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2011 CAPITAL ONE CANADA CUP MEN'S SEMI-FINAL

Howard perfection

BY LARRY WOOD *Morning Cup Editor*

It's going to be same-old, same-old in the Capital One Canada Cup men's championship final

And Glenn Howard of Coldwater, Ont., who executed a perfect 100 per cent effort on skip's rocks in Saturday night's 9-5 semi-final ousting of Winnipeg's Jeff Stoughton, is hoping the same-old will extend to the finish at the Cranbrook RecPlex.

Howard, the defending champion, faces a foe so familiar it's almost family in Edmonton's Kevin Martin. The same two collided last year in the final at St. Albert and Howard prevailed, 10-7, in a wild fracas.

Howard was chuckling as he came off the ice Saturday.

"Who are we playing in the final?" he asked. "I think I know the guy. Battle of the baldies."

In the Sunday 1:30 p.m. final, Martin and his team of John Morris, Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert will have hammer and choice of rocks. A year ago, Howard had the first-end hammer but Martin stole a point only to give up three in the second end.

Howard and his team of Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing and Craig Savill were close to unbeatable in this semi, opening with a crucial deuce against Canadian champion Stoughton and maintaining control until applying a crushing three-ender for a 7-3 lead in the seventh exchange.

"It was one of the best games I've thrown this year, no question," Howard opined when asked to rate his performance. Fact is, he didn't miss a shot.

"I felt really good out there, I felt confident, I thought I was seeing everything really well, I could visualize those hack-weighters, I could see shots, I was in a good place this game."

Stoughton and his troops never really connected in this joust but the Brier winner recalled the extra-end loss to Martin on Friday — a battle of unbeaten round-robin teams — was the most disappointing for him.

"We played great against Kevin, rather mediocre against Glenn. The disappointing game was against Kevin. An extra end and you have the hammer and no shot to win, that was the disappointment.

"When you play great teams like this you have to play perfect and we had a couple of shots where we were maybe two or three feet heavy. Instead of being two or three feet in front of the teeline we were a foot behind."

That was the situation, he suggested, in the seventh end.

"They played a great game. We were too deep on the last one. We knew he'd make it. We had to be in front of the teeline."

Howard denied that his team was never in the glue.

"Jeff had us in trouble two or three ends that we got out of nicely," he said. "That's the sign of a good team, right? It wasn't collectively our



Glenn Howard beat Jeff Stoughton in Saturday's semi-final curling 100% along the way.

best effort but we made all the right shots. When one guy would miss the next guy would make a real good one and that's what you have to do in this calibre of play. Jeff keeps coming back at you. Even that last shot (ninth end when Howard executed his last rock for a killing deuce), if I don't throw a good one he steals two and we're tied coming home.

"That's the way it is. And the ice conditions are so good. The crew has done a fantastic job. You're making all the great shots. That's what it's all about. And if you keep making great shots you have a chance to win.

"I mean, you throw hack weight to tap out rocks dead behind guards, those are phenomenal conditions. He buries in the seventh, you have to divorce yourself from that and throw the right shot with the right weight. It's going to come in around there and make it.

"Jeff made the perfect shot where he had to in the top four-foot and we had to follow him down and tap it out. They were kind of behind the eight-ball the whole end from the moment Craig (lead Savill) played a perfect chip shot and rolled into the rings. That's how huge leads are in this game. Kudos to him." Howard pooh-poohed any suggestion the granting of the first Olympic Trials berths today was too early.

"I don't care whether we get in first or eighth but I don't want to give up an opportunity like this," he said. "It's huge. We don't plan to make any team changes so the bottom line is we want to get in as soon as we can. If we can get her done here, that's what we want to do. It's just one term goal out of the way. But we'll keep playing one way or the other because we want to stay sharp.

"There's a lot on the line. All kinds of things. Back to the Canada Cup. The Continental Cup. The Trials spot. The money. It's not quite as big as the final to go to the Olympics (Martin beat Howard in that one at the 2009 final) but it's up there."

Stoughton wasn't over-wrought with his team's performance. His team departed with \$10,000.

"I thought we played great this week and had a good few games here."

Sunday's winner collects \$26,000. The loser gets \$16,000.

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Best of ladies curling action set for Red Deer, Lethbridge

Morning Cup

Defending champion Amber Holland and her Kronau, Sask., team will be in the lineup as Team Canada for the 2012 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, to be held Alberta, for the fifth time in the event's history.

The action returns to Red Deer's Enmax Centrium, Feb. 18-26.

Red Deer is second only to Regina in total attendance at a Scotties. With its central location midway between Calgary and Edmonton, the city has traditionally drawn support from both the north and south. Only Regina in 1998, had an attendance that exceeded the 112,886 mark set at Red Deer in 2004 when Colleen Jones and her Halifax juggernaut won its fifth Canadian women's title in six years.

