



WHO PICKS THESE CPCC TEAMS ANYWAY?

a pride Nationals primer by E. Dodd

Every Fall, leagues across the country hold “playdowns” to choose their representatives at the Nationals. Depending on how many sign up, playdowns can be big affairs. Here in Toronto, recent years have seen up to 8 teams competing for two spots.

Who’s playing down for Toronto this year? Last year’s Nationals teams, Francis and Flewwelling, are in the mix. There’s still strong competition from Newell, McKillop, Hayward and Nadeau. Two teams were eliminated on November 15, Campbell (my team) and Nagle. You may have heard me weeping! There are big matchups on **December 20 at 3:00 PM** - undefeated Francis and Flewwelling are going head-to-head with the winner clinching their spot at Nationals in March. The loser falls to the B-side to keep fighting. And there are two elimination games - McKillop vs. Nadeau and Hayward vs. Newell.

If you want to see some of the best 2SLGBTQ+ curling in the country (and have a holiday drink or two with your curling compatriots) the club is happy to welcome you as spectators!

SPARING 101 - 5TH PLAYERS. LISTEN UP!

A number of RCL 5th players are listed on the spare list. Be mindful that 5th players are only allowed to spare at the lead position unless the opposing skip has agreed to have them spare at another spot. Regardless, letting your opponent know in advance that you are bringing in a spare is always appreciated.

HOLIDAY FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE!

As winter arrives we can help the unhoused in our city. To help, the **Rock, Button, Scissors League** is doing a clothing and food drive. **There is a donation bin set up by the kitchen.** Please donate any used warm clothing and non-perishable food items.

Donation Wish List:

Warm clothing of all varieties, sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, towels, toothpaste, toothbrush, toiletries (hotel soaps and shampoo), deodorant, hand cream, mouthwash, women's personal care items, backpacks.

TORONTO 2026

CANADIAN PRIDE CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

March 4 - 8, 2026
Royal Canadian Curling Club

Registration opens:
For out of town teams
(3 or more players not members of a Toronto-based league):
December 11, 2025 @ 4 p.m. EST

For teams from Toronto Leagues
December 13, 2025 @ 4 p.m. EST

<https://toronto.pridecurl.ca/cpcc2026>

RIVERDALE 50/50 ON DECEMBER 14

Riverdale will be holding a 50/50 draw next **Sunday, December 14th**, and we hope you’ll toss your hat (and a ticket!) into the mix. To be more environmentally friendly—and to save our volunteers some time—we’ll be selling single tickets instead of the usual 10-pack entries.

STICKS ARE SLAPPING!



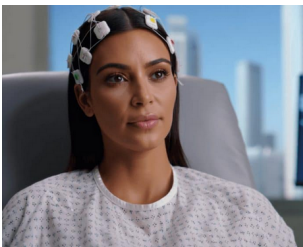
There's a new horny hockey drama series on **Crave**. **Heated Rivalry** follows two players, Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov, who are at the top of their game. The rival team captains have undeniable chemistry, however, and their relationship quickly becomes something more than just professional. **Warning: lots of naked butts!**

JUSTICE FOR JUSTINE!



The NFL's first trans cheerleader says she was cut from the **Carolina Panthers** because of her gender. **Justine Lindsay** made headlines a few years ago when she came out as a trans. Because of it, she claims the Panthers fired her earlier this year. No word yet on if she plans to pursue legal action. In the meantime, Lindsay has her sites set on the Miss Universe pageant where she hopes to be the first trans contestant for the USA.

KIM K HAS LOW BRAIN ACTIVITY!



On a recent episode of "**The Kardashians**", Kim allowed her brain to be scanned and as we expected, the results showed scant activity in the frontal lobe. Sending thoughts and prayers and ginkgo her way.

MAMMA MIA!



An Italian man is under investigation for fraud after allegedly **dressing up as his deceased mother for three years**, including mimicking her hairstyle with a wig and wearing makeup and jewellery in order to claim her pension. The man was an unemployed nurse who, thanks to his mother's pension, had an annual income of €53,000!

ATTENTION THEATRE GAYS!



A film version of the Broadway musical **Merrily We Roll Along** just opened in cinemas in Toronto for a limited run. The hit Sondheim show starring **Daniel Radcliffe** and **Jonathan Groff** charts the turbulent relationship between 3 friends over 20 years.

CHER ON SNL!



Cher will be making history as the musical guest on **SNL** on **Dec. 20**. The legend and icon has never performed on the show before. It will be hosted by **Ariana Grande**. No word yet if Cher will be inviting Ariana to duet but it will def be wig-tastic!

[Ed. note - this photo has been heavily photoshopped]



See you in 2 weeks with our Xmas issue. In the meantime, Happy Hannukah, y'all!
- Patrick & Howard

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