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CURLING ON CAMPUS

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Curling is hot!

At least that seems to be the message being given here on campus.

Despite the finale of the Scott Tournament of Hearts, the Women's Canadian Curling Championships, curling fever on campus is far from over.

What is Curling?

Curling was introduced to North America during the time of the American Revolution. The sport, which had originated in Scotland, was first played in Canada by the British soldiers stationed here. The soldiers passed away the long, winter months by playing daily matches and used flattened cannon balls for the curling stones. Today, polished granite is used to make the stones. Each weighs in at 44 pounds.

The object of the game is to beat your opponents by getting your stones closer to the centre of the red, white and blue coloured rings.

Curling matches take place between teams of four. Each team throws 8 rocks alternately. The team with the stone closest to the centre of the rings wins the end. When both teams have thrown all their rocks, the score is counted and the end is over. A total of eight to ten ends (comparable to innings in baseball) are played in a game. The team with the highest total accumulated points at the end of the match wins.

Curling Terms: Definitions

The *skip* acts as a player-coach. He/she is the one who calls all of the shots. The skip also makes the last shot of the end.

The *Mate* or *Vice-skip* shoots the third pair of stones. He/she also helps to advise the skip and holds the broom for the skip to aim at.

The *Second* and the *Lead* are often referred to as the "front end". They shoot the first two pairs of stones and do most of the sweeping.

Although *sweeping* is sometimes done to clean dirty ice, its main purpose is to keep the momentum of the moving stone as high as possible. The sweeping causes heat friction on the ice in front of the stone, which causes it to move further.

Young Competitive UNB Curlers

UNB has its fair share of highly competitive young curlers.

Jim Sullivan and his rink, consisting of Charlie Sullivan (mate), Craig Burgess (second) and Dan Alderman (lead), left for Fussen, Germany on Monday, March 7, to represent Canada in the 1988 *Uniroyal World Junior Men's Championships*.

Sullivan, representing New Brunswick, won the *Pepsi Canadian Junior Men's Curling Championship* last year by beating Wayne Middaugh of Ontario by a score of 6-4 in the final game. By winning this championship, Sullivan's rink earned a spot as Team Canada in the 1988 World Championship.



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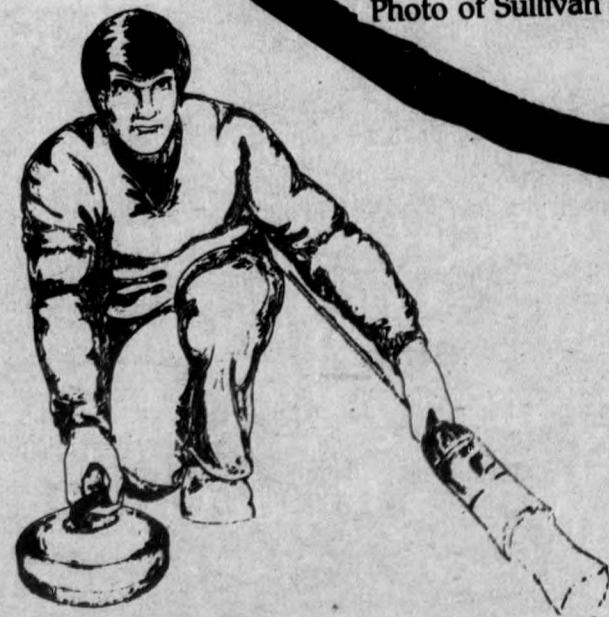
Representing Canada in Fussen, Germany, at the World Junior Men's Championships are: back row, left-right, Craig Burgess, Dan Alderman; front row, left-right, Jim Sullivan and Charlie Sullivan.



Representing New Brunswick at the Junior Men's Canadian Championship are: left to right, Tim Comeau, Brad Fitzherbert, Lloyd Morrison, Scott Archibald and Coach Bob Morrison.

Photo of Sullivan rink taken from UNB Perspectives

Junior Men's Champions



All four team members were UNB students last year. Three of them are back at UNB this year, while the fourth, Dan Aderman, took the year off to practise and work.

Representing New Brunswick this year at the *Pepsi Tournament* are two more UNB students, Tim Comeau and Scott Archibald. The other two team members, Brad Fitzherbert and Lloyd Morrison, will be attending UNB next year.

Comeau and his crew won the provincial title by beating Evan Sullivan of Fredericton in the final game.

The *Atlantic University Invitational Bonspiel*, organized by Todd Burgess, was hosted by the UNB/STU Curling Club.

UNB was represented by two mixed teams:

Team 1		Team 2	
Skip	Todd Seymour	Skip	Gord White
Mate	Kelly McGee	Mate	Karen Clark
Second	Andy Williams	Second	Jeff Lavigne
Lead	Chantelle Hanley	Lead	Dianne Kilpatrick

One Ladies' Team

Skip	Shella Bear
Mate	Sharon Brewer
Second	Sandy Sheppard
Lead	Angela Foreman

Two Men's Teams:

Team 1		Team 2	
Skip	Scott Archibald	Skip	Tom Harris
Mate	Steve Champion	Mate	Sean Boyle
Second	Chuck Newcombe	Second	Greg Hull
Lead	Joe Kavanaugh	Lead	Mike Valenta

Jim Sullivan was also invited.

Sullivan won by beating Alex Smith of Memorial. (Smith was last year's defending champion).

Scott Archibald and his team placed third.

UNB's Shella Bear placed second to Jill Noseworthy of Memorial.

Todd Seymour and Gord White placed third and fourth in the mixed division.

So, Why Curl?

Scott Archibald of UNB says, "It is a sport that can be played by anyone at anytime, regardless of age."

Archibald notes that although it is not as strenuous a sport as basketball or hockey, it does require skill. "It is a simple sport to learn but a difficult one to master."

Curling allows for a combination of competitiveness and social interaction. "The UNB/STU Curling Club is a great place to get started on a sport you can play for the rest of your life."