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# Who knew? Gushue perfect at 5-0

Newfoundland/Labrador skip Brad Gushue registered a huge win over Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs Monday night to top the table.

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# Gushue, Howard last unbeatens

**JIM MORRIS**

The Tankard Times

Defending an early lead almost backfired on Brad Gushue, but the Newfoundland & Labrador skip managed a 9-8 extra-end victory against Northern Ontario Monday night to remain undefeated at the Tim Hortons Brier, presented by Monsanto.

Gushue scored three in the first end then tried to play defence. Brad Jacobs and his rink battled back to force the extra end by scoring two in the 10th.

"You have to execute really good when you play that strategy," said Gushue, the 2006 Olympic gold medallist who leads the standings at 5-0. "We didn't do that in the second half.

"It was scary. I knew we didn't have our best. The last five (ends) it felt like we had no momentum. To win that is nice."

Jacobs was frustrated after dropping to 4-1.

"That was our worst game by far," said the 27-year-old Royal Bank employee from Sault Ste. Marie. "We had a couple of horrible ends where we missed our shots.

"It was a last-rock game and we curled very poorly. Lots of room for improvement."

Defending champion Glenn Howard of Ontario remained the only other undefeated rink after a 10-2 whipping of Paul Flemming of Nova Scotia Monday afternoon.

"I really like the way we all felt out there today," said Howard, who is playing in a record 15th Brier. "I have a really good feeling about how we are playing.

"We're getting this little mojo going. Hopefully we will continue."

Kevin Martin's playoff hopes were pushed a little further to the edge when his Alberta rink was pounded 8-1 by Northern Ontario during the afternoon draw. That dropped Martin to 1-3 and left the defending Olympic champions looking for answers.

"We are on the brink," said third John Morris. "We are right on the edge of the old iceberg, almost falling in.

"We can't afford to lose another game. We have to find a way to turn it around and stay real positive and become the team we know we can be."

The Northern Ontario-Newfoundland/Labrador game saw two old teammates face each other. Northern Ontario third Ryan Fry played in four Briers with Gushue and was part of the Newfoundland & Labrador team that won the bronze medal in 2011.

"I've played against Brad before," said Fry. "I know what to expect. He made a lot of shots out there. He deserved to win."

Gushue said he remains friends with Fry.

"We've played enough this year (against each other), that anxiousness you have about playing your former teammate is gone," he said.

In another extra-end game James Grattan of New Brunswick defeated Brock Virtue of Saskatchewan 9-8.

In other evening games Jamie Koe of NWT/Territories improved his record to 3-2 with a 9-6 victory over winless Nova Scotia while Jean-Michel Menard of Quebec defeated Eddie MacKenzie of P.E.I. 8-5.

Menard's win improved his record to 4-1 and helped ease the frustration of a 7-6 loss to Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton in the afternoon.

"I'm happy about the way we bounced back," said Menard, the 2006 Brier champion. "We were in control most of the game



New Brunswick's James Grattan had a bounce-back day Monday.

and had our draw weight, which is most important.

"We knew coming into today we needed at least a split to keep our momentum."

Koe chuckled when asked about his 3-2 record being better than Alberta's.

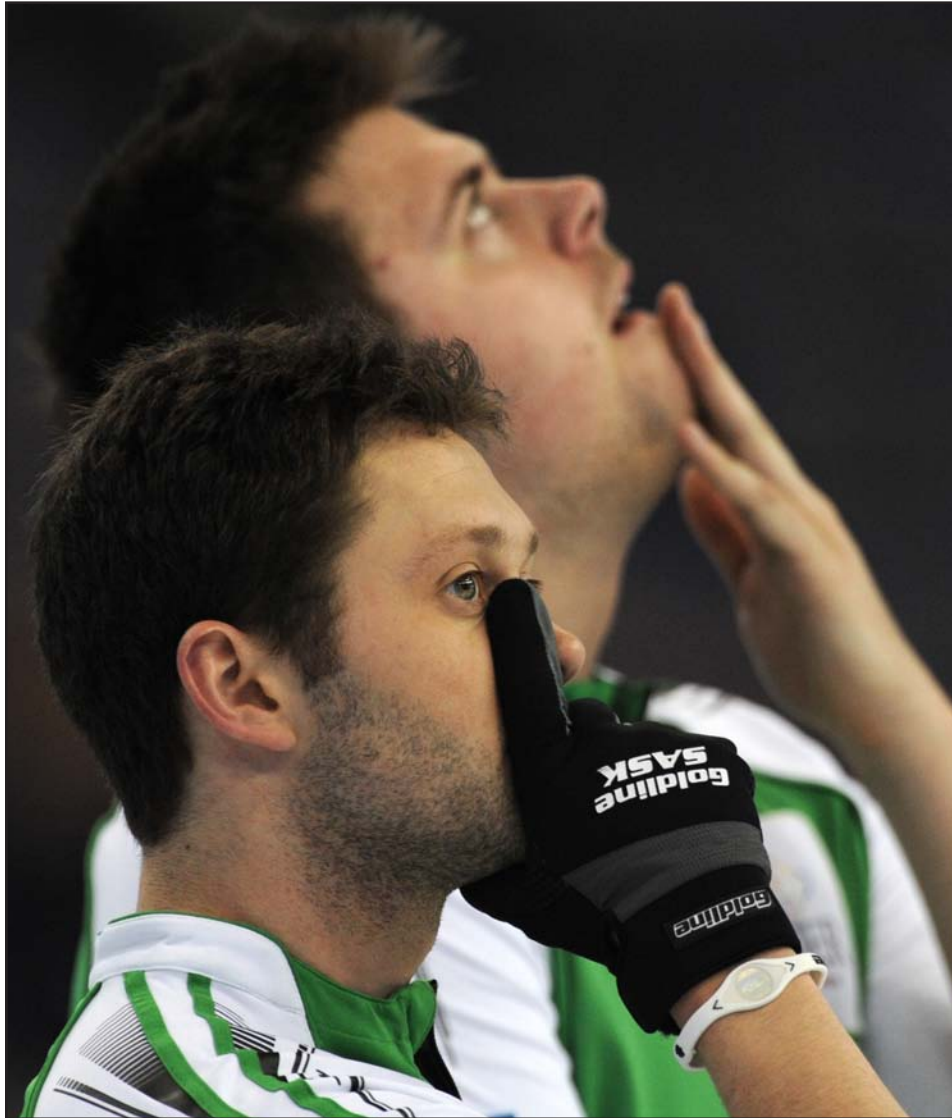
"They seem to be struggling a bit," said Koe. "It was big for us to get over the .500 mark."

