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Manitoba skip Jeff Stoughton put himself in good shape heading into the weekend by handing Newfoundland/Labrador's Brad Gushue his first loss Wednesday.

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The Tankard Times

After enjoying smooth sailing Brad Gushue can expect some rough seas over the next few days at the Tim Hortons Brier, presented by Monsanto.

The first signs of storm clouds came Wednesday night when Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton scored four in the eighth end to defeat Gushue 9-5, handing the Newfoundland & Labrador rink their first loss of the tournament. Manitoba improved to 6-1 while Gushue dropped to 7-1.

"I didn't expect to go 11-0," said Gushue. "I would have rather it (the loss) come later."

In the decisive eighth end Manitoba stuffed six stones in the house. Gushue had no other option but to throw a rocket that removed two of Stoughton's rocks.

"He was pretty hooped," said Stoughton, the 2011 world champion.

Gushue knew the match was over.

"That eighth end was pretty frustrating," said the 2006 Olympic gold medallist. "We knew we were up the creek without a paddle."

Defending champion Glenn Howard of Ontario used a 7-3 win over James Grattan of New Brunswick to improve his record to 7-0 and take over sole position of first place.

"That's the best thing, (that) the second number stays at zero," said Howard, who is playing in a record 15th Brier. "That's a good feeling."

"I can't say enough about my guys. We didn't miss anything in that game tonight."

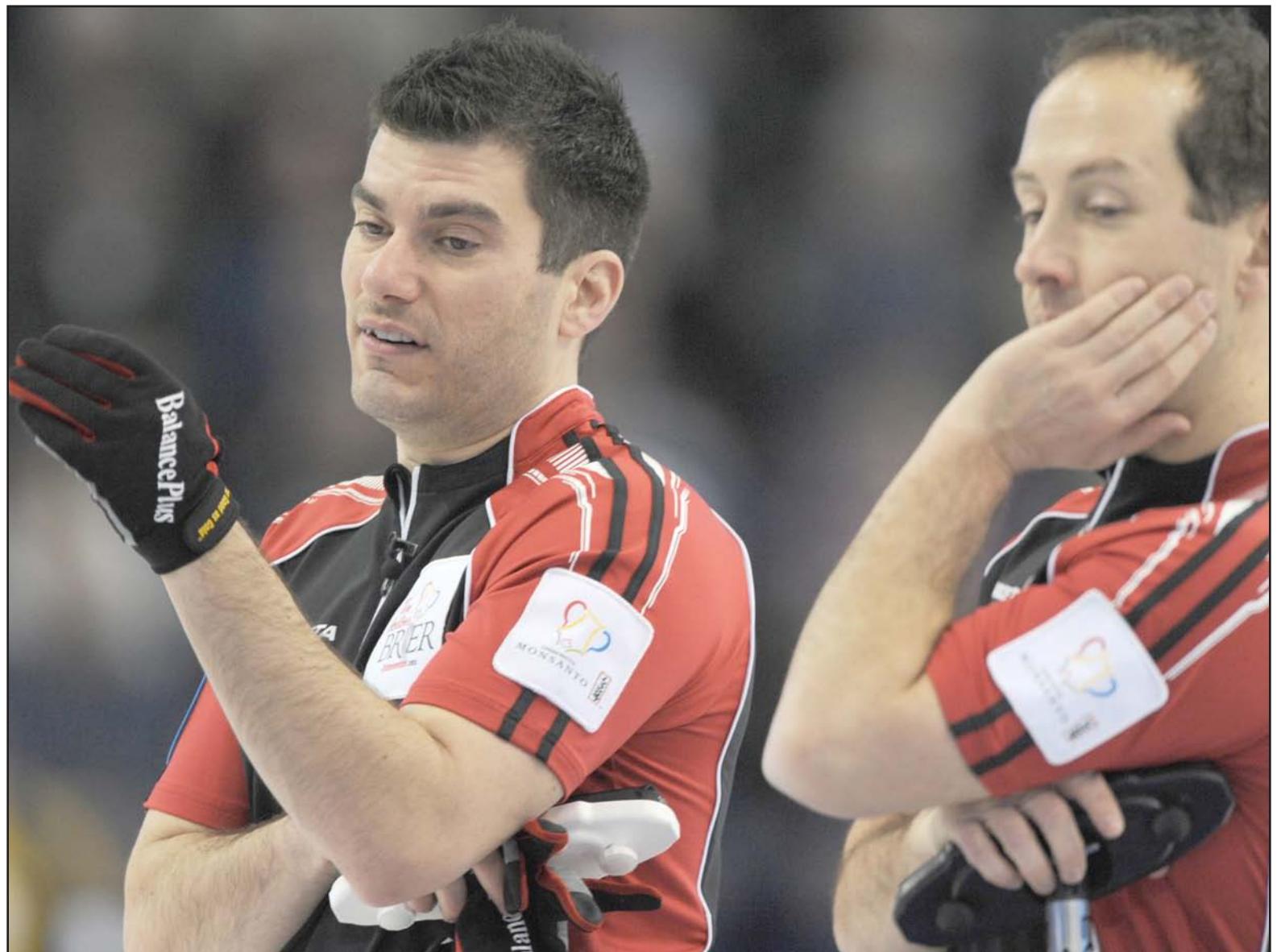
Howard, the defending world champion, stretched his record to 17-0 dating back to last year's Brier.

"It's been a pretty good run," he said.

Stoughton has games left against New Brunswick, Northern Ontario and the NWT/Yukon.

"It's going well," he said. "We still have to win a few more games to guarantee us something. We don't want to look too far ahead."

Alberta's Kevin Martin improved to 3-4 with a 8-3 win over Jamie Koe of the NWT/Yukon, but his playoff hopes remain on life support. Koe dropped to 3-5.



Ontario lead Craig Savill and second Brent Laing talk strategy Wednesday during a win over New Brunswick.

"We just have to come out here and win as many as we can," said Martin, whose hopes of winning a record fifth Brier are fading. "The four losses at the start are not good and they might be too many."

"For us we come out tomorrow, win two, and then talk about seeing what the chances are. There are a million things that can happen, including us being by tomorrow night having no chance."

Martin plays P.E.I. and Saskatchewan Thursday.

Eddie MacKenzie of P.E.I. earned his first win of the week with a 10-7 victory over winless Andrew Bilesky of B.C.

After 11 days Ontario sits alone at 7-0, while Newfoundland & Labrador is 7-1 and Manitoba 6-1. Northern Ontario and Quebec are 5-2,

followed by New Brunswick 4-4. Alberta and Saskatchewan are 3-4 and NWT/Yukon 3-5. P.E.I. is 1-7 while Nova Scotia and B.C. are 0-7.

One criticism of Gushue's record is he's had an easy ride. At least four of the teams he's beaten won't make the playoffs. Things are going to get tougher now for the 32-year-old owner of a frozen yogurt franchise in St. John's.

Gushue plays Ontario Thursday, then ends the round-robin Friday against Alberta and Quebec.

"It gets a little bit tougher," said Gushue, who defeated NWT/Yukon 7-3 during the afternoon draw. "If we continue to play this way we're going to win as many against them as they are going to win against us."

"That's the key. Go out there, play well, maybe catch a break, maybe

make a big shot and get a win out of it. I'm happy with how we are playing and I like our chances against the guys we are coming up against."

