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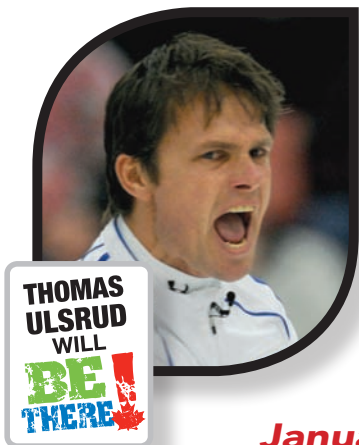
Defending Brier champ Jeff Stoughton of Winnipeg gets good luck smooches from defending Canada Cup queen Stefanie Lawton (left) of Saskatoon and Canadian champion Amber Holland of Kronau, Sask. after practice sessions Tuesday at the RecPlex. The first draw of the Capital One Canada Cup hits the ice at 9 a.m. today.

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Canada Cup renaissance

BY LARRY WOOD
Morning Cup Editor

Welcome to the new-look, revamped, rejuvenated, Capital One Canada Cup of Curling, edition No. 9.

The Canadian Curling Association's initial venture into the realm of cash bonspiels began in 2003 at Kamloops. The first six events were staged there before moving to Yorkton in 2009 and on to Medicine Hat a year ago.

But additional stature has been granted the competition this season. In addition to reducing the field to seven men's and seven women's teams qualifying by way of last season's exploits, the winners will, for the first time, become the initial qualifiers for the 2013 Tim Hortons Roar Of the Rings Canadian Olympic trials slated for Winnipeg two years hence.

Total prize money for this shindig at the RecPlex has been reduced by \$10,000 to \$140,000. But six less teams will be in the money hunt. Winners will collect \$26,000, runners-up \$16,000, third-place finishers \$10,000 and, for the other eight teams, each win will be worth \$2,000.

Three of the seven following each round robin of six draws will advance to playoffs. Second and third finishers will collide in semi-finals with the round-robin leaders installed directly in the championship finals slated for Sunday.

How important is a victory in this affair? Just about as important as it gets . . . at this stage of the races to become Team Canada in each gender at the Sochi Olympics.

For the also-rans, it will mean dropping back into the rigorous races for Canadian Team Ranking System points. There'll be as much point-hunting as buck-hunting over the next two winters.

"It's massive," said defending men's champion Glenn Howard of Coldwater, Ont., on Tuesday. "I can't deny it. Obviously the long-term goal is to get to the Olympic trials and you don't want to give up any chances.



Mike McEwen

This is the first chance and if we can pull it off here then we don't have to worry about it for the next two years. Sure, if you don't win, you've got seven other chances, but it'd sure be nice to get it out of the way and enjoy the next couple of winters."

Following this event, the only routes to the trials proper will be next year's Canada Cup at Moose Jaw, a selection of points standings — this season, next season and a combination of the two, and a last-ditch pre-trials event in November, 2013 that will declare the final four teams, two men and two women, for the eight-team Sochi show-downs.

"It would be a nice bonus to be the first team into Winnipeg," said Winnipeg's Mike McEwen, the current World Tour money

leader.

"It would bode well for promotional purposes. And, definitely it would be a nice feature for the team to win this one. We don't want to leave anything up in the air, we want to qualify straight in and as soon as possible.

"We don't want to see ourselves in a pre-trials, all-or-nothing situation again. We put a lot of emphasis on that."

That, in fact, is what happened to McEwen in 2009 at Prince George when he lost a last-gasp qualifier to fellow Winnipegger Jason Gunnlaugson.

With few exceptions, the game's top dogs are on hand at the Cranbrook icehouse. Many are fierce rivals including Howard and three-time Canada Cup champion Kevin Martin of

Edmonton whose team of John Morris, Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert won the gold medals at the Vancouver Olympics in February of 2010.

Then, too, there is four-time Canadian distaff champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg who missed making it five by a couple of inches last year at the Scotties in Charlottetown. That bauble went to Amber Holland of Kronau, near Regina, whose world silver medal winner is in the lists along with Saskatchewan rival Stefanie Lawton of Saskatoon, the Canada Cup defender and two-time champ.

"You don't think about Olympic trials," said Jones. "That's so far away. It's obviously something you'd like to get out the way but I don't think it matters whether you get it now or you get it later. The timing of it doesn't really matter.

"We're playing because we like to play. We're having fun. Obviously we'd like to go to the Olympics. I think every team playing the game would like to go to the Olympics. But if we don't . . . we'll still have fun along the way."

The event's only other two-time women's champ, Calgary's Shannon Kleibrink, joins the chase. Her crosstown rival skipped by Cheryl Bernard, the Olympic silver-medallist at Vancouver, is one of the few considered powerhouse units missing in action. Bernard fell one berth short of qualifying through last season's CTRS rankings.

The action starts today at 9 a.m., with Lawton facing Heather Nedohin of Edmonton and Ottawa's Rachel Homan testing Chelsea Carey of Winnipeg on the women's side, Howard tackling northern rival Brad Jacobs of Sault Ste. Marie and McEwen against 2010 Brier winner Kevin Koe of Edmonton.

World tour money-winning leader last year and again this season, McEwen, coincidentally, also entered last year's Canada Cup gauntlet with three early Tour victories under his belt.

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CRANBROOK: A new look

Koe, who this season is aligned with Moose Jaw smoothie Pat Simmons at third, never has missed a Canada Cup renewal.

Rounding out the male contingent is Regina's Steve Laycock and defending Canadian and world champion Jeff Stoughton's Winnipeg team that includes Jon Mead, Reid Carruthers and Steve Gould.

