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# Party of 12



The Kingston Dozen (Top, left to right, Andrea Crawford, Allison Ross, Mary-Anne Arsenault, Suzanne Birt, middle, Rachel Homan, Jennifer Jones, Heather Nedohin, Stacie Devereaux, bottom, Kelly Scott, Kerry Galusha, Jill Shumay and Kristie Moore. Canada's top female curlers compete for a Scotties title and a trip to Riga, Latvia to represent Canada at the world championships. Action gets going at 2 p.m. Saturday as Edmonton's Heather Nedohin aims to defend her Maple Leaf title.

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# Deep pool means tough competition

BY JIM MORRIS

The Heart Chart

Heather Nedohin is thrilled to be back in “the big show” but the defending champion knows she will be sharing the stage at this week’s Scotties Tournament of Hearts with several veteran rinks that deserve star billing, and some young teams ready to elbow their way into the spotlight

“Any opportunity we get to be at what we call the big show is a privilege and an honour,” said Nedohin, the Team Canada skip from the Saville Centre in Edmonton.

“We feel real comfortable heading into this event and we are prepared not to defend, but to go out and make it to the playoffs and follow through with a championship.”

Nedohin might receive top billing at this year’s event, which begins Saturday afternoon at the K-Rock Centre, but among the other big names contending for the Canadian women’s championship will be Manitoba’s Jennifer Jones, who is looking to win her fifth Scotties in 10 appearances, and B.C.’s Kelly Scott, a two-time champion making her eighth Hearts’ appearance.

Nedohin and her team of Beth Iskiw, Jessica Mair and Laine Peters collide Wednesday afternoon with Jones and her St. Vital Curling Club rink of Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer and Dawn Askin.

Officer said for her team it will just be another game in a long week.

“We really just try to stay focused on our team and what we are doing,” she said. “We have to play our best all the time, regardless of who our opposition is.

“If we can try and do that, then hopefully things will work out for us.”

Among the young guns, Rachel Homan’s Ontario rink looks ready to make the jump from supporting role to star of the show. In her first Scotties appearance in 2011 Homan finished the round-robin in third place but lost to Nova Scotia’s Heather Smith-Dacey in the bronze medal game.

“We’ve played two seasons since then,” said the 23-year-old from Ottawa. “It’s not as shocking when you get there again.

“We really don’t worry too much about who we are playing. We will stick to our game plan.”

Olympic silver medallist Cheryl Bernard predicts Homan and Jones will meet in Sunday’s final.

“I don’t know who I would say would win in the end,” said Bernard.

“I’m thinking Homan, they want it so bad, but Jones has been there so many times. They know how to do it. If nerves don’t get in Homan’s way, she’s got a really good chance.”

Homan, the 2010 Canadian junior champion, brings a more refined games into this year’s Scotties.

“They throw hit weight like the men do,” said Bernard.

“It’s unbelievable the weight they throw. What I think she’s done with her game is move it up a notch by being able to throw touch-shot weight, which they didn’t do so well a few years back.”

Scott, the 2007 world champion, has played Homan twice this year and lost both times.

“If we’re going to beat them, this would be the week to do it,” she laughed.

The Kelowna, B.C., skip said the deep talent in this year’s field could make for some tight standings.

“There might be one or two teams that kind of run away with it but I think everyone else is just going to beat up on one another,” she said.



Winnipeg’s Jennifer Jones is among the favourites this week in Kingston. She seeks her fifth Scotties win.

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“I think it’s going to be a really tough week.”

This year’s Scotties marks the return of Colleen Jones, who is appearing in her record 21 Canadian women’s championship. Jones will be throwing second rocks and will hold the broom for longtime teammate and Nova Scotia skip Mary-Anne Arsenault.

The competition, which will be shown on TSN, also has a new wrinkle in scheduling.

After Sunday’s 9 a.m. draw there will not be another morning draw until Thursday.

Warren Hansen, director of event operations with the Canadian Curling Association, said the change was made because in the past the mid-week morning games were weak draws for both crowds and television audiences.

It also assures for more games on the weekend.

A similar format will be used during this year’s Tim Hortons Brier in Edmonton.

Nedohin understands the theory but has some reservations.

“My concern is, if there is tie-breakers, we may see a substantial number of games at the end of the week,” she said.

“We’re used to playing a lot of games, but not after 11 games of a round-robin.”

The round-robin ends Friday. Any tie-breakers will be played Saturday morning, followed by the first round of the Page play-off system.

The top four teams will advance to the Page playoffs which sees the first- and second-place teams playing for a berth in the final on Sunday. The third- and fourth-place teams will meet, with the winner moving onto the semifinal.

The loser of the three-four game will play the semifinal loser in the bronze-medal game.

The winner will represent Canada at the women’s world curling championship, March 16 to 24 in Riga, Latvia.

# Sandra's championship legacy lives on

**BY JIM MORRIS**  
The Heart Chart

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation telethon always produces warm feelings but this year's event will have a golden glow.

Members of Schmirler's three-time world champion and Olympic gold medal team will be answering phones Sunday during the fundraiser, held during the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the team of Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit and coach Lindsay Sparks winning the gold medal at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

Other curlers taking donations include former Ontario skips Marilyn Bodogh and Alison Goring; Lorraine Lang, a member of Heather Houston's world championship team; and Cathy Overton-Clapham, who won Heart titles for Manitoba with both Jennifer Jones and Connie Laliberte.

Donations can be made online at [sandraschmirler.org](http://sandraschmirler.org) or by calling toll free 1.866.210.6011.

The Schmirler rink still holds a special place for Canadians, said Francine Poisson, one of the telethon organizers.

"That team had that kind of impact," said Poisson. "For a team to win an event like (the Olympics) you need something special. To be as dominate as Sandra's team was, that team had something really special."

"Anybody who watched them couldn't help but feel they really liked each other and they loved playing together and they were great friends."

Overton-Clapham played against Schmirler.

"She was such a great champion, she was such a great person," she said.

Created in January 2001, The Sandra Schmirler Foundation is a registered charity that raises and donates money across Canada for the care of premature and critically ill infants.

The foundation also helps develop future champions through direct funding to junior curlers.

Since its inception the foundation has donated over \$2.2 million dollars to help purchase life-saving equipment in neonatal units in 27 hospitals.

This year the foundation announced it would give six \$5,000 scholarship for junior curlers who are pursuing their competitive careers while maintaining their post-secondary studies.

Schmirler, who was born in Biggar, Sask., died in 2000 at age 36 from cancer.

Poisson said this year's goal is to raise \$275,000. Last year's telethon in Red Deer, Alta., raised over \$257,000.