After seven draws Newfoundland & Labrador top the stand-

ings at 5-0 followed by Ontario 4-0. Northern Ontario and Quebec are 4-1. Manitoba is 3-1 followed by the NWT/Territories 3-2. New Brunswick and Saskatchewan are 2-3. Alberta is 1-3, followed by B.C. 0-4. Nova Scotia and P.E.I. are 0-5.

The Alberta-Northern Ontario game officially lasted seven ends but really was over after two.

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For Saskatchewan's DJ Kidby (front) and Braeden Moskwy, it was an up-and-down day.

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Already trailing 3-0, Martin missed on a takeout in the second that would have tied the game. Instead Jacobs stole a point.

"We were dead," said Martin, who is looking to win a record fifth Brier. "There's not much you can do about that.

"Once you're down (four) you have to gamble. Then you get further behind."

Jacobs, who lost the semifinal of the 2010 Brier, said he was surprised with the lopsided victory.

"You almost don't want to get up that much, that quick," he said. "It's hard to defend when you are up that much all ready.

"Any opportunity that was given to us we took advantage of it. Obviously they didn't play very well."

One bright spot in the match for Martin was his 23-year-old son Karrick, who is an alternate on the team, played the final couple of ends.

"It was amazing," Karrick said about making his Brier debut on his father's team before a home-town crowd.

"There was tons of family and friends. The first end my heart was racing. Once I got calmed down a bit it was good."

There was another family affair in the Ontario game. Scott Howard, the 22-year-old son of Glenn Howard, played two ends.

"It's a proud moment for dad," said Glenn. "He was all business like and I'm just kind of giddy watching my kid come at me delivering the stone."

In other games Monday afternoon, Manitoba stole points in three straight ends for a 7-6 win over Quebec while Saskatchewan edged Andrew Bilesky of British Columbia 4-2.

Stoughton was happy to rebound after a 8-5 loss to Ontario Sunday night.

"We always know we can play better," said the 2011 world champion. "It's only our fourth game."

Menard was frustrated after the loss.

"I'm a little disappointed about our team's performance the first half of the game," he said. "We didn't really help ourselves and dug ourselves a hole."

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## HOW THEY GOT HERE: SASKATCHEWAN

# Alberta flavour for flatlanders

## THE TANKARD TIMES

In Alberta, they're asking: Why is Brock Virtue is playing for Saskatchewan?

In Saskatchewan, they're asking: Brock Virtue? Who is he? And for a time. Who is Chris Schille?

They're not, however, asking about Braeden Moskowy in the home province. They know he skipped the Canadian junior men's champion out of Regina three years ago.

Moskowy just happens to be the vice-skip on the current Saskatchewan Tim Hortons Brier rep directed by Virtue, who lost the Alberta final to Kevin Koe a year ago.

In the meantime, 26-year-old Virtue and 22-year-old Moskowy got together after last season and decided on their current course — to join forces and attempt to get to the Brier wearing the Mean Green.

Presumably, their choice of playing in Saskatchewan was sound. In Alberta, it's either been Martin, Koe or Ferbey for the last 15 years! In Manitoba, it's been Stoughton for six of the last eight! In Saskatchewan? Five different skip have represent the province the past five years. If you discount Pat Simmons, who is now with Koe, that number swells to eight different skips since the last double winner.

Virtue, a former world junior champion vice-skip with Charley Thomas, Moskowy, Schille and D.J. Kidby, 25, runs that streak of new faces to nine.

The Regina squad captured the SaskTel Tankard with a 6-4 victory over Saskatoon veteran Bruce Korte in the final of playdowns in the Northern Lights Palace at Melfort. But the title was overshadowed by an ejection of second Schille during a 5-3 B-event final win over Kerrobert's Josh Heidt.

Schille, another former Albertan from Red Deer, was tossed for using bad language to a volunteer on-ice official in the second end, leaving Virtue, Moskowy and Kidby to complete the match.

The team lost the Page One-Two playoff 6-4 to Korte, who was unbeaten until the final, having won the A side of the unwieldy 16-team triple knockout draw. But Virtue rebounded with three in the ninth end to defeat semi-finalist Kevin Marsh of Saskatoon 8-6.

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**JOHN DEERE**

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Schille, 29, returned to the lineup as Virtue qualified for the Brier, and later told Murray McCormick of the Leader Post: "It was a mistake that I made and our team made as a whole because we all knew what we were up against. We just have to keep doing what we've been doing. I hear that there is a clean slate going forward."

Discipline issues at the Brier differ for on-ice behaviour. Players may be fined if their language or behaviour crosses the line.

"We'll tolerate things to a certain degree, then they will be fined and there have been fines," CCA events manager Warren Hansen told the Leader Post.

"TSN is often the one that will bring (bad language) to our attention. When that happens, we talk to (the competitors) and tell them to clean up their act."

Fines are deducted from the funds competitors receive for playing in the Brier through the players' assistance program and donated to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation.

"There are usually fines every year, but we don't make an issue of it," Hansen said.

Schille, a native of Red Deer, knows what takes place at the Brier after having appeared in Canadian men's championship in 2007 and 2008 with Brad Gushue of Newfoundland.

"There is probably a lot more leeway (at the Brier), but we're not looking to stretch the rules," Schille said.

"We get angry and we're going to get emotional just like in every other sport. It's not

chess or checkers, we're out there playing a game and trying to win a title."

In the end at Melfort . . .  
 "We toned it down a little bit and a lot of it had to do with the fact that we played a lot better," Schille said. "We may have got more out of hand as we played worse. We really held it together once we got into the play-offs."

Deanna Rindal, the Tankard's alternate head official, told Kevin Mitchell of the Saskatoon StarPhoenix that she had talked to Virtue's team earlier in the week about using bad language on the ice.

Amber Holland, the executive director of the Saskatchewan Curling Association, also talked to all competitors prior to the Tankard about their on-ice conduct.

Schille added fuel to the issue by posting tweets that were critical of Rindal and the SCA.

"I don't blame them (officials) for anything they did," he said later. "I'm not going to pretend that what I did was OK because it wasn't OK. I didn't think (his ejection) was justified, but life goes on."

The issue suggested that, in curling, the Green really are Mean this year. It provided a climax for what the Saskatchewan Curling Association said had been a couple of weeks of bad behaviour by the men chasing a Brier berth — both in regional north and south playdowns as well as provincials.

"The whole event was disappointing," said Rindal, the Tankard's alternate head official. "There was language and actions out there that aren't acceptable. Warnings were

issued to many teams. It was building and building."

A dressing room allegedly was damaged at southern playdowns at Estevan and complaints rolled in about how players were acting on the ice.

SCA president Barry Whitehouse said player conduct during this year's playdowns is the worst he's seen.

"We had incidents in Kindersley and Estevan, where we have spectators walking out of the buildings with their children because they just don't want to hear this crap any more," Whitehouse said. "And we don't want to lose spectators."

