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Home cookin' is good so far

Ontario had a great first day at the Kingston Scotties Saturday. The team won their opener against Newfoundland/Labrador and skip Rachel Homan (left) won the Ford Hot Shots. Here she gets help from third Emma Miskew.

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Day 1: Finding the ice footing

BY JIM MORRIS
The Heart Chart

At first it looked like some of the big names at this year's Scotties Tournaments of Heart would be cut down to size, but both Heather Nedohin's Team Canada and Manitoba's Jennifer Jones overcame early deficits to score victories Saturday at the K-Rock Centre.

The opening day of play also saw Ontario's Rachel Homan pick up her first win of the week and Nova Scotia's Colleen Jones play her first game at the Canadian women's curling championship since 2006.

"It felt kind of nerve wracking actually," said Jones, a two-time world champion who is making a record 21st appearance at the Scotties. "It didn't feel as automatic as it used to be, at least what I remember feeling in the old days.

"It felt great to be there. I saw lots of Nova Scotia flags."

Jones is playing second and acting as vice skip on Mary-Anne Arsenault's rink from the Mayflower Curling Club in Halifax. Arsenault lost 9-4 to Quebec's Allison Ross during a game in the evening draw that was much closer than the score indicated.

With the score tied 4-4 in the 10th the teams jammed filled up the house. At one point there was nine rocks in play. Facing five Ross stones, Arsenault was left with a near impossible draw on her last rock and Quebec holding the hammer.

"It's a big relief to get the first one under our belt," said Ross, a self-employed bookkeeper who is making her first appearance at the Scotties. "It was a tough game going up against Nova Scotia.

"Now can breathe a little clearer the rest of the week."

In the other evening games Kerry Galusha of the NWT/Yukon scored two points in the 10th then stole one in the extra end for a 8-7 win over Stacie Devereaux of Newfoundland & Labrador. New Brunswick's Andrea Crawford defeated Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island 11-5 in eight ends while B.C.'s Kelly Scott edged Kristie Moore of Alberta 7-6.

During the day's opening draw Nedohin, the defending Scotties champion, gave up three in the third end and trailed Crawford 4-3 after five before recovering for a 9-6 win against the team from New Brunswick. Former world champion Jennifer Jones found herself behind 4-1 at one point before rallying to defeat P.E.I.'s Birt 8-6 in nine ends.

In other afternoon games Homan rode the support of a home-province crowd to a 8-1 whipping of Devereaux of Newfoundland & Labrador, while Saskatchewan's Jill Shumay celebrated her first appearance at the Hearts by rolling over Galusha's NWT/Yukon rink 7-2.

Nedohin was her usual animated self as her rink rebounded for the win over Crawford. She puffed out her cheeks after shots and twisted her body in strange shapes while watching rocks. Her rink scored deuces in the sixth, eighth and 10th for the win.

"It was definitely a nail-biter, going back and forth," said the Team Canada skip. "I thought New Brunswick played very well.

"We were behind at the start but we controlled the later half of the game. Definitely the last end was a little bit more messy than we would have liked. We'll take a W, that's for sure."

Crawford, who curled just 79 per cent, knew she had let Nedohin off the ropes.

"We got caught a little bit not throwing (shots) crisp enough," said the 27-year-old former Canadian junior champion. "We were just losing our hits.

"That's the one thing we need to pay attention to a little bit



Quebec skip Allison Ross does the hard during her Saturday night win over Nova Scotia.

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better next game."

Jennifer Jones, who is looking for her fifth Canadian title, said it took her a few ends to figure out the ice. She then managed three deuces of her own.

"I got fooled by the ice a little bit," said the Winnipeg lawyer. "We were a little bit off but I thought we turned it up after the fifth end and played them well.

"Hopefully we will play better tomorrow."

One of the largest cheers of the day came when Homan threw a determined triple-takeout in the sixth end against Devereaux.

"It was awesome," said the 23-year-old from Ottawa who is skipping in her second Hearts. "It's pretty cool to play in front of a home crowd.

"It makes it that much more fun when you make a good shot like that"

Shumay admitted to feeling some nerves taking the ice for

the first time at the Scotties.

"My heart was pounding until the fifth end," she said. "You could probably hear it."

Shumay's third Kara Johnston, who is 33 weeks pregnant, drew plenty of attention during the game.

"My body has grown through the season," said Johnston, who already is the mother of two girls. "Everything has naturally progressed. I feel really good out there. I feel better in a hack than tying shoes."

After two draws Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Team Canada, B.C. and Quebec all have 1-0 records. The NWT/Yukon and New Brunswick are 1-1. Alberta and Nova Scotia are 0-1 while Newfoundland & Labrador and P.E.I. are 0-2.

There are three draws Sunday. A couple of the key games will see Manitoba play B.C. in the morning, then Quebec face Alberta in the evening.

Rob Roy Pipe Band carries on tradition

BY JIM MORRIS
The Heart Chart

Curling has many sounds. There's the rumble of the rock on the ice and the scrubbing noise of the brushes at work.

One of the most endearing sounds is the haunting call of the bagpipes as the teams are piped onto the ice prior to each draw.

Kingston's Rob Roy Pipe Band has performed around the world, but being part of this week's Scotties Tournaments of Hearts is special. The band had 17 pipers and drummers performing at Saturday morning's opening ceremonies and will supply the piper for each draw.

