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Ladies Curling — Zone Finals

The Marion Ball rink, representing Lakehead Ladies emerged victorious at the District Ladies Curling Playdowns held at the Nipigon Curl-a-drome January 17 to the 19. The Ball foursome earned the right to represent the Northwestern Ontario at the Provincial Ladies Playdowns to be held in Dryden February 1 to 5.

Curling in third position for Marion Ball is Madeline Gilbard, second,

game and called some excellent pressure shots. The Dakin rink also handed the Lakehead Ladies their only loss. The standings after the 6 rounds of play were as follows: Lakehead Ladies 5 wins and 1 loss, Dryden and Nipigon 4 wins and 2 losses, Terrace Bay and Keewatin 3 wins and 3 losses, Kakabeka Falls 2 wins and 4 losses, and Emo was winless.

The Curlers were piped on to the ice for the open-

The curlers and executive were Friday evening supper guests of Mill manager and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hessian at the picturesque Quebec Lodge, courtesy of Domtar Packaging. The guests were introduced to Red Rock's Reeve and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dunville. Other dignitaries present were, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McNinch, Mill Controller and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. Broomhead,

introduced the head table guests, Harriet Blake, incoming President for the Northwestern Ontario Ladies Curling Association, President Minnie Mickelson, past president Fran Sinclair and second Vice-President Sue Joseph.

All the curlers were presented with a toque and matching scarf, courtesy of Scott Paper, the sponsors of the Tournament of Hearts. The Marion Ball foursome were then



Peter McDonald pipes the teams onto the ice for the opening ceremonies.



The Winners - Marion Ball, Madeline Gilbart, Diane Wolanicki, and Lynn Reid.

Diane Wolanicki and lead Lynn Reid. Diane Wolanicki replaced Joy Lappalainen who had to drop out due to sickness.

Dryden and Nipigon finished with 4 wins and 2 losses, but by virtue of the fact that Dryden beat Nipigon in the round robin play, Dryden was declared runners-up.

Dryden's Sandy Coulter rink with Sharon Yuill-Tracy, and sisters Janet and Judy Alexander, had a certain amount of pressure on them to win these Playdowns. They would have been the "hometown" rink at the Provincials.

Twenty year old Mona Dakin from Terrace Bay was the youngest skip in the competition. She impressed not only her fellow curlers but the spectators as well. She called a good

ing ceremonies by Peter MacDonald of Thunder Bay, Mrs. Minnie Mickelson, President of the Northwestern Ontario Ladies Curling Assoc., delivered the first stone. Nipigon Curl-a-drome Life members, Marion O'Neill and Doris McNinch were the sweepers and Reeve Gerry Brennan held the broom. Debbie Hall, co-chairman of the Playdowns Committee, welcomed the curlers. The Reeve welcomed the curlers, and presented an engraved spoon to each on behalf of the Township of Nipigon.

Ann Pothof and Shirley Johnston worked long hours making sure the coffee and donuts were ready for each morning's draw, and also organizing the three luncheons held at the Club. They were assisted by ladies from the Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duczeminski and Nipigon's Reeve and wife Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Brennan. The warm reception by the hosts, the excellent meal prepared by Mrs. Betty Sutton and her staff and the relaxed atmosphere of the Quebec Lodge, certainly highlighted the Playdowns.

The curlers were pleased with the ice conditions, it was swifty but very readable. The sub-zero temperatures made the conditions a little heavier than usual. Draws were running at about 19.50 seconds. Lloyd Stansell and Kurt Bianco are to be complimented on their efforts.

The winning rink and runners-up were piped in to the victory banquet, held at the Elks Hall, by Andy Atchison. Mistress of ceremonies, Debbie Hall,

presented with the winner's trophy and championship's pins. Harriet Blake received her President's pin and Minnie Mickelson her past president's pin. Sue Joseph now moves up to the position of first vice president. Each player on behalf of the Playdowns Committee received a stand-up plywood moose, made by Miss Joey Kadzielawa, decorated and finished by Gordie and Diane Dyck.

The banquet guests were entertained with choral selections performed by The Northern Harmony, under the direction of Grace Riabov. They sang a variety of songs from ballads to rousing show tunes and were given a standing ovation for their swinging rendition of "In the Mood."

Despite the cold weather the spectators came to view

the competitions. The committee was very pleased to see so many from Thunder Bay, Terrace Bay and Red Rock as well as all the local curling enthusiasts.

This was a homecoming for two of the players. Dryden's third Sharon-Yuill Tracy, hails from Red Rock and Marion Ball's third, Madeline (Harju) Gilbard is a former Nipigonite. The co-operation from the Red Rock Curling Club was very much appreciated. They sponsored a luncheon for the curlers and three of their members, Vera Hall, Nonie Sands and Marie Mallais, drove over to umpire games. Chief Umpire was Jim Foulds Sr., assisted by Lavina Collins. Umpires at the games were Norma Barden, Helen Foulds, Margaret Stocco, Sandra Gannon, Cathy Ray, Diana Dyck, Jeannie

Dahl, Sheri Mulroney, Cookie Dampier, and the three ladies from Red Rock.

There were many people who assisted in making these playdowns a success. As well as all the others already mentioned the following also deserve a vote of thanks: George Spoljarich for his calligraphy, June Linton for her artistry, Gordie Dyck, Cliff Linton, Jim Yarocky and Barry Smart for setting up the bleachers, Wayne Dumonski and his music machine, Joe Stocco and David Brennan for bartending, the host drivers, the catering services of the Chalet Lodge, the club members for their donations of food, the sponsors and all the spectators who braved the cold, and last but not least, The Gazette and Sandy Harbinson.

Where's The Baby

Here we are, 3 weeks into 1985 and still no New Year's Baby in Nipigon. Has the stork gotten lost or something. Hospital sources say there's still no sign of 1985's first baby, however when he or she does arrive the gifts from local merchants will be waiting. They better hope it's not twins or everyone will have to dig a little deeper for more gifts.

Last year's New Year's baby in Nipigon was born to Mrs. Melinda Hardy on February 10th.



Third place finishers - Susan Joseph, Sally Bingleman, Gloria Brennen and Linda Nicol.