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Subject: [Seattle Granite Curling Club] Seattle"s Sean Beighton team loseslast game of round robin;

advances to playoff round as #4 seed at US. Junior National CurlingChampionships in

Bemidji, MN

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Press Release

Seattle's Sean Beighton team loses to Aaron Wald (7-5 in 11 ends) to finish round robin in fourth place with 6-3 record at 2010 Junior National Curling Championships in Bemidji, MN.

Top four teams advance to playoff round. Washington to face off against Massachusetts on Friday.



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Sean Beighton (Edmonds, WA) and teammates Derrick McLean (Bothell, WA) Sam Galey (Seattle, WA) Joe Purvis (Kenmore, WA) lost to Aaron Wald's Minnesota 2 team, 7-5 in an extra end on Thursday, but by virtue of their 6-3 record, still secured the #4 seed for the Page playoff at the 2010 Junior National Curling Championships in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Wald's team wrapped up the #2 seed, and will play Trevor Andrews' Minnesota 1 team on Friday at 2PM (CT) in an all-Minnesota matchup. In the other playoff game, also set for 2PM at the Bemidji Curling Club, Team Washington will face off against Stephen Dropkin's Team Massachusetts. The Junior Nationals use the Page

playoff system, which is unlike traditional playoffs. To give extra importance to the team winning the round robin portion of the tournament, the page playoffs system pits the #1 team vs. the #2 team, with the winner advancing automatically to the event final. The #3 and #4 seeds face each other, with the loser being eliminated, and the winner moving on to face the loser of the #1 vs. #2 game for a chance to reach the championship game.

Under the Page playoffs, Team Washington will have to beat Massachusetts, then play at 7PM vs. the loser of the Minnesota 1 vs. Minnesota 2 game to reach Saturday's gold-medal game. The men's finals are set for Saturday, January 30th at 1:30 PM (CT) All the playoff games can be watched via live webcast by going to www.2010juniornationals.com and clicking on the "webcast and scoring" link. 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.

Thursday's Linescore:

Team	HMR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	EE	Score
Aaron Wal Chisholm, l	_	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	7
Sean Beigh Edmonds, V		0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	5

Final men's standings:

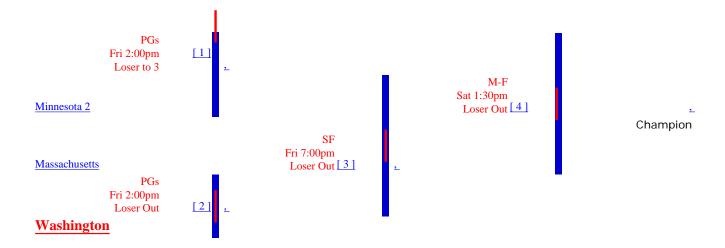
Standings									
Team		GP	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	<u>L</u> <u>PCT</u>	<u>HMR</u>	<u>STL</u>	<u>1-PT</u>	EE-H	EE-S
②	Minnesota 1 ** Bemidji, MN	9	7	2 0.778	3-0	4-2	0-1	1-1	0-0
②	Minnesota 2 ** Chisholm, MN	9	7	2 0.778	2-0	5-2	2-0	1-0	0-0
②	Washington ** Edmonds, WA	9	6	3 0.667	5-1	1-2	1-1	1-0	0-1
•	Massachusetts ** Southborough, MA	9	6	3 0.667	3-3	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-0
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin 2 Janesville, WI	9	5	4 0.556	5-2	0-2	1-0	0-0	1-1
钀	New York Rochester, NY	9	5	4 0.556	4-2	1-2	2-3	1-1	1-0
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin 1 McFarland, WI	9	4	5 0.444	3-1	1-3	1-0	0-0	0-0
£	North Dakota Bismarck, ND	9	3	6 0.333	1-2	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-1
20	Alaska Fairbanks, AK	9	2	7 0.222	0-3	2-4	0-1	0-1	0-1
SALES OF	<u>Illinois</u> Deerfield, IL	9	0	9 0.000	0-4	0-5	0-0	0-0	0-0

^{**} advanced to Friday's playoff round. First games begin at 2PM (CT)

Playoff schedule:

Minnesota 1

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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.

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