While Gushue, Howard and Stoughton continue to lead the pack, the field behind them is tightening.

Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario and Jean-Michel Menard of Quebec are both 5-2. Grattan is 4-4.

Jacobs scored three in the seventh end, stole one in the eighth and used a draw with his last rock to defeat Menard 6-4 during the afternoon draw. That snapped a two-game losing streak for Northern Ontario.

"The margin of error is starting to get less and less," said Jacobs, who plays Saskatchewan and Manitoba on Thursday.

"You need to step it up. So far we haven't really been doing that. We kind of digressed a little bit. We are 5-2 and in a good spot."

Menard was frustrated over blowing a 3-1 lead and missing a chance to collect a sixth win. He plays winless Nova Scotia and Ontario on Thursday.

"It hurts," said the 2006 Brier champion from Gatineau, Que. "We controlled the first part of the game. I made a little error in the ninth end."

"We understand if we want to have a crack at making the playoffs we need to finish at least 7-4."

Grattan has been scrambling since losing twice on Saturday's opening day.

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“We are scratching and clawing around,” said the Air Canada employee from Oromocto, N.B., who scored three in the 10th to defeat P.E.I. 8-6.

“If we take away our Saturday we are in pretty good shape right now. I’m feeling good. We are just going to roll from here and see what happens. There seems to be a big separation this year where a bunch of people are running away. It doesn’t bode well for guys like me in the middle.”

Saskatchewan’s Brock Virtue kept his slim playoff hopes alive by beating Paul Flemming of Nova Scotia 7-2. Virtue is now 3-4.

“It’s desperation mode,” said Virtue, who still has tough matches left against Alberta and Quebec.

“Coming into this game we had no option but to win the rest of our games. If we can’t play as good as we can, we’re not going to win.”

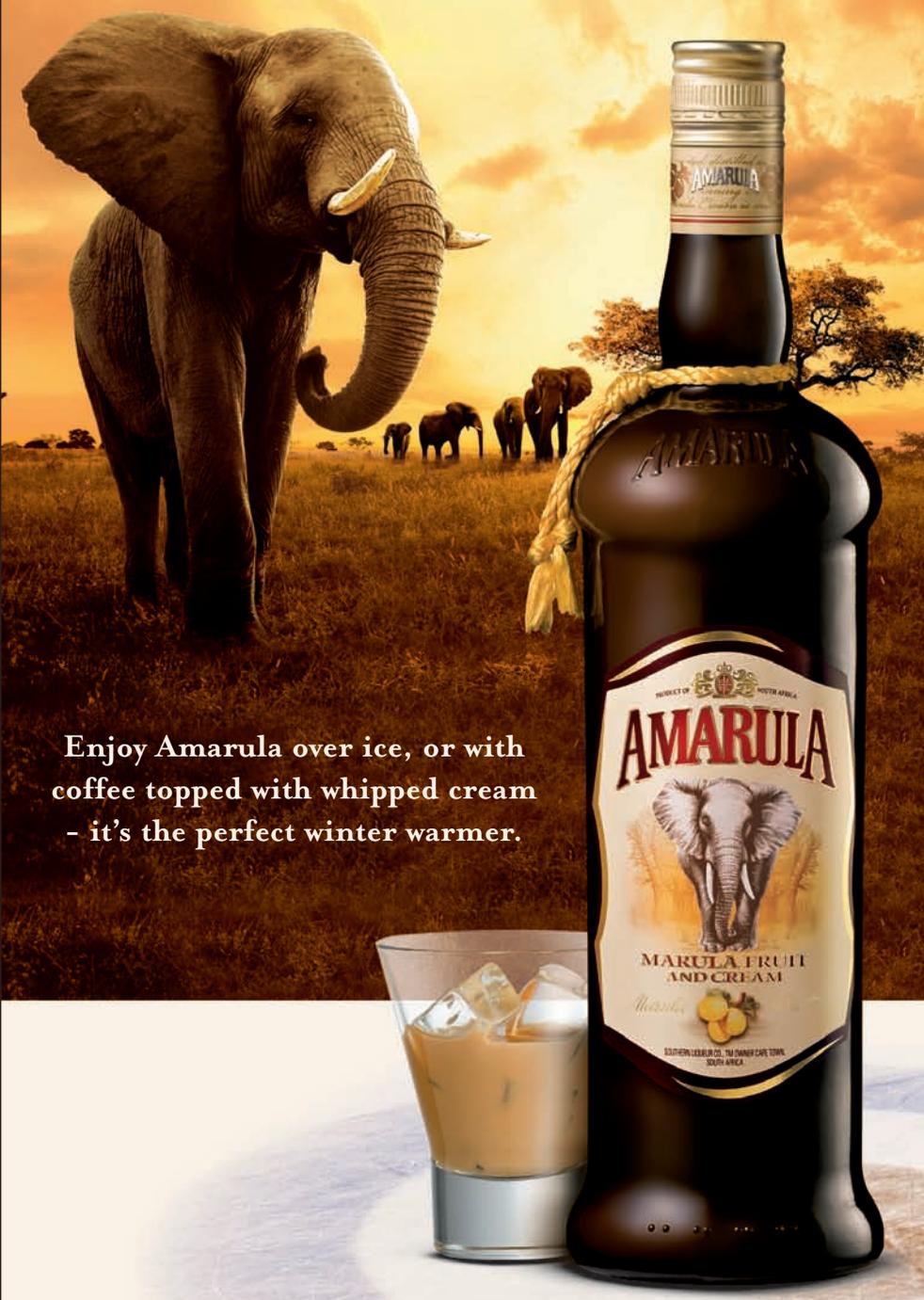


Manitoba lead Mark Nicholls and his former skip Brad Gushue Wednesday.



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Team you've played lots this season, best challenge?: Koe

Brad Gushue

Position: Skip
Family Details: Married, two kids (Hayley 5, Marissa 1)
Occupation: Business Owner
Birthdate: June 16, 1980
Birthplace: St. John's
Hometown: St. John's
Favorite place to curl?: Switzerland
Nickname: Goo
Delivery: Right
Go to shot: Draw
Longest serving teammate: Jamie Korab
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Big Brother, I would be the instigator for all the house drama. Then I would sit back and watch.
Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Jack MacDuff, because he won the Brier from NL and Ryan Fry because he is entertaining.
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Golf
Social media important to you? Not really. I fool around on Twitter a bit
Favourite supplier of curling gear? Goldline
Favourite website: www.tsn.ca
Favourite ethnic cuisine: Sushi
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Napping or watching movies
Summer? Napping or golfing
One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Parents. They supported me from the beginning and brought me to a lot of practices and games.
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the

other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Jon Mead - 3rd (he's really good) Mark Kennedy - 2nd (see above) Ben Hebert - lead (I tend to throw draws light)
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? Hang out with all the great athletes from all over the world
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? 5 rock rule

Brett Gallant

Position: Third
Occupation: Student/Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
Birthdate: February 18, 1990
Birthplace: Charlottetown, PE
Hometown: St. John's, NL
Favorite place to curl?: Edmonton
Delivery: Right
Go to shot: Cross house double
Longest serving teammate: Adam Casey
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Big Brother, I'd be the mastermind orchestrating the big moves
Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Marcel Rocque because of his sweeping and intensity and Brad Gushue because he makes all the big shots and he's also my boss.
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Golf
Social media important to you? Of course, give me a follow on Twitter, @bpgallant
Favourite supplier of curling gear? Goldline! The Norway pads are awesome.
Favourite website: Twitter or team-gushue.ca
Favourite ethnic cuisine: Mexican,



Tacos.