"It's great," Ross Brown, the band's pipe major, said about appearing at the Scotties. "It's a very big cultural event for our city and I love it.

"Piping curlers on is part of the tradition. It's very important."

Tradition is something the Rob Roy Pipe Band is familiar with. The band was formed in 1953 and added Highland Dancers in 1962. One of only a few permanently integrated band and dance groups, Rob Roy has performed in parades, community events and competitions across Canada, the United States and Scotland.

"As far as the Kingston area goes, we are the only competitive pipe band," said Leslie Stewart, the band manager.



Kingston's Rob Roy Pipe Band

art, the band manager.

The band is celebrating its 60th anniversary

and will travel to Scotland this summer to compete in the world championships.

The band is divided into two groups. The Grade 5 is mostly beginners while the Grade 3 has more experienced players.

For the opening ceremonies players were selected from each band. Those not involved Saturday will participate in next Sunday's closing ceremonies.

"We want to give everybody the opportunity to come to an event like this and play and represent the Rob Roy and represent Kingston," said Stewart. "It's a great opportunity and we want everybody to experience it and to be part of the event."

Brown, a native of Newmarket, Ont., began playing the bagpipes when he was 10 years old.

"I didn't have much say in it," he laughed.

"My parents at the dinner table one night said 'do you want to play the pipes or drums.' I said neither. They said 'right, pipes.' They turned to my brother and said 'you are playing the drums,' then they dragged us down to the first band practise and that was it."

Brown, who has been playing for 43 years, shrugged when asked how long someone can play the bagpipes.

"Until you fall down, eventually," he said. "It gets harder with each passing year.

"It's a very physical instrument but I know a lot of people that are in their 70's that still play."

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Homan drives home Ford Hot Shot title

BY JIM MORRIS
Tankard Times

The competition is only one day old at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts but already Rachel Homan is a winner.

The young Ontario skip showed a veteran's poise as she defeated Sharon Cormier of the NWT/Yukon during the Ford Hot Shots skill competition Saturday. Homan won the final 23-11 to win a two-year lease on a 2013 Ford Fusion SE 2.0L, AWD with EcoBoost. The prize has a retail value of \$14,000.

It's a very welcome gift, said the 23-year-old who is making her second Hearts appearance.

"My car has lots of miles on it right now," she said.

Cormier, a finance and administration manager in Yellowknife, collected \$2,000.

"I could have used that car," said Cormier, 48, who is making her eighth appearance at the Canadian women's curling championship. "A couple of thousand dollars is still great."

Emma Miskew, the third on Homan's rink, earned \$1,000 for finishing third.

Homan said playing Saturday morning gave her some extra practise for her opening draw match against Stacie Devereaux of Newfoundland and Labrador.

"It's fun to get to know the ice a bit," she said. "That's an awesome thing we can take."

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

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

Team Canada skip Heather Nedohin had the best score from Friday's preliminary round, notching 28 points to lead the eight finalists heading into Saturday. Nedohin and Miskew then advanced into the semifinals.

The players started at zero for each new round.

Homan started off the final by collected three points on the hit and stay, then perfectly drawing the button and navigating the port for five points each.

Cormier ran into trouble on the first shot, making the takeout but rolling out of the house. She had a little too much weight on the draw but did well on navigating the port. That left her trailing 13-7.

Homan put an exclamation on the victory with a booming double takeout for five points. It's a shot she has been working on.

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Mike Herniak, General Manager Eastern Market Area, for Ford of Canada presents a two-year lease prize to Ontario skip Rachel Homan, after she won the Hot Shots competition.

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HOW THEY GOT HERE: QUEBEC

Ross brings experience to the show



Allison Ross

Don't discount Allison Ross and her Quebec entry from Montreal at the current Scotties Tournament Of Hearts.

Ross has been knocking around the fringes for a few years, in the shadow of six-time champion Marie-France Larouche of St-Romauld and Montreal's Eve Belisle.

An Ontario-born 36-year-old self-employed bookkeeper, Ross represented her home provincial at the 1999 Scotties as lead player for former winner Kim Gellard, then bounced back in 2005 as vice-skip for Brenda Nicholls' Quebec champion outfit from Ste-Foy.

Neither team won five games but Ross has since taken over a team that was runnerup to Larouche last year and dominated proceedings at the provincial level last month with eight straight victories including an 11-4 walloping of two-time champion Belisle in the final outing.

Directing third Audree Dufresne, a Montreal lawyer, second Brittany O'Rourke and lead Sasha Beauchamp with seven-time Scotties competitor Anne Lemay filling in as alternate, Ross isn't short of national experience and rates as a stark Scotties darkhorse.

She played with Denna Schell of Cannington in an 8-6 bid for national junior honours in

1996.

Dufresne played third for Veronique Gregoire (7-5) at the 2001 Canadian junior championship while O'Rourke and Beauchamp played the front-end positions in three straight Canadian junior competitions with Alanna Routledge (2007) and Kristen Richard (2008 and 2009).

"Those were experiences that are going to be amplified at the Scotties," said O'Rourke.

"It was a little surprising [to win]," she added, referring to her Glenmore (Dollard Des Ormeaux) team's latest provincial success at Victoriaville.

