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Press Release

Seattle's Sean Beighton team loses 8-4 to Massachusetts; drops into tie for 3rd place with 4-2 record at 2010 Junior National Curling Championships in Bemidji, MN.

MA breaks up close game with a steal of 3 points in the 9th end for victory.



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Sean Beighton's curling team (**Sean Beighton, Derrick McLean, Sam Galey, Joe Purvis, coach Murray Beighton**) Seattle's Granite Curling Club (www.curlingseattle.org), lost their round robin game 8-4 to Stephen Dropkin (Southborough, MA) on Tuesday afternoon at the 2010 Junior National Curling Championships in Bemidji, Minnesota. The men's teams played only one draw on Tuesday, but will get back into action quickly on Wednesday, with games at 9AM (CT) and 4PM.

After starting the tournament 4-0, Team Washington has dropped two straight games, but still are very much alive in the hunt for a playoff spot with a 4-2 record. The two entries from Minnesota are tied for first with 5-1 records after Tuesday's games. Trevor Andrews (Bemidji, MN) and his Minnesota 1 team defeated Aaron Wald (Chisholm, MN) 8-3 in the Tuesday draw, giving Minnesota 2 their first loss of the tournament. Washington is tied for 3rd place with Dropkin's Massachusetts team, followed closely by three teams at 3-3.








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.



Tuesday's Linescore:

Team	HMR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
 Sean Beighton Edmonds, WA		0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0		4
 Stephen Dropkin Southborough, MA		2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3		8

Team Washington is seeded second, and is one of 10 boys teams competing for the junior national championship. All four team members curl out of Seattle's Granite Curling Club (www.curlingseattle.org) Washington plays two games on Wednesday- a 9AM(CT) matchup against Illinois, and an important 4PM game vs. Wes Andrews and his Minnesota 1 team.

Men's Standings after Tuesday's games

Team	GP	W	L	PCT	HMR	STL	1-PT	EE-H	EE-S
 Minnesota 1 Bemidji, MN	6	5	1	0.833	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Minnesota 2 Chisholm, MN	6	5	1	0.833	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Washington Edmonds, WA	6	4	2	0.667	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Massachusetts Southborough, MA	6	4	2	0.667	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 New York Rochester, NY	6	3	3	0.500	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Wisconsin 2 Janesville, WI	6	3	3	0.500	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
 Wisconsin 1 McFarland, WI	6	3	3	0.500	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

	<u>Alaska</u> Fairbanks, AK	6	2	4	0.333	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	<u>North Dakota</u> Bismarck, ND	6	1	5	0.167	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	<u>Illinois</u> Deerfield, IL	6	0	6	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