At the Tankard, Rindal said she personally talked to Virtue's team a couple of days before the ejection about language on the ice. A SCA official for more than 25 years, she said the ejection of Schille had nothing to do with him kicking rocks, as had been initially reported.

"These games are being broadcast, we're getting emails about the foul language and why isn't something getting done. I was sick and tired of taking the brunt for their actions, and the officials getting blamed for it," Rindal said. "I did my job. I did what I needed to do. From what I'm hearing, I've got the support of many, many, many people out there, that it should have been done earlier. And I totally agree - it should have been done earlier and it's too bad it was the B final. But I took a stand for the officials. We're being put to blame for the actions of the athletes out there."

"We knew everyone was on thin ice, based

on what happened at southern and northern," Schille admitted.

"There was pressure on them (officials), I know that for a fact. There were a lot of unhappy sponsors and a lot of unhappy fans and we knew that coming in. It's tough. It's not football and it's not NHL hockey, but we're here to win. Emotions are going to run high, especially when you're playing for the biggest prize."

The Virtue team scored deuces in the second and sixth ends of the final and stole the difference in the match with another deuce in the seventh. It was Korte's second straight loss in a provincial final and his third loss overall. He represented Saskatchewan at Briers in 2000 and 2004, finishing with 5-6 records in each.

Marsh defeated fellow C qualifier Steve Laycock of Saskatoon 8-5 in the quarter-final after eliminated Josh Heidt 8-7 in the C2 final. Laycock survived in C1 by stopping Brad Heidt of Unity, Josh's father, 7-6.

Behind Virtue's 7-2 record, Korte was 5-1, Marsh and former champion Laycock 5-3, and the Heidts each 4-3.

Brent Gedak of Estevan and Randy Bryden of Regina finished 3-3. At 2-3 were former champ Darrell McKee of Saskatoon, Jeff Hartung of Langenburg and Justin Mihalicz of Regina, at 1-3 were former champions Randy Woytowich of Saskatoon and Jamie Schneider of Regina and Max Kirkpatrick of Swift Current.

Teams skipped by William Coutts of Regina and Michael Carss of Saskatoon failed to win in three starts.

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HOW THEY GOT HERE: MANITOBA

# More records on the line for Stoughton



Jeff Stoughton's crew

**THE TANKARD TIMES**

The Race For the Records. That's what they should call the current Tim Hortons Brier at Rexall Place.

Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton is right in the thick of it.

When Ernie Richardson skipped four Brier winners, he managed the feat in five years. Ditto Randy Ferbey in another century.

Kevin Martin won his record-tying fourth Brier as a skip in 2009. The span of time it took him to win four was 18 years. If Stoughton can join the club this year, he would have accomplished the four-pack inside of 17 annums.

Of course, Martin is on hand looking for a record fifth skipping victory. But that's another story.

Stoughton already owns the record for the most titles in Manitoba history. He's won 10 in arguably the toughest curling province — Manitoba has 27 Brier wins to Alberta's 25. Granted, Manitoba enjoyed a pre-war head start of 10-to-3.

Stoughton, of course, won his third title two years ago at London. He won his first in 1996 at Kamloops, expensing Martin, and his second in 1999 right here in Edmonton where his team was anointed as "the band of bland" . . . but they also were "the best band in the land".

Still maintaining his boyish looks at 49 years, the Winnipeg skip and mates bounced off the ropes to defeat upstart Sean Grassie of the same city in the provincial final last month. That left Stoughton with a 7-1 record in the convoluted three-segment elimination at Neepawa.

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Fighting off flu bugs buzzing around the scene all week, Stoughton (Jonathan Mead, Reid Carruthers and new lead Mark Nichols, formerly of Newfoundland) lost 6-5 to Grassie on the strength of a 10th-end deuce in the Page playoff battle of unbeaten teams.

That verdict catapulted Grassie to the final and left Stoughton to deal with long-time rival Mike McEwen in the semi-final. And deal with McEwen the champ did, by a 5-3 count.

Stoughton roared out to a 3-0 lead in the first two ends of the final — all stolen points — and those thefts proved the difference in a 7-4 win.

"It feels fantastic," the skip said of his 10th title. "I guess when I retire or stop playing as competitively as I do, I think it will be very significant."

"It's just a thrill to get back to a Brier. It's going to be so much fun to go back to Edmonton. We know the crowds are going to be huge and there's nothing better than putting the Buffalo on your backs. That's what it all this means, I guess."

Stoughton, an Air Canada financial systems manager, will be adding to an impressive total of 113 Brier games and 79 wins.

"I dreamed of putting together a great team and I dreamed of being the best player, but I never dreamed of having the chance to join the players who have won four Briers," Stoughton said recently.

"That would be pretty neat. That would be quite an accomplishment."

Grassie fought his way back to within a point after eight ends of the final but Stoughton made a razor-thin double takeout in the ninth to score a deuce and ran Grassie out of rocks in the home end.

"I think we proved to ourselves that we could play with these guys," said Grassie, out of Winnipeg's Deer Lodge. "We split our games with Stoughton and beat (Brandon's Rob) Fowler (defending champion) twice. So, I'm looking forward to see what our team can do in the future. We have the confidence that we can play with these guys and anything can happen."

Said Nichols, 33, a personal trainer who owns nine Purple Hearts, eight of them won on The Rock:

"This is awesome. Another Purple Heart and a provincial championship is what we came here to do and we were able to do it."

Mead, a 45-year-old business development manager for Yes! Winnipeg, has been with Stoughton for two of his previous three Brier wins. Carruthers, a 28-year-old teacher, was with Stoughton for the Brier and world titles two seasons ago.

Stoughton, Grassie, McEwen and Brandon's Terry McNamee qualified for the A side of the 32-team double-knockout preliminary shootout while Dennis Bohn, Steen Sigurdson and Scott Ramsay of Winnipeg qualified from the B group along with Fowler.

In the Phase Two double-KO, Fowler opened with a 9-4 whipping of McEwen while Grassie dumped Bohn 7-5, McNamee thumped Ramsay 8-2 and Stoughton

clobbered Sigurdson 9-2. Grassie then clubbed Fowler 8-2 and Stoughton doubled McNamee 8-4.

On the loser's side, McEwen ousted Bohn 7-2 and Ramsay stopped Sigurdson 8-6. Then McEwen drilled McNamee 8-1 and Fowler hammered Ramsay 10-4.

McEwen bombed Fowler 8-1 to reach the semi-final, a match he trailed 4-1 at the half-way point.

"It was kind of embarrassing those first five ends," said McEwen. "I haven't curled that bad in many years. Then, I tried to put something together the last half but it was a pretty sub-par surface. Not to say that we were playing better than them. But it was tough to work with the last half, (after) the hole I dug for the team myself."

