

= 2014 Continental Cup of Curling =

The 2014 Continental Cup of Curling was held from January 16 to 19 at the Orleans Arena in Paradise , Nevada , a suburb of Las Vegas . This edition of the Continental Cup of Curling , sponsored by World Financial Group , was the first held outside of Canada . The Continental Cup , based on the Ryder Cup of golf , pits 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 has in previous years .

Team North America was represented by Canada Cup champion Jeff Stoughton , Tournament of Hearts champion Rachel Homan , Canadian Olympic Trials champions Jennifer Jones and Brad Jacobs , and the United States ' Olympic Trials champions Erika Brown and John Shuster . Team World was represented by reigning women 's world champion Eve Muirhead , two @-@ time world silver medalist Margaretha Sigfridsson , Japanese women 's national champion Satsuki Fujisawa , reigning men 's world champion Niklas Edin , two @-@ time world champion David Murdoch , and two @-@ time European champion Thomas Ulsrud .

Team North America became the first team to win back @-@ to @-@ back titles . Team World and Team North America were square at the beginning of the event . Team North America built a three @-@ point lead with wins in the team games , but Team World turned the tables on Team North America in the singles competition , taking the lead with a dominant performance . Team North America regained their lead with successive wins in the remaining team and mixed doubles games . Team World cut their lead by two points after the first round of skins games , but Team North America dominated the second round of skins play to clinch the cup , extending their overall record to 6 ? 4 .

The event was well attended and broke the attendance record of 42 @,@ 317 set at the 2004 Continental Cup of Curling in Medicine Hat , Alberta . It was the second most attended curling event ever in the United States , behind the 2008 World Men 's Curling Championship in Grand Forks , North Dakota . However , most of the fans had flown in from Canada .

= = Competition format = =

This edition of the Continental Cup used the same format as that of the previous year . Out of the sixty total points available , a majority of points was needed to win the cup . 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 . Six mixed doubles and six singles games were played , along with eighteen team games and six skins games .

= = Teams = =

The teams were selected from the top teams in each region . Six teams from each region competed against each other in the competition . Four teams from Canada earned the right to represent Team North America by virtue of winning certain events , namely the Canada Cup of Curling and the Canadian Olympic Curling Trials / Canadian National Championships (the Brier and the Tournament of Hearts) . Two teams from the United States , namely the winners of the 2014 United States Olympic Curling Trials , were chosen to represent North America , and the teams representing Team World were 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 team play . Eve Muirhead capitalized on numerous mistakes from Jennifer Jones 's rink to steal five points and secure a substantial win . Jeff Stoughton and Thomas Ulsrud played a tight game until Ulsrud scored three in the fourth end , holding the lead to score another point for Team World . Erika Brown and Satsuki Fujisawa played a close game , but a key steal by Brown 's team gave them a slight edge , which they held to win after Brown made a draw to the four @-@ foot , allowing Team North America to escape a sweep by Team World .

In the mixed doubles draw , Mark Nichols and Jennifer Jones swept Niklas Edin and Christina Bertrup , stealing five points and winning the game in seven ends . Kaitlyn Lawes made a game @-@ winning draw to give another point to Team North America , defeating Sebastian Kraupp and Maria Prytz with her mixed doubles partner Jeff Stoughton . The United States ' Jeff Isaacson and Debbie McCormick ran into some bad situations during their game and were defeated thoroughly by Christoffer Svae and Satsuki Fujisawa , who stole seven points and won with a twelve @-@ point margin . Team North America were able to even the tournament score out at three points apiece .

The evening team draw saw the first sweep of the event by Team North America . Brad Jacobs played Niklas Edin in a rematch of the previous year 's world championship game , and scored one in the final end to take a one @-@ point victory . Rachel Homan scored five straight points , of which three were steals , to overcome a three @-@ point deficit against Margaretha Sigfridsson , and John Shuster made an early steal against David Murdoch and built up a two @-@ point lead , which he held to win the game .

== Day 2 ==

The morning draw consisted of team play . Jennifer Jones found an easy win over Margaretha Sigfridsson , stealing eight points in the first half against Sigfridsson , whose fourth , Maria Prytz , was struggling to make her shots . Niklas Edin scored multiple points in the third and fifth ends against John Shuster , and held his lead to win a point for Team World . Rachel Homan was in the lead against Satsuki Fujisawa coming into the final end , but she flashed her last shot , giving Fujisawa a steal of two . As a result , the game ended as a draw , and Team World split the points with Team North America . Team North America held a three @-@ point lead over Team World after the morning draw .

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 World was the clear winner in the singles competition , sweeping all but one of the matchups to bounce out to a one @-@ point lead in the tournament . On the women 's side , the team skipped by Margaretha Sigfridsson scored the highest total of points at 24 points , while on the men 's side , Thomas Ulsrud 's team scored the highest total of points at 18 points .

In the evening draw , Team North America regained the lead from Team World , winning two games and splitting one . Erika Brown and Eve Muirhead played a tight game , and in the final end , Brown had a one @-@ point lead from a steal in the sixth end . Muirhead was able to get one point and tie the game . The game between Brad Jacobs and Thomas Ulsrud was also close . Ulsrud had the lead in the final end , but he was unable to remove Jacobs ' stones in the center of the house with his last shot , giving Jacobs the win . Jeff Stoughton scored a crucial point in the sixth end and went on to win the game by scoring two in the final end .