For at least three of the current men's skips — Howard, 49, Stoughton, 48, and Martin, 45 — this 2014 shot at Olympic glory likely will be their respective last hurrahs. It figures that a win here would take a load of pressure off the shoulders of one of these elder skips.

"I like the system, I think they've definitely tweaked it for the best," said Howard. "And I know I don't have too many shots at the Olympics left in me

so, yeah, there's a little bit of added pressure there."

Martin was of mixed minds Tuesday.

"There's two ways to look at winning that trials berth this early. Yeah, well take it if we win it, but that leaves you with two long seasons of trying to get up for a lot of other events and to maintain your momentum heading into the trials two years from now. Winning it now, it may be a lot tougher to sustain that competitive edge."

The Canada Cup remains the only cash bonspiel extant to continue with 10-end matches, start to finish. As such, for the first time this season, longer games will be the vogue for all of the competitors.

In 2 p.m. action today, Stoughton will play Jacobs and Martin tackles Laycock. In women's scuffling, Kleibrink plays Carey, Nedohin faces Jones and Holland opens against Lawton.

Round-robin action continues at 7 p.m. today, and 9, 2 and 7 on Thursday and Friday.

Tiebreakers, if required, will

be played Saturday at 8 a.m. followed by the TSN-televised women's semi-final at 1 p.m. and the men's televised semi at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, the women's televised final goes at 9 a.m. while the men's televised final starts at 1:30 p.m.

The event is presented by the St. Eugene Golf Resort Casino.

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(2010-11 CTRS point standings - Points taken to nearest full number where applicable))

Men -- 1. Kevin Martin, Edmonton (256), 2. Mike McEwen, Winnipeg (238), 3. Jeff Stoughton, Winnipeg (226), 4. Glenn Howard, Coldwater (223), 5. Kevin Koe, Edmonton (172), 6. Brad Gushue, St. John's (136), 7. Steve Laycock, Regina (117), 8. Wayne Middaugh, Toronto (113), 9. Rob Fowler, Brandon (107) 10. John Epping, Toronto (101), 11. Brad Jacobs, Sault Ste. Marie (91), 12. Bob Ursel, Kelowna (90), 13. Jean-Michel Menard, St-Romuald (84), 14. Dale Matchell, Bradford (83), Don Walchuk, Edmonton (68).

Women -- 1. Jennifer Jones, Winnipeg (215), 2. Amber Holland, Kronau (172), 3. Shannon Kleibrink, Calgary (170), 4. Heather Nedohin, Edmonton

(154), 5. Chelsea Carey, Morden (149), 6. Stefanie Lawton, Saskatoon (146), 7. Rachel Homan, Ottawa (117), 8. Cheryl Bernard, Calgary (105), 9. Cathy Overton-Clapham, Winnipeg (96), 10. Jessie Kaufman, Edmonton (80), 11. Desiree Owen, Grande Prairie (71), 12. Sherry Middaugh, Coldwater (70), 13. Kelly Scott, Kelowna (70), 14. Jill Thurston, Winnipeg (63), 15. Krista McCarville, Thunder Bay (57).

(2011-2012 CTRA point standings)

Men -- 1. Mike McEwen, Winnipeg (179), 2. Glenn Howard, Coldwater (112), 3. John Epping, Toronto (104), 4. Kevin Koe, Edmonton (99), 5. Kevin Martin, Edmonton (93), 6. Randy Ferbey, Edmonton (89), 7. Brad Gushue, St. John's (81), 8. Rob Rumfeldt, Guelph, Ont., (74), 9. Jeff Stoughton, Winnipeg (66), 10. Brad Jacobs, Sault Ste. Marie (59), 11. Steve Laycock, Regina (58), 12. Mark Kean, Woodstock, Ont., (53), 13. Jake Higgs, Harriston, Ont., (51), 14. Jean-Michel Menard, Gatineau (48), 15. Brock Virtue, Calgary (47).

Women -- 1. Sherry Middaugh, Coldwater (112), 2. Jennifer Jones, Winnipeg (101), 3. Cathy Overton-Clapham, Winnipeg (84), 4. Cheryl Bernard, Calgary (82), 5. Crystal Webster, Calgary (78), 6. Stefanie Lawton, Saskatoon (77.3), 7. Renee Sonnenberg, Grande Prairie (76.9), 8. Valerie Sweeting, Edmonton (48), 9. Chelsea Carey, Winnipeg (44), 10. Dana Ferguson, Calgary (43), 11. Heather Nedohin, Edmonton (42), 12. Shannon Kleibrink, Calgary (40), 13. Krista McCarville, Thunder Bay (39), 14. Kelley Law, New Westminster (34), 15. Dana Ferguson, Calgary (32), 16. Kelly Scott, Kelowna (31); 17. Rachel Homan (28), 25. Amber Holland (21)

•(Points available for Capital One Canada Cup) 1st: 45 points; 2nd: 30; 3rd: 25; Round-robin wins for teams failing to reach the playoffs: 3 points per win.



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Who will rule Cranbrook roost?

THE MEN

1 KEVIN MARTIN, Edmonton — There's something about Olympic gold medals and undefeated Brier streaks that stick in memory. The Old Bear can never be counted out when the pickings are this potent.

2 MIKE McEWEN, Winnipeg — This team has been getting better and better and better. A lot of people thought last season would constitute its time. This one could be it . . . in spades.

3 GLENN HOWARD, Coldwater — Came up big in last year's show-down and there's no doubt the team's capable of repeating the feat. Plus, getting the Trials business out of the way early would be a boon.