On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Shoveling! It never stops snowing in St. John's.
Summer? Golfing, trying to beat Brad and looking for Geoff and Casey's balls in the woods.
One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My father, Peter, who I watched play in the Brier growing up, and who pushed me

to be a better player.

If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Skip- Glenn Howard, Second- Marc Kennedy, Lead David Mathers, Fifth Eddie MacKenzie
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning

Gold? Watching Canada win the gold medal in hockey.
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Include the rings in the free guard zone, no takeouts for the first four shots.

Adam Casey

Position: Second

Occupation: Industrial Engineering Student, Dalhousie University
Birthdate: August 28, 2012
Birthplace: Seven Mile Bay, PE
Hometown: (Place of Residence?) St. John's
Favorite place to curl?: Silver Fox Curling and Yacht Club
Delivery: Right
Go to shot: Draw
Longest serving teammate: Brett 6 years (previously played with Anson Carmody for 13)
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? The Mole/ The Amazing Race...
Win
Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Mark Dacey unbelievable amount of competitiveness
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? I'd like to star in basketball or baseball, but with limited athleticism my hopes would be better focused on Darts
Social media important to you? Impartial, but I appreciate a good tweet
Favourite supplier of curling gear? GOLDLINE
Favourite website: forbes.com
Favourite ethnic cuisine: Italian
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Crazy Car-petting
Summer? Golfing
One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Provincial basketball coach who told me to stick to curling (Great advice!)
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Too tough to call

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What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? Being part of the spectacle, surrounded by so many great deserving athletes. I would want to watch the Canadian athletes compete

If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? A blank end results in teams relinquishing hammer

Geoff Walker

Position: Lead
 Family Details: Father - Alan, Mother - Lorraine, Sisters - Stephanie & Suzanne
 Occupation: Instructor for Rocks and Rings/Greens Keeper
 Birthdate: Nov 28, 1985
 Birthplace: Beaverlodge, AB
 Hometown: St. John's, NL
 Favorite place to curl? Rexall Place in Edmonton
 Nickname: Walks
 Delivery: Right
 Go to shot: Tick Shot
 Longest serving teammate: Brad & Adam
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Big Brother, I would be the guy that everyone likes and trusts but would have a secret unexpected alliance with

one or two people that will get us to the end
 Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Dennis Graber, was my local hero when I was starting out and Carter Rycroft is someone I have a lot of respect for and enjoy playing against
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? I'm a huge fan of Hockey and Baseball but I think I would have to choose Golf because it's a lot easier on the body and you get to play the best courses in the world
 Social media important to you? It shouldn't be as important as it is!

Favourite supplier of curling gear? Goldline
 Favourite website: www.tsn.ca
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Italian
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing?
 Likely practicing! If it's the holiday season ill be snowmobiling with the family
 Summer? If im not working its camping/fishing

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My Father, got me interested in the game and taught me at a young age
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Eve Muir-

head, Kaitlyn Lawes and Cissi Ostlund
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? Being apart of the whole team Canada experience and to just hang out in the village with the others athletes. I would likely take in a few Canada hockey games as well!
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Would like to change some formats for some of the events rather than the game itself.

Jamie Korab

Position: 5th
 Family Details: Wife - Stephanie Korab (2012 Scotties player), Layla my cat & I have a baby on the way.
 Occupation: Real Estate Agent RE/MAX United Inc.
 Birthdate: 11/28/79
 Birthplace: Harbour Grace, NL
 Hometown: Harbour Grace, NL
 Favorite place to curl?: Halifax or Edmonton
 Nickname: Kobra
 Delivery: Right
 Go to shot: Throw it hard and see what happens
 Longest serving teammate: Brad Gushue
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Amazing

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Favourite two curlers (1) past/ Pat Ryan (why, cuz he was awesome) (1) James Grattan (he's dreamy)?

If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Soccer ALL DAY

Social media important to you? VERY, @jamiekorab www.facebook.com/JamieKorabRealEstate

Favourite supplier of curling gear? ASHAM
 Favourite website: www.soccernet.com

Favourite ethnic cuisine: Anything Italian and pasta

On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Relaxing at home, watching soccer or in the gym

Summer? Playing or watching soccer or in the gym

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Both my parents. They have been supportive since day 1.

If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Jamie Koe, Chris Schille, James Grattan (He's Dreamy)

What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? best thing - Opening ceremonies & hearing O Canada with a gold medal around my neck.

If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Stop this relegation from happening. The Brier is not broke. Don't try and fix it!



Jamie "The Kobra" Korab is back at the Brier with his gold-medal skipper Brad Gushue as fifth player this week.

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Team you've played lots this season, best challenge?: Rod MacDonald

Eddie MacKenzie

Position: Skip
Family Details: Married with 2 kids, James and Josh
Occupation: Controller and Real Estate
Birthdate: 1972
Birthplace: Charlottetown
Hometown: Charlottetown
Favorite place to curl?: Brier
Nickname: Fast Eddie, Eddie Guerrero, Eduardo, Eddie the Eagle, but mostly just "Eddie"
Delivery: Right
Go to shot: Draw
Longest serving teammate: On current team - Sean Ledgerwood; Lifetime - Mike Gaudet
If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Mantracker
Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Ernie Richardson - dominant record. Wayne Middaugh - 3 World Championship titles in 3 different positions, unbelievable feat for curling and simply a dominant game changing player all around.
If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Star curler would be currently somewhat of a stretch! Football.
Social media important to you? Not really, but FakeKevinMartin tweets are quite comical, if you haven't already, google it!
Favourite supplier of curling gear? Goldline
Favourite website: It wouldn't meet CCA guidelines for publication.
Favourite ethnic cuisine: Greek or Lebanese

anese
On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Hanging out with my boys.
Summer? At beach with the kids.
One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Former Junior Coach Daryell Nowlan for his honest critiques.
If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Wayne Middaugh, Kevin Koe, John Morris.
What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? Wearing Maple Leaf would be nice. Taking in the culture and watching the other sports.
If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Switch to a multiple free guard zone rule game, say 2 ends of no free guard zone, 2 ends of 4 rock rule, 2 ends of 6 rock rule and 2 ends of first 8 rocks no hit rule (can't remove rocks from play whether in rings or not).
Team without hammer each end gets to choose the above end style of play but each of the above 4 styles has to be used for exactly 2 ends in each 8 end game. A real chess match on ice. Extra ends would be decided using a 6 rock rule and of course it would be absolutely MANDATORY to throw every rock for all ends of every game or your province/territory would automatically be moved down to the relegation round for the following year. At the Brier a \$10,000 dollar bonus would be given to the team that scored the most cumulative points during the round robin.



Position: Third
Occupation: Student
Birthdate: November 29, 1989
Birthplace: Summerside, PE
Hometown: Summerside, PE
Favorite place to curl?: Summerside, PE
Delivery: Right
Go to shot: Double Peel
Longest serving teammate: Alex MacFadyen
If you could be on a reality TV show,

what would it be and what would you do? The Amazing Race
Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Don Walchuk - great curler, liked his style Mark Nichols - great guy, extremely versatile curler
If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Soccer
Social media important to you? Facebook, Twitter
Favourite supplier of curling gear?