"We like growth every year," said Poisson. "When you look at the beginning it was in the \$20,000's and now here we are."

The average donation is around \$100, but Poisson has seen some as large as \$5,000.

"Even \$25 a lot of times is a lot of money," she said.

Sometimes callers ask to speak to the curlers answering the telephones.

"If we can swing it, we will do it," Poisson said.

Poisson said the Schmirler Foundation appeals to curlers and people who watch the sport.

"The curling community is quite unique," she said.

"Doing this is nice."

"It's curling giving back to the community. Sandra, being who she was, it's a very warm feeling."



Sandra Schmirler

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# Ford Hot Shots: And then there were eight

**BY JIM MORRIS**  
Tankard Times

Team Ontario flexed a little muscle Friday afternoon, having two curlers finish among the top four scores after the preliminary round of the Ford Hot Shots skill competition.

Team Canada skip Heather Nedohin had the day's hottest hand, scoring 28 points. Ontario skip Rachel Homan and third Emma Miskew both had 22 points, as did Sharon Cormier, third on the Northwest Territories/Yukon rink.

Rounding out the top eight was Manitoba third Kaitlyn Lawes with 21 points and Quebec skip Allison Ross with 20. Manitoba second Jill Officer and B.C. lead Sarah Wazney each had 19.

The eight curlers will all begin at zero when they take the ice for Saturday's final rounds.

The winner receives a two-year lease on a 2013 Ford Fusion SE 2.0L, AWD with EcoBoost, a prize with a retail value of \$14,000.

The second-place finisher receives a \$2,000 cheque while third place is worth \$1,000.

Nedohin, who didn't advance past the first day last year, said doing well in the Ford Hot Shots isn't necessarily an omen of good things to come during the week.

"This is a fun perk, but I don't think it has any relevance to the way the rest of the week will go," she said.

During the Hot Shots competition curlers throw six different shots. There's a hit and stay; draw the button; draw

the port; a raise; hit and roll; and the double takeout.

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

Homan's team is known for being the queens of the take-out. The 23-year-old skip made a double-take look easy with her final rock.

"The hot shots is awesome because you get to throw a whole bunch of shots and see the ice," said Homan, a personal fitness trainer, who is making her second Hearts appearance. "If people don't know the ice, then maybe the beginning games are not as good."

"Out of the gates it will be good."

Miskew said her team used the competition like it was an extra practise.

"That's our main goal for this," said the 24-year-old who is a project co-ordinator for the Senate. "The car is a nice incentive but it's also nice to get an idea of what the ice is doing in a more competitive setting."

"In the practise you're just trying to match rocks. In this situation we're throwing actual shots that could occur in a game and you get an idea of what they are doing. It's a little bit of a reassuring factor."

Kerry Galusha, skip of the NWT/Yukon rink, won last year's Ford Hot Shots in Red Deer, Alta., with a score of 19 points. She edged out Heather Strong of Nfld/Labrador. Galusha earned the keys to a 2012 Ford Focus Titanium.

A Hot Shots will also be held the Tim Hortons Brier in Edmonton. Ontario's Wayne Middaugh was the Hot Shots winner at last year's Brier in Saskatoon.



Kaitlyn Lawes: One of the final eight

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## HOW THEY GOT HERE: TERRITORIES

# Galusha leads the Polars yet again



Kerry Galusha

While Canadian curling strives for political correctness with a plan to admit all three Territories to its major championships in 2015, the areas themselves show no interest in competing, presumably awaiting those upcoming free rides to the nationals.

All of which leaves nine-time Territories champion Kerry Galusha of Yellowknife as under-trained as ever as the Polars head for the Kingston Scotties.

A year ago, Yukon teams were no-shows, leaving Galusha to contest the Territories berth with clubmate Maureen Miller. That prompted the N.W.T. gang to accept its own earlier four-team championship at Inuvik as final — Galusha won that over Miller in a sudden-death playoff.

“It’s pretty disappointing,” Galusha said at the time. “We work so hard and then when we get to the nationals we just haven’t had the competition to sustain the kind of form required to win.”

But, if last year was a joke, how about the three-team scramble conducted last month to decide Galusha’s annual trek this time?

Again, no Yukon team exhibited a smid-

gen of interest. So the N.W.T. staged a three-team double-round-robin affair of its own at far-flung Fort Smith and the 35-year-old Galusha trumped Yellowknife clubmate Ashley Green 10-3 in the final.

Galusha, a senior finance clerk with the N.W.T. government’s department of justice, first skipped a Territories team to the Scot-ties in 2001 and finished with a 2-9 record.

Since then she’s been 4-7 in 2005, 2-9 in 2006, 2-9 in 2007, 1-10 in 2008, 4-7 in 2009, 3-8 in 2011 and best-equalling 4-7 last year.

Galusha missed 2010 when Sharon Cormier won the Territories title and racked up a 4-7 record. Galusha scooped up Cormier (48) to play third last year.

This time around, Cormier’s daughter Megan, 23, moves up for lead to second and 31-year-old Wendy Miller, alternate last year and second in 2011, takes over at lead while former second Shona Barbour, 30, drops to the fifth-player role.

At Fort Smith, Galusha lost a fourth-round outing to Green, 10-7, after winning 9-6 in the first round and then besting Brittany Brassier of Fort Smith 9-6 in the second go.

In round three, Green defeated Brassier 12-7. Galusha stopped Brassier 12-2 in the fifth round and Green matched Galusha’s 3-1 record by whipping winless Brassier 12-4 in the final round.

In the shootout, Galusha broke up a 2-2 tie with four in the fifth end and stole another point in the sixth. After Green countered with a seventh-end single, Galusha salted away the decision with three in the eighth.

This will be Galusha’s 11th Scotties appearance including two trips as an alternate. Sharon Cormier is in for the ninth time (once as an alternate), Megan Cormier and Miller each for the third time while Barbour will be making a sixth visit.

No Territories team ever has won more Scotties matches than it has lost since Shelley Aucoin of Whitehorse won six of 11 in 1987. Prior to that, Shelly Bildfell of Whitehorse was 6-4 in 1985 and 8-3 in 1983 and Donna Alexander of Yellowknife turned in a 6-4 record in 1981.

Territories teams first competed at the national championships in 1977.