"The success of an event like the Scotties doesn't come from the work of one" says Sherri Ryckman, chair of the Red Deer host committee. "The success will come from the entire community and our curling family. I know that Red Deer has the spirit to make this the the best Scotties ever.

Regina's Scotties attendance record, set in 1998, is 154,688.

The last Alberta team to win the Scotties was skipped by Cathy (Borst) King at that same 1998 event. Borst directed third Heather Godberson (Nedohin), second Brenda Bohmer and lead Kate Horne.

Winner of the 2012 Scotties will travel down Alberta's No. 2 highway to represent Canada at the Ford Worlds at Lethbridge's Enmax Centre, March 17-25.

It will mark the 12th time that Canada has hosted the World women's event since the championship began in 1979 at Perth, Scotland. The last time it was held in Alberta was in 2006 at Grande Prairie. Ford of Canada has sponsored the world men's and women's championships since 1995.

"When Lethbridge hosted the 2007 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, it proved our community's willingness to work to make that event successful," says Lethbridge host committee chair Jody Meli.

"The timing (for a Worlds) is perfect since we are able to host athletes and spectators in a newly-renovated venue. The fact that this is an international event, combined with our ability to build on our community's enthusiasm for curling, is sure to make it a great success."

Canada has won a leading 15 gold medals at the World women's since 1979. Canada's last victory came in 2008 in Vernon, B.C., when Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones defeated China's Bingyu Wang in the final.

Last year, in Esbjerg, Denmark, Holland and her troops won the silver medal, losing the final match to Sweden's three-time winner Anette Norberg. "We've launched a couple of ticket packages," says Meli, "and we're hoping for Christmas sales. "We've had a big response, a lot

"We've had a big response, a lot of inquiries and lot of buzz in the community and I think the excitement will grow when the final schedule of games is released."

The 2013 Scotties, meanwhile, will be held in Ontario for the ninth time in the event's history, at Kingston's K-Rock Centre.

Kingston hasn't hosted a Canadian curling championship since 1957, when Alberta's Matt Baldwin won his second of three Macdonald Brier titles.

The last time Ontario won the Canadian women's title, Marilyn Bodogh skipped her team to victory for the second time, in 1996. In the history of the championship, which began in 1961, the province has won just five times. In addition to Bodogh, past champions include Heather Houston (another two-time winner) and Alison Goring.

"The Scotties is the perfect event for the return of championship curling to this historical city - Canada's first Capital and UNESCO World Heritage destination," says host committee chair, Ken Thompson, who also chaired the host committed for the 1991 Brier at Hamilton.

Kingston, located halfway between Montreal and Toronto, is steeped in history and tradition. It is the final resting place of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. The city is known as the "fresh-water capital of North America" and is a major port for cruises to the famous Thousand Islands.











2011 CAPITAL ONE CANADA CUP LADIES SEMI-FINAL



Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones took care of business against Shannon Kleibrink in Saturday's semi-final and will take on fellow Manitoban Chelsea Carey in Sunday's final.

Jones crew back for more

BY LARRY WOOD

Morning Cup Editor

Look out!

Probably the best women's playoff curling team in the history of the game is poised to perform its magic again.

Four-time Canadian champion Jennifer Jones advanced Saturday afternoon to the champion-ship final of the Capital One Canada Cup with a dominating 6-3 semi-final decision against two-time champion Shannon Kleibrink of Calgary.

The win squared an account in this seven-team event leading to \$26,000 top money and the initial berth in the Tim Hortons Olympic Curling Trials two years hence.

"I thought that we made the shots when we had to in that game which is always what you have to do," assessed Jones afterward.

The winner stole two points in the first end when Kleibrink twice tossed wide on out-turns at Jones rocks in the four-foot ring.

"The two early, when we didn't have the hammer, was good for us," said Jones, who directed

Kaitlyn Lawes, Joelle Sabourin and Dawn Askin. "That gave us the momentum early and we didn't look back.

"I felt good all week here and that was a nice way to go to the final."

Kleibrink's team — Amy Nixon, Bronwen Webster, Carolyn Darbyshire — was unable to mount any sort of offence in the match. Jones stole singles in the sixth and ninth ends when Kleibrink was heavy and then saw a rock pick up debris.

"We found a real straight spot in the first end and it cost us huge," admitted the Calgary skip. "We couldn't recover.

"The ice usually does change for the playoffs. I know it but I didn't catch on to it. Hey, the ice is still great. It's just different.

It wasn't the kind on which you could make the come-arounds later in the game."

Kleibrink said she was satisfied with her lot, considering "how few games we've had to get here".

Jones, who won the Canada Cup in 2007, qualified with a 3-3 record while Kleibrink, who won

in 2005 and 2009, was 5-1.

"It doesn't really matter where you finish in the round robin as long as you get that foot in the door," said Jones.

"We went the hard way, now we're in and we'll try to play our best tomorrow and see what happens."

