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## Press Release

**Seattle's Sean Beighton team defeats Illinois (14-1) and Minnesota 1 (5-3) and is tied for the lead with 6-2 record at 2010 Junior National Curling Championships in Bemidji, MN.**  
Round robin ends on Thursday. Washington, Minnesota 1 and Minnesota 2 clinch spots in the playoffs

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Sean Beighton's curling team (**Sean Beighton, Derrick McLean, Sam Galey, Joe Purvis, coach Murray Beighton**) representing Washington state, won twice on Wednesday to improve to 6-2 at the 2010 Junior National Curling Championships in Bemidji, Minnesota. With victories over Illinois and Minnesota 1, Team Washington moved into a 3-way tie for first place with Minnesota 2 and Minnesota 1, with a record of 6-2. With only one round robin draw remaining on Thursday, Washington, and both Minnesota teams locked up spots in the playoff round, which begins Friday evening at the Bemidji Curling Club. 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](http://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.

**8AM (CT) Draw - Washington 14- Illinois 1.**




In Wednesday's early draw, Beighton (Edmonds, WA) and teammates Derrick McLean (Bothell, WA)

Sam Galey (Seattle, WA) Joe Purvis (Kenmore, WA) broke a 2-game losing streak in a big way with a convincing 14-1 win over Matthew Brown (Deerefiled, IL). Beighton took control of the game right from the start and used two huge ends to put the game away early, scoring 5 points in the 4th end, and capping it off with 6 points in the 7th end, forcing Brown to concede. With the loss, Illinois dropped to 0-7.

Team	HMR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
 <a href="#">Sean Beighton</a> Edmonds, WA		1	1	0	5	1	0	6				<b>14</b>
 <a href="#">Matthew Brown</a> Deerfield, IL		0	0	0	0	0	1	0				<b>1</b>


### 4PM (CT) Draw - Washington 5- Minnesota1- 3.










Facing their biggest challenge so far, Team Washington came through with a big 5-3 win over Minnesota1 in the final boys draw on Wednesday, to clinch a spot in the playoff round and set up a 3-way tie for first place. Minnesota1, with all 4 of it's members hailing from Bemidji, came in with a 5 game winning streak and were looking to give their hometown fans more to cheer about. Led by skip Trevor Andrews, the Minnesota squad took the early lead, but were held to only one point in the first end. After Beighton scored twice in the 2nd end, both teams went on the defensive, playing a takeout game and keeping the house clear. Beighton blanked the 4th and 5th ends, before scoring once in the 6th end to take a slim 3-2 lead. The 7th end proved to be the difference-maker as rocks piled up in the 4-foot circle with Beighton holding shot rock at the back of the button. Andrews had a tough tap-back to score on his last rock, but came up inside and hit a rock in front of the house, giving Beighton a pivotal steal of 1 point. Beighton stole another point in the 8th end, and after holding Andrews to a single point in the 9th, was able to hold on in the final end for a 5-3 victory. The win moved Washington into a tie with both Minnesota teams at 6-2.

Team	HMR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
 <a href="#">Sean Beighton</a> Edmonds, WA		0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	<b>5</b>
 <a href="#">Trevor Andrews</a> Bemidji, MN		1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>3</b>

On Thursday morning at 8AM, Washington faces Aaron Wald's Minnesota 2 team in a game that will decide who gets the all-important #1 spot in the page playoff system . In the page system, the top four teams advance to the playoff round, but #1 plays #2, with the winner advancing to the final. The losing team plays the winner of the #3 vs. #4 seeds in the semifinal to get a second shot at the gold medal game. The loser of the #3 vs. #4 game is eliminated.

### Standings

Team	GP	W	L	PCT	HMR	STL	1-PT	EE-H	EE-S
 <a href="#">Washington</a> ** Edmonds, WA	8	6	2	0.750	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

	<b><u>Minnesota 1</u></b> **	8	6	2	0.750	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Bemidji, MN									
	<b><u>Minnesota 2</u></b> **	8	6	2	0.750	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Chisholm, MN									
	<b><u>Wisconsin 2</u></b>	8	5	3	0.625	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Janesville, WI									
	<b><u>New York</u></b>	7	5	3	0.625	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Rochester, NY									
	<b><u>Massachusetts</u></b>	7	4	4	0.500	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Southborough, MA									
	<b><u>Wisconsin 1</u></b>	8	4	4	0.500	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	McFarland, WI									
	<b><u>Alaska</u></b>	8	2	6	0.250	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Fairbanks, AK									
	<b><u>North Dakota</u></b>	8	2	6	0.250	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Bismarck, ND									
	<b><u>Illinois</u></b>	8	0	8	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Deerfield, IL									

\*\* clinched spot in playoff round. One more draw in round robin to be played on Thursday at 8AM (CT)

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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