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# Here's the 2013 Scotties Lineup

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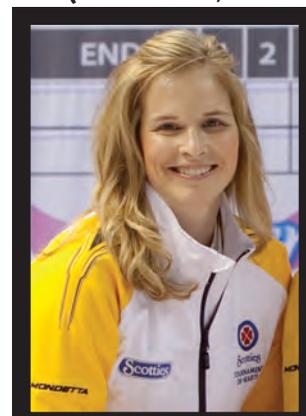
**ALBERTA**  
**GRANDE PRAIRIE CURLING CLUB**  
**GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 3**

**Sk** — Kristie Moore (33-2)  
**3rd** — Blaine de Jager (31-1)  
**2nd** — Michelle Dykstra (26-1)  
**Ld** — Amber Cheveldave (31-1)  
**Alt** — Renee Sonnenberg (41-3)  
**Coach** — Brian Moore  
*(Runnerup: Renee Sonnenberg, Grande Prairie)*  
**Last year's record:** Heather Nedohin, 10-4, finished first.



**B.C.**  
**KELOWNA CURLING CLUB**  
**KELOWNA**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 23**

**Sk** — Kelly Scott (35-8)  
**3rd** — Jeanna Schraeder (36-7)  
**2nd** — Sasha Carter (38-8)  
**Ld** — Sarah Wazney (26-1)  
**Alt** — Diane Gushulak (43-4)  
**Coach** — Brent Giles  
*(Runnerup: Patti Knezevic, Prince George)*  
**Last year's record:** Kelly Scott, Kelowna, 9-4, finished second.



**MANITOBA**  
**ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB**  
**WINNIPEG**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 26**

**Sk** — Jennifer Jones 38-10)  
**3rd** — Kaitlyn Lawes (24-3)  
**2nd** — Jill Officer (37-10)  
**Ld** — Dawn Askin (32-7)  
**Alt** — Kristin MacCuish (20-1)  
**Coach** — Janet Arnott  
*(Runnerup: Barb Spencer, Winnipeg)*  
**Last year's record:** Jennifer Jones, Winnipeg, 10-4, finished third.



**NEW BRUNSWICK**  
**GAGE GOLF AND CURLING CLUB**  
**OROMOCTO**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 14**

**Sk** — Andrea Crawford (27-6)  
**3rd** — Rebecca Atkinson (30-2)  
**2nd** — Danielle Parsons (23-3)  
**Ld** — Jodie deSolla (27-6)  
**Alt** — Jane Boyle (39-2)  
**Coach** — Charles Sullivan  
*(Runnerup: Melissa Adams, Grand Falls)*  
**Last year's record:** Rebecca Atkinson, Fredericton, 5-6, finished seventh.



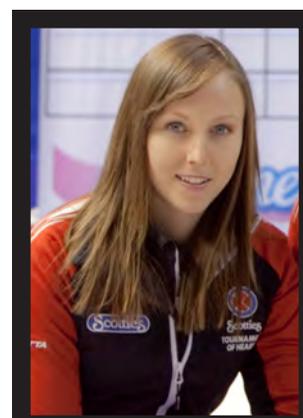
**N.L.**  
**BALLY HALY GOLF AND CURLING CLUB**  
**ST. JOHN'S**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 10**

**Sk** — Stacie Devereaux (26-2)  
**3rd** — Erin Porter (23-1)  
**2nd** — Lauren Wasykiw (22-1)  
**Ld** — Heather Martin (49-10)  
**Alt** — Julie Devereaux (24-1)  
**Coach** — Craig Withycombe  
*(Runnerup: Heather Strong, St. John's)*  
**Last year's record:** Heather Strong, St. John's, 4-7, finished ninth.



**NOVA SCOTIA**  
**MAYFLOWER CURLING CLUB**  
**HALIFAX**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 55**

**Sk** — Mary Anne Arsenaault (44-11)  
**3rd** — Kim Kelly (50-15)  
**2nd (v-sk)** — Colleen Jones (53-21)  
**Ld** — Jennifer Baxter (25-1)  
**Alt** — Nancy Delahunt (54-13)  
**Coach** — Peter Corkum  
*(Runnerup: Jocelyn Nix, Kentville)*  
**Last year's record:** Heather Smith-Dacey, Halifax, 4-7, finished 11th.



**ONTARIO**  
**OTTAWA CURLING CLUB**  
**OTTAWA**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 5**

**Sk** — Rachel Homan (23-2)  
**3rd** — Emma Miskew (24-2)  
**2nd** — Alison Kreviazuk (24-2)  
**Ld** — Lisa Weagle (27-2)  
**Alt** — Stephanie LeDrew (28-2)  
**Coach** — Earle Morris  
*(Runnerup: Cathy Auld, Mississauga)*  
**Last year's record:** Tracy Horgan, Sudbury, 4-7, finished eighth.



**P.E.I.**  
**CHARLOTTETOWN CURLING COMPLEX**  
**CHARLOTTETOWN**

**Sk** — Suzanne Birt (31-7)  
**3rd** — Shelly Bradley (42-9)  
**2nd** — Sarah Fullerton (21-1)  
**Ld** — Leslie MacDougall (42-5)  
**Alt** — Stefanie Clark (32-4)  
**Coach** — Peter Gallant  
*(Runnerup: Kim Dolan, Charlottetown)*  
**Last year's record:** Kim Dolan, Charlottetown, 3-8, finished 12th.



**QUEBEC**  
**GLENMORE CC, MONTREAL.**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 9**

**Sk** — Allison Ross (36-3)  
**3rd** — Audree Dufresne (40-1)  
**2nd** — Brittany O'Rourke (24-1)  
**Ld** — Sasha Beauchamp (24-1)  
**Alt** — Annie Lemay (35-8)  
**Coach** — Glenn Tester.  
*(Runnerup: Eve Belisle, Montreal)*  
**Last year's record:** Marie-France Larouche, St-Romuald, 7-6, finished fourth.



**SASKATCHEWAN**  
**MAIDSTONE CURLING CLUB**  
**MAIDSTONE**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 0**

**Sk** — Jill Shumay (38-1)  
**3rd** — Kara Johnston (37-1)  
**2nd** — Taryn Holtby (24-1)  
**Ld** — Jinaye Ayrey (22-1)  
**Alt** — Patty Hersikorn (47-1)  
**Coach** — Gene Friesen  
*(Runnerup: Stefanie Lawton, Saskatoon)*  
**Last year's record:** Michelle Englot, Regina, 5-6, finished sixth).



**TERRITORIES**  
**YELLOWKNIFE CURLING CENTRE**  
**YELLOWKNIFE**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 27**

**Sk** — Kerry Galusha (35-11)  
**3rd** — Sharon Cormier (48-9)  
**2nd** — Megan Cormier (23-3)  
**Ld** — Wendy Miller (31-3)  
**Alt** — Shona Barbour (30-6)  
**Coach** — Jock Tyre  
*(Runnerup: Ashley Green, Yellowknife)*  
**Last year's record:** Kerry Galusha, Yellowknife, 4-7, finished 10th.