Jones has a habit of rising from the canvas after qualifying from the last gasp at the Scotties, an event she has won four times.

In 2008 at Regina, Jones had four losses when she survived a tiebreaker and then won three straight sudden-death playoff matches including a 6-4 extra-end heist against Kleibrink..

In 2009 at Victoria, she again required a tiebreaker win on the back of four losses, then again won three straight with her back to the wall.

In 2010 at Sault Ste. Marie, she finished second to Kathy O'Rourke's P.E.I. upstarts with three losses, the defeated the Islanders twice in hair-raisers.

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of fields?

Il right, so what in the world, to say nothing of the Kootenays, is really going on at the upper levels of participation in Canadian curling?

The answer is, not much, if you're looking at the men's side of the granite coin.

In the women's division, it's another kettle of stew entirely.

For too long, the depth of field at the upper echelon of competitive men's teams has been wading-pool shallow.

Let's see. Martin, Stoughton, Howard, um, Koe, um, um, well McEwen has shown he's a comer.

Brad Gushue sticks his nose in there every now and then. Ditto John Epping in Middle Canada. Dacey has confined himself to the far east, Ferbey is in semi-retirement, Burtnyk is in total retirement, brother Russ is long gone to the TSN booth, Menard in out on the fringes along with everybody else in Quebec, also B.C., Saskatchewan, most of Ontario and every precinct east of there.

The situation should have been alarming to the powers-that-be in this game long ago. Canadian curling has nothing on baseball's days of yore when the Yankees were a cinch to get to the World Series every year and the betting was they'd be playing the Dodgers, Braves or Cardinals.

Let's see now. You want unchanging faces?

Martin has represented Alberta at the Brier in five of the last six years. In that off-year it was Koe. Before that it was Ferbey since 2001. Martin in 2000.

Howard has won the last six Ontario titles in a row.

Stoughton? Five of the last six in Manitoba.

Even in the far east the pickings are slim. Gushue has been the Newfie champ in eight of the last nine years. In Nova Scotia, either Dacey or Shawn Adams in nine of the last dozen. Jimmy The Kid Grattan has been involved in the New Brunswick Brier rep in eight of the last 10 years.

Things may or may not improve following the current run for the Sochi Olympics, after which Martin, Stoughton and Howard likely will take a step back from the every-weekend stuff, maybe adorn themselves completely in pipes and slippers.

Word is Martin may be interested in joining the national coaching ranks. Oh, Johnny Mo may take over the Martin troops and join the elite but don't bet on the Stoughton or Howard teams re-configuring with new last-rock chuckers.

Without the top dogs, maybe the calibre will deteriorate slightly but grow in terms of numbers. That's the way the cookie appears to be ready to crumble at this viewing.

One way or another, the numbers have to increase if sponsors are expected to maintain a genuine interest.

On the other hand, the top flight embracing the nation's distaff rocktossers has swollen to record proportions. Indeed, there's no one stickout team in the nation right now. And there are new faces popping up all over.

Some, like Saskatchewan's Amber Holland, have been climbing the ladder for years. Some, like Renee Sonnenberg, Heather Nedohin and Kelley Law, are bidding for comebacks. Chelsea Carey and Rachel Homan, among many others, are most promising new faces.

Then there's a long list of familiar biggies, from Jones to Middaugh to Kleibrink to Bernard to Lawton to Overton-Clapham to McCarville to Scott, et al.

"I think it started to become noticeable four years ago," says Holland, the reigning Canadian champ. "The numbers of good teams were growing. More teams were doing what they needed to do to get better. It was obvious at the last Olympic trials. A lot of teams were preparing for that and you could tell it was a different mindset."

And the reasoning?

"Part of it is the Olympic dream," surmised Holland. "Obviously, everybody has it. But that's once ever



four years. Everybody knows that you still need to have other goals every other year. Maybe it wasn't that much of a step for a lot of these teams to be among the best teams in Canada.

"Sometimes I think the men always have had that separation between the top few teams. Whereas with the women, I think teams just needed to do little bit more to get there. There are a lot of good teams and it's good for women's curling because it keeps everybody interested and current.

"I mean, a lot of people will be surprised with Chelsea Carey's record here but we're not. We see her every weekend. She has one of the top teams."

Adds Shannon Kleibrink, a former Olympian and two-time Canada Cup champ:

"We were looking at the way they



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Morning Cup Editor

ranked the teams here coming in. This is so tight, you could have ranked the teams exactly opposite and it still would have made sense. There is no dominating team this year.

"Other years there were maybe three or four that you always had to beat at the end of an event. Those three or four just aren't always there at the end any more."

Nedohin has been in and out of this company ever since she won the world junior title and then the Scotties with Cathy King in 1998.

"Yeah, I have been playing all along," she says. "You never lose that serious edge. Even with the kids coming along. But, in this calibre of curling, with this many teams, you need to be playing all the time."

