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Howard boys Brier bound



Banner number four

Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Tim Belcourt and Kent Carstairs display the championship banner from the 1989 Blue Light Tankard in Trenton. The Penetanguishene Curling Club team defeated Ed Werenich of Toronto 8-5 in the provincial final to advance to the Labatt Brier in Saskatoon.

Midland wins Adco event

It was close, but the Midland Curling Club defeated its neighbors to the north in the 10th annual Adco Bonspiel, in late January. The final score between the 10 teams representing the Penetanguishene Curling Club and the 10 for the Midland side

was 238-236. This was Midland's second consecutive Adco Cup win, and it's sixth in the past decade.

The overall winners were skipped by Rod Reynolds of Midland, second went to Jas Roberts of Midland, and third place went to Marty St.

Amant's Penetang team with Keith St. Amant at vice, second Wayne St. Amant, and lead Brian Cusson.

Prizes were provided by Bob Addison of Adco Tire. Next season the event switches over to the Penetanguishene Curling Club.

by David Gravelle

Russ Howard and his Penetanguishene Curling Club rink have to be considered Ontario's dominant team of the late 1980's. This past weekend they earned that measure of respect by upending the force of the early 1980's to win their third provincial championship in four years.

When Russ Howard and his STONELEIGH MOTORS rink of Glenn Howard, Tim Belcourt, and Kent Carstairs, meet Ed Werenich of Avonlea on any given sheet of curling ice, you know there's going to be offense. It's like Wayne Gretzky and his team facing Mario Lemieux. The goalies shouldn't bother showing up!

Howard, and his team of walking wounded, thanks to the flu bug, decided prior to Sunday's final against Werenich, they would bring out the big guns and go after "The Wrench", John Kawaja, Ian Tetley, and Pat Perraud. Beat them at their own game was the plan.

It was a big gamble to take, because Werenich has destroyed lesser teams in the past when they've tried to monkey with "The Wrench." But, on this day, Team Howard executed the finesse shots from lead to skip position, and made the big ones when they counted. The 8-5 win gave the guys their fourth Blue Light Tankard dating back to 1980, when Bob Ruston and Larry Merkley were on the team.

The match started out tame with both rinks trading points in the first two ends. In the third, a miss by John Kawaja set up a steal by the Penetang side. Werenich nosed a raise takeout giving Howard a 2-1 lead. Werenich tied it up in the fourth.

The first deuce of the game came in the fifth as Howard made a dramatic angle raise takeout, similar to the one he completed in the final game of the TSN Skins game to win \$3600. That gave the P.C.C. team a 4-2 lead.

In the sixth and seventh, they traded singles bringing them into the exciting eighth end with Howard holding a 5-3 advantage. That soon became 8-3 as Glenn Howard made a beautiful tap back takeout. Russ followed that with a tap back of his own to lie two. A guard soon had Howard lying



Teddy bear sweaters

The sweaters Tim Belcourt and the rest of the Russ Howard rink had on sure caused quite a stir in Trenton. Besides being colorful and cute, they gave photographers the opportunity to be creative. Skip Russ Howard has been known as "the wounded moose", maybe his nickname will now become "the teddy bear."

three and Werenich looking at a tough hit and roll to salvage one.

"The Wrench," who was forced into a hitting game by the STONELEIGH MOTORS rink, nosed it giving Howard a steal of three and an 8-3 lead. It finished up 8-5, giving a tired team, a squawky voiced skip, and a pair of ailing curlers, another Ontario Championship.

The Labatt Brier is set for Saskatoon for March 5-12. Another set of Brier and World Championship banners sure would look good on the club walls!



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