

# The Dominion Daily

Thursday, November 24, 2011 – Day 3 of Gameplay



## Ontario and Saskatchewan Remain Unbeaten in Men's Action

Richmond, B.C. -- Many curlers consider Ontario's Greg Balsdon a "Brier quality player", but he is thoroughly enjoying his experience skipping a club team to first place so far at The Dominion Curling Club Championship.

Balsdon and his Richmond Hill rink of Jordan Keon, Curtis Samoy and Kevin Roberts, improved to 4-0 with an eye-popping 11-2 win over Quebec on Wednesday night.

Balsdon, who competes on the World Curling Tour, put on a clinic, including a sensational "in-off" takeout for a five ender

in the 4th end to take an 8-1 lead.

Saskatchewan also won to keep pace with Ontario at the top of the "Blue" pool. Brad Bibby's rink from Prince Albert scored a 7-2 win over PEI, handing Donald Clarey of Montague his first loss after 2 straight wins.

In the "Grey" pool, home province favourite Dwight Hodder of Ashcroft upset previously unbeaten Alberta 6-2, improving B.C.'s record to 2-1, while Alberta fell to 3-1.

Manitoba's Barry Mandryk of Assiniboine Memorial in Winnipeg bounced back from

an afternoon loss to beat Northwest Territories 7-3.

In other games, Newfoundland and Labrador improved to 2-1 with a 6-5 win over Nunavut, and The Yukon edged New Brunswick 5-4.

In the women's draw, Ontario's Jodi McCutcheon is also at 4-0 after a nail-biting 6-4 win over Quebec. Ontario is alone atop the "Blue" pool, and the loss dropped Quebec to 2 and 1. Saskatchewan is at 3 and 1, after a convincing 11-3 win over PEI. Manitoba continues to lead the "Grey" pool with a 4-0 record,

after Meghan Armit of Winnipeg Granite Club cruised to an 11-1 win over the Northwest Territories.

In another "Grey" pool matchup, Alberta stole one in the 8th, then stole again the extra end to beat British Columbia 7-6. Alberta, represented by Kendra Nakagama of Lethbridge, is now 3-1. B.C. fell to 1 and 2. New Brunswick scored a 10-3 win over The Yukon.

In the "Blue" pool, Nunavut won their first game in convincing fashion, beating Newfoundland 7-0 in 6 ends.

### Today's Draw Schedule

Blue Pool  Grey Pool

Follow the action live on  at [thedominioncurls.ca](http://thedominioncurls.ca)

		Sheet 1	Sheet 2	Sheet 3	Sheet 4	Sheet 5	Sheet 6	Bye
Men's Draw 9	10:00am	MB vs. NB	NS vs. PE	YT vs. BC	SK vs. NL	NO vs. NT	NU vs. QC	AB & ON
Women's Draw 10	1:30pm	MB vs. NB	NS vs. PE	YT vs. BC	SK vs. NL	NO vs. NT	NU vs. QC	AB & ON
Men's Draw 11	4:45pm	NU vs. NS	BC vs. NB	AB vs. NT	ON vs. PE	QC vs. NL	YT vs. NO	MB & SK
Women's Draw 12	8:00pm	NU vs. NS	BC vs. NB	AB vs. NT	ON vs. PE	QC vs. NL	YT vs. NO	MB & SK



# The Dominion Ice-making Team Drawing Raves from Players

One of the great challenges in putting on an event like The Dominion Curling Club Championship is creating ice conditions to replicate the conditions curling fans get used to seeing on TV at the Brier, Scotties, and Grand Slams. And so far-so good here at the Richmond Curling Club, thanks to the efforts of our ace team of ice technicians.

Richmond CC ice maker Lawrence Layton and his crew have been joined by TDCCC Ice Consultant Bill Duck to prepare the ice and rocks. The team worked tirelessly over the weekend, doing a "burn" and flood to create a pristine ice surface. The rocks were also carefully "papered" (a technique using sandpaper on the running surface of the rock) to create the optimum amount of curl (4 to 5 feet on a draw).

The result: Great ice, which re-

sults in great shots.

Duck, the club manager and ice tech at St. George's in Toronto (home of the first TDCCC in 2009), says his welcome and working relationship with the host Richmond crew has been "very easy", with a great sense of cooperation. Duck has worked with some of Canada's top ice makers, and is happy to share his experience with Layton and his team.

His goal: create "Special Event" quality ice, at a curling club. And judging by the comments of the players, it's "mission accomplished". Duck says, "I'm happy, because the players are happy". Layton says his goal now is "keep the ice this way."



(L - R) Our Ice Technicians: Gord Patterson, Bill Duck, Lawrence Layton



Mascot Mania!

## The Buzz



Our three favourite social media posts of the day

@sarahpengelly  
some nice photos of the highparkclub ladies smiling and representing ontario at The Dominion .

@jordankeon  
Also, my slider shoe literally fell apart right before practice. More on that later in our blog: [tinyurl.com/ontariomen2011](http://tinyurl.com/ontariomen2011) #TDCCC2011 #curling

@mfgooderham  
@lccveningwomen former member Chistine Dubuc is playing in #TDCCC2011 for NO send her an email at [Buttons@thedominion.ca](mailto:Buttons@thedominion.ca)



## Mascot Mania at The Dominion Curling Club Championship

If you see women's teams wandering around the curling club and the hotel clutching some crazy stuffed animals, don't be tempted to mess with them. The bears, ducks, cows, monsters, etc. are the official team mascots—and they've become an extremely popular addition to this year's event.

At the start of the week, each team received a "goody bag" containing various items, including one (adorable) stuffed animal. The bears were donated to the teams on behalf of the Pacific International Cup (PIC) curling event, which takes place at Richmond each April. PIC organizers Jim Schuman and Wayne Braun are also the host chairs of The Dominion Curling Club Championship. Most of the mascots have names, including "Henry" (Manitoba) and "Shenan" (short for Shenanigans) the big red monster mascot of Alberta.

## Say Hello To Buttons!

One of the most popular visitors to the Richmond Curling Club this week, is our mascot Buttons, who makes daily appearances and poses for LOTS of photos. Buttons is the goodwill ambassador for all of The Dominion curing events. Buttons is always accompanied by a trusty sidekick, to help navigate through crowds and especially staircases. Say hi the next time you see Buttons' smiling face, and grab your cameras.

## Standings (at the close of Day 2)

Men's Blue Pool		Men's Grey Pool	
Ontario	4-0	Alberta	3-1
Saskatchewan	4-0	Manitoba	3-1
Nfld & Labrador	2-1	British Columbia	2-1
P.E.I.	2-1	Yukon	2-2
Quebec	0-3	Northern Ontario	1-2
Nova Scotia	0-3	New Brunswick	1-2
Nunavut	0-4	NW Territories	0-3
Women's Blue Pool		Women's Grey Pool	
Ontario	4-0	Manitoba	4-0
Saskatchewan	3-1	Alberta	3-1
Quebec	2-1	Northern Ontario	2-1
Nfld & Labrador	1-2	British Columbia	1-2
P.E.I.	1-2	New Brunswick	1-2
Nunavut	1-3	NW Territories	1-2
Nova Scotia	0-3	Yukon	0-4