4 JEFF STOUGHTON, Winnipeg — Coming off his best Brier-and-World combine ever. Question is, will this team be able to get back up to speed at this early stage of the campaign. May be slightly undertrained.

5 KEVIN KOE, Edmonton — You can't completely overlook the 2010 Brier champ. But the season's results so far have drawn a close-but-no-cigar rating. A hot streak, though, isn't out of the question.

6 BRAD JACOBS, Sault Ste. Marie — The boys from the Soo have all the makings and youth on their side, to boot. This team will be heard from for some time but a few more stiff races may be needed.

7 STEVE LAYCOCK, Regina — A so-so Brier outing last year suggests this unit has some work cut out for it here. Plus, the skip is getting to know a new vice-skip. Indicates chances slim this time out.

Read on as the Morning Cup makes its fearless Canada Cup predictions



Edmonton's Kevin Martin, Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones: Odds-on favourites yet again.

THE WOMEN

1 JENNIFER JONES, Winnipeg — The four-time Scotties champ is operating without long-time second player Jill Officer, but the season's record to date indicates this still is the team to beat.

2 STEFANIE LAWTON, Saskatoon — Winner here in two of the last three years, hence it's obvious the timing is favourable for the former national junior-champion sister act and mates.

3 SHANNON KLEIBRINK, Calgary — Another two-time winner, the skip is recovering from a kidney ailment. But this is a unit that never can be counted out of anything. The skip is one of the nation's best shooters.

4 AMBER HOLLAND, Kronau — Coming off a Scotties upset triumph and an emotional silver-winning performance at the World women's championship, this outfit has been struggling to find winning form of late.

5 RACHEL HOMAN, Ottawa — Great things have been predicted for this youthful aggregation that will continue to improve with age and experience. At this stage of development, could win big . . . or lose big.

6 HEATHER NEDOHIN, Edmonton — Veteran former world junior queen is mounting a long and strong effort with a view to regaining her former level of success. The team is capable of surprise.

7 CHELSEA CAREY, Winnipeg — Another young unit that set the curling world on fire a year ago. Trouble is, it has been having trouble repeating that success story in the new season.

'Like starting from scratch again'

It may be a brand new curling season for Amber Holland and her Canadian champs/world silver medallists who closed out the last one in grand style but, to this point, the re-boot has starkly resembled a lot of less-successful campaigns past.

Which is to say, anything but a walk in the winter park as the green-clad champs have expended copious energy ducking an assortment of spears and arrows aimed at bull's-eye targets newly-attached to their backs.

"A big target?" Holland repeats the question. "Oh, for sure. When you're the champs, nobody rolls over in front of you. If we want to win again, we're going to have to work for that.

"I've always felt that we've never taken the easy route and that teams have never handed us anything. We've always had to work hard to get where we wanted to be. So I don't think it's really all that different. We knew we'd have to step up our game, just to stay consistent with where we've been."

That's been a difficult assignment this time around. The team hasn't qualified for one cashspiel playoff round.

"What we don't seem to have figured out is how to make shots," she says. "I think the explanation is as simple as that. And that has to change. We haven't hit our stride yet, but that more or less normal at this stage. We need to go out there and make shots and do things right and the wins will take care of themselves.

"It's been different for us because we've never been in this position before. It's sort of like starting from scratch again. I think we're just feeling our way through it. We don't know how it's going to turn out.

"We took the opportunity to relax in the off-season but we knew there were a few things we were going to have to work on to get ready for this year. We've made some minor changes (technically) and we've been working hard on them. Just minor stuff we know we have to do a little bit better in order to be a little



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Morning Cup Editor

more consistent."

How about a little elaboration there?

"Nope," she says with a laugh.

There have to be some little secrets in the repertoire of a curling team, apparently.

"It's not the Tiger Woods thing, start from scratch and revise everything — we've worked on some of that but we've approached it like we always have," says the slender blonde skip who was raised in rural Dilke, northwest of Regina.

"We're looking at what worked for us and what didn't work for us and going on from there, whether that's on-the-ice technically and we're committed to some minor changes with a view toward more consistency, or whether it's psychologically where we've worked a lot with our mental trainer to talk about some of the things that we need to do better."

The defending Scotties champs suddenly were confronted last spring with a new-found notoriety. Some of it was enjoyable. Some of it wasn't.

"You play the game for so long and you go out there and do your things and whether the people notice you or don't notice you, whether someone wants to have a conversation with you, it is what it is, and it can be enjoyable," says Holland, the executive director of the Saskatchewan Curling Association when she's not throwing granite on ice.

"But sometimes you feel, 'look, I just want to go out there and curl and not worry about all the rest of the stuff that comes with what we did last year'.

"It's part of the game, though. The funny part of it is, you play



Amber Holland

all your life to get there so when you get there you'd better enjoy it. Right? When it happens, I don't think a lot of people really understand the changes, all the people who come up and talk to you. It's OK, but it's just another thing we have to manage."

Some may have suspected a certain amount of team devastation setting in following the last end of the last game against Anette Norberg in Denmark.

"Confidence comes from playing well," says Holland. "OK, we didn't play that last end at the Worlds very well. So that's a learning experience and you take something from that and realize that's a place you don't want to go to and that just makes you stronger.

"A big thing for us is keeping the team unit together. It's the biggest thing, in fact. It's really easy for teams at that level to look at something like that and

do the coulda-shoulda-woulda bit, but it doesn't really matter. We coulda-shoulda-woulda the last six or seven years together but the end result is still pretty good.