"How do you go from making everything to can't-even-hit-an-open-rock? I don't know. I can't really explain it. I (lost) it all by myself the first five ends," he said.

Back of Stoughton's 7-1 record, Grassie was 6-1, McEwen 6-2, Fowler and Ramsay 5-3. McNamee was 4-2 while William Lyburn, Dave Kraichy and Scott Madams of Winnipeg were 3-2, Bohn and Steen Sigurdson were 3-3.

At 2-2 were Jared Kolomaya of Stonewall, Dave Elias of West St. Paul, Mark Lukowich of Winnipeg, Jerry Chudley and Kelly Robertson of Neepawa. At 1-2 were Travis Graham of Snow Lake, Daley Peters of Gimli, Rae Kajanpaa of Dauphin, Graham Freeman of Virden, Wayne Ewasko and Brendan Taylor of Beausejour and Winnipeggers Bob Sigurdson and Trevor Loreth.

Eliminated with back-to-back losses were Greg Todoruk of Dauphin, Rene Kolly of Manitou, Shawn Magnusson of Riverton, Grant Brown of Thompson, Geoff Trimble of Gladstone, Rob Van Commer of Carberry, Blar Goethals of Deloraine and Bruce Jones of Winnipeg.

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## HOW THEY GOT HERE: ALBERTA

# Battle of the Kevins one for the ages

## TANKARD TIMES

If the Tim Hortons Brier at The Rex can produce matches as sublime as the Alberta final at Leduc last month, then it may rank among the best-ever.

Of course, the stories at this Brier are innumerable.

The home-team skip is looking for a Brier record fifth title. That would surpass the four-title plateau Kevin Martin of shares with Saskatchewan legend Ernie Richardson of Regina and Randy Ferbey from the other side of the hometown.

The Old Bear, as he's known, has played 139 Brier games with 106 wins. That's 35 games short of Russ Howard's record but only seven short in the win category and that's a mark that will fall at this Brier.

Martin's 12th appearance ties him with Claresholm native Bernie Sparkes and leaves him two shy of Russ Howard and three shy of brother Glenn Howard who's in for the record 15th time.

"I've lost every big game there is to lose," says Martin.

He also has won every big game there is to win.

And, at 46, many wonder what is driving him to keep entering the competitive pressure-cooker (other than maybe the fact that his biggest current skipping rivals, Glenn Howard and Jeff Stoughton, are 50 and 49 respectively).

"I still really enjoy a good tough game, win or lose," Martin told the Canadian Press during the Brier lead-up. "It's tough in games that don't mean a lot, but the big ones? Those are the games that are fun for me still.

"As long as I really enjoy it, deep down really can't wait to play, I'll play. Once you don't feel like that, your days are done. I haven't got that yet."

Two of those big games, of course, were the pair against defending Alberta champion Kevin Koe at Leduc. They don't get much more exciting.

Martin and his Olympic gold-medal team of 34-year-old fireman John Morris, 31-year-old RBC Olympic ambassador Marc Kennedy and 29-year-old business development rep Ben Hebert won the final 5-4 in an extra end. In the game that qualified Martin for the final, he defeated Koe 6-5 by stealing the seventh and eighth ends to assume a 5-3 lead.

"If Kevin Koe had won that, so be it," said Martin following the gut-clenching final. "I could have lived with that."

He said it ranked right up there with any game he's ever played.



The Old Bear Kevin Martin ousted arch-rival Kevin Koe to get here.

"What a game!" he raved. "That's as good as it gets!"

"Think about it. Nobody had a chance to go for two on any end in that game. Not even think about going for two. Not once in the whole game. We each had one steal. We each won a measurement. What a curling game!"

At the conclusion, Edmonton's Martin won it with a last-rock tapback shot on the button.

"That 10th end was an absolute math test. Every shot was so precise. For both teams. Every shot. Absolutely perfect," Martin gushed.

"That was the toughest curling game I've ever been in," said Hebert. "That game should have been the final of a Brier or Olympic Trials."

Koe won six of eight games to qualify for the

final. That skein resulted from his loss to Martin in the A final of the 12-team triple knockout event, held by many to be the worst provincial championship draw ever conceived.

Koe also lost to Aaron Sluchinski of Airdrie in the B group before emerging from C with two wins and two in the playoff round.

Martin reached the final in four games, defeating James Pahl of Edmonton 8-4, Jamie King of Edmonton 7-6 in an extra end after falling behind 4-1 after five panels, Koe the first time, and Sluchinski 7-3 in the A-B Page playoff tilt.

Koe stopped two-time world junior champion Charley Thomas of Calgary 11-3 to reach the semi-final before ousting Sluchinski 6-2.

The former Territories-based junior stole a sixth-end single for a 3-2 lead but Martin regain control with singles in the seventh and eighth ends and miraculously held Koe to one in the 10th after a blank ninth.

"What a game! Nobody had control of it. Nobody had an edge. Everybody played their hearts out," said Kennedy.

"I knew going in it was going to be 50-50," added Martin.

Meanwhile, this team is used to winning in front of a home crowd. Although Martin never has played in an Edmonton Brier, he won the right to represent Canada in the 2010 Olympics at the 2009 Trials played in The Rex.

"When you play on Kevin Martin's team, expectations are so high. It's like this Brier," Hebert said. "There is no second place. If we don't win, we'll be upset."

Two of Martin's four previous Brier titles were won in Alberta, but both in Calgary (in 1997 and 2009).

"I think the Brier is going to be loud, a lot of fun and I think the crowd is going to be really into it," Martin said.

"It's Canada's biggest party if the Grey Cup's not. The two biggest parties in Canada are the Grey Cup and the Brier."

The final was another excruciating big-game loss for the Calgary-based Koe, who also lost the Brier final a year ago to Ontario.

"I wanted this since I was 10-years-old," said lead Nolan Thiessen.

"It was like a kick in the ...," said second Carter Rycroft, who won Olympic silver playing for Martin at Salt Lake 2002.

The team surmised it lost in the 10th with its time clock running out when it had a chance to score two to win the game with a double-kill but ended up with one. Thereby yielding the hammer to Martin in overtime.

"Obviously we made the wrong call (on the double). We didn't have time to have a real good look at it," said Thiessen.

Koe had five seconds remaining when he released the last rock of the 10th.

"It was one of those shots where you weren't quite sure," admitted Koe, who won the Brier and world championship of in 2010 while Martin was winning Olympic gold.

Behind Martin's 5-0 record and Koe's 6-3 mark, Thomas was 5-3, Sluchinski and Brent Bawel of Edmonton were 4-3, King was 3-3 and Pahl 2-3.

Four teams each won once in four starts — Matt Blandford of Calgary, Kurt Balderston of Grande Prairie, Wade White and Brendan Botcher of Edmonton. Graham Powell of Sexsmith was 0-for-3.