Goldline
Favourite website: Popsoci.com
Favourite ethnic cuisine: Thai
On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Walking dogs
Summer? At the beach
If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must

be from separate teams? Mark Nichols, Adam Casey, Kevin Koe
What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? Wearing the maple leaf on my back. Sightseeing/taking in history.
If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Have a winter classic for curling with big name teams (corn brooms, sweaters, etc.)

Alex Macfadyen

Position: second
Family Details: girlfriend Natalie and her daughter Madeline age 2
Occupation: brewery worker for PEI brewing company
Birthdate: February 6th 1990
Birthplace: Ottawa
Hometown: Charlottetown
Favorite place to curl?: Brier
Nickname: the "beard"
Delivery: right
Go to shot: double angle runback triple freeze
Longest serving teammate: Anson Carmody
If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Wipeout and probably break my back.
Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? My dad. For getting me into curling. Jeff Stoughton because he is just too good. Can't be human
If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Soccer. I heard the big guys make a little bit of money.
Social media important to you? No but like technology it has been integrated into every day life
Favourite supplier of curling gear? Goldline

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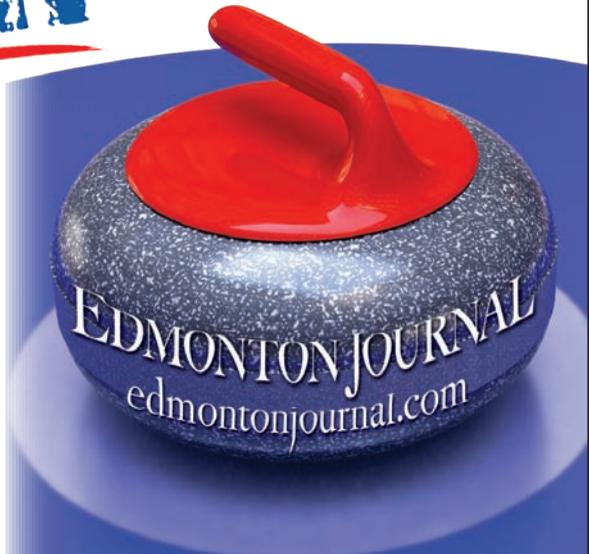
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Favourite website: 9gag.com
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Natalie's cooking
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Sledding with my two girls.
 Summer? Drinking fine ales in the sun.
 One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My dad for getting me into the sport.
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? My dad. AI hacker and some one who was a good drinker.
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? To reach my own goals.
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? More games played skins style. Makes for interesting and exciting games.

Sean Ledgerwood

Position: Lead
 Family Details: Wife: Michelle, and 2 daughters: Kaitlyn (12yrs), Emma (9yrs)
 Occupation: Watershed and Subdivision Specialist, PEI Department of Environment, Labour and Justice
 Birthdate: November 19, 1969
 Birthplace: Wolfville, Nova Scotia
 Hometown: Cornwall, PEI
 Favorite place to curl?: The Brier of course
 Delivery: right
 Go to shot: draw to top four around a centre, as a lead I do this a lot
 Longest serving teammate: this is my 3rd "tour of duty" with Eddie
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Survivor, I would try to befriend everyone, and then slowly stab every-

one in the back
 Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Pat Ryan, loved his confidence and dominance. Present: Kevin Martin, is there a shot he can't make?
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Would love to be a starting pitcher for the Blue Jays
 Social media important to you? I dabble in Facebook and Twitter
 Favourite supplier of curling gear? Goldline, they seem to sponsor a lot of events
 Favourite website: ESPN baseball
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Thai food
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Snowshoeing with my girls
 Summer? Relaxing at our travel trailer in Brackley, PEI
 One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My father Al Ledgerwood, watching him go to the Brier several times inspired me. Honourable mention to Brock Spence on how to train properly.
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Skip: Glenn Howard 3rd: Jon Mead 2nd: Marc Kennedy
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? Wearing the Maple Leaf would be the best, and I would want to see as many other sports as possible.
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Bring back the corn brooms, they were fun!

Philip Gorveatt

Position: Alternate
 Family Details: Married
 Occupation: Rogers - Wireless Operations
 Birthdate: August 28, 1965

Birthplace: Charlottetown
 Hometown: Stanhope, PE
 Favorite place to curl?: Alberta!
 Delivery: Right
 Go to shot: Hack Weight Tap
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Amazing Race- Drive a Top Fuel Dragster @ 320mph
 Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Pat Ryan - That delivery was pretty sweet. All Brier Skips..... their percentages are shown on the scoreboard.
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Baseball
 Social media important to you? At times.
 Favourite supplier of curling gear? Goldline
 Favourite website: www.nhra.com
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Greek
 On a winter's weekend day when you are not curling, what are you doing? Working on my 65' Plymouth
 Summer? We live by the Ocean in the summer, soooo Great!
 One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Don Callbeck, he passed recently but I saw him every day at the club since I was a teenager.
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Pat Ryan, Jon Mead, Marc Kennedy, my shots won't matter!
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? Playing for Gold. Watch the Downhill Races...
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Stay away from the proposed relegation round. It may work for the short term but interest will fade.
 If you have any questions, email me,



P.E.I. skip Eddie MacKenzie calls line as second Alex MacFayden (left) and third Anson Carmody brush.

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OFF TO LATVIA

Homan crew a confident bunch

JIM MORRIS

Tankard Times

The last couple of weeks have been a whirlwind since Rachel Homan and her rink from Ottawa won the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

There's been plenty on the 23-year-old skip's plate as the team prepares to leave Monday for the 2013 World Women's Curling Championship which begins March 16 in Riga, Latvia.

Even in the midst of the confusion Homan still found time to contact Corryn Brown and her team from Kamloops, B.C., who are competing at the World Junior Curling Championships in Sochi, Russia. Brown has struggled and won't make the playoffs.

"I just tried to lift their spirits a lot," Homan said during a telephone conference call Wednesday. "The girls were down on themselves a little bit. We just talked about keeping their confidence up.

"I told them they did so well at the nationals to get there, remember all those shots they had made before. They were our best representatives, they did the best at nationals. They shouldn't feel bad. The other teams would probably have had just as tough games. Just keep looking ahead and don't look behind."

Confidence is something Homan and her Ottawa Curling Club team of Lisa Weagle, Emma Miskew and Alison Kreviazuk haven't lacked.

Making just their second appearance in the Scotties, Homan's rink breezed through the round robin in Kingston, Ont., with a heady 10-1 record. Their only loss came at the hands of Manitoba's Jennifer Jones.

Homan handed Jones her first loss of the tournament in the 1-2 Page playoff game, then beat the veteran Winnipeg skip 9-6 in the final.

"It's been a fast turn around for us," said Homan. "For me it's recently sinking in that we're Canadian champs."

Homan refuses to be intimidated about her first trip to the world championship. She played at the 2010 World Junior Curling Championship in Flims, Switzerland, and finished the round robin with a single loss before losing to Sweden's Anna Hasselborg in the final.

"It will probably be more experienced teams this time around but so are we," said Homan. "We're going to try and make playoffs, then get to the final and win it."