"It showed how much more effort we put in compared to the other teams. We came in second last year, so it (winning) wasn't so far-fetched. We just didn't expect to go undefeated at all."

As for this week's assignment:

"We want to do well. There should be a lot of close games, but games that we should be able to win. We want to finish at least in top half (sixth place or higher).

"I don't want to be star-struck. I'm not there to make friends, I'm there to compete. It's going to be nice to talk to them after games, but before

games, it's going to be death eyes."

That's how it transpired at Victoriaville where Ross reeled off round-robin victories over Roxanne Perron of Trois-Rivieres (7-4), Melanie Bernier of Laurier (12-2), Sian Canavin of Longue-Pointe (12-1), Julie Hamel of Chicoutimi (7-4), Brigitte Gosselin of Sherbrooke (7-1), Belisle (8-5) and Larouche (7-6).

That run moved the Ross team directly to the final where they opened with a deuce, stole a second-end single, then duplicated the combination in the fourth and fifth ends after yielded a single in the third to lead 6-1.

Belisle bounced back with one in the sixth and two in the seventh but Ross struck for three in the eighth and stole two more in the ninth to wrap up the championship.

Canavin defeated Perron 7-2 in a tiebreaker, then lost 7-1 to Belisle who advanced to the semi-final. Belisle defeated Hamel 9-6 in that fixture.

Hamel finished the tournament with a 6-2 record while Belisle was 6-4, Canavin 5-4 and Perron 4-4.

Larouche was a shockingly inept 2-5, one game in front of Gosselin (1-6) and two in front of winless Bernier.



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Media Report - Statistical Report for Draw 1

Game Scores for Draw 1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	
A SASK (Shumay)	*0	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	X	X	7	13:26
NT/YT (Galusha)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	X	X	2	09:41
B NL (Devereaux)	*0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	1	11:13
Ontario (Homan)	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	X	X	8	11:39
C Manitoba (Jones)	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	X	8	02:34
PEI (Birt)	*1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	X	6	01:29
D Canada (Nedohin)	*0	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	9	02:29
NB (Crawford)	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	6	00:48

*last rock advantage

Draw 2

GAME SCORES FOR DRAW 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL	
A PEI (Birt)	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	X	X	X	5	08:10
NB (Crawford)	*2	2	0	2	0	3	0	2	X	X	X	11	09:04
B Alberta (Moore)	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	X	6	02:17
BC (Scott)	*0	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	X	7	03:17
C NT/YT (Galusha)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	8	00:33
NL (Devereaux)	*0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	7	01:17
D NS (Arsenault)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	X	4	05:46
Quebec (Ross)	*0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	X	9	08:39

*last rock advantage



Nova Scotia's Team Arsenault are looking to recapture a little magic. The team dropped the Saturday evening draw to Quebec.



The Party Line

your guide to what's goin' on



everyone loves the HeartStop!

Candice-Rose Gagnon

The party in the HeartStop Lounge got off to a roaring start Friday evening at Fan Appreciation Night – an exclusive event for holders of a Full Event Pass or Double Impact Opener ticket pack.

Judy Bark and Hans Madsen from Yorkton arrived in town just in time to take part in the festivities, dressed in Team Canada colours. “We plan on dressing up every day at the Scotties in a different costume,” said Madsen.

It’s the third consecutive Scotties for the Saskatchewan fans, and they plan on attending more in the future. The HeartStop is one of the reasons they love the event and they’re looking forward to the nightly lineup of entertainment. “We’re definitely coming back for the Chevelles!,” said Bark.

“It’s going to be a good time, I know that,” said Barb Cray who travelled from Carlton Place with companion Rob Cray. “We’re looking forward to coming back every night to the HeartStop Lounge.”

“You can just feel the excitement and energy in the air,” commented volunteer RitaSue Bolton. “It’s nice to let your hair down finally... and we’ll be back every day!”

Nancy Laflamme, Linda Tighe and Kathy McGrath – a trio of sisters who are volunteering this week – also have plans to return to the party. McGrath’s favourite moment of the evening was hearing Colleen Jones, one of the legends of the game, speak to the fans and volunteers. “She is fantastic... I’m so glad she’s back!”



crunch time for club cool shots

After the first day of action in the Club Cool Shots Championship, four teams moved into today’s finals with the grand prize on the line. And, it will all come down to a battle between the Cataraqi Golf and Country Club and the Royal Kingston Curling Club.

Cataraqi’s David Staples and Greg Sullivan, along with Anne Spada and Betty Campbell, will face off against the Bernie Kay/Linda O’Sullivan and Pamela and Derek Prendergast teams from the Royal Kingston.

Starting tomorrow, you can get in on the HeartStop’s most popular game! The first round of the Cool Shots competition for fans hits the tables at noon. Sign up for free to take your shot at the daily cash prize and the chance to advance to the finals on championship weekend.

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- Tuesday** – 6 p.m. Teams Newfoundland/Labrador & New Brunswick
- Wednesday** – 6 p.m. Teams Manitoba & Saskatchewan
- Thursday** – noon Teams Canada & Ontario
- Thursday** – 6 p.m. Teams Prince Edward Island & Northwest Territories/Yukon
- Friday** – 12:30 p.m. Teams Quebec & British Columbia
- Saturday** – 5:30 p.m. All Teams

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Today – 5:30 pm

Team Canada

Last season's number one team will be sitting down today for an informal conversation with the fans. Heather Nedohin, Beth Iskiw, Jessica Mair and Laine Peters will be on hand to discuss the banner year when they celebrated an emotional victory at the 2012 Scotties in Red Deer.

