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Visiting Rinks Main Winners

Visiting rinks swept top prizes in three of the four events of the annual Grande Prairie Ladies Curling Club Bonspiel which concluded last night after four days of play.

Jenny Angell of Sherwood Park skipped her rink to an 8-5 victory over Marg Head of Grande Prairie to win the grand challenge and the Hudson's Bay Trophy.

Angell came through with her perfect record in the first event after sidelining Betty Dunn of Edmonton in the semi-final. Head reached the final with a win over Eileen Hodges of Grande Prairie.

The Sherwood Park rink were four up coming home and gave Head one point with her last rock. After seven ends the Angell foursome had Head down 7-3.

The Angell rink also toted off the prize for being the visiting rink coming the farthest distance for the 'spiel which attracted 47 rinks - 22 of them from out-of-town.

Vera Farell of Eaglesham

won the York Hotel sponsored second event with a win over Mary Norton of Grande Prairie in the final.

Farell with Floris Zahara, Kay Radbourne and Lil Potvin on her rink defeated Irene Webb of Beaverlodge in the fours while Norton entered the final by defeating Nellie Smith of Grande Prairie.

Dawson Creek's Marge Mac-taggart placed first in the third event, sponsored by A. M. Neil, by topping Fay Gaboury of Bezanon in the final. Mac-taggart entered the final with a win over Ann Moran of Dawson Creek while Gaboury defeated Elizabeth Shields of Grande Prairie.

In the all - Grande Prairie fourth event, sponsored by Lilge Hardware, final Marie Henning defeated Edna Norton. Florence Bishop of Grande Prairie bowed out of the event when she lost to Henning in the semi - finals while Norton entered the final with a win over Mel Morken of Clairmont.

Tigers Behind By Two

Grande Prairie Truckettes took a 2-0 lead in games in the best - of - seven Inland Ladies fastball league last night as they nipped Bezanson Tigers 4-3 in the city.

Truckettes took a 3-0 lead in the first two innings last night on the arm of chucker Karel Sinclair and made it 4-0 at the end of four before Tigers scored two in the fifth to narrow the count. The visitors added another run on three hits and a Grande Prairie error in the seventh but could not tie the score.

Wanda Johnston took the loss, giving up four hits and five walks. Tigers collected seven hits but no free passes off the Truckette offerings.

Mary McKeeman slammed a double and drove in one run for the winners while Fay Gaboury and Johnston both went two for four for Bezanson.

The third game in the series will be played at Grande Prairie tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

'We've lost about everything'

By JOE DARY
of our staff

His family is safe and his house is still standing on its foundations, but homesteader Lawrence Gaboury's livestock and farm equipment are scattered "to hell and back" throughout the lowlands near the Smoky River bridge.

"From what I've been able to determine, we've lost about everything," a dejected Mr. Gaboury said this morning from his father's home in DeBolt.

"We're going out later today to survey the damage."

His picturesque farm, located about a mile up-river from the Smoky crossing, comprises a half-section of land spread over a large land bench rising about 30 feet above the river.

Mr. Gaboury, his wife and three children had no inkling of the flood late Monday night as they prepared for bed.

But in the evening, Mr. Gaboury noticed the river had swollen considerably and had cut his farmstead off from Highway 34. The family scrambled into

their jet-powered motor boat and raced down to the bridge, from where they made their way to his father's residence in DeBolt.

Among the possessions left behind were more than 80 cattle, including 30 calves born this year.

"We don't know where they are or if there are any still alive," he said. "Our equipment was scattered over the fields."

He said his main concern is to repair the damage to his house and farm. Beyond that, "we can't think too much about the future."



Family truck sits forlornly in flood-swept mudflats.

Local rinks curl their way into district finals

By GARY HICKLING
of our staff

Eight rinks curled their way into the district finals in their respective categories as they won zone playoffs on the weekend.

Two representatives were decided in the men's consols, junior boys, women's and senior women's during the three-day zone playoffs at the Grande Prairie Curling Rink.

Gary Morken and Ken Rice of Grande Prairie will represent zone 3 in the consols district playdowns Jan. 28-30 in Dawson Creek. Morken represented this zone at the districts last year with Ken Hamilton.

The Dennis Lazorko and

Mark Ireland rinks advanced to the junior boys' districts Feb. 5-6 in Peace River. Ireland was last year's representative with Eric Delfs of Spirit River.

