams Alberta & British Columbia
Tuesday – 5 p.m. Team New Brunswick



up close and personal

Today – 5 p.m.
Former Alberta Champions



The entire Randy Ferbey team, champions of the last Brier held in Edmonton in 2005, will be sitting down in the Purple Heart Lounge for a colourful conversation with the fans. Ferbey, along with Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer and Marcel Rocque will be joined by former Alberta Brier champs Dan Petryk, Don Walchuk, Don Bartlett, Pat Ryan, Rudy Ramcharan and Don McKenzie.

Tomorrow – 5 p.m. Teams Manitoba & Ontario
Tuesday – 5:30 p.m. Team Newfoundland/Labrador

50/50 draws

Win big cash just by purchasing a 50/50 ticket available during every draw at the Tim Hortons Brier! It's an electronic system so you can watch the prize grow while you enjoy the excitement on the ice. The lucky winners will be featured each day right here in the Party Line.



Today's junior stars

The Junior Stars program provides 24 young curlers from local clubs with a first-hand experience of championship curling during the Brier.

Junior Stars receive a ticket for themselves and two guests, a commemorative jacket, a 2013 Tim Hortons Brier event pin and souvenir program, a photo with their team and introduction during a pre-game ceremony.

1:30 pm Draw
Team Saskatchewan
Olivia Sieben
Iain Wardell

6:30 p.m. Draw
Team British Columbia
Quinn Prodaniuk
Brady Pritchard

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Every Picture Tells a Story

A legacy project will be underway featuring paintings of the Brier that are created each day. You can view the gallery on the north concourse of Rexall Place. The works of art will be up for auction Saturday, March 9 in The Original 16 Patch.



THE STATISTICAL STORY

Media Report - Statistical Report for Draw 1

		Game Scores for Draw 1												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL	
A	NO (Jacobs)	0	2	1	0	1	0	3	0	4	X	11	09:18	
	NT/YT (Koe)	*1	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	X	6	07:22	
B	NB (Grattan)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	06:40	
	QC (Menard)	*0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	04:32	
C	NS (Flemming)	*1	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	X	X	2	13:09	
	NL (Gushue)	0	0	2	0	0	5	3	X	X	X	10	13:52	
D	SK (Virtue)	*0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	00:55
	PEI (MacKenzie)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	01:21