**CANADA**  
**SAVILLE SPORTS CENTRE**  
**EDMONTON**  
**EXPERIENCE FACTOR - 21**

**Sk** — Heather Nedobin (37-6)  
**3rd** — Beth Iskiw (33-6)  
**2nd** — Jessica Mair (28-2)  
**Ld** — Laine Peters (42-9)  
**Alt** — Cori Morris (41-3)  
**Coach** — Darryl Horne  
*(Runnerup: Kelly Scott, Kelowna)*  
**Last year's record:** Amber Holland, Kronau, SK, 6-5, finished fifth.



# The Party Line

your guide to what's goin' on



**YOU GOTTA BE THERE!**

Welcome to the excitement of championship curling at the 2013 Scotties Tournament of Hearts... with the best curlers in the country on the ice at the K-Rock Centre for the next nine days, competing for the national championship.

Meanwhile, the party of a lifetime will be underway every day – and late into the night – at the HeartStop Lounge, located in the Kingston Memorial Centre. A free shuttle service will be provided to transport fans between the two venues.

The Party Line will be on the scene all week long to keep you in touch with everything that's happening on the entertainment front at the 2013 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

The HeartStop is a fan-friendly environment where you can enjoy the outstanding selection of food and beverages and dance to the sounds of some of the hottest bands around.

Plus, you can meet face-to-face with the athletes at Team Autograph sessions and Up Close and Personal interviews... and get in on your own championship at the Cool Shots competition.

And the best part is, admission is free with every same-day event pass!

We'll be presenting daily updates from Party Line reporter/photographer Candice-Rose Gagnon who will be right in the middle of all the fun at the party.



Candice-Rose Gagnon

An avid curler, Candice-Rose got her start in the game through the Little Rocks program, moving on to play as a member of the Roseland Golf and Curling Club in Windsor. In her final year as a student at General Amherst High School, she qualified for the high school regional playoffs.

With the lifelong goal of competing in the Scotties, she was quick to volunteer when the prestigious event was awarded to Kingston. As part of her Post Graduate Degree in Sports and Entertainment Sales and Marketing at Loyalist College in Belleville, her involvement provides a valuable insight to one of Canada's major sporting championships.

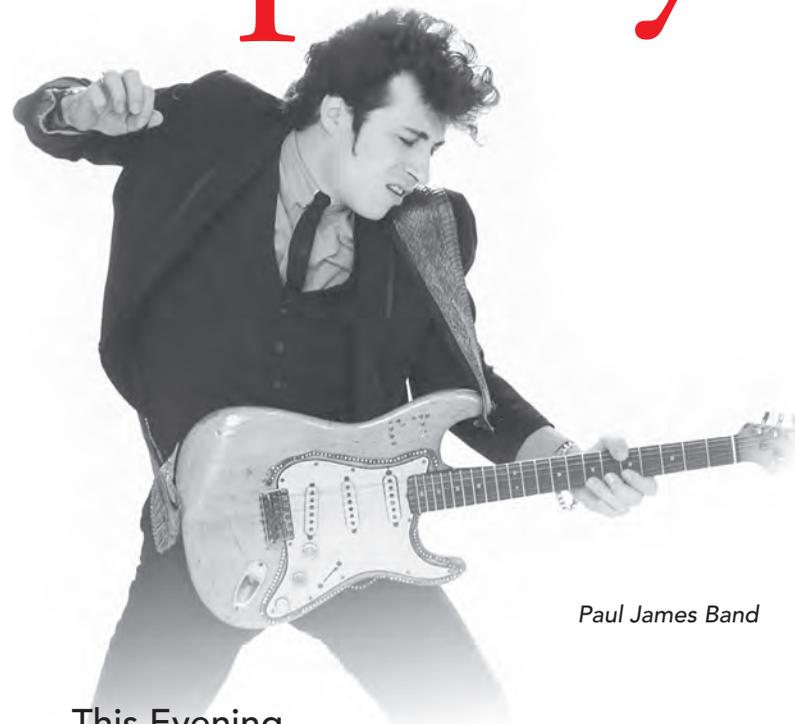


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The finals in the Club Cool Shots Championship will be on the boards today and tomorrow. Eight two-person teams qualified in local play Jan. 20 at the Royal Kingston Curling Club and Feb. 3 at the Cataragui Golf and Country Club.

The Cool Shots competition for the fans gets underway Monday at noon and carries through to Saturday. Daily winners receive cool cash prizes and advance to the playdowns and finals next Sunday. Sign up for free to take part in the small-scale version of the roaring game played on shuffleboard-style tables!

it's time to party!



Paul James Band

### This Evening

The weeklong party gets off to a rockin' start in the HeartStop with Canadian cultural icon Paul James taking to the stage.

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Tomorrow Evening

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## autograph sessions

Monday – 6:00 pm

Teams Nova Scotia & Alberta



A unique quality that sets championship curlers apart from elite athletes in other sports is the special bond they have with their admirers. Even though they're the best in the land, they always have time to sign programs and memorabilia, and pose for photos with the fans. Meet your favourites this week at Team Autograph sessions in the HeartStop Lounge.

- 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

## up close and personal

Today – 6:00 pm

OPENING CEREMONIES  
- Ceremonial First Rock Team

The Up Close and Personal interviews have become a special highlight for fans at championship events across the country. The teams will all be coming out from Sunday to Friday to sit down in a relaxing environment and field questions from the crowd. It's a candid discussion, where you have the opportunity to chat with your favourite curlers.

The first round starts off today with four curling greats sharing some of their most memorable curling experiences. The individuals participating each have ties to Team Ontario or the City of Kingston.

- Marilyn Bodogh, Scotties and World Champion
- Lorraine Lang, eight-time Team Ontario representative
- Alison Goring, 1990 Scotties champion
- Trish Dwyer, eight-time Team Newfoundland and Labrador representative



- Tomorrow** – 5:30 p.m. Team Canada
- Monday** – 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
- Friday** – 12:30 p.m. Teams Alberta & Nova Scotia
- Friday** – 5:30 p.m. Team Newfoundland/Labrador

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# Heart Chart's fearless predictions

## FAVOURED FOUR

### 1. Manitoba St. Vital Curling Club, Winnipeg

*Jennifer Jones, skip, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer, Dawn Askin (Fifth, Kristin MacCuish).*

The skinny — Still the powerhouse in this group despite having failed to grab the Scotties gauntlet the last two years. Skip returned from motherhood and didn't miss a beat in dominating Manitoba championship once again. In fact, this team didn't even have to come from off the pace . . . for a change of pace.

