

(UPDATED)Team Fleury Top Seed in Manitoba Scotties

(Note: Corrects error in top six seeds AND updates CTRS, WCF Rankings)

Tracey Fleury's season with her East St. Paul team of Selena Njegovan, Liz Fyfe, and Kristin McCuish has made them the #1 seed in this year's CurlManitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts presented by Bayer.

The honour is determined by a consensus vote of the other competitors in the event with consideration as well for the team's CTRS ranking.

"Coming off a great week at the Canadian Curling Trials, and being ranked number one on both the Canadian (CTRS) and World Curling Federation team rankings, obviously Team Fleury was going to be seeded number by the other teams," says CurlManitoba Executive Director Craig Baker. "With both Team Canada Kerri Einarson and Olympic Team Jennifer Jones absent from the event, the suspense was always going to be around who would be the rest of the top five seeds."

The rest of the Scotties top six seeds are:

2 Seed: Mackenzie Zacharias (Altona), Karlee Burgess, Emily Zacharias, Lauren Lenentine, Coach Sheldon Zacharias: Currently CTRS #10 & WCF #20

#3 Seed: Beth Peterson (Assiniboine Memorial), Jenna Loder, Katherine Doerksen, Melissa Gordon: Currently CTRS #24 and WCF #28

#4 Seed: Kristy Watling (Assiniboine Memorial team (Hailey Ryan, Emilie Rafnson, Sarah Pyke, Coach Jim Watling) : Currently CTRS #17 and WCF #45

#5 Seed: Darcy Robertson (Assiniboine Memorial), Laura Burtnyk, Gaetanne Gauthier, Krysten Karwacki: Currently CTRS #34 and WCF #42

#6 Seed: Kaitlyn Jones (Assiniboine Memorial), Robyn Njegovan, Abby Ackland, Sara Oliver, Coach Howard Restall: Currently CTRS #26 and WCF #48

The Manitoba Women's Championship will be played at the Carberry Plains Community Centre in Carberry, December 14-19.

"We look forward to hosting Manitoba's best women curlers," says Host Committee Chair Rob Van Kommer. "Carberry was one of the clubs which met in December of 1888 to form the original curling association in this province. Now 133 years later, we

are proud to be added to the list of communities which have hosted CurlManitoba's arena championship events."

Van Kommer adds "our community is excited by this opportunity and our volunteers are ready and able to create a very memorable event for both the curlers and their fans."

"On behalf of Kruger Products and our parent company Kruger Inc., I'd like to extend a warm welcome to kick off the 2022 Provincial Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Carberry, says Rynie Nachtigall, Business Development Manager, Western Canada, Kruger Products. "We've been proudly sponsoring Women's curling for over 40 years and thank CurlManitoba, the entire Host Committee/volunteers and all the Curlers who will make this another successful event."

On behalf of Presenting Sponsor Bayer, Trish Jordan, Senior Business Partner, Communications, Government & Industry Affairs says, "Carberry is one of Manitoba's great agricultural communities. We are pleased to support the community as we continue our tradition of supporting championship women's curling in the province."

The 12-team championship will be played in a round-robin in two pools of six with three teams from each pool will carry their records forward and play the three teams from the other pool. After the eight games, three teams will advance to the playoffs with #2 playing #3 and the winner meeting #1 in the final,

Continuing the tradition of broadcast, the semi-final at 10:00am and the final at 4:00pm will be available nation-wide on Sportsnet.

CurlManitoba has also recently announced that remote access to Scotties games has also been expanded by the addition of a comprehensive live-streaming plan. One game from each draw, except the evening draws, will be available at the CurlManitoba YouTube channel and at curlmanitoba.org.

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