Once a competitor, always a competitor.

"We've been eighth or 10th in Canada the last five years.

You win one game and it can jump you up to fourth. That's how tight it is and it's nice to see that the calibre of women's curling is that close. We've been grinding it out and that's what it takes. That's what you have to do."

Carey, a relative newcomer to these ranks, personifies the new breed.

"There are a lot more good teams now than there have been in a long time, I think," she says.

"I'm relatively new to the scene, but I see that. For a while, it almost seemed like it was a bit of a scary situation where there wasn't. Two or three teams dominated. But now a lot of teams have broken through and started winning. Now you go to Grand Slams and there are a lot teams you don't know but they're all tough.

"You look at your side of the qualifying draw and say, 'wow is that's hard', and then you look at the other side and there's Cheryl Bernard and Jennifer Jones and they're all just as hard. There are a lot of good teams, a lot of close competition. "Anybody can beat anybody. It's great for the game. But, yeah, it's scary, too. There are a lot of teams working at it, challenging and getting those breakthroughs."

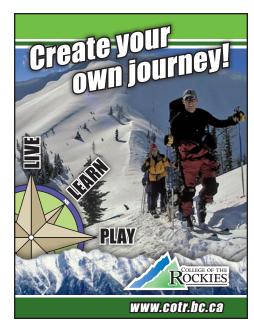
The same may be true with the men. But the breakthroughs for new mugs are few and far between.













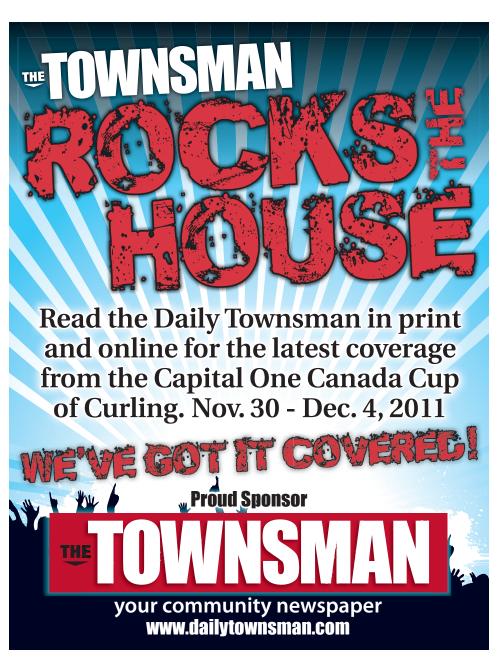
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When the teams take the fifth end break in today's men's final at the Capital One Canada Cup, the spotlight will shift to Devon Twarowski of Cranbrook as she settles in the hack for the Investors Group "Draw to the Button" challenge.

All it takes is one draw that covers the button and she'll win \$250,000. And, that's not bad for someone who's never curled before!

Twarowski's name was drawn from more than 1,000 entrants from across B.C. in the Investors Group promotion. She has three opportunities to win big... if the first shot doesn't hit the mark, the second throw is worth \$50,000 and the third toss comes with a \$25,000 payout.

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Barb Stange took Saturday's \$100 daily prize and the last chance to play in today's championship finals.



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The finalists in the Cool Shots Competition hit the boards today in the Patch with a \$600 cash prize sitting on the table... just waiting for one of the shooters to take home.

Barb Stange was the last qualifier, coming out on top in Saturday's play to join Murray Lewis, Ann Wood and Randy Lucas in the final showdown.

Win big cash just by purchasing a 50/50 ticket on the final day of the Capital One Canada Cup! It's an electronic system so you can watch the prize grow while you enjoy the excitement on the ice!

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Draw 9

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Draw 10

Unclaimed - \$5,788.00

Draw 9 - 50/50 winner Michelle Cook.

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Just tune in to the broadcast while you enjoy the action on the ice. Portable radios are on sale at the event merchandise store.





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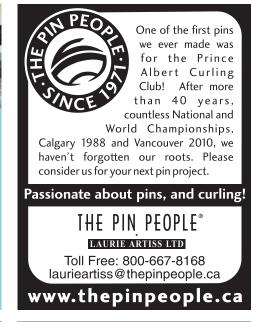
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WOMEN: Jones has had Carey's number... to this point

In short, the Jones record suggests playoff domination.

"I don't know," she mused Saturday. "I think we're a pretty consistent team, we show that throughout the bonspiel season and we usually give ourselves a chance to make the playoffs. That's all you ever want. Then once you get to the playoffs we've had some success at turning it up a notch."

The Jones team this morning (9 a.m.) will face a younger Manitoba opponent skipped by Chelsea Carey (5-1 going in). Carey has won only two of her last seven jousts with Jones.

Get ready for Continental Cup

Canadian Curling Association

The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) and the World Curling Federation (WCF) have announced that Langley, B.C., will host the 2012 World Financial Group Continental Cup, presented by Monsanto.