**THE ODDS — (2-TO-1)**

### 2. Ontario Ottawa Curling Club, Ottawa

*Rachel Homan, skip, Emma Miskew, Alison Krevaziuk, Lisa Weagle (Fifth, Stephanie LaDrew).*

The skinny — This crew manhandled a ballyhooed Ontario field as though the rest of the contenders were nothing more than pretenders. Unbeaten at 11-and-0 at home and threatening to mow down everybody in sight, long-time experience still is lacking. The heat will be turned up for this scuffle with home-team advantage (or disadvantage).

**THE ODDS — (7-TO-2)**

### 3. British Columbia Kelowna Curling Club, Kelowna

*Kelly Scott, skip, Jeanne Schraeder, Sasha Carter, Sarah Wazney (Fifth, Diane Gushulak).*

The skinny — Scott has her regular back end intact with the return of Schraeder after a yeoman year from Carter moving up. New lead Wazney shouldn't require much time to get used to this compatible group. And, don't forget, the team was on the verge of getting that championship feeling back a year ago.

**THE ODDS — (4-TO-1)**

### 4. Team Canada Saville Sports Centre, Edmonton

*Heather Nedohin, skip, Beth Iskiw, Jessica Mair, Laine Peters (Fifth, Cori Morris)*

The skinny — Sitting out the provincial playdowns may or may not be a disadvantage but this team certainly exhibited high-time jelling potential a year ago. Nedohin has a strong personality and complete faith in her team. A so-so preliminary season doesn't mean the unit should be overlooked.

**THE ODDS — (4-TO-1).**

## DEFINITELY DARKHORSES

### 5. Quebec Glenmore Curling Club, Montreal

*Allison Ross, skip, Audree Dufresne, Brittany O'Rourke, Sasha Beauchamp (Fifth, Annie Lemay)*

The skinny — Ross hasn't been around for a time but an 8-and-0 sailing through Le Belle Province says something. This would be the hunch darkhorse bet to end them all. Won't place much higher but isn't likely to run out of gas over the long distance.

**THE ODDS — (11-TO-2).**

### 6. Prince Edward Island Charlottetown Curling Centre, Charlottetown

*Suzanne Birt, skip, Shelly Bradley, Sarah Fullerton, Leslie MacDougall (Fifth, Stephanie Clark)*

The skinny — Birt has been around this block a few times. But she never has matched her provincial-high 10 wins of a decade ago. Certainly capable, though, of a mid-table finish and more than one major upset.

**THE ODDS — (7-TO-1).**

### 7. Nova Scotia Mayflower Curling Club, Halifax

*Mary Anne Arsenault, skip, Kim Kelly, Colleen Jones, Jennifer Baxter (Fifth, Nancy Delahunt)*

The skinny — Credentials galore, of course, but is this bold comeback conceivable after a lengthy absence? The team will command yards of media attention . . . and scrutiny. How long-in-the-tooth do you get, though, before the whole process becomes too tiring?

**THE ODDS — (8-TO-1).**

## LONG SHOTS AT BEST

### 8. New Brunswick Gage Golf and Curing Club, Oromocto

*Andrew Crawford, skip, Rebecca Atkinson, Danielle Parsons, Jodie deSolla (Fifth, Jane Boyle)*

The skinny — Crawford is back tossing the last boulders and, as usual, her team decimated the provincial competition to the tune of 8-and-0. But something funny seems to happen to Crawford on the way to the Scotties. Maybe this will be a turnaround season for the statuesque skipper.

**THE ODDS — (10-TO-1)**

### 9. Saskatchewan Maidstone Curling Club, Maidstone

*Jill Shumay, skip, Kara Johnston, Taryn Holtby, Jinaye Ayrey (Fifth, Patty Hersikorn).*

The skinny — There isn't much to go on here. Shumay wasn't even highly rated in her own province. But this can happen in Saskatchewan where Stefanie Lawton seems to draw a cold hand in provincial finals and everybody else in the lists struggles with inconsistency. Could, of course, be a surprise.

**ODDS — (10-TO-1)**

### 10. Alberta Grande Prairie C.C., Grande Prairie

*Kristie Moore, skip, Blaine de Jager, Michelle Dykstra,*

*Amber Cheveldave (Fifth, Renee Sonnenberg).*

The skinny — A lot of promising teams drew surprising blanks in this provincial shootout and Moore bounced off an 0-and-2 start to charge through the back door and produce some razor-tough and shocking last-rock efforts. But another slow start here would not be wise strategy.

**ODDS — (15-TO-1)**

## ENJOY THE PARTY

### 11. Newfoundland Bally Haly Golf and Curling Club, St. John's

*Stacie Devereaux, skip, Erin Porter, Lauren Wasykiw, Heather Martin (Fifth, Julie Devereaux).*

The skinny — Lost 10 games in 2011 but you have to figure the team will go to school on that disaster. Still, a spoiler's role is the best that can be expected here.

**ODDS — (25-TO-1)**

### 12. Territories Yellowknife Curling Centre, Yellowknife

*Kerry Galusha, skip, Sharon Cormier, Megan Cormier, Wendy Miller (Fifth, Shona Barbour).*

The skinny — As usual, it's easy to rate the under-trained Polars rock bottom but there are reasons. This team just doesn't have the horses for the long haul. There will be some other blood spilled, though, somewhere. Galusha always socks it to some unsuspecting opponent.

**ODDS — (25-TO-1).**

### 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
	2:00 p.m.	16	MB vs NB	PE vs ON	SK vs NL	CA vs NT
	7:30 p.m.	17	ON vs CA	AB vs NS	QC vs BC	MB vs SK
<b>IF NO TIE BREAKER DRAWS</b>						
SATURDAY, February 23	2:00 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff Game			
	7:00 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff Game			
<b>IF TIE BREAKERS REQUIRED</b>						
SATURDAY, February 23	9:00 a.m.	TB1	Tie-Breaker			
	2:00 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff Game (if 2nd TB is required - 2:00 p.m.)			
	7:00 p.m.	PP	Page Playoff Game			
<b>SEMI FINAL</b>						
SUNDAY, February 24	9:00 a.m.	SF	Semi Final			
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## HOW THEY GOT HERE: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

# Birt knocks off vet Dolan for title

Deuces were wild for the Suzanne Birt team in the Prince Edward Island Scotties final last month at the Charlottetown Curling Complex.

The seven-time Island Scotties winner, two-time Canadian junior and one-time world junior champ, hung up deuces on the board in the second, sixth and eighth ends and they proved sufficient for a 6-3 victory over veteran defending champion Kim Dolan.