Representing this zone in the ladies' districts to be held Jan. 21-23 in Peace River will be the Pat Kimble and Faye Gaboury rinks while the Viola Miller and Hilda Bisgrove foursomes of Grande Prairie are the senior representatives to the districts held during the same time.

The Carolyn Brown and Denise Calvert rinks were decided previously to represent the zone in junior women's competition when only two rinks entered the zone playoffs. They go to the

districts Jan. 29-30 in High Prairie.

MORKEN ADVANCES

Morken advanced when he forced the Jim Sather rink to concede in the final end. The Morken foursome of lead Don Mates, second Murray Gummer, and third Harley Nespor lead 10-6 after the ninth.

The Rice foursome including lead Daryl Huber, second Roger Grotkowski, and third Bob Pisatchky of Grande Prairie won a berth to the finals after downing Pete Chalick 11-9 after an extra end yesterday.

Rice had a four-point lead in the ninth but Chalick rink came back to tie it up.

The Lazorko rink with Dave

Backus of Bear Canyon third, Tim Blanchard of Grande Prairie second and Barry Rucka of Nampa lead, won against the Ireland rink in the finals of the "A" side of the playoffs Saturday afternoon to advance to the districts.

They won 10-9 after an extra end, racking up three points in the first and fourth ends but having Ireland chip away with a triple in the ninth and singles in the sixth, seventh, and 10th ends.

The Ireland rink of third Daryl Nelson, second Pete Merlo, and lead Mark Simpson bounced back on the "B" side of the playdowns to defeat the Delfs rink 8-7 yesterday.

Both rinks were tied going

into the final end.

KIMBLE WINS 'A'

Skip Pat Kimble, third Perky McCullough, second Miriam Detwiler, and lead Velma Edgcombe downed the Betty Sinclair rink 8-2 with Sinclair running out of rocks in the final end to capture the A side of the ladies' playoffs.

The Gaboury rink of third Rita Boyer, second Carry McQuaig and lead Betty Shyiaik downed the Shirley White rink of Beaverlodge 10-2 in eight ends to capture the B side.

The Miller rink, with third Trena Drader, second Lil Nedohin and lead Jean Kimble, took the senior ladies' crown early in the playoffs downing Bisgrove 11-2 Saturday.

But Bisgrove downed Edna Sazwan 7-5 yesterday to gain a berth in the districts.

In other zone playoffs in the Peace Curling Association (PCA) and Peace Ladies Curling Association (PLCA), junior men's was decided in Dawson Creek over the weekend while ladies, senior ladies and junior ladies were decided in Valleyview.

Rick Kravontka won the A side and the Ron Molson rink won the B side of the zone 4 junior men's playdowns in Dawson Creek.

A total of 14 rinks were entered with three from Beaverlodge, two from Fort St. John and Chetwynd and one from Fort Nelson. Both rinks advance to the districts in Peace River.

The Barbra Keay rink of High Prairie won the A side of the ladies zone playoffs held in Valleyview while Norma Gordon of Valleyview won the B side.

Francis Rose of High Prairie was the sole entry in the senior womens playoffs and automatically advanced to the districts.

Cheryl Moore of DeBolt was the winner of the A side of the junior girls while Sharon McLean of Valleyview captured the B side.

Keith Morgan and Don Delaney will represent Dawson Creek curling club at the zone 4 consol playdowns next weekend in Fort St. John.



Gains finals

The Faye Gaboury rink worked its way along the "B" side of ladies zone 3 competition and won themselves a position in the ladies' district curling playdowns to be held in Peace River this weekend. Skip Faye Gaboury (left) rests on a bench after she and her team, third Rita Boyer, second Carry McQuaig and lead Betty Shyiak, downed Shirley White of Beaverlodge to advance to the districts.

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North rinks advance

By GARY HICKLING
of our staff

PEACE RIVER — Dorothy O'Sullivan of Peace River and Helen Brown of Fairview emerged as Peace Country curling champions yesterday.

Skip O'Sullivan with third Phyllis Bekevich, second Kay Longworth, and lead Vivian Pratt downed the Hilda Bisgrove rink of Grande Prairie 12-11 to advance to the provincial senior ladies' championships Feb. 7-10 in Calgary.

The Brown rink of third Dorothy Zaitsoff, second Janet Fox, and lead Mary Ann Watchorn also head to Calgary Feb. 7-10 as district ladies' champions after downing Sheila Bradner of Peace River 9-5 in the final.