The last Canadian team to win the women's worlds was Jones in 2008. Homan realizes the expectations will be high for her team to end that drought.

"I think it would be an amazing accomplishment for us to go and get that gold medal," said



Earle Morris coaches as front-enders Lisa Weagle and Alison Kreviazuk and skip Rachel Homan listen. The crew is off to Latvia for the worlds.

Homan. "I think it's just my own pressure I'm putting on myself and our own expectations to win the whole thing.

"The support we've had over the last few weeks and even months is unbelievable. Now, I think, it's our own expectations and our own goal that we are going to go try and achieve."

Playing in a new arena in a foreign country can present its own set of challenges, but Homan seems unconcerned.

"You can only prepare as much as you can," she said. "What ever happens, happens, and you take it as they come and deal with problems as they arise.

"I don't think there is any point in stressing over what could be. If something happens we have a lot of support going there to help us out, whether it's the mental aspect or health or anything we need."

Coach Earle Morris said the team has an incredible ability to remain calm and focused.

"One of the things that's amazing about this team is how well they keep doing things," he said.

Heading to the worlds, Morris has a simple message for the players.

"Just keep being who you are," he said. "You

don't have to raise your level of play.

"You just have to keep doing all the great things that you already do and the outcomes will take care of themselves."

Homan went into the Scotties with the goal of being Canadian champion. She's taking the same attitude to the world championship.

"Canada is always a top contender at the worlds," she said. "We have beaten the best in Canada.

"Before (the Scotties) I said I believed we could win it. The same goes for the worlds. We went to the juniors but this is a little bit different. I think this time around we have more experience. We know what we need to do to get that championship and get on the podium. That's what we are going to focus on."

"Getting to the Brier is always special," he said. "Every one after the first one is just icing on the cake. It never gets old. I still feel like I'm a kid in a candy store. I'm in Edmonton with a goofy grin on my face because I get to go to the Brier again. I've get a giddy feeling like 'Hey, this is really cool!'"

"Everything combined, it says I've continued to surround myself with great curlers. It was absolutely not just me."

As for the long-range future for this recently graduated old boy? He's made no real commitment past the Olympic trials in December but he has also said not getting the Olympic spot wouldn't be the defining factor on a possible retirement. He's worked with a personal trainer for the last four years and says he's in much better shape now than he was 10 years ago.

"A lot of people are asking me about it," he said. "So, sort of by default I have to think about it. Basically, if I still want to get out of bed and curl and I'm still having fun, I'll still play. If it becomes labour, I won't. Hey, I don't want to be 50, are you kidding me? I'd rather still be 25. But I've kept myself in good shape and I really can't stop now.

"You know? I've been blessed to play with some of the best curlers ever. And you just want to keep riding that wave."

Howard was 9-3 to win his province while Frans was 9-4, Epping 8-4 and Rumfeldt 7-4.

Trailing were Pat Ferris of Grimsby and Prebble at 5-5, Dayna Deruelle of Brampton, Wayne Tuck of Brantford and Cochrane at 4-6, and Ottawa's Howard Rajala and Jake Higgs of Harriston at 2-8.



The Party Line

your guide to what's goin' on



cool cash up for grabs in cool shots action



By Amy Moats

The boards have been busy all week as more and more fans get into the action on the Cool Shots tables – the small-scale version of the roaring game.

"It was a lot of fun," said Joan of Winnipeg, even though she was eliminated in the 16-team daily playdown. "It looked like a fun game to play... I'm glad I signed up."

"The ice conditions were perfect," joked Earl Argue of Regina, part of the winning team in Tuesday's play. "I found my partner to be quite fair, but I did have to bail him out a few times," teased Steve Dombowsky, as the two men headed to the bar with their \$100 prize for a celebratory drink.

The competition gets underway every day at 11 a.m. in The Original 16 Patch. Fans are encouraged to sign up for free in two-player teams and take their shot at the \$100 daily cash prize, and the chance to compete in the championships on the weekend.

But, you'd better register early – space is limited, and the field has been filling up fast!



two more move on!

The fourth round of the Cool Shots competition hit the boards Wednesday, and another team moved on to the weekend championship. Chris McQuid and Owen Hilts ruled the day and picked up the \$100 daily cash prize. Play resumes today in the Patch.



The Chevelles

the party shifts into high gear!

Tonight

The Chevelles have been entertaining the crowds at Season of Champions events year after year, starting with their debut at the 2007 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in their hometown of Lethbridge.

The high-powered crew, with a repertoire of more than 200 tunes, is renowned as one of Canada's top cover bands. The Chevelles never fail to pump up the party with a consistently smooth delivery of all the classic hits, dating back to the dawn of rock n' roll. Make sure you hop on for a wild ride tonight in The Original 16 Patch!

This Afternoon - **Tera Lee**

up next

Tomorrow

Brett Kissel
The Chevelles

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Today – noon
Teams Saskatchewan & Nova Scotia

Today – 5 p.m.
Team Northwest Territories/Yukon

The Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia teams, led by Brock Virtue and Paul Flemming, will be in the Purple Heart Lounge for the noon autograph session. And, fans have a second shot at autographs and photos when Jamie Koe's Northwest Territories/Yukon team is featured at 5 p.m.

Tomorrow – noon Teams Ontario and Manitoba
5 p.m. Teams Prince Edward Island & Newfoundland/Labrador
Saturday – 5 p.m. All Teams (excluding those in playoffs)



Jamie Koe is back at the Brier for a seventh time representing Northwest Territories/Yukon.

up close and personal

Today – noon
Teams Northern Ontario & Quebec

Today – 5 p.m.
Team Prince Edward Island

Northern Ontario downed Quebec Wednesday afternoon on the ice at Rexall Place. At noon today, you can get the inside word on the game, and anything else you'd like to know about the athletes, at the Up Close and Personal interview.

In the second sitting of the day, you'll have the chance to be part of the conversation with Team Prince Edward Island, led by skip Eddie McKenzie, who is making his third appearance at the Brier this year in Edmonton.

Tomorrow – noon Teams Alberta and British Columbia
5 p.m. Teams New Brunswick & Northwest Territories/Yukon



Jean-Michel Ménard, 2006 Tim Hortons Brier champion, meets today with fans in the Purple Heart Lounge.

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Draw 9 Curtis Arndt and Inez Schuster – \$14,212

Draw 10 Laurie Olstead – \$8,490

Draw 9 50/50 winners Inez Schuster and Curtis Arndt.

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 p.m. Draw _____

Team Newfoundland/Labrador

Mason Love-Hollman
Jamie Erickson



Kiera Comeau and William Sheard join Team Newfoundland/Labrador for a photo prior to Wednesday's draw 8.

Pin Trader Paradise

Thousands of pins will be on display all week on the north concourse of Rexall Place. Drop by to pick up the special pin you've been searching for. They're available for trade or sale.