Birt, a 31-year-old lefthander, won 10 games during her Scotties debut in 2003 but has been less successful since, logging a 2-9 record in 2004, a 4-7 mark in 2006, a 7-6 log in 2007, a 3-8 record in 2008 and a 6-5 finish on home ice in 2011.

The foursome of third Shelly Bradley, second Sarah Fullerton, 21, and lead Leslie MacDougall, 42, racked up a 5-0 record in the five-team round-robin affair.

"It's awesome," said the 42-year-old veteran Bradley after the win. "We have a really, really tough pool of women here in P.E.I., so to finish off undefeated is really impressive. It really makes us feel great

about all the work we've put in this year."

Charlottetown's Dolan managed singles in the third, fifth and seventh ends of the final and finished with a 4-3 record.

Up one with the hammer in the eighth, Birt took a timeout with a slew of rocks in the rings. The teams matched each other shot for shot as the tension grew. Birt finally nailed a tap back for two with her last rock and didn't look back.

"That was huge," Bradley said. "We were in a lot of trouble in that end. We just luckily came up with a couple of good shots . . . I really think that was the turning point in that game."

Birt agreed the end, which finished with nine rocks in play, showed just how close the competition was at the tournament.

"Every shot is just so close and has to be so precise. It really is a game of inches," she said.

Birt, a grocer from Summerside, went 4-0 in the preliminary and straight to the final while Dolan beat clubmate Lisa Jackson 6-4 in a tiebreaker and another club-

mate, Kathy O'Rourke, with Meaghan Hughes throwing last rocks, 7-3 in the semi-final.

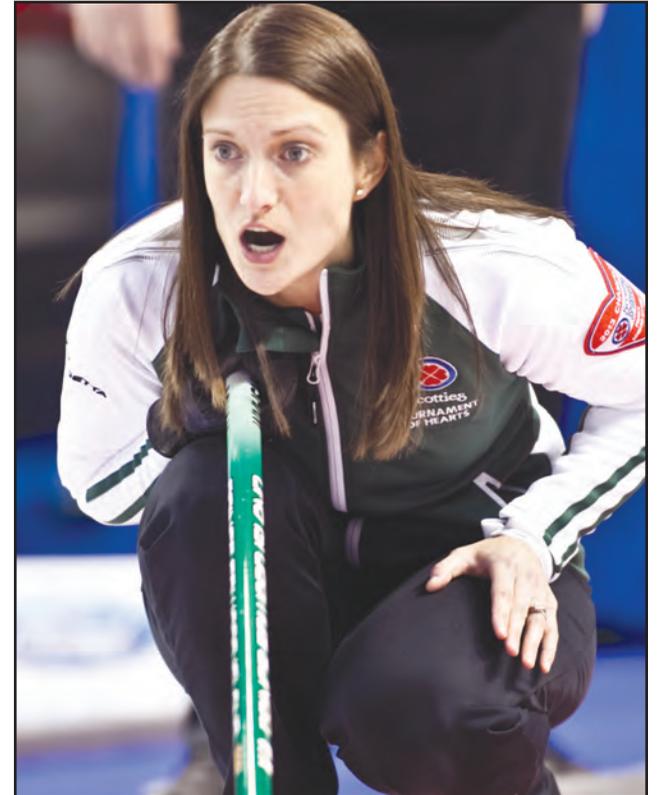
"We knew we were prepared," said Birt, whose team was on the sidelines while awaiting an opponent.

"Every time I get back there, it's just like the first time," said Bradley, who will be going to her sixth nationals. "The people at a Scotties Tournament of Heart just treat you like royalty. It's like nothing I have ever experienced before. You feel so special and it's such an honour to represent your province."

During the round robin, Birt slugged Jackson 8-2, Tammy Dewar of Montague 7-3, Dolan 6-2 and O'Rourke 9-6.

In the semi, Dolan broke up a tight fit in the last three ends against O'Rourke, the 2010 Scotties runnerup. Tied at three, Dolan was forced to take a seventh-end single, but then stole two in the eighth and one more in the ninth.

O'Rourke and Jackson each logged 2-3 records while Dewar was winless in four starts.



Suzanne Birt

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# Time for trivia

**Question Of The Day: Has Ontario ever been represented at the Canadian women's championship by a Kingston team. If so, who skipped, when and where?**

1. Seven Canadian junior women's curling champion skips have gone on to skip winners at the Scott Tournament of Hearts. Name them.
2. How about their provinces?
3. Name the last Ontario skip to win the Scotties.
4. When and where?
5. Name the Ontario curler who has played in more Canadian women's championships than any other.

6. She's from which city?
7. In how many championships has she competed?
8. Who skipped Ontario at the first Canadian women's championship in 1961?
9. She was from which Ontario city?
10. Two Ontario curlers previously have won the Ford Hot Shots competition staged each year prior to the start of the Scotties. Name them.
11. In which years did they win the Hot Shots?
12. Name five players in the current Scotties who have previously won the competition Hot Shots and the years each won the car.

- Answers)
1. Alison Goring, Amber Holland, Jennifer Jones, Cathy King (Borst), Heather (Godber-son) Nedohin, Kelly (Mackenzie) Scott, Julie Sutton (Skinner).
  2. (Goring) Ontario, (Holland) Saskatchewan (van, Jones (Manitoba), King (Alberta), Nedo-hin (Alberta), Scott (British Columbia), Sutton (British Columbia).
  3. Marilyn Bodogh.
  4. 1996 in Thunder Bay.
  5. Lorraine Lang.
  6. Thunder Bay.
  7. Eight championships.
  8. Emily Woolley.
  9. Toronto.
  10. Andrea Lawes, Jenn Hanna.
  11. Lawes (2004), Hanna (2005).
  12. Suzanne Birt (2003), Colleen Jones (2006), Jill Officer (2008), Jennifer Jones (2011), Kerry Galusha (2012).



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## HOW THEY GOT HERE: ALBERTA

# All-Swan City final sees Moore win

Move over, Cinderella. Kristie Moore of Grande Prairie will represent Alberta at the 2013 Scotties.

In a tournament replete with supposed-powerhouses and other supposed-to-bes, the Richter Scale was overworked as one shocking result insisted on following another last month.

To begin with, 2010 Olympic silver medallist Cheryl Bernard of Calgary didn't even manage to qualify for the final dozen slated to contest the quirky triple-knockout provincial draw, easily the worst invention ever concocted for a curling event of such import.

Bernard suffered three losses at the regional level in another triple-knockout affair in early January.

Then, at the final showdown at Lethbridge, eight other teams anointed with fat collections of Canadian Team Ranking System points, all slithered down the proverbial drainpipe.

