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Cotter claims BC curling title

Richmond, BC (February 14, 2011) Kelowna's Jim Cotter and teammates Ken Maskiewich, Kevin Folk and Rick Sawatsky claimed the 2011 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship presented by Kal-Tire yesterday at the Vernon Curling Centre.

Cotter went a perfect 9-0 during the week-long round-robin, but saw his first and only loss in Friday night's 1 vs. 2 page playoff game against Victoria's Neil Dangerfield. While Dangerfield advanced to Sunday's final, Cotter fell to the second semi-final to face defending BC champion, Jeff Richard. Richard advanced to the semi-final by defeating Kamloops' Brent Yamada in the quarter-final. Cotter won the semi by a convincing score of 8-4.

The final game was close, but single steals for Cotter in the 5th and 7th ends proved to be the difference. With a two-point lead in the last end, Cotter had an open hit to run Dangerfield out of rocks.

Cotter now advances to the 2011 Tim Hortons Brier in London, Ont. March 5-13th.

Final Round-Robin Standings:

Cotter (Kelowna) 9-0
Dangerfield (Victoria) 7-2
Richard (Kelowna) 7-2
Yamada (Kamloops) 4-5
Herrick (Vernon) 4-5
Heath (Vernon) 4-5
Geall (Royal City) 3-6
Pierce (Royal City) 3-6
Buchy (Kimberley) 3-6
Clarke (Victoria) 1-8

Full event results can be found on www.playdowns.com.

Hosting BC was an official funding partner of this event.

About Curl BC

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