*last rock advantage

Media Report - Statistical Report for Draw 2

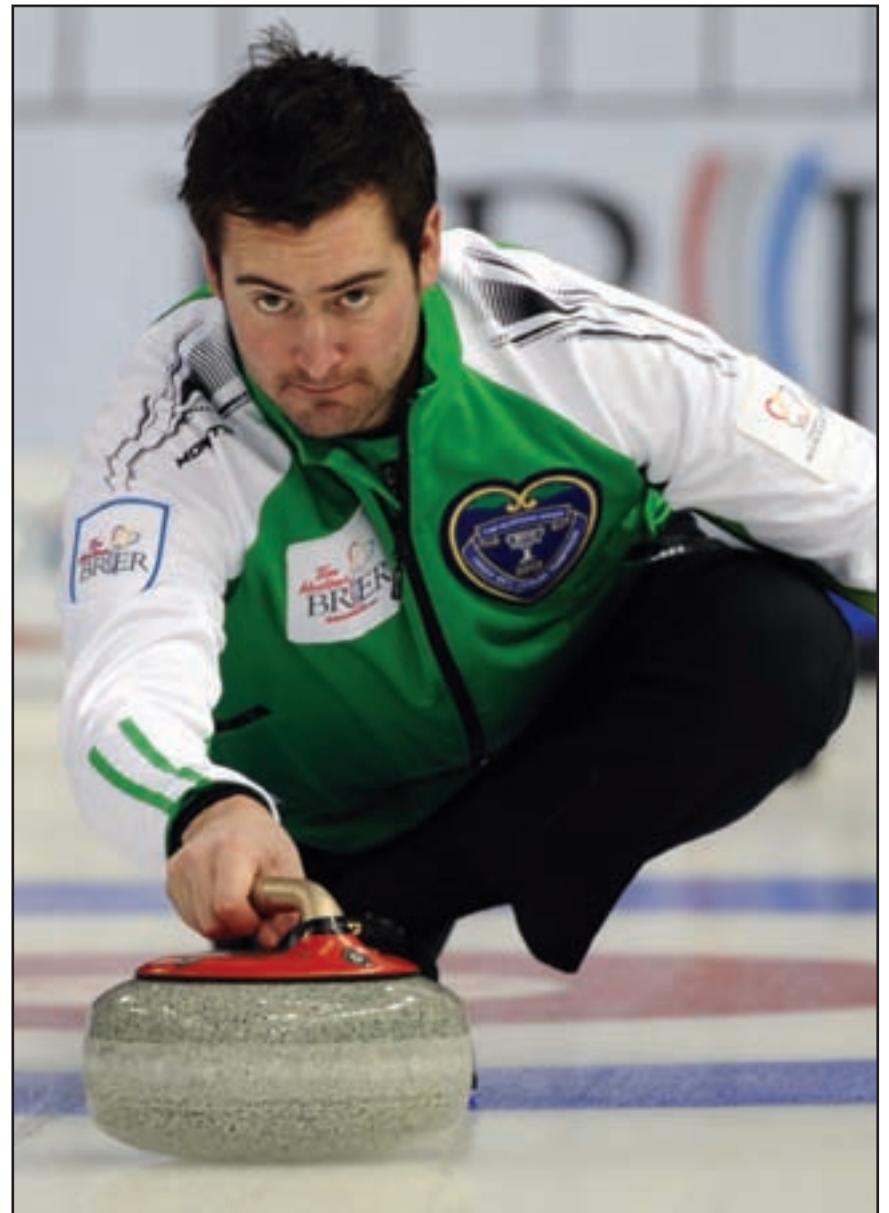
		Game Scores for Draw 2												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL	
A	NL (Gushue)	2	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	X	X	8	09:58	
	PEI (MacKenzie)	*0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	X	X	3	09:28	
B	AB (Martin)	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	02:04
	MB (Stoughton)	*0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	01:01
C	NT/YT (Koe)	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	X	10	08:14	
	NB (Grattan)	*1	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	X	7	04:50	
D	ON (Howard)	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	2	1	X	8	09:02	
	BC (Bilesky)	*2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	4	06:04	

*last rock advantage

Team Standings After 2 Draw(s)

Team	Wins	Losses	Future Games		
			3	4	5
NL (Gushue)	2	0	--	SK	NB
NO (Jacobs)	1	0	BC	PE	--
QC (Menard)	1	0	AB	NT	--
SK (Virtue)	1	0	ON	NL	--
MB (Stoughton)	1	0	NS	--	ON
ON (Howard)	1	0	SK	--	MB
NT/YT (Koe)	1	1	--	QC	PE
AB (Martin)	0	1	QC	--	BC
NS (Flemming)	0	1	MB	NB	--
BC (Bilesky)	0	1	NO	--	AB
NB (Grattan)	0	2	--	NS	NL
PEI (MacKenzie)	0	2	--	NO	NT

Saskatchewan skip Brock Virtue won his first start as a skip at the Brier, over P.E.I.



Ford Hot Shots: Kennedy on the Marc

BY JIM MORRIS
Tankard Times

Even without practise Marc Kennedy was good enough to win top prize in the Ford Hot Shots at the Tim Hortons Brier Saturday.

Kennedy made a near perfect double takeout with his last rock to edge Wayne Middaugh 22-21 in the curling skills competition.

“I was thinking how dumb we were not to practise the double in our practise,” said Kennedy, the second on Kevin Martin’s Alberta rink. “Neither one of us threw the double and it always comes down to it.

“I was thinking throw it hard and straight and see what happens.”

Middaugh, the third on Glenn Howard’s defending Brier champion rink from Ontario, held a slim one-point lead heading into the final round of the competition. He made the takeout but his rock rolled to the back of the house, scoring two points.

Kennedy also was good on the takeout but his rock stuck in the four-foot ring, scoring four points.

“To know exactly what I needed with my last (rock) probably helped me throw it a little bit better,” said Kennedy.