"The nicest thing is that we came back to Regina for the World men's and we were treated like royalty. I mean, everybody wanted a part of us, wanted our autographs, our picture. I think in our hearts we really had won the gold medal. Nobody came up to us and said, 'oh gosh, you kind of messed up that one'.

"You aren't going to win them all and we put ourselves in a tough position but we hung in there and we got through the tie-breaker and we got through the playoffs and we had to be proud of that because a lot of teams would have just folded up the tent and gone home.

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	5:00 pm	Team Nedohin

up close and personal

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Thursday 5:45 pm
Team Jacobs

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Team Lawton

Meet One of Our Brightest Young Stars!

The Chelsea Carey foursome was named the World Curling Tour's Breakthrough Team of the Year for the 2010-2011 season. And, after riding an undefeated streak, they came just one win short of representing Manitoba at the Scotties – losing to Cathy Overton-Clapham in the provincial final.

Today she'll sit down in the Patch for the Up Close and Personal interview – a candid discussion in an informal setting, where fans have the chance to ask the questions. It's one of the most entertaining aspects of Season of Championship events. And one of the most popular, so you'd better show up early to get a good seat!



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Brad Jacobs of The Soo takes on Ontario counterpart Glenn Howard in Draw 1 today.



Canada Cup trivia time



1. Only two British Columbia-based women's skips have directed teams at the Canada Cup. Name them.
2. Only three British Columbia-based men's skips have directed teams at the Canada Cup. Name them.
3. Name a former Canada Cup champion who never has won a national championship (either Scotties or Juniors or Mixed).
4. Of the 36 male skips previously competing at the Canada Cup, nine hailed from each of two provinces. Name the provinces.
5. Of the 37 female skips previously competing at the Canada Cup, 10 hailed from one province. Name it.
6. No skip has ever directed a Territories team at the Canada Cup. Male skips from one other province also have been blanked for Canada Cup qualification. That province?
7. Name skips in the current Canada Cup that have played other positions in previous editions of the competition. (Hint: There are three).
8. Name their previous skips.
9. Name one player who has played in all previous eight Canada Cups and is missing this time around.
10. Name the skip in the current Canada Cup field who has played in the most Canada Cups, and how many?
11. Five players in the current field have stepped down to the third position after having skipped teams in previous Canada Cups. They are?
12. Name the eight runners-up in the women's section of past Canada Cups.

Answers

1. Kelley Law, Kelly Scott.
2. Jim Cotter, Bob Urse.
3. Sherry Middaugh, Pat Ryan.
4. Alberta, Ontario.
5. Alberta.
6. Prince Edward Island.
7. Kevin Koe, Steve Laycock, Heather Nedohin.
8. (Koe) John Morris.
9. Randy Ferbey, Moore.
10. Shannon Kleibrink, Jennifer Jones, Cathy Anderson, Jan Betker, King, Kelly Scott, Marie-France Larouche, Cheryl Bernard.
11. Deb Santos, Kristine Simmons, (Nedohin) Kelley Law, Sherry Middaugh, John Morris.
12. Kelley Law, Sherry Middaugh, John Morris, Pat Simmons.

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HOLLAND:

'It's not how your start, it's how you finish'

"Being a first-time Team Canada, I'm pretty pleased, obviously. A lot of first-year teams before us didn't do as well. But we can only control what we can control."

So how about this new format Canada Cup format — rather than an automatic Olympic trials berth for winning the Scotties, she's here on the basis of the Scotties win and if she wins here she goes straight to the Olympic trials?

"The difference is that these teams are supposed to be the best of the best in the country, regardless of geography," she muses. "As soon as you regionalize and put a border on something you're not necessarily going to get the same strength of field."

"I mean, Alberta may have four of the top men's teams in the world and they can be in the Canada Cup where that could never happen at the Brier."

"As such, I don't mind this format. Seven teams is interesting, probably better than the two pools. I prefer the round robin when you're deciding something of this magnitude."

Is the new system totally fair, to players from Bonavista to Haida Gwaii?

"If I played in Nova Scotia now I'd probably do what Brad Gushue does and sacrifice everything else in my life to curl more," says Holland. "We all have our burdens to bear and we all have our challenges with where we live and what we can access."

"Yes, it costs more for some than for others. But I like the idea of the trials process remaining consistent over a number of years. And if you've been working toward that, and have had consistent results, I like that process because I think it gets our better teams there."

"I like consistency in teams. I think that for the past few years the teams that have stayed together and played together have done Canada proud. Now, if you have to change, for whatever reason, you still have a couple of years to prove yourselves."

"I mean, you can say, 'oh yeah, Cheryl Bernard, her name looks good on paper we should put her right into the trials', but that's not the way our sport has ever worked. You have to go out on the ice and prove yourself every time."

"The fact that we have a couple of years to qualify for the Olympics is great. I mean, all of us go into our provincial playdowns and you have one shot. You lose, you're out. I think the nice thing about our sport is that we leave it on the ice. And a Cheryl Bernard or a Kevin Martin has to go out there and throw the rocks the same as everybody else."

Headed for role as Team Canada when the next Scotties rolls around in Red Deer, the Holland team will have to make do without defending its provincial title, always a momentum-builder.

"Well, we'll have the Continental Cup in January and we're looking forward to playing in that," says Holland. "Sure, it's a fun thing, but it keeps you on the arena ice."

"You won't get a lot of tough games, you won't get a lot of reps there. So we've committed to doing some training stuff. There aren't a lot of events that we can play in. We might be able to find a dress-up ladies' bonspiel somewhere in Saskatchewan. But this Canada Cup is probably our only shot at playing on arena ice until we get to the Scotties. We want to take advantage of that."

