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Press Release

Team Washington defeats North Dakota (9-3), loses to Wisconsin 1 (8-7) on Monday. 4-1 record puts them in a tie for 2nd place at the 2010 Junior National Curling Championships in Bemidji, MN.

Sean Beighton rink suffers first loss, but still in good position for playoff round



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Sean Beighton's curling team (*Sean Beighton, Derrick McLean, Sam Galey, Joe Purvis, coach Murray Beighton*) representing Seattle's Granite Curling Club (www.curlingseattle.org), split a pair of round robin games on Monday to improve to 4-1 at the 2010 Junior National Curling Championships in Bemidji, Minnesota. After a tough loss to Blake Morton's Wisconsin 1 team in the evening draw, Beighton finished

the day in a tie for 2nd place with Minnesota 1. Aaron Wald's top-seeded Minnesota 2 team remained the only undefeated team with two victories on Monday, giving them sole possession of first place at 5-0.

The round robin portion of the tournament continues through Thursday, with the top 4 teams advancing to the playoff round on Friday. The boys finals are set for Saturday, January 30th at the Bemidji Curling Club in Bemidji, Minnesota. Scores, photos and live webcasts of select games can be found at:

(www.2010juniornationals.com) The winner of the U.S. Junior Nationals moves on to represent the United States at the 2010 World Junior Curling Championships in Flims, Switzerland, March 5-14, 2010.

Noon (CT) Draw - Washington 9- North Dakota 3 (7 ends)

In Monday's first draw, Beighton (Edmonds, WA) and teammates Derrick McLean (Bothell, WA) Sam Galey (Seattle, WA) Joe Purvis (Kenmore, WA) stayed undefeated with a relatively easy 9-3 win over Erik Jensen, (Bismarck, ND) that was conceded after 7 ends. Beighton scored at least 2 points every time his team had the hammer (last-rock advantage) and put the game away with 3 points in the 5th end. All four teammates were sharp after a close game on Sunday night and Jensen was never able to get more then 1 point in any end. Beighton scored 2 points in the 7th end to ice the game and improve to 4-0 in round robin play. North Dakota fell to 1-3 with the loss

Team	HMR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
 Sean Beighton Edmonds, WA		2	0	2	0	3	0	2				9
 Erik Jensen Bismarck, ND		0	1	0	1	0	1	0				3

8PM (CT) Draw - Wisconsin1 - 8, Washington 7

For the second night in a row, Team Washington played a tight game that came right down to the last rock. This time, the opponent had the last shot, and that proved to be the difference, as Blake Morton's Wisconsin 1 team scored 2 points in the 10th end for an 8-7 win. Beighton trailed 5-3 early after Morton's team stole 2 points in the 5th end. Washington clawed their way back into the game, and eventually took the lead with 2 points in the 9th end, but without the hammer coming home, they were unable to keep Wisconsin 1 from scoring a deuce for the win. With their first loss of the tournament, Team Washington dropped into a 2-way tie with Wes Anderson's Minnesota 1 team at 4-1. With the win, Morton's team moved into 4th place with a 3-2 record.

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 Sean Beighton Edmonds, WA		2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	7
 Blake Morton McFarland, WI		0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	8

Men's standings after Monday's round robin games

Team	GP	W	L	PCT	HMR	STL	1-PT	EE-H	EE-S
 Minnesota 2 Chisholm, MN	5	5	0	1.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Minnesota 1 Bemidji, MN	5	4	1	0.800	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Washington Edmonds, WA	5	4	1	0.800	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Wisconsin 1 McFarland, WI	5	3	2	0.600	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Wisconsin 2 Janesville, WI	4	2	2	0.500	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Massachusetts Southborough, MA	4	2	2	0.500	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 New York Rochester, NY	5	2	3	0.400	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Alaska Fairbanks, AK	5	1	4	0.200	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 North Dakota Bismarck, ND	5	1	4	0.200	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Illinois Deerfield, IL	5	0	5	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

The Granite Curling Club is the only dedicated curling facility on the west coast of the U.S., and has been operating in its present facility since 1961. The Granite Curling Club has been the home to more national championship teams (35) than any other U.S. curling club. The most recent champions are the Sharon Vukich-Mike Calcagno rink, the 2010 Mixed Doubles National champions and the Sharon Vukich rink, the 2010 U.S. Senior Women's National champions.

For more information on the Olympic sport of curling, please visit www.curlingseattle.org or www.usacurl.org. For questions concerning this release, or for specific interview or footage requests, please contact Tom FitzGerald at 206-550-2080, or tomfitzgerald@verizon.net