The Bradner rink took the "B" side of the competition, defeating Faye Gaboury of Grande Prairie yesterday morning 11-3.

The Brown rink defeated four rinks along the way to the championship with scores of 11-2 against Emily Schudlo of Sexsmith, 7-6 against Pat Kimble of Gran-

de Prairie, 8-3 against Gaboury, and the final against Bradner.

Those in attendance in Peace River during the three-day event said the event was well organized and the curling was excellent.

The O'Sullivan rink was the only representative from zone 1 in the senior ladies' competitions while Frances Rose of High Prairie represented zone 2, and the Vi Miller and Bisgrove rinks represented zone 3. There was no representation from zone 4 (Spirit River-Sexsmith).

The Brown and Bradner rinks were the representatives from zone 1 in the ladies' competitions while Barb Keay from High Prairie and Norma Gordon of Valleyview represented zone 2, the Kimble and Gaboury rinks from zone 3, and Schudlo and Mary Pierog of Wanham from zone 4.

The junior ladies' district curling playoffs take place this weekend in High Prairie. Two Beaverlodge entries, Carolyn Brown and Denise Calbert, are this zone's representatives.



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City rinks chase provincial titles

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Four Grande Prairie rinks will begin play in their respective ladies and senior ladies provincial curling championships in Lloydminster tonight at 8:30 p.m.

The Peace Ladies Curling Association's A champion Susan Balderston squares off with Red Deer's Kerri Towers. Balderston, who is backed by Marcy Balderston, Dawna Robinson and Karen Mielke, is currently riding a 9-0 unbeaten streak in playdown action this year.

The other ladies foursome consists of skip Melody Vavrek and her rink of Linda Graber, Joanne Lee and Dianne Wilson. They face hometown Carolyn Revet in opening-round action. Graber fills in for the injured Patti Kimble, who skipped the rink and threw third rocks when the zone playdowns began last month.

The eight-team field in the triple-knockout competition is rounded out by

Edmonton's Deb Shermack and last year's world junior champion LaDawn Funk out of Spruce Grove, along with Medicine Hat's Vicki Sjolie and Shannon Getty out of Lethbridge.

Second-round action will go tomorrow at 1 p.m.

In the senior ladies competition – also an eight-team, triple knockout affair – the Swan City and the Peace Country is represented by Lucy Klatchuk's rink of Louise Giles, Maxine Peters and Emily Dillon along with Faye Gaboury and teammates Agatha Vavrek, Irene Vavrek and Jean Robideau.

Klatchuk will play Edmonton's Joyce Christenson while Gaboury draws Calgary's Cordella Schwengler.

Both competitions will conclude with the C Event finals Sunday night in a 7 p.m. draw. However, if playoffs are necessary, extra draws will be played Monday.

Shermack defends title

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While Edmonton's Deb Shermack was cruising to a perfect 7-0 record in defending her Alberta ladies curling championship title, Grande Prairie's representatives made little or no impact on the competition in Lloydminster.

Although neither of the Swan City's ladies rinks skipped by Susan Balderston and Melody Vavrek, as well as senior rinks Lucy Klatchuk and Faye Gaboury, were shut out, only Gaboury's team of Agatha Vavrek, Irene Vavrek and Jean Robideau managed two wins — and both of them came in the C Event while the team was on its last life. The seniors were to have declared a champion with playoff games today.

After Balderston and teammates Marcy Balderston, Dawna Robinson and Karen Mielke got out of the gate with an opening-round victory over Red Deer's Kerri Towers Thursday, they let a close game through five ends with Shermack turn into a runaway in the A semis, and they never seemed to recover from it.

Balderston dropped a 9-5 decision to world junior champion LaDawn Funk of Edmonton Friday night, and then were eliminated with an 8-4 loss to Vickie Sjolie Saturday.

Vavrek and teammates Linda Graber, Joanne Lee and Diane Wilson managed one last gasp in the C Event Saturday when they squeaked an 8-7 win over Towers. However, they subsequently bowed out on a 9-5 loss to

Funk later in the day.

Meanwhile, Shermack washed away her tears of joy with champagne last night after her rink won the Alberta women's curling championship.

Shermack came from behind to defeat Carolyn Revet of the host Lloydminster club 5-4, in front of 650 fans in the final at the Scott Tournament of Hearts.