"I watched the Grey Cup on the weekend and saw the sign for the B.C. Lions that said, 'it's not how you start, it's how you finish'. So I'll go with that, I can live with that."

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2011 CANADA CUP LINEUP: MEN'S POOL



Kevin Koe

Saville Sports Centre (Edmonton)

Experience factor — 21
Skip — Kevin Koe (37-9)
3rd — Pat Simmons (37-4)
2nd — Carter Rycroft (34-7)
Lead — Nolan Thiessen (31-5)
Brier: Combined 10 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRS points, #5
Last year's record: \$12,400, 5-3, finished 3rd.



Kevin Martin

Saville Sports Centre (Edmonton)

Experience factor — 26
Skip — Kevin Martin (45-7)
3rd — John Morris (33-8)
2nd — Marc Kennedy (30-8)
Lead — Ben Hebert (28-7)
Brier: Combined 26 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRS points, #1
Last year's record: \$19,000, 6-1, finished 2nd



Mike McEwen

Fort Rouge CC (Winnipeg)

Experience factor — 12
Skip — Mike McEwen (31-4)
3rd — B.J. Neufeld (25-4)
2nd — Matt Wozniak (28-4)
Lead — Denni Neufeld (30-4)
Brier: Combined 0 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRS points, #2
Last year's record: \$8,200, 4-2, finished 4th



Jeff Stoughton

Charleswood CC (Winnipeg)

Experience factor — 13
Skip — Jeff Stoughton (48-7)
3rd — Jonathan Mead (44-5)
2nd — Reid Carruthers (25-2)
Lead — Steve Gould (39-7)
Brier: Combined 20 appearances
Qualified: 2011 Brier champion
Last year's record: \$2,400, 3-3, finished T5th.



Glenn Howard

Coldwater CC (Coldwater)

Experience factor — 14
Skip — Glenn Howard (49-4)
3rd — Wayne Middaugh (44-4)
2nd — Brent Laing (32-5)
Lead — Craig Savill (33-5)
Brier: Combined 34 appearances
Qualified: Defending Canada Cup champion
Last year's record: \$29,000, 7-1, finished 1st.

(player's age and total Canada Cup appearances, including 2010 and as a fifth player, in brackets)



Brad Jacobs

Soo Curlers Assoc. (Sault Ste. Marie)

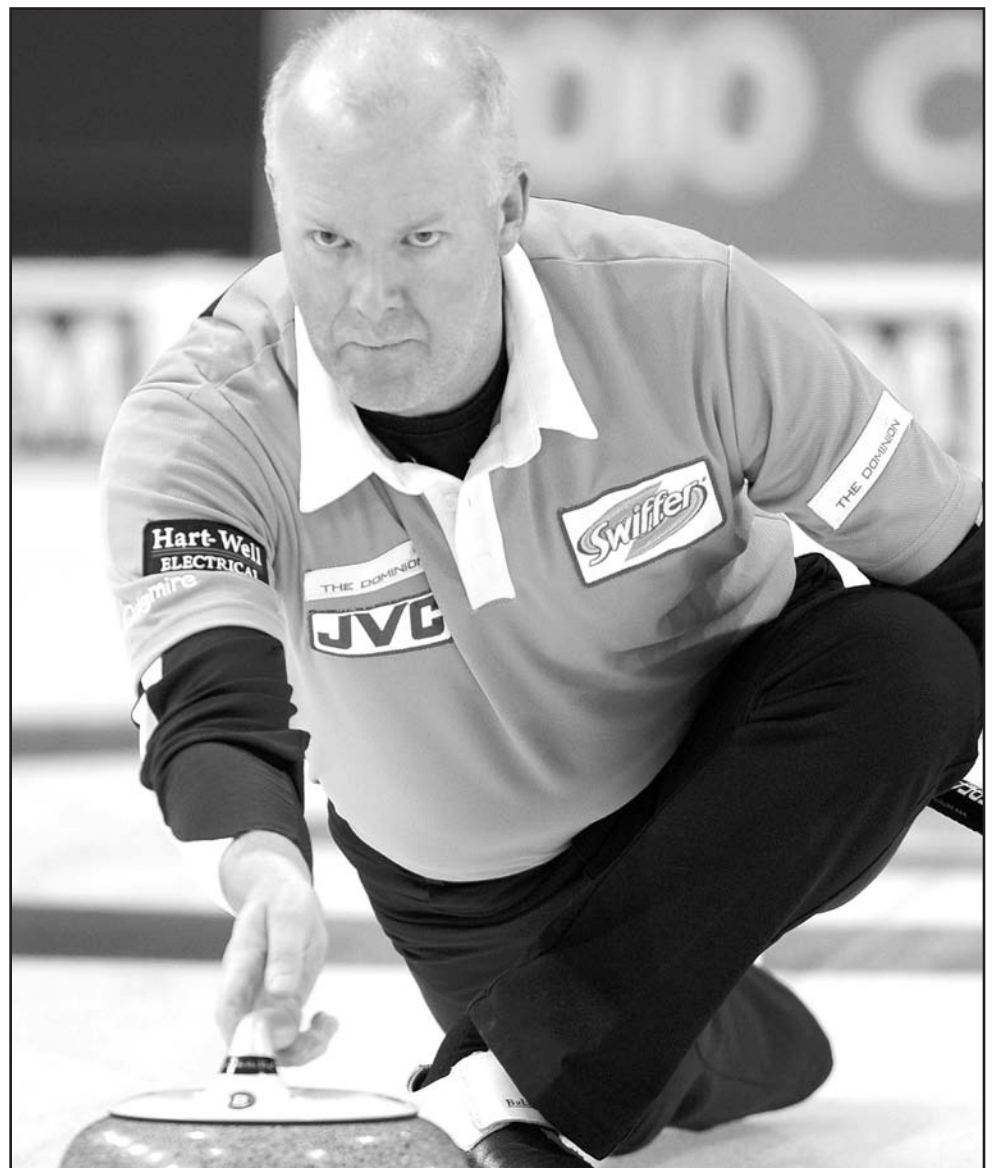
Experience factor — 0
Skip — Brad Jacobs (26-1)
3rd — E.J. Harnden (28-1)
2nd — Ryan Harnden (25-1)
Lead — Scott Seabrook (26-1)
Brier: Combined 10 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRS points, #11