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

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DRAW 10

		Draw 10												
		GAME SCORES FOR DRAW 10												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL		
SK (Virtue)	*0	3	1	0	2	0	0	1	X	X	7	15:41		
NS (Flemming)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	X	X	2	12:54		
NT/YT (Koe)	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	X	3	13:16		
NL (Gushue)	*2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	X	7	06:43		
NB (Grattan)	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	8	06:18		
PEI (MacKenzie)	*0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	6	01:31		
NO (Jacobs)	*0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	6	05:28		
QC (Menard)	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	03:39		

*last rock advantage

Team Standings After 11 Draw(s)

Team	Wins	Losses	Future Games		
			12	13	14
ON (Howard)	7	0	--	NL	QC
NL (Gushue)	7	1	--	ON	--
MB (Stoughton)	6	1	--	NB	NO
NO (Jacobs)	5	2	SK	--	MB
QC (Menard)	5	2	NS	--	ON
NB (Grattan)	4	4	--	MB	--
AB (Martin)	3	4	--	PE	SK
SK (Virtue)	3	4	NO	--	AB
NT/YT (Koe)	3	5	--	BC	--
PEI (MacKenzie)	1	7	--	AB	--
NS (Flemming)	0	7	QC	--	BC
BC (Bilesky)	0	7	--	NT	NS

Draw Times Draw 12: 03/07 10:30 Draw 13: 03/07 15:30 Draw 14: 03/07 21:30

Despite a slow start, Kevin Martin kept his playoff hopes alive Wednesday.

Media Report - Statistical Report for Draw 11

		Game Scores for Draw 11												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL		
A NT/YT (Koe)		1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	X	3	13:41	
AB (Martin)	*0	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	1	X	X	8	14:37	
B ON (Howard)		0	0	3	0	3	0	1	X	X	X	7	14:24	
NB (Grattan)	*0	1	0	1	0	1	0	X	X	X	3	13:28		
C MB (Stoughton)	*2	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	X	X	9	09:19		
NL (Gushue)	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	X	X	5	08:19		
D PEI (MacKenzie)	*0	3	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	10	03:27		
BC (Bilesky)	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	7	03:50		

*last rock advantage



MEET THE TEAMS: NOVA SCOTIA • PAUL FLEMMING • LAKESHORE CURLING CLUB • LOWER SACKVILLE

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Paul Flemming

Position: Skip throwing third stones
 Family Details: Wife Sandi, 2 bys Jake 14 Sean 9 dog Buddy 3yrs old
 Occupation: Restaurant owner Harbour Fish 'N' Fries
 Birthdate: Oct 8 1968
 Birthplace: Halifax
 Hometown: Halifax
 Favorite place to curl?: Skyreach/ Rex-all
 Nickname: woggi
 Delivery: right
 Go to shot: outurn runback
 Longest serving teammate: Kelly Mittelstadt 11 yrs

If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Americas next top model - judge.
 Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? past - Burtnyk -enjoyed his company and he let me throw tuck with his broom a few years ago. Also he doesnt let pigeon poop distract him at Briers. Present - Cotter - would love to adopt his attitude for a season!
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Baseball - on the Mound chuckin 101 balanced with a beauty change up.
 Social media important to you? no
 Favourite supplier of curling gear? Asham
 Favourite website: Asham World Curling Tour
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Indian
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Watching my kid play hockey

Summer? Working my butt off
 One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Probably my father letting me attend a lot of the 81 Brier in Halifax during school hours and coaching a good chunk of my junior career.
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? I would get Koe to skip, I would play 3rd, Carruthers 2nd and Hebert lead.
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, Let me earn a Trials spot first then I will check to see where the hell Sochi is even located!
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Inforce a 2 second rule with hand or knee print after delivery and deem it a burnt stone!

Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc

Position: Fourth stones
 Family Details: Married (Anne Marie)
 Occupation: Business Development Manager - Maritime Provinces (FCT)
 Birthdate: August 9th 1984
 Birthplace: Halifax
 Hometown: Halifax
 Favorite place to curl?: At the brier
 Nickname: Fitz, Fitzy, IFL
 Delivery: Left handed
 Go to shot: Throw through for the blank - either turn!
 Longest serving teammate: Paul/Kelly (2 Years)
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? The Amazing Race - traveling the world would be the best kind of "reality"
 Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Past: Peter MacPhee (Legend): Current: Paul Flemming (Height



envy)
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Golf
 Social media important to you? Absolutely
 Favourite supplier of curling gear? Asham
 Favourite website: www.nfl.com
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Sushi
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Shoveling/ Wishing it was summer
 Summer? Golf in the morning, beers on a patio in the afternoon, and likely

evening
 One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Stuart MacLean - taught me a lot about the big picture and managing emotions
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? I'll take 3 players under 5'6" tall please - skill level irrelevant. I'd like to be a part of that team photo.
 What would be the best thing about rep-

resenting Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? Best thing would be being Team Canada - I'd want to take in some of the culture as well.
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? 8 End games

Graham Breckon

Position: Second
 Family Details: Married Hilary
 Occupation: Insurance-Large Loss

Underwriting
 Birthdate: December 20, 1979
 Birthplace: Truro, NS
 Hometown: New Ross, NS
 Favorite place to curl?: Chester, NS
 Delivery: Right
 Go to shot: Doesn't matter
 Longest serving teammate: Paul, Ian & Kelly, First year
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Survivor
 Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Russ Howard, legend growing up, Marc Kennedy
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Soccer
 Social media important to you? No
 Favourite supplier of curling gear? Asham
 Favourite website: TSN.ca
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Chinese
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Wanting to go skiing
 Summer? Soccer, boating with friends on the 'Mazel'
 One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Dave Williams, taught me how to focus on the task at hand
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Russ Howard, Rick Folk, Don Bartlett (Doesn't say current and sweeping might be an issue)
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? The atmosphere
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Enforce equipment checks, especially grippers.

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A LITTLE MORE FROM JIM MORRIS

When you are on the slide

In their heart of hearts some teams came to the Tim Hortons Brier knowing they had a better chance of smooching Angelina Jolie than kissing the Brier Tankard at the end of the week.

No one came expecting not to win a game.

Heading into Wednesday night's 11th draw the teams from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and B.C. were all winless.

It's an empty feeling going to the big show and having nothing to celebrate. It's like standing in the corner at the high school dance and watching everyone else have fun.

"It's very difficult," said Paul Flemming, the soft spoken Nova Scotia skip who lost 7-2 to Saskatchewan Wednesday afternoon. "Sometimes you have to remind yourself there's a lot of teams back home that would love to be here.

"You have to grind out as many wins as you can for your province."

For the teams on the bottom rung of the standing's ladder any hopes of making the playoffs have vanished like a keg of beer at a fraternity party. Those rinks might feel a hangover of disappointment but they still must play out the rest of the schedule.



It's been another long week at the Tim Hortons Brier for P.E.I. skipper Eddie MacKenzie.

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“It’s frustrating for sure,” said P.E.I. skip Eddie MacKenzie, who gave up three points in the final end for a 8-6 loss to New Brunswick Wednesday. “I don’t know if we have the most energy right now.

“We were hoping to start better. There’s not much more you can say. Nobody likes losing.”

MacKenzie, 40, and Flemming, 44, both have been to the Brier before.

Flemming skipped Nova Scotia in 1998 and 1999, and played third in three other national championships. He was a member of the Shawn Adams’ team at the 2005 Brier in Edmonton that finished the round robin 8-3 and lost 5-4 to Randy Ferbey in the final.

MacKenzie skipped P.E.I. in 2011 and played third in 1994. Coming into this year his Brier record was 3-19.

“It’s hard enough to get here,” said the Charlottetown resident. “It’s harder when you get here.”