"Now I can wake up tomorrow hung over," said Shermack, who plays out of the Shamrock club in Edmonton.

Shermack, a 32-year-old pharmacist, will lead Jackie-Rae Greening, Diane Alexander and Leanne Usher to the Canadian championships in Ottawa, Feb. 24 to March 3.

Alexander was with Shermack when they finished with a 6-5 record in last year's Canadian championships.

"I'm always asking more of myself," Shermack said. Her immediate goal is to reach this year's national playoffs.

"Last year was the first time I'd been in that environment — with the TV cameras, the microphones, the kids crying in the arena."

By winning all three event finals against Revet, Shermack averted a playoff this morning.

"I hated to play her again for the third time," said Shermack, who had not defeated Revet in four meetings before the weekend playdowns in Lloydminster, which straddles the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary.

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Locals closing in on provincial title

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A Grande Prairie curling foursome is knocking on the door of a provincial title.

Faye Gaboury's rink survived a scare in the 10th end to defeat Lori Kosh of Edmonton 11-5 in the A final of the Alberta senior women's curling playdowns last night in Edmonton.

Gaboury stole five in the final end when Kosh narrowly missed a hit-and-roll which would have given her the win.

Kosh was attempting to score two to win but her final shot rock sailed wide of the mark and took her own stone out of play, leaving Gaboury with a steal of five and the A-side title.

The win guarantees Gaboury a playoff

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berth in the triple-knockout competition. The senior national championships are in Nipawin, Sask., next month.

"It was kind of tricky along the centre line," noted Gaboury, whose rink includes Gladys Plishka, Agatha Vavrek and Pearl Fee.

Kosh eliminated Gaboury in a C-event game at last year's provincial.

It was Gaboury's third straight win at the eight-team playdown. She defeated Toni Ironside 8-4 in her first game

Wednesday and followed that up with a 9-4 win over Phyl Raymond of Calgary in a semifinal game earlier Thursday.

"The game with Kosh was one of our shakier ones," conceded Gaboury.

The local rink was slated to meet Ironside again in a B-event game Friday at 10 a.m.

"We're hoping to get the B now," said Gaboury.

It obviously hasn't taken long for Gaboury to catch on to the ice at the Shamrock Curling Club.

"The ice is really keen," she observed. "We've played hardly no junk at all."

The Peace Curling Association's other representative in women's play, Janet

Fox of Fairview, is involved in C-event playdowns today after losing two straight games.

The same goes for the PCA's two reps in the senior men's competition, which is also being held at the Shamrock.

Both Paul Turcotte of Falher and Arnold Schulz of Spirit River dropped their first two contests.

Southern rep Gil Schmaltz captured the A event in the senior men's event last night with a 9-5 win over Don Longmore, also from the south.

In Peace River, Fort. St. John's Chad Bordeleau has won his first two games in the junior men's provincial championship.

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Gaboury rink settles for runners-up

After a promising start, Grande Prairie's Faye Gaboury bowed out of the Alberta senior women's curling playdowns in Edmonton Sunday.

Gaboury lost to Phyl Raymond of Calgary 10-1 yesterday in the first game of the playoffs. Raymond struck for five in the first end and didn't look back en route to claiming the provincial title.

The result allows Raymond, winner of the B and C events, to advance to the nationals in Nipawin, Sask.

Gaboury had won three straight games to win the A event but fell on hard times after that, getting bounced out of B and C-event play.

Southern rep Gil Schmaltz defeated former national champion Bill Clark of Calgary to claim the men's provincial crown. Schmaltz also advances to the nationals in Nipawin.

At the junior men's provincial in Peace River, Chris Hassell of Chauvin defeated Jamie King of St. Albert in to earn a berth in the nationals.

King got past Chris Borda of Fort St. John in the first playoff game.

The junior women's crown went to Rhonda Sinclair of Fort McMurray, who defeated Chrystal Rumbey of Medicine Hat in the final in Grimshaw.

Local tastes district success

By **JEFF McCOSHEN**
Herald-Tribune staff

Wanda Johnson had certainly paid her dues before claiming her first-ever provincial berth in ladies curling on the weekend.

The Grande Prairie skip, who came up away empty-handed in her three previous trips to the ladies district curling play-downs, edged Marcy Balderston of Sexsmith 8-7 in the B-side final yesterday in Fairview.