- Tomorrow** – 5:30 p.m. Teams Quebec & British Columbia
- Tuesday** – 5:30 p.m. Teams Prince Edward Island & Northwest Territories/Yukon
- Wednesday** – 5:30 p.m. Team Ontario
- Thursday** – 12:30 p.m. Teams Manitoba & Saskatchewan
- Thursday** – 5:30 p.m. Team New Brunswick
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Junior Stars receive a ticket for themselves and two guests, an official jacket, a gift package, a photo with their team and introduction during a pre-game ceremony.



Ross Fabro and Joel De Groote join Team Prince Edward Island prior to draw 1 at the Scotties.

2:00 pm Draw

Team Newfoundland/Labrador

Kayla Gray Cataraqi
Hannah Faris Cataraqi

7:00 pm Draw

Team Nova Scotia

Logan Grimard Royal Kingston
Robert Heyman Napanee



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HOW THEY GOT HERE: TEAM CANADA

Quite the ride for Team Nedohin

The wait had been interminable.

Not only for Edmonton skip Heather Nedohin, but for all those observers who fingered her as a future national curling star as far back as the Nineties.

That's when she won the Canadian and world junior titles in her home province and then joined Cathy King for a 1998 Scotties title and a 1999 Scotties runner-up finish.

But you could see this one coming in February, 2012, at the Enmax Centre in Red Deer. An express train on the rails. And the long wait disintegrating.

It ended with an explosion of curling near-excellence when Nedohin's Alberta team won the Scotties Tournament of Hearts title at the expense of two-time champion Kelly Scott of Kelowna with a dominant 7-6 final-game victory.

It should be noted, too, that Scott wasn't the only former winner derailed by the Nedohin momentum. Four-time champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg twice was a Nedohin victim during the competition.

The final match wasn't as tight as the score might have indicated.

The demonstrative, animated Nedohin had been insisting all week that she couldn't believe how efficient her teammates were playing. But the proof was there for all to witness in the final. The Albertans outpointed their foe at every position.

"I couldn't believe how easy the peels were for them," said the jubilant winning skip. "What a team!"

That lineup, back as Team Canada for the 2013 Scotties, included third Beth Iskiw, second Jessica Mair and lead Laine Peters.

Said the defeated B.C. skip:

"They were better than us today, for sure. They definitely had momentum coming into the game. We had our day off, and sometimes that's not a benefit, right? But I don't think that had anything to do with the result of today.

"We just had nothing going . . . ever. None of what we were doing all week was working in this game."

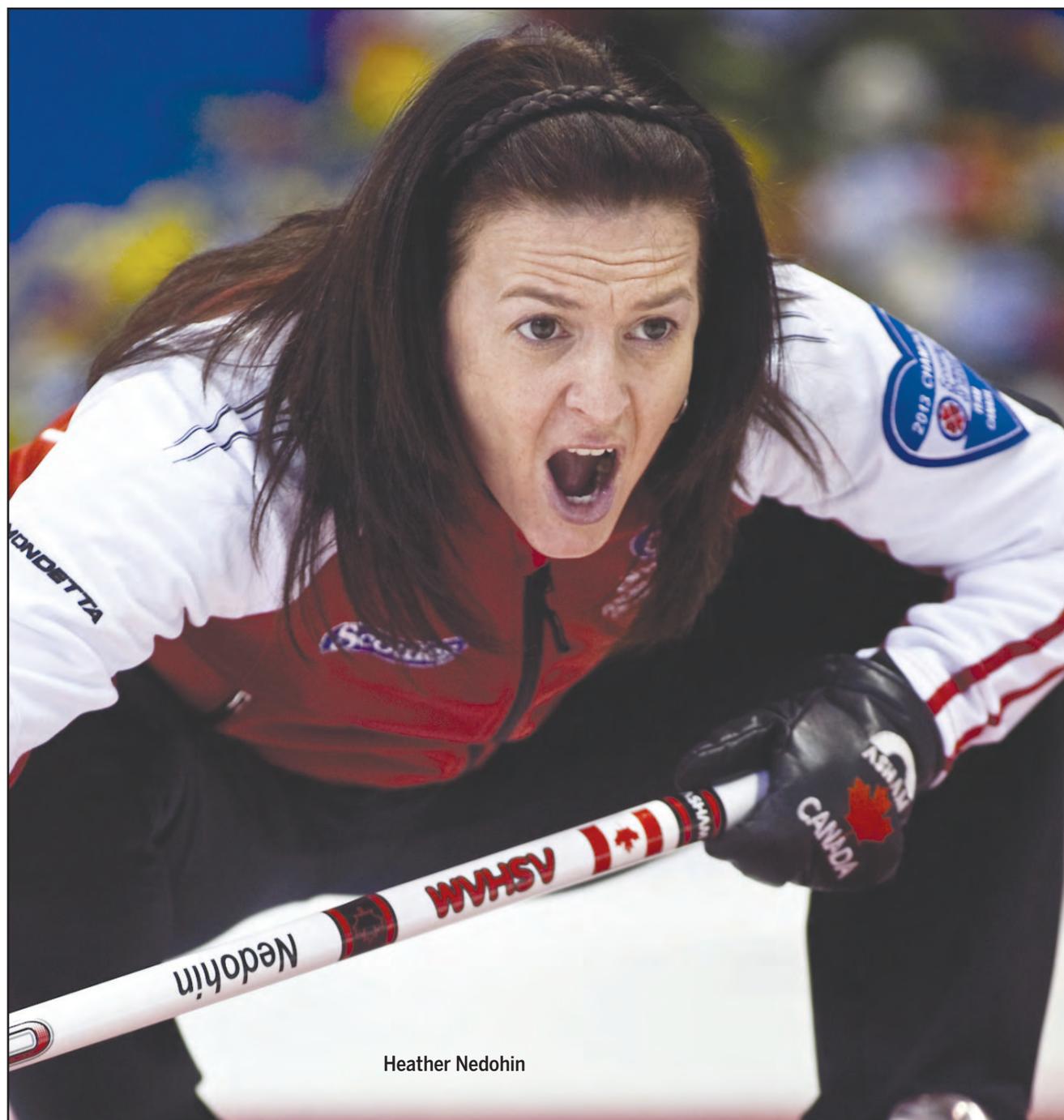
Scott, who earned a berth in the final by knocking off Manitoba's Jones in the Page One-Two playoff, was facing an uphill battle with difficult shots in practically every end as the Albertans dominated percentage shotmaking 87-78. The major difference was at third where former Nova Scotian Iskiw was particularly immense.