The unique international curling competition, featuring six teams from North America against six teams representing the World, will be contested Jan. 12-15, 2012, at the Langley Events Centre.

The Continental Cup comprises various disciplines during the four days — regular team games, mixed doubles, singles, mixed skins and men's and women's skins games. Each segment awards points for wins (or ties), with the first side to reach 200 points declared the winner.

THE 2012 LINEUPS:

MEN

North America (Glenn Howard, Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing, Craig Savill - Coldwater, Ont.; Jeff Stoughton, Jon Mead, Reid Carruthers, Steve Gould - Winnipeg; Pete Fenson, Shawn Rojeski, Joe Polo, Ryan Brunt - Bemidji, Minn.)

World (Tom Brewster, Greg Drummond, Scott Andrews, Michael Goodfellow - Aberdeen, Scotland; Thomas Ulsrud, Torger Nergaard, Christoffer Svae, Havard Vad Petersson - Oslo, Norway; Miklas Edin, Sebastian Kraupp, Fredrik Lindberg, Viktor Kjall - Karlstad, Śweden).

Women

North America (Amber Holland, Kim Schneider, Tammy Schneider, Heather Kalenchuk - Kronau, Sask; Stefanie Lawton, Sherry Anderson, Sherri Singler, Marliese Kasner - Saskatoon; Patti Lank, Nina Spatola, Caitlin Maroldo, Molly Bonner - Rochester, N.Y.)

World (Bingyu Wang, Yue Sun, Qingshuang Yue, Yan Zhou - Harbin, China; Eve Muirhead, Anna Sloan, Vicki Adams, Claire Hamilton - Blair Atholl, Scotland; Anette Norberg, Cissi Ostlund, Sara Carlsson, Lotta Lennartsson - Stockholm, Sweden).



Kleibrink crew already charting long-range course

BY LARRY WOOD *Morning Cup Editor*

he fact that you should never count out 43-year-old Shannon Kleibrink in a major curling event — or life, in general, for that matter — has been hammered home again this week at the Cranbrook RecPlex.

A two-time Canada Cup of Curling champion among many other things, Kleibrink noted soon after the start this past week's activities that it's "still early season for me".

Indeed, she's only been on the ice lanes full time for the better part of a month and counting. And had played in only two previous 'spiels.

But there she was with her Calgary team of Amy Nixon, Bronwen Webster and Carolyn Darbyshire, carrying a 5and-1 qualifying record and battling as usual in Saturday's championship semi-final against four-time Canadian champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg.

Considering the confusion surrounding the veteran team this fall, a Canada Cup run to a playoff berth could be construed as miraculous.

The season started in September with a medic informing Kleibrink that a cancerous tumour had been discovered on her kidney and immediate surgery was required.

The operation proved successful, the tumour was removed, but it shelved the smooth-shooting skip for two months although she was throwing a few rocks by mid-October.

While her team carried on with Nixon skipping and won a 'spiel in Vernon and reached the final of their hometown Autumn Gold Slam, Kleibrink stewed on the sidelines and bore the brunt of a certain amount of kidding that maybe she'd be demoted to lead when she returned.

Transitions will be many for the team even now with second Webster retiring after the New Year to give birth while current substitute lead Carolyn Darbyshire, an Olympic silver medal winner with Cheryl Bernard at Vancouver, moves up to second and Chelsey (Bell) Matson returns from a current personal matter to her customary lead role for provincial playdowns.

Meantime, the team has a bonus upcoming with a trip to the inaugural Yichun International Ladies Bonspiel. Departure for China is slated next weekend.

But it's next season in which Kleibrink already has mapped out strategy in a bid to repeat the exotic Olympic Games trip her team enjoyed at Torino in 2006.

"Next year is going to be our gung-ho year," she was saying this week.

"We're going to play as much as we possibly can. That's the year when you're really going to have to collect points. We didn't want to burn out. We didn't want to do that three years in a row."

Last season, the team won its provincial title without competing outside Alberta until its trip to the Scotties in Charlottetown.

"The good thing was we were in some big events in Alberta," recalls Kleibrink, whose 6-and-5 Scotties wasn't all she'd hoped for. "All the good teams go to Lloydminster, Calgary, Red Deer. And we were in all of those."

The team travelled to Brantford two weekends ago.

"That's where the big teams were and we decided we'd better get some competition coming in here," she said.

"Whoever wins this (Sunday) will be really lucky. We've qualified early and late in the past. But we didn't change our run-up schedule at all. Nobody thinks it's a disadvantage to win this early Trials berth."

It won't be today. But there are seven more holes in the Trials draw two years hence at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg.

"We just want to be in," says Kleibrink, whose aim is to improve on her bronze-medal finish in Italy. "We don't care when."