“It was a lot more fun than I expected.”

Middaugh won last year’s Hot Shots and Ontario players had claimed the title the last four years.

“The boys were putting pressure on me saying

we have to keep the Ontario streak going,” he said.

“Any time you are playing against the best players in the world it’s a ton of fun. This is what we live for.”

Kennedy won a two-year-lease on a 2013 Ford Fusion SE 2.0L, AWD with EcoBoost, an approximate retail value of \$14,000.

Middaugh earned \$2,000 while Brett Gallant, the third on the Newfoundland & Labrador rink, collected \$1,000 for finishing third.

During the Hot Shots competition curlers throw six different shots. There’s a hit and stay; draw the button; draw the port; a raise; hit and roll; and the double takeout.

Each shot is awarded points on a scale from zero to five depending on the result.

Rachel Homan, the Ontario skip who won the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, began her week by winning the Hot Shots. The 23-year-old from Ottawa defeated Sharon Cormier of the NWT/Yukon 23-11 in the final.

Eight curlers reached the finals after Friday’s preliminary round.

Saskatoon skip Brock Virtue, Manitoba third Jon Mead, Alberta third John Morris, and Quebec second Eric Sylvian were eliminated in the first round Saturday.

In the semifinals, Gallant had 20 points edging Sean Ledgerwood, the lead from P.E.I., who had 18.

Middaugh beat teammate Craig Savill 17-15 to win the Hot Shots at last year’s Brier in Saskatoon.

Marc Kennedy celebrates winning the Ford Hot Shots title in Edmonton.



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Name the provinces/territories that never have produced a Brier winner.

1. A Nova Scotia team won the very first Brier. Which province won the next five, six of the next seven and 10 of the next 16?
2. Who skipped Saskatchewan's first Brier winner?
3. It was played where and in what year?
4. What was the winning team's record?
5. Who skipped an Alberta Brier victory in

1941?

6. Where was his team domiciled?
7. That Brier was played where?
8. Which province leads the league in runnerup finishes (silver medals) at the Brier.
9. How many silvers?
10. Which province leads the league in third-place finishes (bronze medals) at the Brier?
11. How many bronze medals?
12. How many silver and bronze medals have been claimed by Alberta teams?



6. Calgary.
7. Toronto
8. Ontario
9. 16 silver medals.
10. Saskatchewan
11. 13 bronze medals.
12. Alberta has won 15 silver medals and eight bronze medals at the Brier.

- (Answers)
 QoD: New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Territories.
 1. Manitoba
 2. Garnet Campbell
 3. Regina, 1955.
 4. 10 wins 0 losses.
 5. Howard Palmer.

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A LITTLE MORE FROM JIM MORRIS

What's the word on ice lingo?

There once was a time when curlers wore baggy sweaters, floppy hats and swept with corn brooms.

There also was a time when television couples slept in separate beds, music wasn't laced with profanities and few people thought the president of the United States would be an African American.

Times change. Usually for the better, sometimes not. Curling, like others sports and society itself, is dealing with changing attitudes and shifting views on what is proper or acceptable.

The recent ejection of Saskatchewan second Chris Schille during a match in the provincial playoffs for using bad language has raised questions over what is proper conduct in a modern context.

When Heather Nedohin famously muttered "sh.. balls" on live television after a miss it produced smiles. It also further pushed the limits of acceptability. There's a fine line between cute and obnoxious.

For his part Schille is contrite over what happened.

"It was an unfortunate incident for everybody involved," he said prior to Saturday's opening draw of the Tim Hortons Brier. "The whole provincial championships was affected by it."



Saskatchewan's Brock Virtue crew including second Chris Schille (pictured) comes into Edmonton this week looking to downplay the bad-boy image... at least a little.

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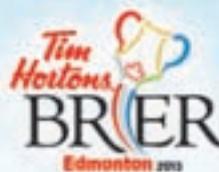


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“We’re happy it’s behind us and hopefully we’ll just move forward from it.”

Warren Hansen, director of event operations with the Canadian Curling Association, said Brier participants have been fined in the past for on-ice conduct. The infractions have ranged from language to breaking brooms.