After an exchange of singles, Alberta stole the third and fourth ends. Scott picked up a tying deuce in the fifth when Nedohin executed one of her few unforced errors but the Alberta team bounced right back with a crushing three in the sixth.

"It was that big score," said Nedohin. "It's always great coming right back and scoring when your opponent scores. I thought we were only going to get two. Three was a bonus."

That lead was more than Scott was able to overcome over the remainder of the contest as Alberta succeeded in mounting an immaculate defence.

The win meant a long-awaited return trip to Worlds for Nedohin, now 37. It also guaranteed the Albertans entry to the 2012 Canada Cup at Moose Jaw last December and the 2013 Continental Cup at Penticton last January. And, at season's end, the Nedohin team added a direct berth to the Canadian Olympic trials for its efforts — finishing atop of the 2011-12 CTRS standings.



Heather Nedohin

In addition, Nedohin won a total of \$15,500 in prize money, \$54,167 in cresting payments, \$144,000 Sports Canada funding over two seasons and \$40,000 Own The Podium funding for training and competition expenses.

Nedohin also was named tournament MVP.

The Manitobans finished the round robin with a front-running 9-2 record. Scott was 8-3, Nedohin and Quebec's Marie-France Larouche shared 7-4 logs.

Alberta pasted Quebec 7-4 in the Page Three-Four match, then scored a single in an extra end to vanquish Jones 6-5 in the semi-final.

A three-spot in the fifth end derricked Nedohin out of a 1-3 hole and Alberta's defence took care of the Jones team over the remainder, limited the four-time Scotties champ to a pair of singles.

The 34-year-old Scott rolled back the clock to more productive times by upsetting Jones 7-5 in the Page One-Two.

Jones persevered to score four in the seventh end and overhaul a two-point deficit en route to an 8-6 bronze-medal victory over Larouche and her Quebeckers.

In the end, Nedohin amassed a 10-4 record, the same as Manitoba's Jones, while Scott finished 9-4 and Larouche 7-6.

Defending champion Amber Holland of Kronau, SK., managed a 6-5 record and missed a tiebreaker opportunity by succumbing 11-5 to provincial counterpart Michelle Englot during the final round-robin draw.

Englot and Becky Atkinson's New Brunswickers from Oro-mocto — former skip Andrea Crawford tossed the last granite — finished 5-6, while Ontario rookie Tracy Horgan of Sudbury, Halifax's Heather Smith-Dacey, Newfoundland's Heather Strong and Kerry Galusha's Territories unit each turned in a 4-7 log.

Veteran Kim Dolan skipped her P.E.I. squad to a last-place 3-8 finish.

Scotties 2013 Draw Schedule

DATE	TIME	DRAW	A	B	C	D
SATURDAY February 16	2:00 p.m.	1	SK vs NT	NL vs ON	MB vs PE	CA vs NB
	7:00 p.m.	2	PE vs NB	AB vs BC	NT vs NL	NS vs QC
SUNDAY February 17	9:00 a.m.	3	ON vs AB	QC vs SK	CA vs NS	MB vs BC
	2:00 p.m.	4	NL vs MB	PE vs CA	SK vs NB	ON vs NT
	7:00 p.m.	5	NS vs BC	NB vs NT	QC vs AB	PE vs NL
MONDAY February 18	2:00 p.m.	6	QC vs CA	MB vs NS	ON vs BC	AB vs SK
	7:30 p.m.	7	NB vs ON	CA vs NL	PE vs SK	NT vs MB
TUESDAY February 19	2:00 p.m.	8	AB vs NL	BC vs NB	NS vs NT	QC vs PE
	7:00 p.m.	9	SK vs NS	ON vs QC	AB vs MB	BC vs CA
WEDNESDAY February 20	2:00 p.m.	10	CA vs MB	NT vs PE	NL vs NB	SK vs ON
	7:00 p.m.	11	NT vs AB	NS v NL	BC vs PE	NB vs QC
THURSDAY February 21	9:00 a.m.	12		SK vs CA	MB vs ON	
	2:00 p.m.	13	NS vs PE	NB vs AB	NT vs QC	NL vs BC
	7:30 p.m.	14	BC vs SK	QC vs MB	AB vs CA	ON vs NS
FRIDAY February 22	9:00 a.m.	15	NL vs QC	BC vs NT	NB vs NS	PE vs AB
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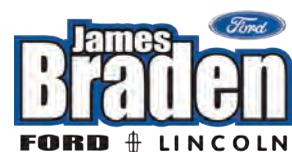
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HOW THEY GOT HERE: NEW BRUNSWICK