One of them, Grande Prairie veteran Renee Sonnenberg, stuck around until the event's final shot. That's where Moore, a former second player with Heather Nedohin in a 1996 world junior success, beat her two-time Alberta champion crosstown rival 8-7, delivering a perfect in-turn nudge on the button in an extra end to win her first Alberta title as a skip.

The winning shot appeared hot out of Moore's hand. She called the sweepers off and watched as the rock curled just enough to shave Sonnenberg's buried shot rock and stop in time at the back of the button.

"I thought it was pretty close," Moore told SunMedia. "My major concern on the ice — it's so nice and it moves so much — was over-curling, because I had it happen a couple of times previously.

"Basically, I was hoping the line would hold long enough and once it did, I figured it would either break enough or slow down."

For a curler who hadn't skipped since 2005, Moore showed nerves of steel.

"Actually, I didn't feel the pressure there," she said. "I really just tried to focus on the feel I've had all week. I didn't focus on the results because, either way, we'd played a good game. I had to draw the pin, so just lay it all out there."

Even when her front end pumped fists in the air, Moore still wasn't convinced.

"They kinda dropped their hands and I'm kinda looking and 'did we win or not?'" she said. "Do I do a big cheer or do I look like an idiot here?"

The big cheer was for Moore's second trip to the Scotties.

The first was back in 2000, when Moore threw second stones for Nedohin, who's now wearing Team Canada colours.

It was a totally improbable script. The No.



Kristie Moore

10-seeded team rattled off six straight wins after dropping its first two starts — 9-3 to Lethbridge's Casey Scheidegger and 8-6 to veteran No. 1 seed Shannon Kliebrink of Calgary.

"It feels awesome," said Moore. "It feels way better than if we hadn't won. I still would have been proud."

Moore became pregnant and was due last September, so she was unsure she'd even be able to play this season.

"I ended up having the twins five weeks early, so I was able to start the season, no big deal," said Moore, who lives in Sexsmith, just north of Grande Prairie. "I had a few options, but these girls were closer to home and I thought it would be the best choice."

Moore's supporting cast of Blaine deJager at third, Michelle Dykstra at second and Amber Cheveldave at lead constitutes an all-rookie crew for Scotties consumption. The team failed to qualify in one cashspiel and wound up with

too.

Sonnenberg, meanwhile, swallowed a bitter pill after controlling the final match through six ends. She yielded three stolen points in the affair, two of them in the seventh which catapulted Moore in front by two points.

"It's curling," said Sonnenberg, who was 5-6 at the 1999 Scotties and 4-7 in 2001 and has lost four provincial finals.

"We missed a couple of opportunities early to force them to one. We forced her to draw the pin to win and she made it. I thought she was heavy and if she doesn't rub ours, we're good. But that's why we play the game . . . for the opportunity to force the other team or to make a shot like that."

For the second straight Alberta year, a team ran the table with four wins before losing the big game.

"I wouldn't change the spot we're in today for anything," said Sonnenberg. "One shot here or there totally turns things around."

Sonnenberg, seeded No. 3, defeated Jessie Kaufman, last year's runnerup, (8-6), Scheidegger 8-1 and Val Sweeting of Edmonton 9-7 to qualify for the final four in short order.

Edmonton's Laura Crocker won the B berth in the Page A-B playoff with four straight wins including a 7-4 conquest of Sweeting.

To survive the last-gasp C scrapping, Moore ousted Tiffany Game of Edmonton 8-3, Teryn Hamilton of Calgary 9-4 and Sweeting 8-7, then drilled Kleibrink 8-2 to reach the semi-final.

Sonnenberg stole four points in a 10-3 rout of Crocker in the Page A-B which led directly to the final. Moore outlasted Crocker 6-5 in a semi-final spine-scraper.

Moore's 6-2 record ruled the roost. Sonnenberg was 4-1, Crocker, Kleibrink, Sweeting and Kaufman each logged in a 4-3.

Game and Scheidegger each posted 2-3 records while Lisa Eyamie of High River, Crystal Webster of Calgary and Hamilton each won once in four starts. Grande Prairie's Delia DeJong was 0-for-3.

zero CTRS points prior to Lethbridge.

There is, however, another irony involved. While Bernard failed to qualify, Moore already has an Olympic silver medal as fifth for Bernard's team at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. The mom-of-three was pregnant at that time,



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# Alternative views on fifth player

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Each year at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts the hopes and dreams of every team is to capture a national title. For twelve curlers better known as, "the alternates", their season continues despite not winning their province.

Stephanie LeDrew is just one of those curlers filling the alternate's role for Team Ontario at the 2013 Scotties. For many followers of the Ontario curling scene they might wonder who she is despite multiple appearances while representing her native Newfoundland/Labrador. "A definite surprise to begin with, I did not see it coming at all," said LeDrew. Team Ontario did do their homework before asking her to fill an important role. "I do know that after discussing a few possibilities, Rachel called Mark Nichols a mutual friend of ours and asked his opinion." Nichols being the man who took home Olympic gold with Brad Gushue. "I guess he had some good things to say, because I got the nod," said LeDrew.

Her flexibility to play any position will be an asset to Team Ontario as they look to claim the 2013 Scotties title. "My hit game is as strong as my draw game and we have a similar style of play," said LeDrew commenting on her new teammates. "It would be easy to fit in when called upon." LeDrew has done some skipping on a limited basis.

Being a fifth player she will not likely be seeing much of the ice surface for game action unless she is called upon unless someone gets sick or injured. She will have one of the best seats in the house for all of the team's games but will be providing helpful information on rock selection by her throwing rocks after all the late night draws. "There are a lot of small details that I'll be responsible for besides the obvious, matching rocks and scouting the competition for example, so we can have an idea of what our opposition might do in the first end of play, etc." LeDrew speaking on her duties.

Coach Earle Morris will use the Ontario alternate for other "management team duties" as well as the on-ice team. He will putting his new teammate in charge of scheduling and booking the team's transportation among other duties. The most important task will be late night practice to ensure she'll be ready when called upon! LeDrew is a curler who is already preparing for all aspects of what the 2013 Scotties will bring. This year with not as many morning games scheduled will help all curlers in their demanding schedule. "It's a long week and extra recovery time when used properly will be a welcome change to previous years," said LeDrew.

The experience to be gained from this position is impossible to pass up. "They want someone who can help keep the team balanced in terms of intensity and fun. They tend to be a very intense team on the ice." LeDrew of her new teammates. "It's become important to them to make sure they 'keep it light' in their downtime." continued LeDrew. "They wanted someone who is positive and relaxed, who can help them have a few laughs between games." A role that she can fill easily.