"It was a much happier ending all right," said Johnson. "I guess I had a few jitters because I've been blown away coming this close before. I could just about taste it this year."

STOLE ENDS

Johnson stole in three ends, including the 10th, to advance to the provincials along with A-side winner, Karen Powell of LaGlace.

"They nose-hit a couple guards and gave us the opportunity to get some cover and then I managed to plug it up really well," Johnson said of the decisive 10th end which gave her and her crew of Caryl Sallows, Belle Maksymetz and Trudy Wells the berth.

The 10th end capped an impressive comeback for Johnson, who gave up three in the fifth end to fall behind by three.

"Three points in this game

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isn't the end of the world," said Johnson, who teaches high school in Sexsmith. "We seem to fight pretty well from behind. I guess we've had lots of practice."

Johnson, who lost the B final at last year's districts, edged Tammy Bartlett of Valleyview 7-6 in a B semifinal game Sunday morning.

At the districts two years ago in Peace River, Johnson lost the A final to Balderston and the B final to Powell. Three years ago, she lost to Balderston in an A semifinal game before bowing out in B semifinal play.

Powell won three straight games to claim the A-event berth, duplicating the same feat she accomplished at last year's districts.

Powell's all-new rink of Janet Plante, Terry Peterson and Liana Martin, got past Balderston 7-6 in the A-event final.

"I think when we started out this year if you said we could make it to provincials, we'd have been pretty happy," said Powell, who skipped a local rink to the provincial ladies title in 1987.

Powell was up by four at one point in the A final but Balderston scored a deuce in the

eighth and then stole a pair to set up an exciting finish. Balderston stole her pair in the ninth after Powell's final stone caught a hair and raised a rival stone into the rings.

In the 10th, though, Powell's front end kept things clear and she simply drew for the win.

Against Johnson in an A-semifinal, Powell stole the fourth end to go two up and maintained the advantage the rest of the way in a 7-5 win. Powell, who will be making her sixth trip to provincials, defeated Wendy Kimmee 6-4 in nine ends in opening-round play.

The provincials take place at the Balmoral Curling Club in Edmonton Feb. 4-7.

SENIORS

Gloria Chorney of Fox Creek and Faye Gaboury of Grande Prairie advanced to the ladies senior provincials, to be held in Peace River in the middle of February.

Chorney went 2-0 in a three-team round robin while Gaboury, whose rink includes Pearl Fee, Agatha Vavrek and Gladys Plishka, lost to Chorney in extra ends but defeated Edna Storbokken.

Gaboury, who lost in the final at provincials last year, will be making her fourth appearance in the provincial playdown.

Gaboury on the comeback trail

Grande Prairie's Faye Gaboury has bounced back from a loss in the opening draw to win two straight games in B-event play at the Alberta senior women's curling playdown in Peace River.

Gaboury, who dropped her opening game 8-3 to Shirley Tucker of Edmonton, defeated Cathy Ziehr of Stoney Plain 8-3 and got past Pauline Mann of Medicine Hat 10-6 last night.

Gaboury cracked a five-ender in the third end against Mann last night to remain alive in the B-event.

Gaboury gets senior's bye; eight teams chase two women's berths

WOMEN'S PLAYDOWNS

Herald-Tribune staff

Three playdowns will be held this weekend at the Grande Prairie Curling Club, but there's concern about the one that won't take place.

With only one team entered for the Peace Ladies Curling Association senior women's district playdowns, Grande Prairie's Faye Gaboury receives an automatic berth into the provincials.

Good news for Gaboury's crew, maybe, but not so good for the PLCA.

"It's never happened before," says PLCA president Lyn Johnson of Clairmont, "but the senior ladies has definitely been going down for the past few years."

Two years ago, four teams showed up to contest the districts for the two available berths into districts and last year three teams played a round-robin for the two spots.

But the deadline for entries came and went this year and only Gaboury's name appeared as a confirmed entry. Gaboury will make her fifth appearance at the senior women's provincial playdown in Airdrie next month.

DEADLINE

There is a chance that the second berth would be filled by another local team and the PLCA has set Sunday as a deadline for such a possibility.

Failing that, the berth might be transferred to another association for this season, although that's a situation the PLCA would dearly love to avoid.

"We're concerned that we might lose the berth permanently, maybe not next year, but if this continues to be a problem," says Johnson.