“We expect them to act in a civilized, gentleman’s manner,” Hansen said. “I think everybody knows what the acceptable demeanour is on a sheet of curling ice.”

“If we have issues with it then we deal with it at the time. We have a fining system in place which is how we, for the most part, deal with most of these type of issues.”

Hansen said a player is warned first.

“If it goes beyond that then fines set it,” he said. “I guess if we had anything that went beyond that, which we never have, then there would have to be further disciplinary action taken.”

“So far we have been able to keep things under control by the use of the fining and warning system. I’m quite sure that will be the case again.”

Manitoba skip Jeff Stoughton admits to haven thrown a couple of water bottles and slammed a few brooms.

“I think we have a few more characters out there that show their emotions on their sleeves,” said the two-time world champion. “I don’t think it’s good or bad for the game. It doesn’t hurt the game at all.”

“It doesn’t bother me if a guy gets mad or breaks a broom or is yelling and screaming. It’s fun to watch and I think the fans like it.”

Marc Kennedy, the second on Kevin Martin’s Alberta rink, said increased prize money and the chance for an Olympic berth have added extra pressure to the game.

“The biggest difference is how much is on the line now-a-days,” said Kennedy.

“Financially these can make big changes to (a player’s) life. For a lot of guys it’s becoming almost like a profession.



2012 Scotties Champ and Team Canada skip Heather Nedohin has also been under the microscope for on-ice lingo.

“You can see the emotion there now because there is so much on the line. The game is adjusting to being more of a professional sport.”

Russ Howard, the TSN analyst who won two Briers as a skip, has seen a change among the players.

“The tolerance level is probably a little lower now,” he said. “The politeness has gone a little bit out of it.”

“We like to think curling and golf starts and ends in an handshake and it’s all about etiquette.”

When Tiger Woods played at his peak people flocked to watch his booming drives. They also loved his fist-pumping celebrations.

Years ago Paul Gowsell was curling’s rebel. He had long flowing hair, travelled in a van, wore plaid pants and liked to party. He is famous for once having a pizza delivered on the

ice during a game.

Whether they loved or hated him, Gowsell attracted fans and raised curling’s profile.

“We need characters out there,” said Howard. “Sometimes I think the younger crew is so well educated by their coaches, their sports psychologists, their massage therapists, you get a lot of the canned answers.”

Flamboyant characters raise the profile of any sport. Hockey reporters loved Brett Hull and Jeremy Roenick because you never knew what they might say. San Francisco giants pitcher Brian Wilson is famous for his bushy black beard and one liners.

Snapping a broom or kicking a water bottle is some emotional venting. Spewing profanities shows immaturity and a lack of respect for the game.

You can argue the words are heard in any school yard and on many cable television shows. That doesn’t mean they need to be tolerated on a sheet of ice, especially on national television.

“It’s part of everyone’s normal language it seems these days,” said Stoughton. “You have to be careful with it.”

“You can yell and scream, just don’t throw the F-bombs out there.”

Schille swears _ maybe a bad choice of words _ he won’t be wearing a gag this week.

“I don’t think we will do anything out of our ordinary,” he said. “Things come up, things get heated, just like in any other sport. It’s no different.”

“You hope to see everybody out here acting a little bit better than they would maybe when there’s not so many people watching.”

The curler’s code of ethics says participants will play the game “with a spirit of good sportsmanship” and conduct themselves “in an honourable manner both on and off the ice.”

The words sound quaint and old fashioned. That doesn’t mean they should be ignored.

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• Date and Location of Draw: At Rexall Place (7424 118 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta) during each 2013 Tim Hortons Brier curling draw in Edmonton listed in the License (the "50/50 Licensed Game(s)").

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• Eligibility: Ticket purchasers must be 18 years of age or older. The following are NOT eligible to participate (defined as purchase tickets or receive prizes) in the 50/50 Raffle: (i) Staff and members of the executive committee of the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier, director of the Raffle, members of the 50/50 Licensee with signing authority, and spouses of the above; (ii) the 50/50 Volunteers for Games they are working; and (iii) Employees of the Service Provider. Each ticket sold shall be eligible to participate in each draw conducted under the authority of the License.