Bilesky, a 29-year-old from New Westminster, B.C., is making his first Brier appearance. It’s been a steep learning curve but the aircraft avionics technician thinks the lessons have been valuable.

“We are taking some positive things out of this,” he said. “We were beating ourselves up a little bit the first couple of losses.

“When you step back and you look at being a rookie and the top teams we have played already, you can’t beat yourself up too much. We are just going out there and having some fun.”

In a recent game against Brad Gushue of Newfoundland & Labrador, B.C. held a brief



B.C. third Steve Kopf and skip Andrew Bilesky

lead before losing to the 2006 Olympic gold medalist.

“To have a close game with them, it shows you can have a close one with anyone out there,” Bilesky said.

Some teams coming to the Brier have limited experience playing on arena ice, which is often faster and has more curl than club sheets.

“Out here, what’s the hardest is making sure you are consistent with what you are doing,” said Alex MacFadyen, the 23-year-old second for P.E.I.

“Playing on P.E.I. ice you can be a little in-out. You can get away with it. Here, if you’re not pure, you are going to pay for it.”

Veteran Manitoba skip Jeff Stoughton appreciates the dissatisfaction some of also-rans are feeling.

“There’s no doubt they are struggling,” said Stoughton. “They are not putting the rocks in the right place, missing too many shots.

“You feel bad for them. It’s a sport and you are playing to win. We are going to take every little advantage we can get. If they are playing poorly, we’re going to jump all over it.”

As cold as it sounds, Stoughton said his rink can’t afford to play soft when they face one of the lesser teams.

“We want to stomp them,” said Stoughton. “You want to put them away.”

“You don’t want to give them a sniff that they might actually get a win or two and have a chance to win. You want to put them away as fast as you can.”

Bilesky’s rink now has a taste of what the Brier is all about. They have experienced the atmosphere of the crowd and have a better idea of what to expect next time.

“Until you do it for yourself, that’s what you learn,” he said.

“It’s time management. How long you have to wait until you start playing. It’s all mental

stuff we can move forward with.”

After taking his lumps this week, Bilesky hopes to be back in the ring next year when the Brier is held in Kamloops, B.C.

“We want to stick together for a while and start to be the team in B.C. that would be the team to beat and hopefully get back to the Brier a few more times,” he said.

Bilesky’s Brier journey may just be beginning. Flemming, who dealt with back and knee problems this year, might be at the end of the road.

“You never know when you might get another trip back,” he said.

“We’ll see how the knee and back hold up. After a week like this you almost feel like taking a year off. I’m sure my attitude will change next week. Hopefully.”

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Kelly Mittelstadt

Position: Lead
 Family Details: Married to Candice (represented NS at the Scotties in 2002 & 2005), son Drew (5 years old), daughter Brynn (2 years old)
 Occupation: Lawyer, Burchell MacDougall in Truro, NS
 Birthdate: June 22, 1975
 Birthplace: Edmonton, AB (grew up in Sherwood Park)
 Hometown: Elmsdale, NS
 Favorite place to curl?: Either Rexall Place or Charlevoix, Quebec
 Nickname: Kel
 Delivery: Left
 Go to shot: Top 4 draw (limited options for the lead)
 Longest serving teammate: Paul Flemming (11th year)
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? The Amazing Race.
 Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Russ Howard (he was "the guy" growing up) / Kevin Koe (makes everything and makes it look easy). Hope I don't offend Russ by calling him a past curler!

If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Baseball - Toss me up on the mound every 5th day, I could deal with that.
 Social media important to you? Not at all.
 Favourite supplier of curling gear? Asham (a great sponsor since my junior days)
 Favourite website: cbc.ca
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Chinese
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Spending time with the family!
 Summer? Spending time with the family!
 One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? My parents - They got me in to the game and supported me at every turn. If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Paul Savage, Richard Hart, Scott Pfeifer (what do those three have in common you ask...)



Paul Flemming holds the broom, Kelly Mittelstadt calls line while Ian Fitzner-Leblanc and Graham Breckon work the sweep.

What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? The best thing would be representing Canada! Plus, it's always a great opportunity to travel while curling. I'd take in not only the other events, but the culture as well.
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? Toss up - Ban stop watches or mandate equipment certification (some shoes transfer too much heat to the ice)

Kent Smith

Position: Alternate
 Family Details: Wife, Julia. Daughter, Maia (6.5 months)
 Occupation: President, Eastern Shore Cartage
 Birthdate: December 27, 1978

Birthplace: Halifax, NS
 Hometown: Sheet Harbour, NS
 Favorite place to curl?: Up in bed.
 Nickname: JBK
 Delivery: Right
 Go to shot: Outturn draw
 Longest serving teammate: Fitzy & Stu, off-and-on for 7 years
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Canada's Greatest Know-it-All, Win.
 Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Past: Sandra Schmirler: Inspirational Present: Marc Kennedy: Great shotmaker, sweeper, married to a Nova Scotian.
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Basketball, because I'm so tall.
 Social media important to you? Absolutely.
 Favourite supplier of curling gear? Asham

Favourite website: www.easternshorecartage.ca
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Sushi
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? Plowing Snow
 Summer? Boating
 One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Hugh Matheson. Grumpy old man who scared me to death. "Do as I say, not as I do" was his favorite quote.
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no, you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams?
 Kevin Martin, Jon Mead, Carter Rycroft
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? The travel experience.
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be?

Stiffer, enforced penalties for unsportsmanlike behavior & facility damage.

Stuart MacLean

Position: Coach
 Family Details: married (Carole), daughter Caeleigh 22, son Kerry 21
 Occupation: Chartered accountant
 Birthdate: April 3, 1960
 Birthplace: Ottawa
 Hometown: Dartmouth, NS
 Favorite place to curl?: arena ice
 Delivery: left
 If you could be on a reality TV show, what would it be and what would you do? Probably Amazing Race - great chance to see the world
 Favourite two curlers (1) past/ (1) present and why? Peter MacPhee; Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc
 If you weren't a star curler, what sport would you hope star in? Hockey
 Social media important to you? Moderately
 Favourite supplier of curling gear? Asham
 Favourite website: Tripadvisor
 Favourite ethnic cuisine: Indian
 On a winter's weekend day you are not curling, what are you doing? At the office
 Summer? Lounging on the boat on the Northumberland Strait

One person who has most influenced your curling career, and why? Peter MacPhee - longtime friend and teammate at my first Brier - led by example how to win and play the game the way it's supposed to be played on and off the ice.
 If you were on TSN Skins Game and got to choose your team, who would the other 3 be, and no you can't pick your current teammates, and they all must be from separate teams? Glenn Howard, John Morris, Carter Rycroft
 What would be the best thing about representing Canada in Sochi, what you want to do there other than winning Gold? Take in as much of the Olympic experience as possible, and get to see other events, athletes and local area.
 If you could make one change to rules, equipment, etc., to improve the game what would it be? I hate to say it, but I think it's time to go to 8 ends. With today's sweeping, the ice just doesn't seem to be able to hold up for 10 (or 11) ends plus pre-game practice.

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SCHEDULE "D" 50/50 RAFFLE RULES

1. Licensee: The 50/50 Raffle (the "Raffle") shall be conducted by the 50/50 Licensee pursuant to a license (the "License") from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission ("AGLC") and in accordance with the Criminal Code of Canada, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Act and Regulations, AGLC Policy, AGLC Raffle Terms and Conditions, and the terms of the 50/50 Raffle License Agreement between the 50/50 Licensee and Rexall Sports Corp (the "Service Provider").