Steve Laycock

Tartan Curling Club (Regina)

Experience factor — 13
Skip — Steve Laycock (29-2)
3rd — Joel Jordison (33-4)
2nd — Brennen Jones (24-1)
Lead — Dallan Muyres (24-1)
Brier: Combined 6 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRS points, #7
Last year's record: Not qualified



Coldwater's Glenn Howard started a big Season of Champions year with a win last year at the Canada Cup.

2011 CANADA CUP LINEUP: WOMEN'S POOL



Shannon Kleibrink

Calgary Winter Club
(Calgary)

Experience factor — 18
Skip — Shannon Kleibrink (43-7)
3rd — Amy Nixon (34-7)
2nd — Bronwen Webster (33-4)
Lead — Carolyn Darbyshire (47-6)
Scotties: Combined 12 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRS points, #3
Last year's record: \$14,000, 5-2, finished 3rd



Heather Nedohin

Saville Sports Centre (Edmonton)

Experience factor — 10
Skip — Heather Nedohin (36-5)
3rd — Beth Iskiw (32-3)
2nd — Jessica Mair (27-2)
Lead — Laine Peters (41-4)
Scotties: Combined 9 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRS points, #4
Last year's record: \$1,600, 2-3, finished T6th



Jennifer Jones

St. Vital CC (Winnipeg)

Experience factor — 9
Skip — Jennifer Jones (37-6)
3rd — Kaitlyn Lawes (22-1)
2nd — Joelle Sabourin (39-2)
Lead — Dawn Askin (31-4)
Scotties: Combined 19 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRS points, #1
Last year's record: \$2,400, 3-2, finished 5th



Chelsea Carey

Morden CC (Morden)

Experience factor — 4
Skip — Chelsea Carey (27-2)
3rd — Kristy McDonald (32-2)
2nd — Kristen Foster (24-2)
Lead — Lindsay Titheridge (29-2)
Scotties: Combined 0 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRS points, #5)
Last year's record: \$1,600, 2-3, finished T6th

