

The Dominion Daily

Wednesday, November 23, 2011 – Day 2 of Gameplay

Manitoba takes bragging rights over BC in battle of Grey Cup provinces



Spirits high at opening ceremonies

Call it a good omen for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in this Sunday's Grey Cup in Vancouver. Both Manitoba teams beat both British Columbia teams in their first draws of The Dominion Curling Club Championship at the Richmond Curling Club. Manitoba women's skip Meghan Armit of the Winnipeg Granite Club scored 3 in the 5th end and hung on for a 6-5 win over Deb Goodwin of Comox Valley.

Armit, holding the team's mascot "Henry", a stuffed bear dressed up in a traditional Manitoba jersey, says it's a proud moment for her to be representing the curling-rich province of Manitoba. "It's an amazing feeling to represent the province...we have so many family and friends here at the club cheering us on, and all our fans back home." It was a clean sweep for the buffalo province, as earlier in

the day Barry Mandryk of the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club in Winnipeg beat B.C.'s Dwight Hodder of Ashcroft 6-4. Checkout www.thedominioncurls.ca for links to complete draw results for both the men and women. The spirit of the event—and a little good fortune—was in evidence for Tuesday's opening draw. At 9:40 AM, just before the first game practice, Ontario

men's third Jordan Keon discovered the sole of his curling shoe had completely ripped apart, leaving him hobbling around the club in his socks looking for an emergency repair or replacement. Up stepped volunteer Tom McKay, who just happens to have the same shoe as Keon, and the same size shoe. Keon interchanged his sliders onto Tom's Ashams, and was good to go. The Ontario team skipped by Greg Balsdon of Richmond Hill won both their games Tuesday, a 5-3 squeaker over Nunavut's Ed Sattelberger, and a x-x win over Nova Scotia's Andrew Atherton.

Besides the game action, the other highlight of Tuesday night was the Opening Ceremony, and the throwing of the official "First Rock". All 28 teams were piped onto the ice, to watch Paralympic and Canadian Wheelchair curling champion Daryl Neighbour throw the rock. Assisting Neighbour were celebrity "sweepers" Greg McAulay and Brent Pierce (the skip and third from the 2000 World Men's Champions from B.C.), with The Dominion Branding Coordinator Leigh Armstrong holding the broom.

Today's Draw Schedule

Blue Pool Grey Pool

Follow the action live on  at thedominioncurls.ca

Charlottetown Curling Club (Sheets 1-3)

Cornwall Curling Club (Sheets 4-6)

		Sheet 1	Sheet 2	Sheet 3	Sheet 4	Sheet 5	Sheet 6	Bye
Women's Draw 5	10:00am	NT vs. YT	MB vs. NO	NL vs. ON	PE vs. NU	NB vs. AB	SK vs. NS	BC & QB
Men's Draw 6	1:30pm	NT vs. YT	MB vs. NO	NL vs. ON	PE vs. NU	NB vs. AB	SK vs. NS	BC & QB
Women's Draw 7	4:45pm	PE vs. SK	NL vs. NU	NT vs. MB	NB vs. YT	ON vs. QC	AB vs. BC	NO & NS
Men's Draw 8	8:15pm	PE vs. SK	NL vs. NU	NT vs. MB	NB vs. YT	ON vs. QC	AB vs. BC	NO & NS



Left to right: 'Blue Nosers' cheering on Nova Scotia, #TDCCC2011 Youngest Fan: Baby Zoe, 3 month old daughter of Northern Ontario Second Nicole Dubuc



On ice action continues to excite

The Buzz



Our three favourite social media posts of the day



@nodoubtaboutit: @dominioncurls 2010 Alberta men's team (like all the other 2010 teams I am sure) wish we were there.



@BCParaplegic: Thank you to all the @dominioncurls competitors - already raised over \$18,500 for BCPA. #impressive

"This week, thanks to The Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company, I'll get to live out two dreams. One, I'll curl in my first National Championship... Two, I'll get to tell the story to a national audience and get as close as I'll probably ever get to fulfilling my childhood dream of being a sportscaster on TSN."

- Steve Bragg (NL) via "TDCCC's Player Perspective: Steve's Blog" under Facebook Notes



The Leaders

(as of 3 PM November 22th)

Total: \$18541.00

TEAMS:

- 1. Nunavut Ladies - \$3644
- 2. Alberta Ladies - \$2789
- 3. Nova Scotia Ladies - \$2710

INDIVIDUALS:

- 1. Kendra Nakagama (AB Ladies) - \$2009
- 2. Frankie Amos (NS Ladies) - \$1750
- 3. Robin Mackey (NU Ladies) - \$1513