

= 2013 Continental Cup of Curling =

The 2013 World Financial Group Continental Cup of Curling was held from January 10 to 13 at the South Okanagan Events Centre in Penticton , British Columbia . The Continental Cup , based on the Ryder Cup of golf , pitted teams from North America against teams from the rest of the World . The tournament featured team events , mixed doubles events , singles competitions , and skins competitions , and the brunt of available points was awarded in the skins competitions . TSN broadcast the event , as it had in previous years .

Team North America was represented by Canada Cup champions Jennifer Jones and Kevin Martin , Tournament of Hearts champion Heather Nedohin , Brier champion Glenn Howard , and the United States men 's and women 's champions Heath McCormick and Allison Pottinger , respectively . Team World was represented by reigning world champion Mirjam Ott , world silver medalist Margaretha Sigfridsson , four @-@ time world junior champion Eve Muirhead , two @-@ time world bronze medalist Niklas Edin , two @-@ time world silver medalist Tom Brewster , and two @-@ time European champion Thomas Ulsrud .

Team World entered the event as the defending champions , but were unseated by Team North America . Team World took an early lead in the first day of the event , but Team North America roared back in the next few days , dominating in the team , mixed doubles , and singles competitions to hold a large lead . Team North America clinched the cup in the second round of skins play after holding back a late Team World comeback , giving Team North America a 5 ? 4 edge in the overall cup record . Team North America 's win ensured that no defending champion to date would successfully defend its title from the previous Cup .

= = Competition format = =

Six teams from North America and six teams representing the rest of the World play a series of games against each other in order to win points . The first side to win a majority of the points available wins the cup . Teams compete in four formats : team games , mixed doubles games , singles competitions , and skins games . Team games are regular curling games , with two teams of four playing against each other . Mixed doubles games involve two teams , each consisting of one male and one female , playing against each other . Mixed doubles teams use only six stones per end , one of which is positioned prior to the start of the end . This is in contrast to the eight stones per end used by teams of four in regular curling games . The singles competition involves two teams playing against each other . There are six types of shots contested in the singles competitions . Each curler from each team is assigned to throw at least one type of shot . Points are given based on how well the shot is made . After all of the shots have been thrown , the team with the most points wins the competition . Skins games involve two teams playing against each other , where the objective is to win skins by scoring two or more points with the hammer or stealing points without the hammer . The points for the skins games , which go toward the total points for the cup , are distributed throughout the game , and the teams earn these points by winning skins .

A new points system was implemented in the 2013 Continental Cup of Curling . The total of points available was 60 points , compared to the total of 400 points used in previous years . The mixed doubles , singles , and team games were worth one point each , and ties were worth one half point each to both teams . The skins games were worth a total of five points . All games were eight ends long , and there were no extra ends . Also , six mixed doubles games and six singles competition games were played , as before . However , there were eighteen team games instead of the previous twelve , and there were six skins games instead of the previous eight .

= = Teams = =

The teams were selected from the top teams in each region . Six teams from each region will compete against each other in the competition . Four teams from Canada earn the right to represent Team North America by virtue of winning certain events , namely the Canada Cup of Curling and the

Canadian National Championships (the Brier and the Tournament of Hearts) . Two teams from the United States are chosen by the United States Curling Association to represent North America , and the teams representing Team World are selected by the World Curling Federation .

The teams in the table below have been announced as representatives of their respective regions .

= = Event summary = =

= = = Day 1 = = =

Team World and Team North America began the event with women 's team play . Mirjam Ott and Allison Pottinger played a high @-@ scoring game which resulted in a win for Ott , and Eve Muirhead scored an early lead over Heather Nedohin and held it to win another point for Team World . Jennifer Jones made a precise draw to tie her game with Margaretha Sigfridsson and secured a half @-@ point for Team North America , averting a sweep by Team World .

Team World held a two @-@ point lead coming into the first mixed doubles round , where they split the three points available with Team North America . The North American pair of John Morris and Kaitlyn Lawes dominated Team World 's Niklas Edin and Christina Bertrup . Heather Nedohin made a game @-@ saving shot with Dean Gemmell to tie their game with Michael Goodfellow and Eve Muirhead , and Christoffer Svae and Carmen Schäfer stole a win over Marc Kennedy and Allison Pottinger after Pottinger was light on a draw .

Team North America closed the two @-@ point gap by one point in men 's team play , where they won two of the three games . Both Niklas Edin of Team World and Kevin Martin of Team North America won close games against Heath McCormick and Tom Brewster , respectively , while Glenn Howard made a double @-@ takeout in the last end to hold his lead and win the game over Thomas Ulsrud . At the end of the day , Team World led Team North America 5 ? 4 .

= = = Day 2 = = =

In the morning draw , women 's team play saw Team North America turning the tables on Team World by winning two games and splitting the points for the third . Heather Nedohin held a slight lead over Margaretha Sigfridsson , who tried to win the game in the final end but fell short and tied the game . Jennifer Jones and Mirjam Ott played a back @-@ and @-@ forth game which saw Ott miss a double @-@ takeout attempt for the win , allowing Jones to steal the point . Allison Pottinger stole three in the fifth end against Eve Muirhead and held the lead through the rest of the game , capping off the game with a four @-@ point end .

The singles competition , similar to a skills competition in ice hockey , involved team members from each of the twelve teams attempting six types of shots . Team North America fared well in the singles competition , winning four of the six matchups and earning four points . On the women 's side , the teams skipped by Allison Pottinger and Mirjam Ott scored the highest total of points at 18 points , while on the men 's side , Glenn Howard 's team scored the highest total of points at 22 points .