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John Mead and the rest of Team Stoughton couldn't solve Glenn Howard in the semi-finals Saturday.

Canada Cup trivia time

- 1. Of the 14 skips in the current Canada Cup, how many are rookies in this competition?
- 2. Name them.
- Name the previous runner-up skips in the men's section of the Canada Cup.
- 4. Name the women's skip with more Canada Cup match-wins than any other.
- 5. How many wins?

6. How many titles?
7. Name the men's skip with more Canada Cup match-wins than any other.

8. How many wins?
9. How many titles?
10. A total of six women's skips have gone winless in at least one edition of the Canada Cup in which they directed teams. Can you name the six?

11. A total of nine male



skips qualifying to play in the Canada Cup still are looking for their first match win. Can you name all 10?
12. All nine went winless in previous Canada Cup editions. Two other skips who went winless once, posted victories in other editions. Their names?

Answers

ley Michols. daugh, Kelly Scott, Shel-Ryan. 12. Kerry Burtnyk, Pat Harvey, Sherry Mid-Camm, Rob Fowler. Heather Rankin, Janet Michel Menard, Mat 10. Cheryl Bernard, Cotter, Brad Heidt, Jean-Three titles. Corner, Wayne Tuck, Jim .sniw 75 .8 ray Woodward, Peter 7. Kevin Martin. 6. Two women's titles. 11. Greg Balsdon, Mur1. Three rookie skips.
2. Steve Laycock, Brad Jacobs, Rachel Homan 3. Kevin Martin (three times), John Morris (twice), Randy Ferbey (twice), Glenn Howard.

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Thanks Cranbrook, we're outta here!

here's something you should know about this estimable publication to which you've subscribed the past five days.

What's that? Well, simply, it never gets the final story. Hardly ever. And certainly not this year, either. Sorry about that.

The Morning Cup, you see, does not publish on the post-Canada Cup Monday. The way the Cranbrook organizing committee figures it, if we're over budget after five days, we won't be going for six.

Oh yes, and there's something else you should know. This publication would not exist without the efforts of the Cranbrook organizing committee, the Canadian Curling Association and its sponsors. Between them, they fund the whole shebang. So, save a cheer, also a tiger, for them.

Now, what we're asking from you today is this. We set up today's championship final matches in this last edition. Hereafter, you're on your own. The names of the winners of the 2011 Canada Cup will not be recorded for posterity in the Morning Cup. At least, not before the initial issue of the 2012 competition.

Meantime, it has been a chunk of heaven, folks. We at the Cup would like to thank you for your interest. We'd like to thank all the com-



petitors for their time and courtesy. We'd like to thank our supporters for theirs. And we'd especially, also specifically, like to thank Karen Johnston and Tim Fix at the Daily

Townsman for the job she performed on our behalf, and to Terry Morris of the Cranbrook committee.

What else is there to say? Have a

good final day and don't forget to reserve early for the 2012 Canada Cup at Moose Jaw a year from now. This one will be a blast!

Cheers.

Opinion

Canada Cup can mean even more

FRED RINNE

Morning Cup Assistant Editor

The Canadian Curling Association has endeavoured to make the Capital One Canada Cup not only prestigious, but meaningful.

And it has done so.

With a few more tweaks, this event could continue its progressive and positive evolution and be increasingly fair and helpful in deciding which squads will represent Canada at all levels of play—that means future national and international events as well as the much-coveted Olympic berths.

The trick is in fairness of 'waiting' the mathematics.

The scuttlebut around the rink in Cranbrook this week has often been about the qualification process for the event.

In sooth, the one thing curling powers-that-be must endeavour to do, is to simplify that 'waited math' not only for those who do not understand the vernacular, yet enjoy the game, but sometimes for those who throw bricks at this level.

Point systems, while understandable in attempting to create an even playing sheet, can sometimes do exactly the opposite.

Is it fair to have major, multimedia-covered events based upon points garnered from 'spiels which more often than not are held in the country's hotbeds of curling, compelling others to absorb huge expense to travel to venues hither and yon with a whim of qualifying and a possible payoff?

While national championships are structured in a way that ensures cross-country representation — expenses paid — there still seems to be a tad of inequity on the flipside.

There has been much debate about the addition of Territorial teams to the annual parties — some have already happened – and how to galvanize the needs of the country's curling game with the excellence of the sport.

It's a work in progress.

The Canada Cup moniker, for me, will always rekindle memories of Darryl Sitler, Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux on ice of a different pebble.

It would be fantastic if one day curling's equivalent will hold relative value in its own circle and it most certainly can do so – it's well on the way.

What needs to happen is that little adjustment; a re-look at its impact on the Olympic berths, and once that has been ascertained, a way to make the double and have it grow the event in prestige and at the same time offer more fairness.