# The Party Line

your guide to what's goin' on

## Brier memories relived by Alberta legends



Five of the greatest names in Alberta curling history sat down to chat with fans in Sunday's Up Close and Personal interview.

By Amy Moats

The Purple Heart Lounge was packed Sunday evening as members of the Randy Ferbey team, winners of the last Brier hosted by Edmonton in 2005, participated in the Up Close and Personal interview that featured past Alberta champions.

Ferbey, Scott Pfeifer and Marcel Rocque took to the stage with former Alberta Brier champs Don Bartlett and the legendary Matt Baldwin. The panel took the audience on a colourful stroll down memory lane, sharing their fondest moments from their competitive careers. From heartfelt

acknowledgments of their curling heroes, to the evolution of the game, no topic was off the table.

When asked what message they would share with the current Brier competitors, the panel agreed unanimously with Don Walchuk's response of "embrace the whole event and take in the whole atmosphere. Go enjoy yourself and have fun because you just never know when you're going to be back."

"The panel was great! They were humorous," said Wilfred Leduc of Glentworth, SK. "We enjoyed hearing stories about the history of the game and we liked finding out what each and every one of them are up to now," added his wife Betrice.

"For me it's fantastic, it's nostalgic to come back here. It makes you reminisce and think back on all the good times," commented Rocque following the panel session. "We pride ourselves on giving back to our fans. This event doesn't go on without our fans and the fans of curling. That's why we believe it's important for us to participate in every opportunity we get to give back to the fans. I really enjoyed it."

"Curling is a special sport," added Pfeifer. "You get to know the curlers and that's what makes its special so being able to relay some of the fun moments we had as a team over the years was a great thing. It's a way for us to give back to the sport that gave us so much."

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## up next

Tomorrow Night

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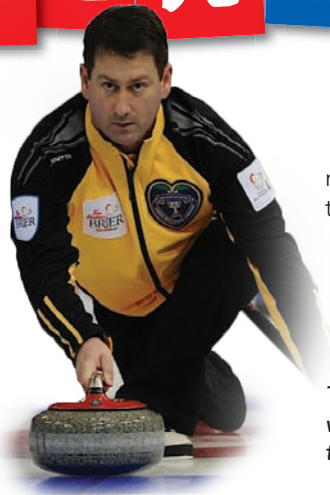
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## autograph sessions

Today – 5 p.m.  
Team New Brunswick



A familiar face at the Brier over the past two decades, James Grattan returns this year for his 10th shot at the Tankard. The entire New Brunswick team will be in the Purple Heart Lounge today to meet with the fans.

**Tomorrow** – 5 p.m. Teams Northern Ontario & Quebec  
**Thursday** – noon Teams Saskatchewan & Nova Scotia  
5 p.m. Team Northwest Territories/Yukon

*Ten-time Brier competitor James Grattan will be in the Purple Heart Lounge with the rest of Team New Brunswick.*

## up close and personal

Today – 5 p.m.  
Team Newfoundland/Labrador

Team Newfoundland/Labrador, led by 2006 Olympic gold-medallist Brad Gushue, will be in the Purple Heart Lounge for today's Up Close and Personal interview. Gushue, appearing in his 10th Brier, is off to one of his best starts ever at the national championship.

**Tomorrow** – 5 p.m. Teams Saskatchewan & Nova Scotia  
**Thursday** – noon Teams Northern Ontario & Quebec  
5 p.m. Team Prince Edward Island

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

**1:30 p.m. Draw**  
**Team Ontario**  
Kimberly Turner  
David Bell

**6:30 p.m. Draw**  
**Team Nova Scotia**  
Jade Yackimec  
Braden Pelech



*Natalie Frazer and Nicolas Oake join Team Quebec at ice level during the warmup prior to draw 6.*

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## THE STATISTICAL STORY

### Media Report - Statistical Report for Draw 6

		Game Scores for Draw 6												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL		
A	BC (Bilesky)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	03:46	
	SK (Virtue)	*0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	4	12:15	
B	NS (Flemming)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	X	X	X	2	16:59	
	ON (Howard)	*2	0	3	2	1	0	2	X	X	X	10	20:30	
C	QC (Menard)	*2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	6	03:50	
	MB (Stoughton)	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	7	02:22	
D	AB (Martin)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	1	17:23	
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\*last rock advantage

### Media Report - Statistical Report for Draw 7

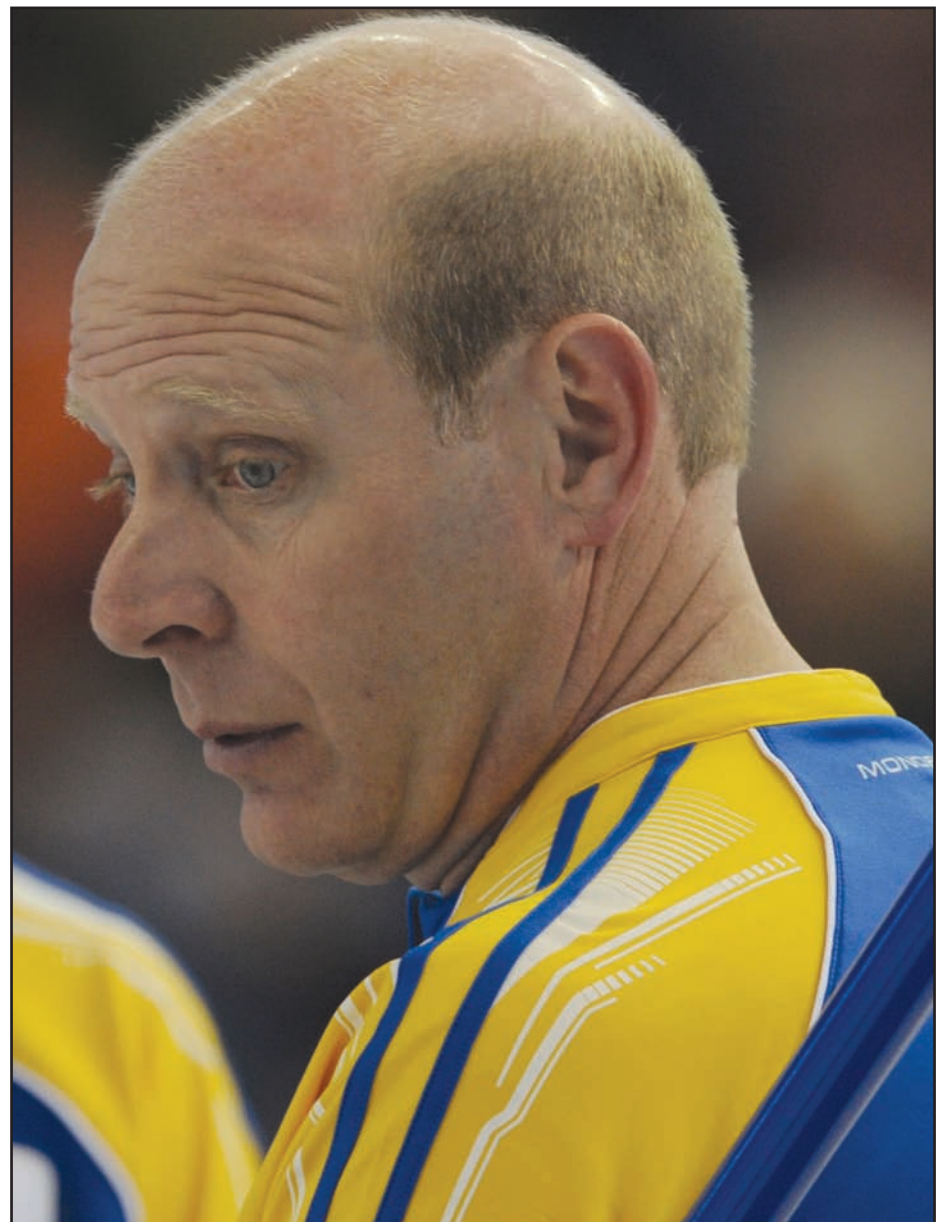
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	QC (Menard)	*3	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	X	8	10:53		
B	SK (Virtue)	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	8	03:05	
	NB (Grattan)	*2	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	9	01:38	
C	NL (Gushue)	*3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	9	02:01	
	NO (Jacobs)	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	8	01:22	
D	NT/YT (Koe)	1	1	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	X	9	10:42		
	NS (Flemming)	*0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	X	6	07:07		