New name and back to skip duties

It was another one-sided romp for Andrea Crawford and her Oromocto-based crew at the New Brunswick Scotties in the Tri-County Complex, Fredericton Jct., last month.

The tall former Canadian junior champion skip (2006) returned to teehead duties this year after splitting the back-end chores in 2012 with Rebecca Atkinson who called the shots and threw thirds rocks in a 5-and-6 national outing at Red Deer.

Atkinson remains at third with Nova Scotia transplant Danielle Parsons moving in at second from the 2012 Bluenose champion team skipped by Heather Smith-Dacey and long-time Crawford cohort Jodie deSolla at lead.

The team again will be looking to record its first winning record at the Scotties, having been stuck on five wins in four previous appearances.

Crawford capped another perfect provincial run with eight straight wins at the Junction including a 13-6 runaway from former world junior champion Melissa Adams (1998) of Grand

Falls.

The champs hit for an opening deuce and stole three in the second end to salt away control. Another triple count in the sixth end gave Crawford a 9-3 advantage and the winners applied the crusher in the ninth with a four-bagger.

A human resources manager with the Canadian Forces Personnel and Family Support Services, the Perth-Andover-born Crawford, who was married in the off-season, gave a preview of what was to come by demolishing Adams 9-1 in the first round of the eight-team round-robin championship.

From there, Crawford clobbered 2006 champion Sandy Comeau of Moncton 11-4 in nine ends, Fredericton's Sharon Levesque 11-3 in four ends, Stacey McCormack-Lacey of Saint John 11-1 in six ends and Moncton's Jessica Ronalds 12-1 in five ends.

To complete the swamping, the 27-year-old Crawford doubled up on

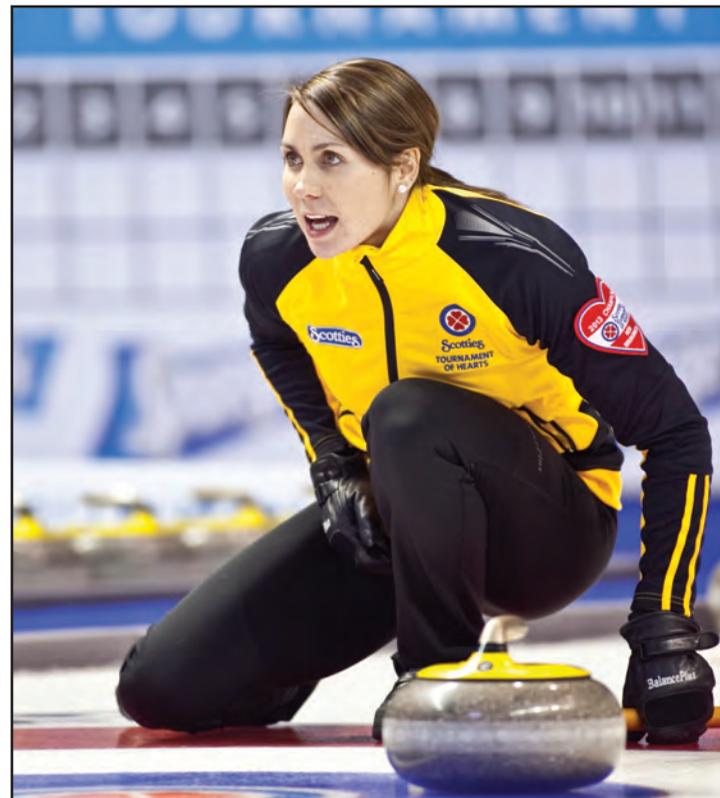
Mary Jane McGuire of Fredericton, last year's runnerup, by a 6-3 count and then polished off 2008 champion Sylvie Robichaud of Moncton 8-5 in a key last-round fixture.

Adams rebounded to tie Robichaud for second place in the round robin with a 5-2 record and defeated Robichaud 8-7 in the semi-final thriller that was decided on last rock in the 10th end.

But she was as close Adams could get to her first provincial success since junior days.

Halifax-born Atkinson, 30, is a lawyer while Parsons, 23, is an interior design student at the Centre of Arts and Technology in Fredericton and Montreal-born deSolla, 27, is a social worker with the New Brunswick government.

Adams finished 6-3 while Robichaud was 5-3. Up the track, McGuire and Comeau each won three of seven outings, Ronalds and McCormack-Lacey each won twice in seven tries and Levesque was a 1-6 finisher.