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# Delighted to join Team Homan in Kingston

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"When this was explained, it made a bit more sense to me. I guess they noticed my attitude on and off the ice and thought I would be a good fit for that role, as well as being able to fill in at a moment's notice."

LeDrew might not know her teammates very well but the respect is there. "We know of each other is based on playing against each other on occasion for the past several years," said LeDrew "I believe the first time I came up against team Homan, they were still juniors. They had our number most of the time but we came out on top once or twice as well in big games. We've played each other enough that they know how I throw and what my attitude is like in competition."

Putting on the colours for Ontario will be a new experience for the Petrolia, Ontario resident but what will the first game be like against her friends from St John's. Facing her former junior skip in

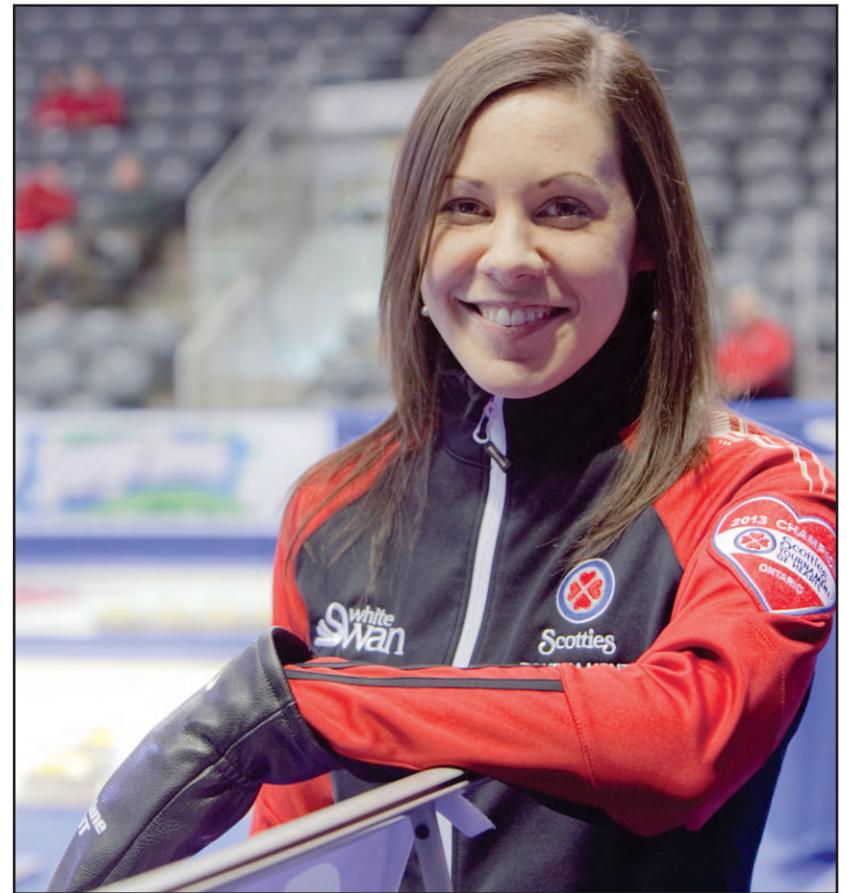
Stacie Devereaux will bring some interesting moments. "I spoke with Stacie Devereaux briefly and we joked about what a funny world it is. Who would've thought we'd be at the Scotties together, representing different provinces!" said LeDrew. Competing against each other is one thing as each will be just as determined as the other to get the win. After the handshakes though, it's back to being friends. "Those girls were a delight to play with, both Stacie and Heather Martin were former teammates of mine and I imagine we'll find time to join each other in the Heartstop Lounge at some point!" said LeDrew. She might be happy just to be on the sidelines during the first game. She represented Newfoundland/Labrador at the 2010 Scotties playing third stone for Shelly Nichols going 4-7. In 2002, LeDrew was the Newfoundland second for Jennifer Guzzwell which lost the Canadian junior final 6-4 to P.E.I.'s Suzanne Gaudet.

The stakes are high for LeDrew and Team Ontario. Described as

one of the hardest working teams on the tour today, the Homan rink is attempting to qualify for the Olympic Trials with hopes of representing Canada at the Sochi Olympic Games. Homan last went to the Scotties in 2011 posting an 8-3 round-robin record. She lost the first ever award bronze medal to Nova Scotia's Heather Smith-Dacey. She also won the Canadian junior championship in 2010 and finished second to Sweden at the World Juniors in Switzerland.

"I will wear the Ontario crest with just as much pride as I wore the Newfoundland crest. The only thing that could beat that feeling, would be wearing the Maple Leaf," commented LeDrew. She will be happy to lend a hand anyway possible to ensure another Scotties title for Ontario and a trip to the Worlds in Riga, Latvia.

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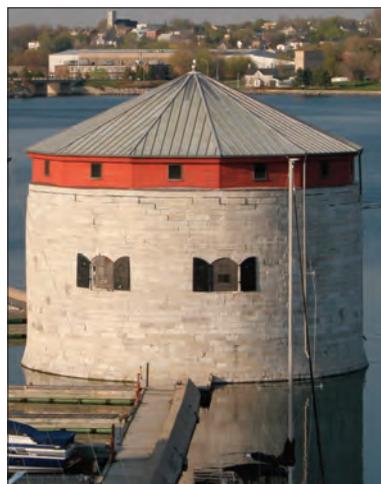
Stephanie LeDrew

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**June 21 - 23**

Jazz Festival:  
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**June 22**

Doors Open Kingston:  
Arts and Architecture



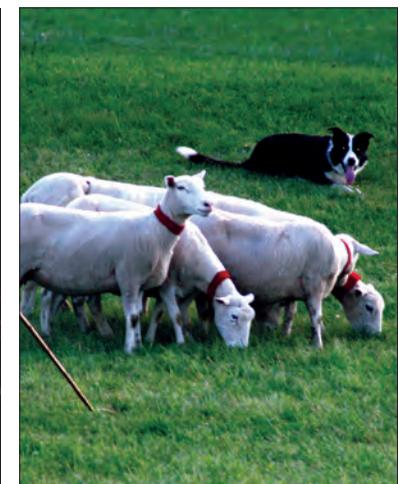
**July 1**

Canada Day Celebrations:  
Lots of family fun  
and entertainment  
with two locations to  
choose from!



**August 1 - 5**

International World  
Championship Town  
Crier Competition



**August 9 - 11**

26th Annual Kingston  
Sheep Dog Trials:  
A Top 100 Ontario Event!

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