

Ladies deliver after round one



Skip Torie Abbotts and her team lead by half a point after Round One in the Ladies' Team Entry League. Photo by Ian Donaldson

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The Ladies' Team Entry league has now completed their first round robin division of games and as there is no surprise as to who the leaders are.

And the rest of the roster is so close that any given game can switch up a position.

A total of 10 points separates the 10-team field of women curlers all of which have their eye on the end-of-season playoffs schedule. Last week's games once again formed into to some fashionable high-scoring wins, while others took to the last rock of the last end to obtain a winner.

Team Morning earned back-to-back wins for their first two-in-a-row streak while Teams Jessop and Bones re-bounded with solid efforts back to the win column. Teams Gorsline and Abbotts both came up winners to close out the week.

The final standings are a true demonstration of the ability and intense style of play these ladies are displaying. Each week, the lounge can be heard of shots that were career making and the narration of close end-to-end battles, for at times, the single point.

Team Abbotts and Team Frans are the leaders of the pack with Abbotts holding on by a mere half point. Team Gorsline is in third spot with a 2.5-point spread over Team Bellarea-Reid for fourth. The next three teams, Sinclair, Jessop and Oakley, are consecutively divided by a single point, followed by Morning trailing them by a half point. Completing the union are teams Brown by just a half point followed by Stronach at 2.5.

Teams will play toward playoffs and the ultimate prize to be league champion.

As the ladies league continues to grow, so does the calibre of curling. The games are seeing more intricate take-outs as well as a higher degree of complex strategies. The field no longer sees just one or two teams in control, but more teams giving the competition a run for their brooms.

Spiel the Wine

The ladies' league have also begun their preparations for this year's Annual Spiel the Wine Ladies Bonspiel.

The two-game, breakfast and lunch event will be held Feb. 3 and the ladies anticipate another great day of fun competition, with curlers attending from across the surrounding area.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Kelly Stronach 416-720-7345 or visit Kingcurling.com

Team Harris qualifies for Gore Mutual Regionals

Codie Harris, skip for King City Secondary School, along with Ben Harbridge as vice, Matthew Murphy as second and Jonathon Brunato at lead, and alternate Cameron Sheardown, played in their school's first round Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations (OFSAA) game last week.

Solid efforts by each member allowed the squad to continuing their winning streak with a victory. The OFSAA championships are held in March, so with it being mid-season there are many games to go for these future stars.

At the Gore Mutual Zone Competition, the Harris team lost their first game against Central Dufferin District Secondary School, who then went on to win the A Side. With the loss, the boys dropped to the B side, where they then won their next three games against Mayfield Secondary School, Westside Secondary School and then in a tight game in the final over St. Marguerite Catholic Secondary School to win the B Side.

They now go on to Gore Mutual Regions to be held in Stayner Feb. 3 and 4.