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• No Refunds. All ticket sales are final. There will be no refunds issued to anyone for any reason.

• The Draw: A ticket stub containing the ticket serial number of each sold ticket shall be placed in a draw container.

The Draw will take place during the seventh end of play of the slowest curling game at of each 50/50 Licensed Game in the Count Room of Rexall Place.

The Draw shall be conducted as follows:

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• The Draw can be made by any person who does not own a ticket or a share of a ticket in the Draw;

• The arm of the person making the Draw must be "bare" of clothing below the elbow, he/she must exhibit his/her Draw arm and both sides of his/her open hand to the Draw witnesses immediately prior to making the Draw;

• Only the person making the Draw may put their arm/hand in the Draw container. When selecting a winning ticket, the person making the Draw shall look away from the container;

• Winning tickets shall be immediately exhibited to the Draw witnesses and held open for inspection; and

• The 50/50 Licensee shall videotape the Draw.

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play boards on the concourse, one (1) display board at the entrance to the Brier Patch and posted on the Northern Alberta Curling website at www.northernalbertacurling.com.

The holder of a winning ticket will have until forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the final Game on March 10, 2013 to present the winning ticket to the 50/50 Licensee. The holder of a winning ticket can present the winning ticket to a 50/50 Licensee representative who will be available at the North Information Booth on the main concourse of Rexall Place near Section 116 during the 50/50 Licensed Game. If the holder of a winning ticket does not have access to the final Game, they can access the North Information Booth from the outside through the suite entrance on the north side of Rexall Place to claim the prize.

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(15) minutes to claim the Prize. If the Prize for the Final Draw is not claimed within fifteen (15) minutes of the announcement, the Prize for that Final Draw will be added to the pool for the Bonus Prize Draw.

If there is a Bonus Prize Draw, the holder of the winning ticket of the Bonus Prize Draw has seven (7) days to present the winning ticket to the

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Contact Information: Complaints, comments or concerns should be addressed to the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier Director of 50/50 Steve Pritchard at 780-467-0960 (home), 780 803-0475 (cell) or sbpritchard@shaw.ca. Alternatively, you can contact Assistant Director Barry Sheptycki at 780 499-6605 (cell) or tyck@telusplanet.net

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DATE	TIME	DRAW	A	B	C	D
SATURDAY March 2	1:30 p.m.	1	NO vs NT	NB vs QC	NS vs NL	SK vs PE
	6:30 p.m.	2	NL vs PE	AB vs MB	NT vs NB	ON vs BC
SUNDAY March 3	8:30 a.m.	3	QC vs AB	BC vs NO	SK vs ON	NS vs MB
	1:30 p.m.	4	NB vs NS	NL vs SK	NO vs PE	QC vs NT
	6:30 p.m.	5	ON vs MB	PE vs NT	BC vs AB	NL vs NB
MONDAY March 4	1:30 p.m.	6	BC vs SK	NS vs ON	QC vs MB	AB vs NO
	6:30 p.m.	7	PE vs QC	SK vs NB	NL vs NO	NT vs NS
TUESDAY March 5	1:30 p.m.	8	AB vs NB	MB vs PE	ON vs NT	BC vs NL
	6:30 p.m.	9	NO vs ON	QC vs BC	AB vs NS	MB vs SK
WEDNESDAY March 6	1:30 p.m.	10	SK vs NS	NT vs NL	NB vs PE	NO vs QC
	7:30 p.m.	11	NT vs AB	ON v NB	MB vs NL	PE vs BC
THURSDAY March 7	8:30 a.m.	12		NO vs SK	NS vs QC	
	1:30 p.m.	13	ON vs NL	PE vs AB	NT vs BC	NB vs MB
	7:30 p.m.	14	MB vs NO	BC vs NS	AB vs SK	QC vs ON
FRIDAY March 8	8:30 a.m.	15	NB vs BC	MB vs NT	PE vs ON	NL vs AB
	1:30 p.m.	16	NS vs PE	NL vs QC	NO vs NB	SK vs NT
	7:30 p.m.	17	QC vs SK	AB vs ON	BC vs MB	NS vs NO
PAGE PLAYOFFS						
IF NO TIE BREAKER DRAWS						
SAT. March 9	1:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
	6:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
IF ONE (1) TIE BREAKER DRAW						
SAT. March 9	8:30 a.m.	TB1	Tie-Breaker			
	1:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
	6:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
IF TWO (2) TIE BREAKER DRAWS						
SAT. March 9	8:30 a.m.	TB1	Tie-Breaker			
	1:30 p.m.	TB2 & PP	Tie-Breaker / Page Playoff			
	6:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
IF THREE (3) TIE BREAKER DRAWS						
FRI. March 8	11:00 p.m.	TB1	Tie-Breaker			
SAT. March 9	8:30 a.m.	TB2	Tie-Breaker			
	1:30 p.m.	TB3 & PP	Tie-Breaker / Page Playoff			
	6:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
SEMI FINAL						
SUN. March 10	8:30 a.m.	SF	Semi Final			
BRONZE MEDAL						
SUN. March 10	1:30 p.m.	BRZ	Bronze Medal			
FINAL						
SUN. March 10	6:30 p.m.	FNL	Final			