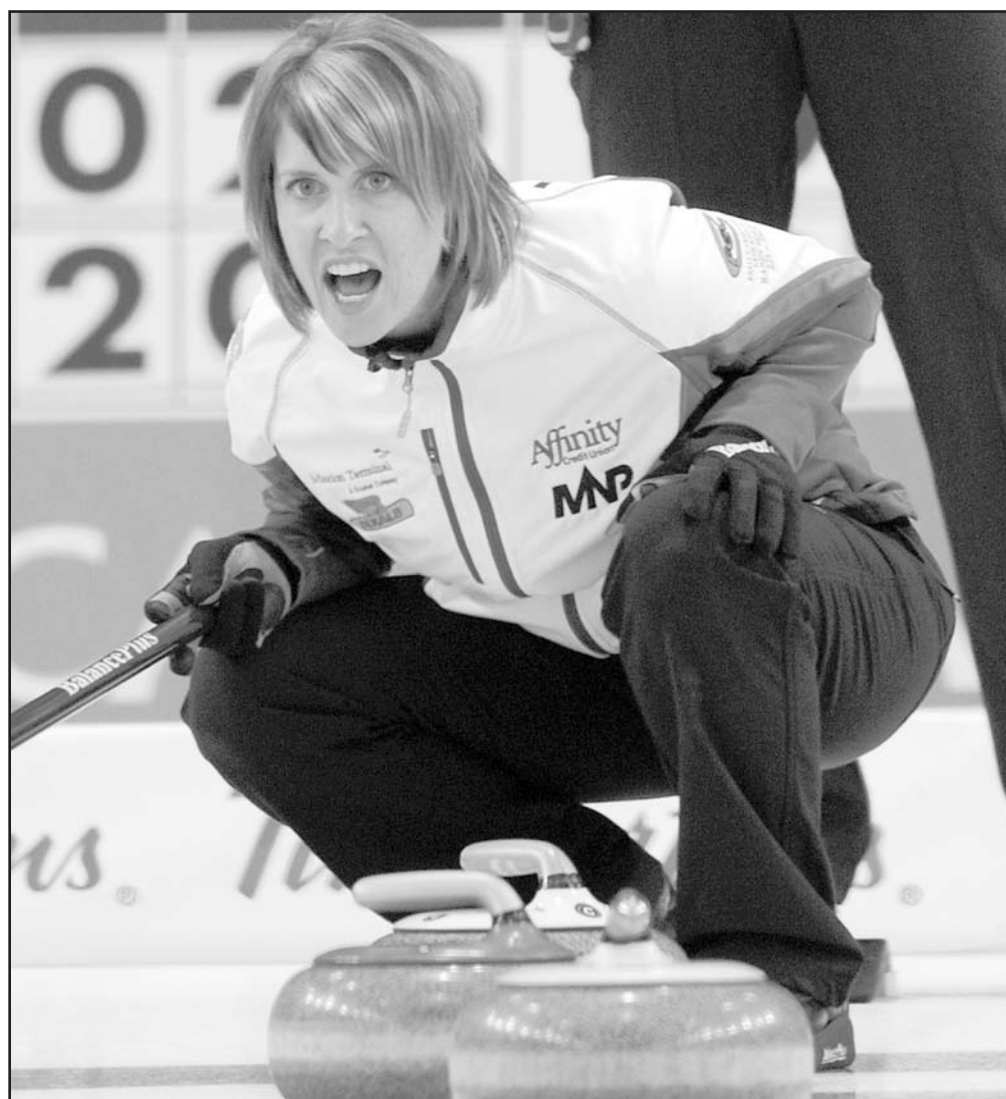


Rachel Homan

Ottawa CC (Ottawa)

Experience factor — 0
Skip — Rachel Homan (22-1)
3rd — Emma Miskew (22-1)
2nd — Alison Kreviazuk (23-1)
Lead — Lisa Weagle (26-1)
Scotties: Combined 4 appearances
Qualified: 2010-11 CTRA points, #7
Last year's record: Not qualified.

(player's age and total Canada Cup appearances, including 2010 and as a fifth player, in brackets)



Saskatoon skip Stefanie Lawton captured the Canada Cup in Medicine Hat last year.



Amber Holland

Kronau CC (Kronau)

Experience factor — 8
Skip — Amber Holland (37-3)
3rd — Kim Schneider (27-3)
2nd — Tammy Schneider (29-3)
Lead — Heather Kalenchuk (27-3)
Scotties: Combined 8 appearances
Qualified: 2011 Scotties champion
Last year's record: \$1,600, 2-3, finished T6th



Stefanie Lawton

Granite CC (Saskatoon)

Experience factor — 18
Skip — Stefanie Lawton (31-5)
3rd — Sherry Anderson (47-6)
2nd — Sherri Singler (37-6)
Lead — Marliese Kasner (29-5)
Scotties: Combined 10 appearances
Qualified: Defending Canada Cup champion
Last year's record: \$28,200, 7-1, finished 1st

2011 CANADA CUP: TOURNAMENT DRAW



	Time	Draw	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C	Sheet D	Sheet E
Today	9 a.m.	1	Stefanie Lawton vs. Heather Nedohin	Glenn Howard vs. Brad Jacobs	Mike McEwen vs. Kevin Koe	Rachel Homan vs. Chelsea Carey	
	2 p.m.	2	Shannon Kleibrink vs. Chelsea Carey	Steve Laycock vs. Kevin Martin	Jeff Stoughton vs. Brad Jacobs	Heather Nedohin vs. Jennifer Jones	Stefanie Lawton vs. Amber Holland
	7 p.m.	3	Rachel Homan vs. Amber Holland	Mike McEwen vs. Jeff Stoughton	Glenn Howard vs. Steve Laycock	Kevin Koe vs. Kevin Martin	Jennifer Jones vs. Shannon Kleibrink
	Time	Draw	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C	Sheet D	Sheet E
Thursday	9 a.m.	4	Brad Jacobs vs. Kevin Martin	Shannon Kleibrink vs. Heather Nedohin	Jennifer Jones vs. Stefanie Lawton	Amber Holland vs. Chelsea Carey	Jeff Stoughton vs. Steve Laycock
	2 p.m.	5		Chelsey Carey vs. Stefanie Lawton	Heather Nedohin vs. Rachel Homan	Mike McEwen vs. Glenn Howard	Brad Jacobs vs. Kevin Koe
	7 p.m.	6	Steve Laycock vs. Mike McEwen	Rachel Homan vs. Jennifer Jones	Shannon Kleibrink vs. Amber Holland	Kevin Koe vs. Jeff Stoughton	Kevin Martin vs. Glenn Howard
	Time	Draw	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C	Sheet D	Sheet E
Friday	9 a.m.	7		Brad Jacobs vs. Mike McEwen	Kevin Koe vs. Glenn Howard	Stefanie Lawton vs. Rachel Homan	Heather Nedohin vs. Chelsea Carey
	2 p.m.	8	Jennifer Jones vs. Chelsea Carey	Heather Nedohin vs. Amber Holland	Kevin Martin vs. Jeff Stoughton	Steve Laycock vs. Brad Jacobs	Shannon Kleibrink vs. Stefanie Lawton
	7 p.m.	9	Glenn Howard vs. Jeff Stoughton	Kevin Koe vs. Steve Laycock	Rachel Homan vs. Shannon Kleibrink	Kevin Martin vs. Mike McEwen	Jennifer Jones vs. Amber Holland

PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Dec. 3

9 a.m. — Tiebreakers.