\*last rock advantage

### Team Standings After 7 Draw(s)

Team	Wins	Losses	Future Games		
			8	9	10
NL (Gushue)	5	0	BC	--	NT
ON (Howard)	4	0	NT	NO	--
NO (Jacobs)	4	1	--	ON	QC
QC (Menard)	4	1	--	BC	NO
MB (Stoughton)	3	1	PE	SK	--
NT/YT (Koe)	3	2	ON	--	NL
NB (Grattan)	2	3	AB	--	PE
SK (Virtue)	2	3	--	MB	NS
AB (Martin)	1	3	NB	NS	--
BC (Bilesky)	0	4	NL	QC	--
NS (Flemming)	0	5	--	AB	SK
PEI (MacKenzie)	0	5	MB	--	NB

It was one of those days for Kevin Martin who dropped to an unexpected 1-3 Monday



# Anton's Gervais experience was simply 'divine'



Ron Anton takes part in the Brier opening ceremonies at Rexall.

**JIM MORRIS**  
The Tankard Times

He was a 19-year-old studying to be a priest in the fall of 1960 when Ron Anton decided to take a break from the seminary one afternoon to watch some curling.

At the rink that day Anton had a chance meeting with legendary skip Hector Gervais. That would eventually result in Anton joining Gervais' rink as a third and becoming the youngest player to ever win a Brier.

Looking back, Anton can't believe how naive he was.

"At 19 you don't know what the hell is going on," the now 71-year-old said while relaxing in the Purple Heart Lounge this week at the Tim Hortons Brier.

"You don't realize how significant it is, how important it is. You don't have life perspective to draw from. You have no fear. You have the confidence of youth."

Gervais, known as the Friendly Giant, had played against Anton in a couple bonspiels when the Medicine Hat, Alta., native was only 17 and skipping a rink that consisted of his father and a couple family friends.

A few days after their chance meeting, Gervais appeared at the seminary in St. Albert, Alta. He was forming a new rink and asked Anton to join.

"We had never curled before," said Anton. "Hector was like that.

"He didn't care if guys clicked together from a friendship perspective. He was only interested in performance on the ice. He knew I was a good curler."

Gervais, who was 27 at the time, put together a rink that also featured Ray Werner, 31, and Wally Ursuliak, 24. Anton suddenly found himself a teenager in the company of men.

"It was now serious curling," said Anton. "Before, when I was in high school, I curled six games a week. Now being with Hector and being away from home and curling, I felt almost semi-professional.

"I really thought Hector was a great curler. He did not have the prettiest delivery in the world, but he played so much. He had a fine touch. His draw curling was outstanding."

The 1960 Brier was held in Calgary's Stampede Corral. The Gervais rink won with a 9-1 record.

"Hector told me many years later 'you never missed,'" said Anton. "I didn't realize I was curling that well."

The Gervais team would go on to win the world championships in Scotland. Anton decided not to go and was replaced by Vic Raymond.

At the time Anton had quit the seminary and was attending the University of Alberta in Edmonton where he would eventually receive his teaching certificate. All the time curling had taken a toll on Anton's grades. He worried going to the world championship would result in fail-

ing some courses.

Anton sought advice from an assistant dean, who told him to go to Scotland because he was going to fail physics anyway.

That angered Anton so much he stayed home from the world championships to study.

"Again, the stupidity of youth," Anton laughed. "I passed physics. I got a 50 on the nose. I still believe it was a gift."

The Gervais rink would return to the 1962 Brier but lose in the final.

In 1974 Gervais won his last Brier with Anton, Warren Hansen and Darrel Sutton. The team would go on to lose in the semifinal of the world championships.

Anton now lives in Chilliwack, B.C., and still curls.

"My wife makes me," he said. "She loves it."

He sees a much different game now than the one he played.

"It's a combination of things," Anton said.

"The brooms, the rocks, the ice conditions, the better curling deliveries. You put all that together and you need the free-guard zone rule in order to deal with the game."

He also has fond memories of Gervais, who died of a heart attack in 1997.

"Hector was a good man to curl for," said Anton. "He wasn't very consistent as a curler, but when he got hot, look out.

"If he was able to focus he could really be tough. You could tell if he was getting a little owly out there on the ice, he was into the game."

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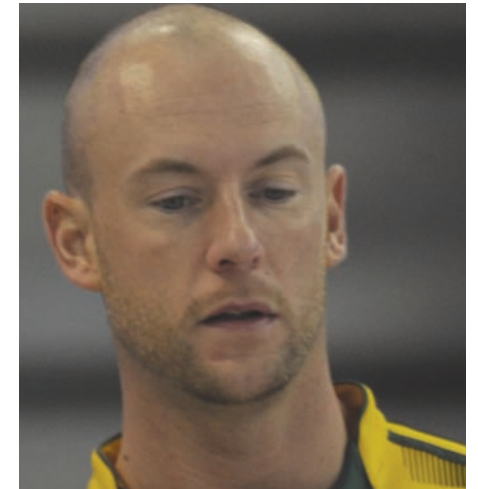
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# Time for trivia

## QUESTION OF THE DAY:

A whopping 39 curlers have represented two or more provinces/territories at the Brier. Can you name this year's additions to this list and for which province they're played at the Rex?