Johnson has heard from one other association, the Northern Alberta Ladies Curling Association, that is experiencing a similar problem.

There is talk that the age limit for seniors might be lowered from 50 to 45, or even lower, but so far that's as far the idea has gone.

While the senior women's playdown was over before it started, two other PLCA events swing into play this weekend.

Eight teams are going after two available berths for the Alberta Scott Tournament of Hearts, which will take place in Peace River next month, while four teams will compete for two berths into the junior women's provincials.

The opening draw in women's play, which begins at 6 p.m. Friday, features Karen Powell of LaGlance against Cheryl Semeniuk of Peace River, Gloria Palinkas of Grande Prairie against Bev Hammond of Valleyview, Marg Johns of Grande Prairie versus Edna Spychka of Peace River and Tammy Bartlett of Valleyview against Lorraine Bauer of Fairview.

The four teams involved in the junior women's playdown are Tiffany McKeeman of Grande Prairie, Kristi Moore of Debolt, Allison Campbell of Grimshaw and Heather Godberson of Grande Prairie.

The two women's playdowns are being held in conjunction with the AGT provincials, which features eight teams.

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Senior reps looking to rebound from losses

PAUL SPASOFF
Herald-Tribune staff

The first day of the provincial seniors curling championships is one the Grande Prairie rinks will likely want to forget.

Both local teams lost their opening matches at the senior championships in Edmonton Wednesday. Joe Blanchard's senior men's rink lost 10-5, while Faye Gaboury's senior women's crew was edged 7-6 in 11 ends.

"It was not too great," said Blanchard, summing up his loss to Coaldale's Don

McCann. "We had a couple of bad shots and that seemed to turn things around."

Trailing 8-5 in the seventh, Blanchard was attempting to play a hit-and-roll to count five, but he just nicked the opposing rock and ended up giving up a point.

However, with the loss, Blanchard and his team of Vic Krupka (third), Henry Rose (second) and Ed Tichaja (lead) are far from finished in the modified triple knock-out system.

"With this format we could lose two, then win two and still make it into the playoffs," remarked Blanchard, who is curl-

ing in his third consecutive provincial senior championship. "We lost our first, but we have a lot of life left in us."

Blanchard will meet Edmonton's Lawrence Truckey on the B side today. Burt Kjeldgren of Fort St. John, the other Peace Curling Association representative, lost 5-2 to Roger Comeau of Edmonton.

'FELL APART'

The spirit of the season must have had an effect on Gaboury and her rink of Agatha Vavrek (third), Pearl Fee (second) and Noreen Bickell (lead) as they gave up a

4-1 lead to hand Calgary's Toni Ironside the victory.

"We curled well and it was a good game, but we fell apart," said Gaboury, who's attending her sixth straight provincial championship. "We had the lead but let it get away. We let them back in it."

Now that she has gotten one of the tougher teams out of the way, Gaboury is focused on getting to the playoffs through the B event.

"I told the girls I figured we were just as good as the other teams," she said. "And we have just as good a chance to win. Two or

three of the teams are evenly matched."

Gaboury will meet Dorothy Goulet of Edmonton today. The other PCA senior women's representative, Stella Palinkas of Grimshaw, lost her opening game to Shariene Von Hollen of Edmonton 8-1.

In the other senior men's games, Gordon Trenchie of Edmonton defeated Ken Blaney of Vauxhall 5-3 and Calgary's Jim McDonald upended Truckey 8-6.

On the women's side, Ann Bain of Calgary handed Edmonton's Shirley Tucker a 6-4 loss and Calgary's Carole Zeer squeaked past Goulet 6-5.

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Local rinks on top

Rinks skipped by Faye^N Gaboury and Marg Johns are part of a four-way tie atop the standings after four draws at the Alberta senior women's curling championships in Brooks.

Johns defeated Betty Fenton of St. Albert 9-0 last night to join the logjam at the top with a 3-1 record. Earlier in the day, Johns lost 11-8 to Calgary's Sandy Turner, who beat Johns in an extra end of last year's final.

Gaboury's rink defeated Diane Soltys of Cold Lake 7-6 in an extra end Thursday in the third draw but fell 8-6 to Gail Wilfley of Calgary 8-6 in the fourth draw. Wilfley and Turner are also at 3-1.

In men's play, Bud Hosker of Fort St. John has improved to 3-1. Harold Breckenridge of Calgary leads with a 4-0 mark.