All times Mountain Standard (MST)
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Curling world mourns loss of Keith Reilly

THE TANKARD TIMES

Curling has lost another ambassador of the game. Keith Reilly passed away on Dec. 18, 2012 after a lengthy hospital stay.

Keith was the lead on the Alfie Phillips Jr. Brier championship team of 1967. The Ontario foursome finished the week at 9-1 advancing to the Scotch Cup (world championship) in France where they lost the semi final to Scotland. Keith was the all-star lead at the Brier.

He was a teacher by profession and was part of the group that founded the Ontario Curling Development Council, which became the Ontario Curling Federation and is currently the Ontario Curling Council. His love of teaching was a perfect fit for his involvement as a Course Conductor.

He was passionate about all aspects of curling. As an instructor he gave of his time at clinics at the club level. As a master course conductor, he taught and mentored a great many people and encouraged them to continue to upgrade their skills as instructor/coaches.

"As a long time member of the CCA's Coaching and Rules/Officiating Committee's, Keith contributed significantly to curling's Coach and Officiating Development Programs by his production of countless high quality resources. His years of dedication to those two programs is unparalleled", remarked Gerry



(Left to right) Keith Reilly, John Ross, Ron Manning (1967 Brier Champs) from Ontario and Peter Corkum from Nova Scotia who played against the boys in 1967. The photo was taken in Halifax 2010 where Keith was the Chief Umpire.

Peckham, Director, High Performance for the CCA.

Keith coached many teams, among them, the Ontario Junior Ladies Champions of 1982 & 1983 (Alison Goring) and 1984 (Kristin Holman), the Canadian Junior Ladies Champions of 1983 (Goring), the 1983 Canada Winter Games gold medalists (Goring), and the 1990 Scott Tournament of Hearts national champi-

ons (Goring).

He was awarded the Canadian Curling Association Award of Achievement in 1992. He has also coached International teams and travelled to Japan on at least two occasions with his coaching duties.

In addition to playing and coaching, he was one of the pioneer officials of the game, beginning his officiating career in 1985 at the Cana-

dian Mixed Championship held at his home club, the Bayview Golf and Country Club. He also mentored and encouraged new officials when they joined the officiating ranks.

His resume includes many Canadian Championships and various international events, most recently the Chief Umpire at the 2010 (Halifax) and 2011 (London) Briers and the 2010 World Seniors in Chelyabinsk, Russia. He was the Chief Umpire at the very first national championship of any sport held in Nunavut with the 2009 Canadian Mixed in Iqaluit.

He was especially fond of working at the Canadian Junior Championships where he felt he could encourage good sportsmanship. Keith was also Chief Umpire at Canada Winter Games on three occasions and at the 2002 Arctic Winter Games.

Keith officiated at CCA events every year from 1985 until his last event, the 2012 Canadian Junior Championships in Napanee, Ontario.

He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched in the curling world.

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