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2011 CANADA CUP SCHEDULE AND RESULTS AND STATS

Standings (Through Wednesday)

Men's Pool

Team	W	L
Martin	6	0
Howard	4	2
Stoughton	4	2
Koe	3	3
McEwen	2	4
Jacobs	1	5
Lavcock	1	5

Women's Pool

Team	W	L
Carey	5	1
Kleibrink	5	1
Jones	3	3
Homan	2	4
Holland	2	4
Nedohin	2	4
Lawton	2	4

PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Dec. 3

1 p.m. — Championship semifinal (women) Jones 6 vs. Kleibrink 3

6 p.m. — Championship semifinal (men) **Howard 9 Stoughton 5**

Sunday, Dec. 4

9 a.m. — Championship final (women) Carey vs. Jones 1:30 p.m. — Championship final Martin vs. Howard

Women's Semi-final Jones 6 Kleibrink 3

Scoring and Percentages Summary for Draw 10

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1 Craig Savill	18	67	93	1	Stev	e G	Soul	d	18	68	94
2 Brent Laing	18	60	83	2	Reid	d Ca	arrut	hers	s 18	62	86
3 Wayne Middaugh	18	65	90	3	Jon	Mea	ad		18	66	92
4 Glenn Howard	17	68	100	4	Jeff	Sto	ugh	ton	17	59	87
Team Totals	71	260	92		Tea	m T	otal	s	71	255	90

Attendance Draw 10: 2287 Total: 2287

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3 Wayne Middaugh	18	3	65	9	0	3	Jo	n N	lea	d		18	66	92
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Women

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1 Dawn Askin	JON	**	84	90	86	**	97	**	81	85	87
2 Lisa Weagle	HOM	89	**	69	**	85	93	91	**	85	85
3 Laine Peters	NED	89	80	**	86	84	**	86	78	**	84
3 Marliese Kasner	LAW	76	79	**	89	80	**	90	91	**	84
5 Carolyn Darbyshire	KLE	**	82	85	85	**	86	**	76	83	83
5 Lindsay Titheridge	CAR	93	86	**	86	82	**	82	75	**	83
7 Heather Kalenchuk	HOL	**	83	83	82	**	78	**	81	84	82
Seconds											
1 Joelle Sabourin	JON	**	90	86	79	**	88	**	84	86	85
2 Jessica Mair	NED	74	68	**	88	86	**	83	89	**	81
2 Bronwen Webster	KLE	**	75	79	85	**	81	**	91	73	81
4 Alison Kreviazuk	HOM	89	**	66	**	84	86	70	**	90	80
5 Sherri Singler	LAW	77	71	**	78	70	**	83	89	**	78
6 Tammy Schneider	HOL	**	75	75	79	**	79	**	70	83	76
7 Kristen Foster	CAR	77	83	**	73	68	**	67	79	**	74
Thirds											
1 Kaitlyn Lawes	JON	**	88	75	86	**	94	**	68	91	83
2 Amy Nixon	KLE	**	73	68	84	**	80	**	80	89	79
3 Sherry Anderson	LAW	73	59	**	90	80	**	83	86	**	78
3 Emma Miskew	HOM	80	**	75	**	74	74	86	**	79	78
3 Kristy McDonald	CAR	84	72	**	84	72	**	84	79	**	78
6 Beth Iskiw	NED	75	70	**	90	78	**	78	73	**	77
7 Kim Schneider	HOL	**	71	68	77	**	76	**	67	88	74
Skips											
1 Shannon Kleibrink	KLE	**	76	76	92	**	74	**	80	79	80
2 Rachel Homan	HOM	73	**	73	**	95	79	75	**	80	79
2 Chelsea Carey	CAR	93	78	**	93	85	**	73	60	**	79
4 Stefanie Lawton	LAW	68	62	**	88	83	**	81	88	**	78
5 Heather Nedohin	NED	77	71	**	74	84	**	71	80	**	76
6 Jennifer Jones	JON	**	82	59	75	**	94	**	65	75	75
7 Amber Holland	HOL	**	80	82	64	**	70	**	74	71	74
			N/L	'n							

Men

1 Craig Savill	HOW	99	**	98	**	97	94	83	**	90	93	
2 Steve Gould	STO	**	82	100	96	**	98	**	89	86	91	
2 Denni Neufeld	MCE	86	**	88	**	90	93	89	**	99	91	
4 Ben Hebert	MAR	**	86	85	97	**	93	**	93	86	90	
5 Nolan Thiessen	KOE	83	**	95	**	90	89	88	**	83	88	
5 Scott Seabrook	JAC	91	83	**	83	90	**	93	88	**	88	
7 Dallan Muyres	LAY	**	88	85	79	**	93	**	81	98	87	
Seconds												
1 Brent Laing	HOW	88	**	89	**	85	94	95	**	93	90	
1 Reid Carruthers	STO	**	91	77	96	**	85	**	95	89	90	
3 Carter Rycroft	KOE	81	**	90	**	88	88	88	**	93	88	
3 Matt Wozniak	MCE	91	**	80	**	83	91	89	**	94	88	