Andrea Crawford

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Time for trivia

Question Of The Day: Name the only three curlers who have skipped teams to victory in both the Canadian women's and Canadian senior women's championships.

1. Their home provinces?
2. How about the years they won each title?
3. Four other Canadian senior champion skips also won Canadian women's titles but not in skipping roles. Name them and their home provinces.
4. Name the skips in the Canadian women's championship successes of each.
5. How about the years of those women's championships?
6. The positions they played?
7. And the years they skipped the senior

champs?

8. Name the curlers who have skipped Ontario (not Northern Ontario) teams in both the Canadian women's and senior women's competitions. (Hint: Look for five of them).
9. Two of these players skipped provincial senior champions in more than one year. Name them, and how often?
10. Name the first skip in Canadian women's curling championship history who was required to win 10 games in order to claim the title.
11. In what year did she win and where was that championship played?
12. She came from which city in which province?

Answers
 Vera Pezer (Rowan), Marilyn (Bodogh) Darte (Jurgenson).
 5. Hansen 1962 and 1964; Mitchell 1980; Pezer 1971, 1972 and 1973; Darte 1986.
 6. Callies third, Kerr third, Rowan third, Jurgenson second.
 7. Callies 1973, Kerr 2003, Rowan 1992, Jurgenson 2010.
 8. Fern Irwin, June Shaw, Jill Greenwood, Pat Reid, Anne Dunn.
 9. Greenwood (six senior titles), Dunn (four senior titles).
 10. Susan Setz.
 11. 1981 at St. John's, Nfld.
 12. Calgary, Alberta.

Answers
 Gold: Emily Farnham, Pat Sanders. Cathy King.
 1. Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Alberta. 1974 and the Canadian senior women's in 1989. Sanders won the Canadian women's in 1987 and the Canadian senior women's in 2008. King won the Canadian women's title in 1998 and the Canadian senior women's in 2012.
 3. Ada Callies, British Columbia; Nancy Kerr, Saskatchewan; Sheila Rowan, Saskatchewan; Christine (Bodogh) Jurgenson, British Columbia.
 4. Ina Hansen (Callies), Mary Mitchell (Kerr),

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A LITTLE MORE FROM JIM MORRIS

1985: Moore's year of perfection

Looking back, Linda Moore believes it was good management as much as skill that allowed her rink to do something no other team has done at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Moore skipped her B.C. rink of lead Laurie Carney, second Debbie Jones and third Lindsay Sparkes to a perfect 11-0 record at the 1985 championship held in Winnipeg. Several teams have since managed 10-1 records, including Moore the next year when she lost to Ontario's Marilyn Darte in the final, but none have gone undefeated.

Olympic silver medallist Cheryl Bernard doubts any rink will match Moore's perfect record.

"I think everybody has raised their game to a level you won't see that happen again," said Bernard.

"Just about everything has to be working so perfect going that many games in a Canadian championship. I don't think you will see it."

Moore said one of the biggest factors contributing to her clean slate was the challenging ice conditions in Winnipeg.

"I'm trying not to be negative about it, but it was the one year in my championship play where the ice probably was a big factor," said the former school teacher who will be attending the Scotties Tournament of Hearts this week as a colour commentator for TSN.

"They didn't seem to have the sheets perfectly level. There was one sheet that fell towards the boards. Petty well anywhere you threw on the one side of the sheet, it kind of went to the same place. About mid week they washed the ice. It was really greasy. The brushers even had trouble standing."

The games were also played prior to the free-guard zone rule.

"When you got to the thirds and skips, where you were really needing to be precise, the combination of ice-reading and the brushing really wasn't there," Moore said. "The games became a little more simple in many cases."

While other teams battled the ice Moore drew on the experience she had gained playing in the 1984 Scotties as a third on Sparkes' B.C. team, plus her years of skipping in junior. Her North Shore Winter Club team also came into the championship on a roll, having gone undefeated in four local and nine provincial playoff games.

The rink's confidence and experience formed a perfect storm that blew away the competition.

"I really think we did a great job in managing all the factors of competition," said Moore. "It was a bit of experience of what to do with the tricky ice and players that dealt with it without worrying about it. That's one thing as a coach I find. Some people let all those things bother them."

"Nobody wants to play on ice that is tricky. You want to have all the shots available to you. But it is a skill in some ways."

Moore also "got great performances" from her team and valuable advice from coach Rae Moir. Even the team driver played a role, telling jokes and keeping everyone loose.

"Everybody just did their job," Moore said. "If a stone didn't work you didn't go back and rehash it over. You just learned



Skip Linda Moore has accomplished many unique things in the game of curling. The TSN colour commentator was the last skip to go undefeated at a Scotties in 1985 and won a gold medal in Calgary for Canada in 1988 (demonstration sport). Her rink included Lindsay Sparkes, Debbie Jones, and Laurie Carney in 1985. Penny Moore joined the team for the Olympics.

from it and moved to the next shot and tried to make it better. Even today I try to emphasize to people it's not always going to work. So the next (shot) has to be better."

Under the system used that year, the top three teams advanced to the playoffs. Finishing first with a 10-0 record gave Moore a bye into the final where she defeated Sue Ann Bartlett of Newfoundland 13-7.