The evening draw , which consisted of men 's team play , saw Team North America extending their lead to five points . Heath McCormick dominated against Thomas Ulsrud , who lost second Christoffer Svae in the middle of the game due to illness . Kevin Martin established an early lead in the first half of the game versus Niklas Edin and held his lead to win . Glenn Howard had a chance to make the draw a North America sweep , starting off with a small lead against Tom Brewster , but a mistake in the eighth end from Brent Laing led to a chance for Brewster to come back and tie the game , which he did . At the end of the day , Team North America led Team World 13 ? 8 .

= = = Day 3 = = =

The morning draw consisted of mixed doubles play , where Team North America dominated Team

World and earned the first sweep of three points in the event . Heath McCormick and Jessica Mair dominated Sebastian Kraupp and Maria Prytz , stealing three ends en route to a six @-@ point victory . Glenn Howard and Natalie Nicholson held an early lead over Greg Drummond and Anna Sloan after a four @-@ point second end , but Drummond and Sloan came back to make it a close game . In the end , Howard and Nicholson scored two to win the game . Brent Laing and Jennifer Jones played a back @-@ and @-@ forth game with Torger Nergård and Carmen Küng , but retained control through most of the game and came out with the victory after Küng 's last shot left Team North America having shot stone , effectively giving Laing and Jones the win .

In the afternoon draw , women 's team play saw a split of the three available points . Mirjam Ott pushed out to an early lead against Heather Nedohin , and held her lead against a struggling Nedohin to win . Jennifer Jones played a back @-@ and @-@ forth game with Eve Muirhead , and won on a dramatic finish , tapping a buried stone to score a deuce in the final end . Allison Pottinger held an early lead over Margaretha Sigfridsson , but Sigfridsson rallied with the help of three stolen points and tied the game .

The evening draw saw Team North America extending their lead by one point . Heath McCormick and Tom Brewster played a relatively quick game , with McCormick winning on a draw in the final end . Kevin Martin scored a huge four @-@ point end against Thomas Ulsrud and commanded the rest of the match to secure Team North America 's second win . Glenn Howard came short in winning his match versus Niklas Edin , however , when a failed in @-@ off shot in the sixth end led to a steal by Edin . Edin secured Team World 's only full point in the draw with a double takeout . At the end of the day , Team North America led Team World 19 ½ ? 10 ½ .

= = = Day 4 = = =

The afternoon draw consisted of skins play . Allison Pottinger and Margaretha Sigfridsson played in the women 's skins game . Pottinger held an early lead after four straight skins , but Sigfridsson capitalized on missed shots from Pottinger to win the last four skins and the game . Heath McCormick and Niklas Edin played in the men 's skins game , where a series of carryovers saw Edin winning the last skin , worth three and a half points , and the game . A mixed team of John Morris , Beth Iskiw , Ben Hebert , and Jessica Mair played Tom Brewster , Anna Sloan , Scott Andrews , and Claire Hamilton in the mixed skins game . Morris , who skipped against Brewster , held control over the game and limited Brewster in scoring . Brewster won the last point on a draw to the button , giving Team World an 8 ? 7 edge in the first round of skins play .

The evening draw also consisted of skins play . Jennifer Jones and Mirjam Ott played in the women 's skins game , in which Jones dominated , scoring four skins and winning four points for Team North America . Glenn Howard and Thomas Ulsrud played in the men 's skins game . Ulsrud played a fairly open game , forcing carryovers for five ends until a misfire from Ulsrud led to Howard making the cup @-@ winning shot , scoring three points with a tap for two points . Ulsrud won the remaining points in the game on a draw to the button . A mixed team of Kevin Martin , Heather Nedohin , Marc Kennedy , and Laine Peters played Eve Muirhead , Greg Drummond , Vicki Adams , and Michael Goodfellow in the mixed skins game . Martin skipped against Muirhead and controlled most of the game , securing four points on four skins before Muirhead took the last skin . Team North America took a 10 ½ ? 4 ½ point edge in the second round of skins play , giving them a CAD \$ 13 @,@ 000 bonus for winning the skins rounds .

The final score of the event was 37 ? 23 , and the winning team , Team North America , received a purse of CAD \$ 52 @,@ 000 , CAD \$ 2 @,@ 000 per player , in addition to the skins bonus , while the losing team received a purse of CAD \$ 26 @,@ 000 , CAD \$ 1 @,@ 000 per player .

= = Events = =

All times listed are Pacific Standard Time . The draws for Thursday , Friday , and Saturday were released on Wednesday night , and the draws for Sunday were released on Saturday afternoon .

== Thursday , January 10 ==

Women 's team 8 : 30 am

Mixed doubles 1 : 00 pm

Men 's team 6 : 30 pm

== Friday , January 11 ==

Women 's team 8 : 30 am

Singles 1 : 00 pm

Men 's team 6 : 30 pm

== Saturday , January 12 ==

Mixed doubles 9 : 00 am

Women 's team 1 : 30 pm

Men 's team 6 : 30 pm

== Sunday , January 13 ==

Skins 1 : 00 pm

Skins 5 : 00 pm

== Statistics ==

The statistics for team play , including team skins play , are listed below . The percentages are calculated for each player by rating their shots in each game . Each shot the player attempts is scored out of four based on how well the shot is made .

== Player percentages ==

== Men ==

== Women ==

== Team percentages ==

== Men ==

== Women ==

== Perfect games ==

== Women ==