• 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)").

• Rules: These are the official 50/50 Raffle Rules and are available upon request.

• 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.

• Minor Children: AGLC requests that ticket sellers advise adult ticket purchasers not to give their ticket to a person under the age of eighteen (18) years as required by the Public Trustees Act.

• Tickets: Ticket pricing shall be:

Regular: Discount 1:

Discount 2:

Five dollars (\$5.00) for one (1) ticket Ten dollars (\$10.00) for three (3) tickets Twenty dollars (\$20.00) for (10) tickets

• 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:

• One (1) ticket will be manually drawn at random (the "Draw") to win the Prize;

• If there is an unclaimed Prize(s) from any of the Raffles, a separate pool for the final Game will be created. The first ticket drawn at the final Game will be the winning ticket of the final Game Prize and the second ticket drawn will be the winning ticket of the pool of the unclaimed Prize(s);

• At least one (1) executive member of the 50/50 Licensee and one (1) member of the public who is not a member of the 50/50 Licensee, shall be present to witness each Draw;

• 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.

• Winner Notification: The winning ticket number will be shown on the video scoreclock and all the dedicated 50/50 televisions in Rexall Place as soon as possible and it will be announced over the public address system at the completion of the slowest game. If there is only one (1) game being played, the winning number will be announced over the PA system and shown on the video scoreclock and all the dedicated 50/50 televisions in Rexall Place at the completion of the 8111 end. If the Prize is not claimed during the Game, the winning ticket number will be posted on two (2) dis-

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.

All Prizes not claimed on or before the Prize Claim Expiry Date (forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the final Game on March 10, 2013), will be pooled and drawn as a separate prize creating an additional Prize for the final Game, with AGLC approval. This means that any unclaimed Prizes will be redistributed by adding the amounts of the unclaimed Prizes together to create a separate Prize at the final Raffle of the designated 50/50 Licensed Game (the "Bonus Prize Draw").

It is the responsibility of the 50/50 Licensee to communicate during the final Game that if there are any unclaimed Prizes, all unclaimed Prizes will be pooled for the Bonus Prize Draw. For the Final Draw, the 50/50 Licensee will draw two (2) tickets. The first ticket will be used to determine the winner of the Final Draw. The second ticket will be used to determine the winner of the Bonus Prize Draw (if applicable). The winner of the Final Draw will have fifteen

(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

50/50 Licensee at the Brier Office, Suite 200 1603 91 Street, Edmonton, Alberta TOX OW8 (phone 780-466-0316) to claim the Prize. If the unclaimed Prize is not claimed within seven (7) days, then the Raffle Prize amount for the Bonus Prize Draw will be provided to the designated charities identified under the 50/50 Licensee's Raffle License.

• The Prize: In each Raffle the Prize will be 50% of the gross revenue from all tickets sold. Prize is not transferable and must be accepted as awarded with no substitutions, except at the 50/50 Licensee's sole discretion. The Prize shall be paid by cheque from the 50/50 Licensee. The designated 50/50 ticket is the only valid receipt for claiming the Prize.

Unauthorized persons copying, selling or altering tickets are subject to prosecution. A 50/50 Raffle ticket will be void and a Prize not paid/redeemed if there is proof that the ticket was stolen, not issued, ineligible, altered, counterfeit, defective, printed in duplicate, or printed/produced in error. The Service Provider and the 50/50 Licensee are not responsible for lost or stolen tickets or tickets redeemed in error by their agents. All tickets, transactions and winners associated with the 50/50 Raffle are subject to the rules, regulations and procedures put in place by the 50/50 Licensee and the lawful charges thereof.

• Cancellation: The 50/50 Licensee may rescind, cancel, amend or revoke the Raffle, subject to the prior approval of AGLC. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the 50/50 Licensee reserves the right to cancel or modify the Raffle and/or these Official Rules, in whole or in part and without notice, if the 50/50 Licensee determines that fraud or technical or other failures have threatened or destroyed the integrity of the Raffle.

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 tycki@telusplanet.net



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	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			

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2014 Continental Cup heads to Vegas

BY JIM MORRIS

The Tankard Times

Think of Las Vegas and thoughts are conjured of casinos, big-name entertainers and cool drinks by the pool. To be honest, curling doesn't always come to mind.

That's something organizers of next year's World Financial Group Continental Cup, presented by Monsanto, hope to change when the event is held in Las Vegas in January.

Anne Warner Cribbs and Jon Killoran, who have spearheaded bringing next year's competition to Las Vegas, spent part of a week at the South Okanagan Events Centre in Penticton in February soaking up the atmosphere and getting some ideas on how to make next year's event a success.

From what Cribbs has seen, taking curling to Sin City isn't that much of a leap.

"I see the fans in the Patch and they are all having a great time," said Cribbs, president and CEO of Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee. "Las Vegas is all about having a great time. I think it's going to be good."

Killoran believes curling easily fits into what Las Vegas offers.

"Certainly curling is something that really plays well in a setting with the entertainment background of Vegas and the entertaining aspects of the sport," said Killoran, chief executive officer of the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition.

Next year's Continental Cup will be held at the 5,000-seat Orleans Arena. In the past some major cash bonspiels have been held in Las Vegas but this will be the first one staged in a venue the size of the Orleans Arena, which also is the home of the East Coast Hockey League's Las Vegas Wranglers.



Cribbs isn't worried the Roaring Game might get drowned out in the noise produced by Las Vegas.

"That's always a challenge when you have an event in an area that is really busy and has a lot going in," said the former swimmer who won a gold medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics. "I think it's our challenge to make sure people know about it."

"We are going to have a very targeted marketing campaign. I think it's going to be fine."

Long term, Cribbs and Killoran want to see a Winter Olympics come to the Reno-Tahoe area. They see growing the interest in curling in the U.S. as a step toward that goal.

According to USA Curling, there are about 16,000 curlers in the United States, playing at 165 clubs in 41 states. Cribbs said the sport always draws well when shown on television during the Olympics.

"We don't capitalize on it as much as maybe we should," she said. "People are interested."

"I also think the curling athletes themselves are very personable, very attractive. Television seems to like them."

Two fans that won't need converting are John McCormick and his wife who travelled to Penticton from Houston, Tex., to watch this year's event.

"We just like curling," said McCormick. "As we get older, that's the only thing we like anymore."

The couple were born and raised in Winnipeg but moved to Houston 35 years ago. They continue to curl at a club in Houston.

"It's not very big," McCormick said. "The league has about 40 people, most of them are from Alberta, energy people that have travelled down to Houston."

Their visit gave Cribbs and Killoran a chance to witness the Continental Cup and discuss ideas with local organizers.

"Everybody in the curling community has been incredibly nice and enthusiastic about coming to Las Vegas," said Cribbs. "They have answered a lot of questions."

"I think we've learned a lot."

Without spilling any secrets, Killoran said next year's event will have a Las Vegas flare.

"We think there are some exciting nuances that can be added that will increase the attendees enjoyment, from the players to the fans," he said. "Las Vegas will add some amenities that may not be available previously."

Cribbs laughed when asked if Continental Cup games will be added to the Las Vegas sports book.

"Shall we take a bet about that?" she said.



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