1. Name their previous province(s) at the Brier.
2. Three other players in this field have previously played for other provinces at the Brier. They are?
3. Name two players who have represented three different provinces/territories at the Brier. (Hint: One was just involved at the Scotties, the other is playing in the current Brier).
4. Name the years and positions each played and the provinces/territories each represented.
5. One of the pair is related to a former Brier winning skip. He is?
6. What's the relationship, the year of the Brier victory for which province?
7. The other is related to a Brier runnerup skip and winning third. Name him and how

he is related.

8. In which year was he the Brier's runnerup skip?
9. Representing which province?
10. In which years did he win the Brier?
11. Skipping or playing for which skip?
12. All right, answer this one and you qualify to compile our trivia list for next year's Brier at Kamloops. Name nine others who played for Alberta AND one other province in Brier history.

(Answers)

QFD: Mark Nichols, Manitoba; Chris Schille, Saskatchewan.  
1. Newfoundland.  
2. Ryan Fry, Ben Hebert, John Morris  
3. Ryan Fry, Earle Morris  
4. Fry was third for Manitoba in 2007, second for Newfoundland in 2009, 2010, 2011, and third for Northern Ontario. Morris was skip in 1980 for Manitoba, third in 1982 for Quebec, skip in 1985 for Ontario.  
5. Barry Fry.  
6. Ryan is Barry's son. Barry won the Brier in 1979 for Manitoba.  
7. John Morris is Earle's son.  
8. John was the Brier runnerup skip in 2002.  
9. Ontario.  
10. John was a Brier winner in 2008 and 2009.  
11. Playing third for Kevin Martin.  
12. Paul Devlin, Dennis Graber, John Hunter, Glen Jackson, John Lang, Kevin Park, Pat Ryan, Pat Simmons, Bernie Sparkes.

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A LITTLE MORE FROM JIM MORRIS

# Rocks? A couple 'pigs' out there

It's like one of those chicken-and-egg questions.

Is it the rocks that are causing problems at this week's Tim Hortons Brier or the people throwing them?

Ever since Friday's practise different players have raised concerns about the rocks being used this week at Rexall Place. The stones were recently acquired by the Canadian Curling Association.

"There's a couple of pigs out there," said Northern Ontario skip Brad Jacobs.

Much less complimentary terms have been used to describe the rocks.

Danny Lamoureux, the CCA's director of championship services and curling club development, defends the rocks.

"They are very good stones," he said.

Not all the curlers are buying what Lamoureux is selling.

Curlers are a little like accountants. They like things that add up and make sense. When a second settles into the hack he wants to know the rock he's throwing will go where he directs it.

That's the problem this week. Some stones are about as predictable as Charlie Sheen on a Saturday night.

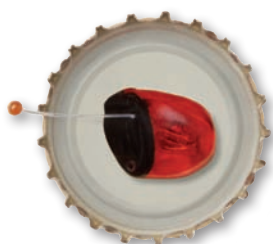


Saskatchewan skipper Brock Virtue says figuring out the rocks here this week has been tough

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“It’s been a real big struggle,” said Saskatchewan skip Brock Virtue. “It’s crazy that there’s such a big difference in them.”

“We are all struggling with them and trying to figure out what we can do to best manage them.”

The “pigs” are slow. That means they require more weight to throw than the rest of the rocks.

“Usually when they are slower it’s a couple of feet, but now we are talking big time,” said Quebec skip Jean-Michel Menard, the 2006 Brier champion.

“You have to stay big-time focused and communicate well with your teammates and know which rocks they are throwing. As a skip it’s very exhausting mentally. You have to figure out the broom for every rock.”

Some rocks have more curl than Little Orphan Annie’s hair while others run straighter than a Saskatchewan highway.

“I’m not going to sugarcoat it. It’s tough,” said Ontario’s Glenn Howard, the defending champion who is appearing in a record 15th Brier. “They are not matched very well. There’s a lot of different ones out there.”

“Some are 15-plus feet slower than the next one. I’ve never experienced that.”

Brad Gushue, the 2006 Olympic gold medalist, said teams are struggling to figure out which rock will do what.

“There are some that curl a little bit more and some that are slower and some that are straighter,” he said. “It’s tough getting sets for everybody.”

Skips have also been surprised by the strik-

**“You have to question bringing new rocks to a Brier. You can tell out there the precision shots aren’t being made as easily as some sets of rocks we used before. It’s not the ice. The rocks are a little bit different. They are going to take a while to cure and change and get a little bit more natural.”**

–Marc Kennedy

ing force of the rocks.

“These rocks tend, when they hit a rock, it really bounces,” said Jamie Korab, the alternate on Gushue’s Newfoundland & Labrador rink.

That makes delicate tap-backs and nudging guards out of position more difficult.

While the players make it sound like Armageddon on the ice, the statistics tell a different story. Gushue, Menard and Howard were all curling over 87 per cent heading into Monday. No lead or second was less than 80 per cent.

It’s not like the CCA found the rocks at the local Dollar Store.

The stones come from Kays Bonspiel Company in Scotland and are made to the new Olympic specifications. They cost about \$500 each plus \$1,000 for the electronic handles.

“The identical twins to these stones will be used in Sochi,” at the 2014 Winter Olympics, said Lamoureux.

Before coming to the Brier the rocks were tested for a couple of weeks at an Ottawa curling club.

“They were beautiful, they were fast,” said Lamoureux. “We were happy with them.”

The stones were also used at the recent M&M Meat Shops Canadian Junior Men’s and Women’s Curling Championships in Fort McMurray.

“They were fast and swifty,” said Lamoureux. “We brought them here.”

“They need to play sooner or later.”

Marc Kennedy, the second on Kevin Martin’s Alberta rink, doesn’t think the Brier is the right place to test drive new stones.

“You have to question bringing new rocks to a Brier,” he said. “You can tell out there the precision shots aren’t being made as easily as some sets of rocks we used before.”

“It’s not the ice. The rocks are a little bit different. They are going to take a while to cure and change and get a little bit more natural.”

Some mistakes are simply pilot error. If it were only the losing teams bleating their complaints would be taken with a wink and a nod.

But all the teams have raised the issue, which suggests there is a problem.

Many teams keep careful track of rocks. They have a book on each stone and how it performs. That’s partially the issue here. These stones are an unknown quantity. They

have no history.

“We’re a team that’s very into the rocks,” said Kennedy, who was throwing at around 85 per cent following the first three games. “We’ve always been that way. When we have brand new ones and they are different, we struggle a little bit.”