5 Marc Kennedy	MAR	**	89	83	86	**	85	**	91	86	87
6 Brennen Jones	LAY	**	78	84	88	**	91	**	83	83	84
7 Ryan Harnden	JAC	88	75	**	83	79	**	79	88	**	82
Thirds											
1 Jon Mead	STO	*	* 84	96	94	**	91	**	93	89	91
2 John Morris	MAR	*	* 94	88	99	**	75	**	92	91	89
3 Wayne Middaugh	HOW	96	3 **	84	**	86	80	75	**	85	84
4 E.J. Harnden	JAC	84	4 83	**	75	81	**	88	88	**	83

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4 E.J. Harnden	JAC	84	83	**	75	81	**	88	88	**	83
4 B.J. Neufeld	MCE	76	**	73	**	79	80	96	**	90	83
6 Pat Simmons	KOE	79	**	83	**	84	85	74	**	85	81
6 Joel Jordison	LAY	**	67	80	84	**	77	**	88	88	81
Skips											
1 Kevin Martin	MAR	**	97	93	82	**	86	**	84	86	88
1 Glenn Howard	HOW	88	**	90	**	90	91	74	**	93	88
3 Jeff Stoughton	STO	**	80	80	86	**	84	**	85	85	84
4 Kevin Koe	KOE	79	**	90	**	81	80	65	**	89	81
4 Mike McEwen	MCE	71	**	73	**	76	80	94	**	85	81

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JAC

LAY

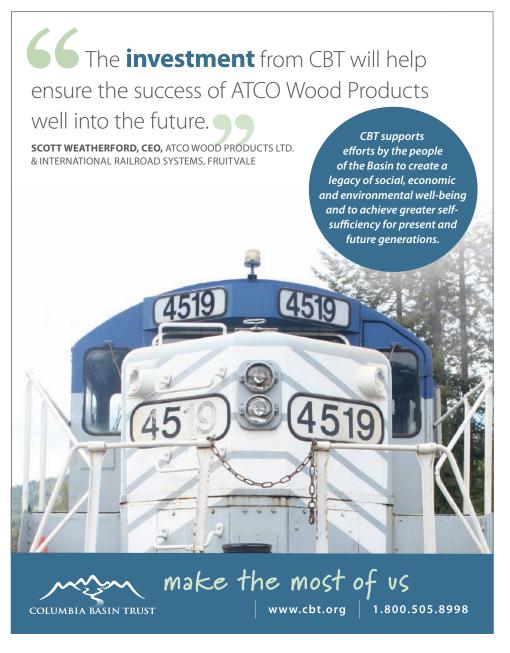
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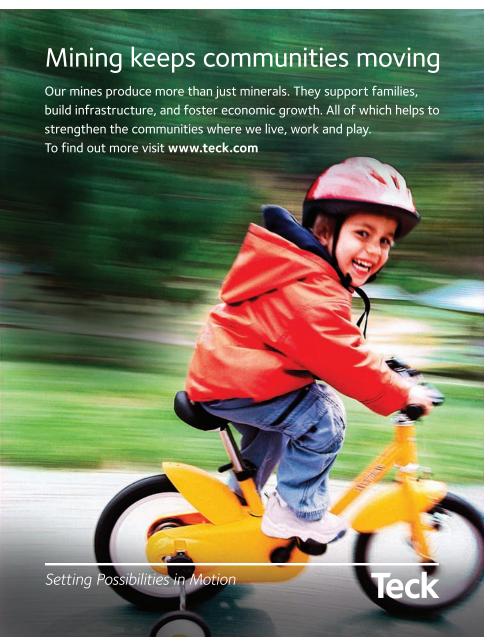
Ladies Team Stats

6 Brad Jacobs

7 Steve Laycock

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Teams											Teams										
1 Team Howard	92	**	90	**	89	90	82	**	90	89	1 Team Jones	**	86	78	82	**	93	**	74	84	83
1 Team Stoughton	**	84	88	93	**	89	**	91	87	89	2 Team Homan	83	**	71	**	84	83	81	**	83	81
3 Team Martin	**	91	87	91	**	85	**	90	87	88	3 Team Nedohin	79	72	**	84	83	**	80	80	**	80
4 Team McEwen	81	**	79	**	82	86	92	**	92	86	3 Team Lawton	74	68	**	86	78	**	84	88	**	80
5 Team Koe	81	**	89	**	86	85	78	**	88	84	3 Team Kleibrink	**	76	77	86	**	80	**	82	81	80
6 Team Jacobs	85	79	**	82	81	**	84	88	**	83	6 Team Carey	87	80	**	84	77	**	76	73	**	79
7 Team Laycock	**	80	83	79	**	78	**	77	86	81	7 Team Holland	**	77	77	75	**	76	**	73	81	77







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