Moore's hot streak continued at the world championships in Jönköping, Sweden. Canada won the first seven games of the round robin to clinch a playoff berth before losing twice.

"It was a bit of a sag," Moore chuckled. "It was probably just as well we got those out of our system."

A 5-2 win over Scotland's Isobel Torrance gave Moore the world championship.

Despite all the winning, Moore believes her career might have benefited most from the loss to Darte the next year.

"My team played well," she said. "I had a horrible final."

"It was one of those things where I learned more from the loss than I might have from a win. I realized it was the mental side of the game I hadn't handled properly for the final."

Moore's rink lost in the 1987 B.C. provincial final but regrouped to beat Manitoba's Connie Laliberte in the Canadian Olympic trials. Moore, along with Penny Ryan, Jones and Sparkes, went on to win the gold medal at the 1988 Cal-

gary Winter Olympics when curling was a demonstration sport.

"It was an amazing journey for me and my team," she said about the Olympics. "Everything about it was very special."

Moore retired from curling after the Olympics. She went back to school to earn a masters of business administration and then joined TSN.

This year's Scotties will see Heather Nedohin's Team Canada defend its title against past champions like Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg and young challengers such as Rachel Homan of Ontario.

Considering the consistency of the ice conditions in today's game, and the long week of curling involved, it's unlikely any rink will go undefeated.

"The more games you play the more chances a break won't go your way, or something will happen," Moore said.

"We did have the right breaks at the right time. It's just really hard having all that come together."



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Only 43 years between starts

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It's been a long time between "Opening Ceremony" gigs for Kingston's Kay O'Neill.

On Saturday, Kay, along side Ted Brown (Ontario's Brier rep in 1975 and Ontario Mixed champ in 1978) and Lefty and Marg McDonald (Kingston's Mr. & Mrs Curling) helped raise the Scotties Tournament of Hearts banner, to officially declare the 2013 Hearts open for business.

For Kay, this was her second "opening gig" for the Canadian Women's Curling Championship series. Her first came exactly 43 years ago (1970) in the Calgary Corral. Only that time she wasn't raising the competition's banner, but rather carrying Ontario's colors as the reigning provincial champion.

"I'm 86 now, and having trouble remembering how it was 43 years ago," said O'Neill, as she leafed through a scrapbook highlighting her exploits as a skip in 1970.

"I know we beat all of the western teams, except Saskatchewan (the eventual winner) and finished with a 6-3 record."

And the record could have just as easily been 7-2 which would have forced a four-way tie for first place at the end of the round-robin.

After upsetting Alberta 7-6 in the opening draw, the O'Neill foursome of Thelma Graves, Shirley Keeley and the late Doreen Main, faced off against Lee Tobin of Quebec in round two and built up an 8-0 lead after four ends only to lose 10-8.

At that time the O'Neill rink carried a little stuffed dog as its mascot and she told reporter Larry Wood, who was covering the event for The Whig-Standard, that "my dog is disgusted with me."

Just prior to the opening ceremonies this week, she expanded on her explanation of that devastating loss.

"Before we left for Calgary, we worked out with Jake Edwards (the skip of Ontario's Brier entry in 1960 at the Lakehead) and he warned us that ice conditions can change almost instantly when you are playing on arena ice. And that's exactly what happened against Quebec. We had no problems in our first game on arena ice against Alberta, but after we got the big lead against Quebec, the ice suddenly became very swingy and our takeouts were all sliding by almost every rock Lee and her team put in the house. We just weren't able to adjust to the change."

After that loss, however, the Kingston troops rallied with five wins in their next seven games to finish at 6-3.

Her sixth win came in the tournament's final round when she upset Manitoba 7-6 in an extra end which created a three-way tie for first place at the end of the round-robin.

There was no page playoff system in that era - just a round-robin - finish first and you win. However, a tie in the round-robin meant a sudden-death playoff to declare a winner.

"I guess I've created a real mess," said O'Neill, immediately following her extra-end end.

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With Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia all tied at the top with 7-2 records, Saskatchewan, skipped by 21-year-old Dorenda Schoenhals, had to play two more games – winning 8-6 over Manitoba and 8-4 over BC.

“We would have liked to have been involved in that playoff,” said O’Neill, “but I don’t think our old bodies could have handled the strain. We were the oldest team there. Heck the combined age of the entire Saskatchewan team was equal to two of our ages.”

Looking back to that fateful game against Quebec, O’Neill can’t recall if she had nightmares over it. “But I imagine I did, I’m a competitor and today I toss and turn, sometimes half the night, replaying some of my bridge hands.”

The 1970 trip wasn’t the only national appearance for O’Neill. She made it the National Mixed In 1978 as the third on Ted Brown’s Catarauqui rink. That championship was held in Lethbridge and, ironically, the team finished with the same 6-3 record that O’Neill and her mates fashioned in 1970.

Kay threw her last curling rock in 1996 and started travelling to Europe with her late husband, Joe. Today, although she is alone, she continues to travel and now, instead of curling, she excels at bridge, four or five times a week.

“I miss the curling, although I watch it on TV every chance I get, and would have loved to have played the way the game is played today. The strategy, with the four-rock rule, and the emphasis on the draw game really appeals to me. I always loved to play the draw ahead of a takeout.”

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