“It’s a little more even playing field between us and the rest of the teams. If we want to do well this week we are going to have to adjust. There’s no point complaining about it.”

Gushue believes the top teams will have the rocks figured out before the playoffs.

“It’s going to be a learning process for all the players here,” he said. “I think the top skips are going to pick up on it quicker and it’s going to be an advantage as it goes.”

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Manitoba's Mark Nicholls (left) and Reid Carruthers work hard on the sweep. It was a good rebound by the Stoughton crew after their first loss to Glenn Howard, beating Quebec Monday.



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## SCHEDULE "D" 50/50 RAFFLE RULES

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

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

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

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

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

• Tickets: Ticket pricing shall be:

Regular: Discount 1:

Discount 2:

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

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

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

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

### The Draw shall be conducted as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• The 50/50 Licensee shall videotape the Draw.

• Winner Notification: The winning ticket number will be shown on the video scoreclock and all the dedicated 50/50 televisions in Rexall Place as soon as possible and it will be announced over the public address system at the completion of the slowest game. If there is only one (1) game being played, the winning number will be announced over the PA system and shown on the video scoreclock and all the dedicated 50/50 televisions in Rexall Place at the completion of the 8111 end. If the Prize is not claimed during the Game, the winning ticket number will be posted on two (2) display boards on the concourse, one (1) display board at the entrance to the Brier Patch and posted on the Northern Alberta Curling website at [www.northernalbertacurling.com](http://www.northernalbertacurling.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<b>2013 TIM HORTONS BRIER</b>						
<b>MARCH 2-10 @ EDMONTON, AB</b>						
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DRAW</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
SATURDAY March 2	1:30 p.m.	1	NO vs NT	NB vs QC	NS vs NL	SK vs PE
	6:30 p.m.	2	NL vs PE	AB vs MB	NT vs NB	ON vs BC
SUNDAY March 3	8:30 a.m.	3	QC vs AB	BC vs NO	SK vs ON	NS vs MB
	1:30 p.m.	4	NB vs NS	NL vs SK	NO vs PE	QC vs NT
	6:30 p.m.	5	ON vs MB	PE vs NT	BC vs AB	NL vs NB
MONDAY March 4	1:30 p.m.	6	BC vs SK	NS vs ON	QC vs MB	AB vs NO
	6:30 p.m.	7	PE vs QC	SK vs NB	NL vs NO	NT vs NS
TUESDAY March 5	1:30 p.m.	8	AB vs NB	MB vs PE	ON vs NT	BC vs NL
	6:30 p.m.	9	NO vs ON	QC vs BC	AB vs NS	MB vs SK
WEDNESDAY March 6	1:30 p.m.	10	SK vs NS	NT vs NL	NB vs PE	NO vs QC
	7:30 p.m.	11	NT vs AB	ON v NB	MB vs NL	PE vs BC
THURSDAY March 7	8:30 a.m.	12		NO vs SK	NS vs QC	
	1:30 p.m.	13	ON vs NL	PE vs AB	NT vs BC	NB vs MB
	7:30 p.m.	14	MB vs NO	BC vs NS	AB vs SK	QC vs ON
FRIDAY March 8	8:30 a.m.	15	NB vs BC	MB vs NT	PE vs ON	NL vs AB
	1:30 p.m.	16	NS vs PE	NL vs QC	NO vs NB	SK vs NT
	7:30 p.m.	17	QC vs SK	AB vs ON	BC vs MB	NS vs NO
<b>PAGE PLAYOFFS</b>						
<b>IF NO TIE BREAKER DRAWS</b>						
SAT. March 9	1:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
	6:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
<b>IF ONE (1) TIE BREAKER DRAW</b>						
SAT. March 9	8:30 a.m.	TB1	Tie-Breaker			
	1:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
	6:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
<b>IF TWO (2) TIE BREAKER DRAWS</b>						
SAT. March 9	8:30 a.m.	TB1	Tie-Breaker			
	1:30 p.m.	TB2 & PP	Tie-Breaker / Page Playoff			
	6:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
<b>IF THREE (3) TIE BREAKER DRAWS</b>						
FRI. March 8	11:00 p.m.	TB1	Tie-Breaker			
SAT. March 9	8:30 a.m.	TB2	Tie-Breaker			
	1:30 p.m.	TB3 & PP	Tie-Breaker / Page Playoff			
	6:30 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff			
<b>SEMI FINAL</b>						
SUN. March 10	8:30 a.m.	SF	Semi Final			
<b>BRONZE MEDAL</b>						
SUN. March 10	1:30 p.m.	BRZ	Bronze Medal			
<b>FINAL</b>						
SUN. March 10	6:30 p.m.	FNL	Final			

All times Mountain Standard (MST)  
 Eastern Standard (EST): +2 hours

# Winner here goes to Victoria

## THE TANKARD TIMES

Global championship curling is headed back to Victoria.

The 2013 Ford World men's championship will be held at the 6,500-seat Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre March 30-April 7, 2013, the same venue which hosted the very successful 2005 Ford World Men's which drew 116,167 fans in the first year of the second separation for the men's and women's championships.

Kate Caithness of Scotland, president of the World Curling Federation, says:

"We're delighted to be returning to Victoria. Previous events held at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre have been hugely successful and a great platform for what is one of the pinnacles of the sport."

She should be delighted. Victoria is one fine place to visit in the spring.

This will be the 21st time that Canada has staged the World men's championship since 1959, the fifth time it's been hosted by the province of B.C. (1966, 1987, 1998 and 2005) and the second time in Victoria.

Veteran host-committee co-chair Keith Dagg, who ran the previous Worlds is equally excited.

"My co-chair, Chris Atchison (chaired the 2009 Scotties), and myself, along with the entire curling community, are thrilled," says Dagg, "that the Ford World is returning to Victoria.

"Chris and I worked on the 2005 championship, the first ever sports event held at the Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre, and we're proud that 17 of the 22 draws sold out. As a result, the host committee made a significant profit and the city now has a terrific curling program as a legacy of hosting the event."

Canada has won a leading 34 world men's titles since 1959, and is currently the reigning champion, having won in 2012 (skip Glenn Howard), when the competition was held in Basel, Switzerland.


When British Columbia has hosted the Worlds, Canada has not lost. In 1966 and 1987, when held in Vancouver, it was won by Ron Northcott and Russ Howard, respectively. In 1998 in Kamloops, Canada's Wayne Middaugh prevailed and in 2005 in Victoria, Canada's Randy Ferbey emerged from a wild six-way tie for first place to claim victory.

The 2013 Ford Worlds will also determine most of the countries (excluding host Russia) which will qualify for the men's competition at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, based



on the cumulative results/standings at the 2012 and 2013 championships.

Meanwhile, the 2013 World women's curling championship will be played in Riga, the capital of Latvia, in March.




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