1 p.m. — Championship semi-final (women)

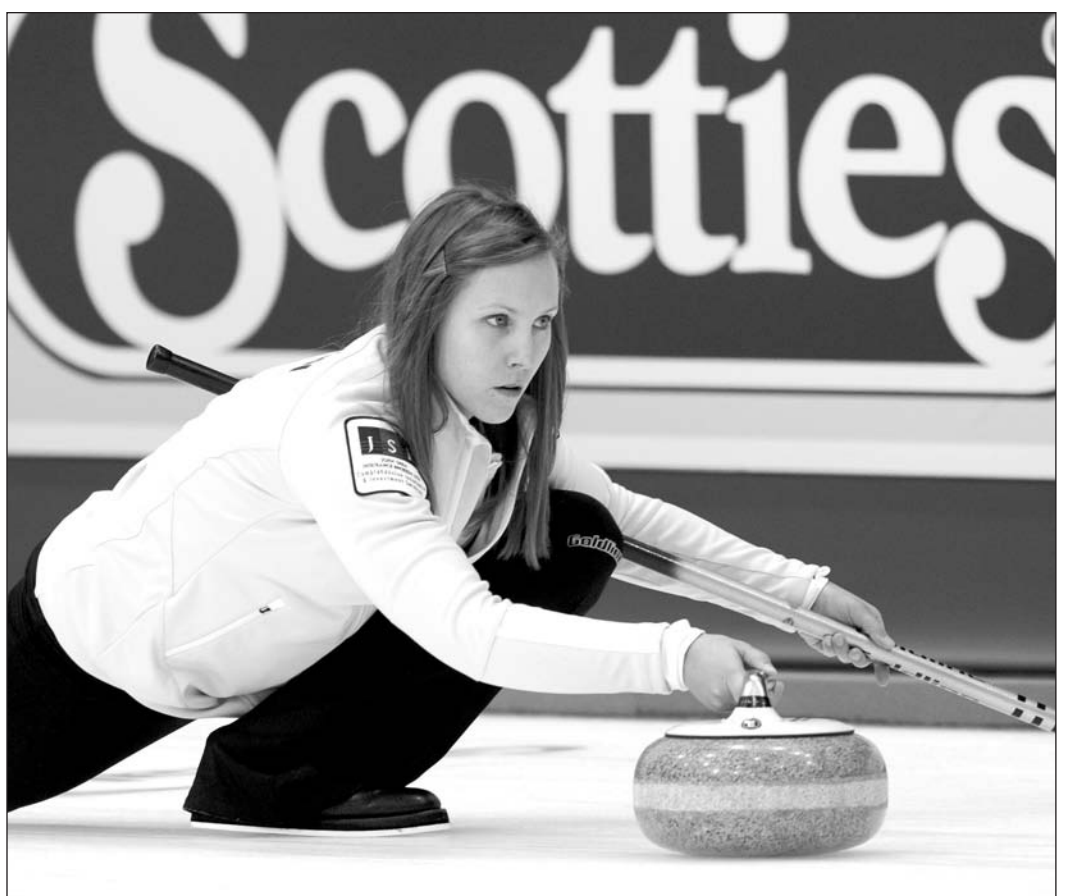
6 p.m. — Championship semi-final (men)

Sunday, Dec. 4

9 a.m. — Championship final (women)

1:30 p.m. — Championship final (men)

Ottawa's Rachel Homan had a big year on the circuit and in playdowns, finishing fourth at the Canadian Women's Championships in Charlottetown representing Ontario. Her foursome takes its first shot at a Canada Cup this week in Cranbrook.



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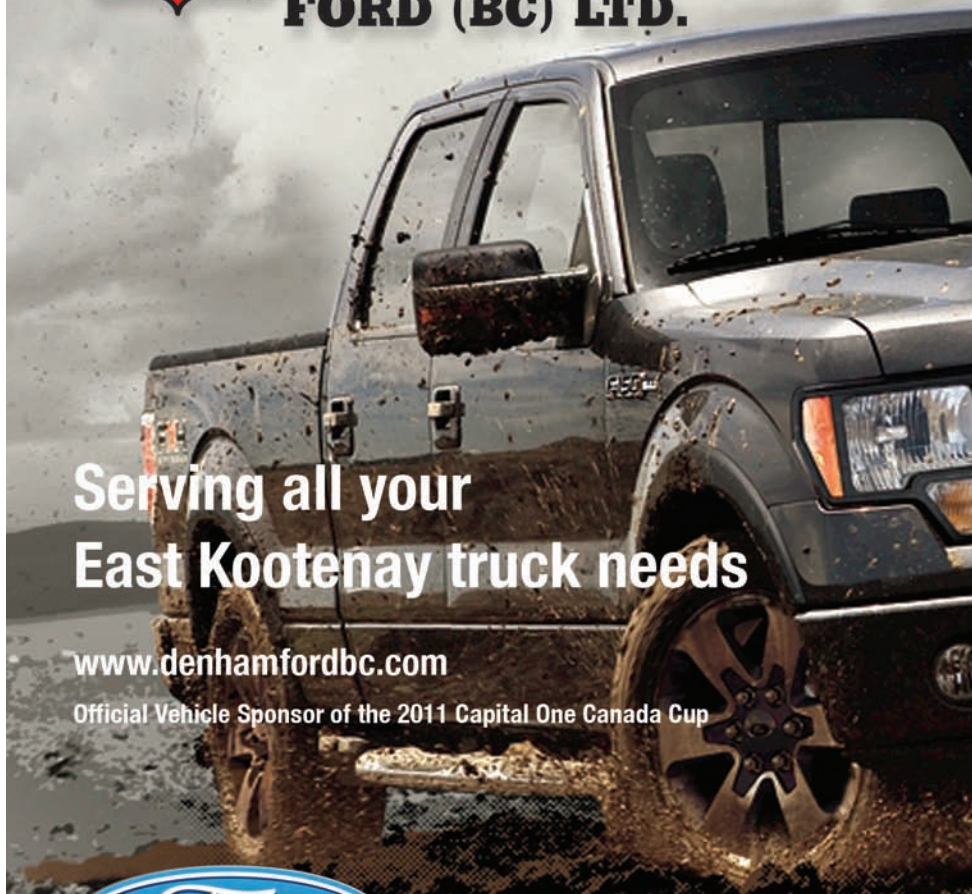
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