== Day 3 ==

The morning draw consisted of the final draw of mixed doubles , and saw Team North America adding another point to its lead . Emma Miskew and Ryan Fry scored multiple three @-@ point ends against Greg Drummond and Anna Sloan to win the game , and John Shuster and Jessica Schultz won their game against Thomas Ulsrud and Miyo Ichikawa , who struggled to score and gave up nine points in steals . On the other hand , David Murdoch and Eve Muirhead won their game to give Team World a point . They were able to string together three straight stolen points against E. J.

Harnden and Rachel Homan , who cut Team World ? s lead to one point until they gave up two deuces to Team World in the sixth and seventh ends .

In the afternoon , Team World salvaged two half @-@ points from an otherwise dominant Team North America , who looked to sweep all three games . Erika Brown stole five points against Margaretha Sigfridsson , whose team struggled early on , but a critical miss from Brown gave Sigfridsson ? s fourth , Maria Prytz , a chance to tie the game with a draw for three . Brad Jacobs held an early lead against David Murdoch , but a late comeback from Murdoch , coupled with an imperfect takeout by Jacobs , gave Murdoch a steal of one point and the tie . Team North America won one game on the ice , however . Rachel Homan held an early lead against Eve Muirhead , but Muirhead stole a point to stay alive . She had an open shot to tie the game , but missed , giving Homan the win .

In the evening draw , the North American team limited Team World to one half @-@ point and extended their lead . Jeff Stoughton was able to steal a point from Niklas Edin early in the game . Edin ? s third Sebastian Kraupp left the game due to illness , and David Murdoch replaced him . Crucial misses by Edin ? s team led to Stoughton scoring four in the fifth end , giving him a five @-@ point lead which he held to win the game . John Shuster and Thomas Ulsrud traded doubles until Shuster was only able to score one in the seventh end . Shuster was able to force Ulsrud to make a draw for the win , but Ulsrud came up short , giving Shuster a steal of one and tying the game . Jennifer Jones played a tight game against Satsuki Fujisawa , and they were tied going in to the last end . Jones capitalized on a miss from Fujisawa to make a double @-@ takeout for one point and the win .

== Day 4 ==

In the first round of skins play , Team World made a comeback , winning two skins games and narrowing Team North America ? s lead . Niklas Edin , playing with Torger Nergård in place of his normal third Sebastian Kraupp , played a back @-@ and @-@ forth game with John Shuster , trading one @-@ point skins until the final end , when Edin made a shot for the carry @-@ over and then drew the button for the final point . Rachel Homan and her mixed team of Jon Mead , Alison Kreviazuk , and Reid Carruthers had an advantage over Team World ? s Tom Brewster , Emi Shimizu , Greg Drummond , and Chiaki Matsumura , winning the first three points . However , Brewster and his team carried over the rest of the points into a draw @-@ to @-@ the @-@ button challenge , which Brewster won , giving him the final two points . Jennifer Jones held an early lead over Margaretha Sigfridsson , but Sigfridsson forced two carryovers and won the game after Jones missed a potential game @-@ tying shot .

The second round of skins play would decide the winner of the Continental Cup . Brad Jacobs faced off against Thomas Ulsrud , and Jacobs dominated the game , taking all but one of the available points . The cup @-@ winning skin was scored in the sixth end of the game , when Ulsrud missed a difficult double @-@ takeout , giving Jacobs the skin of one point . Eve Muirhead held an early lead against Erika Brown , scoring the first three skins , but Brown made a comeback , forcing two carryovers from Muirhead and winning two skins to win the game . With the win for Team North America , Brown became the first four @-@ time Continental Cup winner in Continental Cup history . Jeff Stoughton ? s mixed team of Emma Miskew , Mark Nichols , and Lisa Weagle shut out David Murdoch and his team of Satsuki Fujisawa , Scott Andrews , and Miyo Ichikawa , capitalizing from mistakes by Murdoch ? s team and scoring all of the available points in the game .

The final score of the event was 36 ? 24 , 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 of CAD \$ 13 @, @ 000 , while the losing team , Team World , received a purse of CAD \$ 26 @, @ 000 , CAD \$ 1 @, @ 000 per player . The 2014 Continental Cup marked the first time in Continental Cup history that a team defended their title from the previous year .

== Events ==

All times listed are in Pacific Standard Time (UTC ? 8) . The draws for Thursday , Friday , and Saturday were released on Wednesday night , and the draws for Sunday were released on Saturday afternoon .

== Thursday , January 16 ==

Team 8 : 30 am
Mixed doubles 1 : 00 pm
Team 7 : 00 pm

== Friday , January 17 ==

Team 8 : 30 am
Singles 1 : 00 pm
Team 7 : 00 pm

== Saturday , January 18 ==

Mixed doubles 8 : 30 am
Team 1 : 00 pm
Team 6 : 30 pm

== Sunday , January 19 ==

Skins 1 : 00 pm
Skins 6 : 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 ==

==== Men ====

==== Women ====