

Scott tops Battleford Ladies' with easy win

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Curlers don't always save their best games until a bonspiel final. In the Battleford Ladies Bonspiel, where five of the six event finals wrapped up Monday night, that seemed to be the case in all but two, and was most noticeable in the main one, the Reeves Grand Challenge event.

Mary Sharpe has certainly had better games. She came into the final with a win over Lillian Reid, but seven ends

later had counted just one stone. Marion Scott, backed by Ann Waldbillig, Bonnie Tait and Gail Goertz took a rather easy win, by an 11-1 score, counting one in the first, then stealing three in the second. They blanked the third and fifth ends, with Shapre, aided by Eunice Watts, Janice Sharp and Marlene Telford, grabbing her point in the fourth. Scott snared four in the sixth, three more in the seventh, and then they shook hands.

The Lewchuk Insurance event, on the other hand,

provided most of the interest, as the youthful Battleford foursome of Janet Gabruch, Karen Mitchell, Sherri Rae and Sharon South challenged Prince Albert veteran Audrey Sandbeck and team of Ann Krakowitz, Annette Danczak and Jean Saborin.

Gabruch got off to a tremendous 6-1 lead after only three ends, but saw it wither away in the sixth, when Sandbeck scored five to trail 7-6. Gabruch added another in the seventh, but in

the eighth, wrecked with her last stone on one of her own rocks, and with two opposition counters in the house. Sandbeck drew for a third to finally take the lead. She stole another in the ninth when Gabruch barely missed the takeout.

The front ends of both rinks were consistently heavy with their draw weight in the tenth end, but Sandbeck drew into the house with her first shot. Gabruch executed perfectly the hit-and-stick, but Sandbeck chipped it out to preserve the win.

Marj Cousins, with Mildred Knight, Maxine Stephen and Agnes Peppinck, won another after eight ends in the Ev's Beauty Salon event. Cousins led Joy Opheim, supported by Naomi Kozlowski, Shirley Redding and Linda Piper 9-5 after seven.

The battle for the Battleford Drug Mart event ended after six, with Rose Lamson and her crew of Vi Burke, Edna Stocks and June Florence conceding to Jean Guest, backed by Linda

Killoran, Lee Odishaw and Laurel Wandler. Lamson opened the game with a point, but gave up singles on the third, fourth and fifth ends, then let Guest steal three more on the sixth.

It was Rose's third game of the day, she explained as she left the ice, and she had pretty well had it. Her energy audibly revived not long after.

The other close encounter came in the Revelstoke event, as the Beverly Blixrud foursome, skipped by Jean McNabb, downed Phyllis Gordey 9-6. The score was tied at five after six ends and the Gordey rink, headed by Rita Peterson, took another in the seventh. But Blixrud scored three points, all she needed, in the eighth, then stole another in the ninth before Gordey ran out of rocks in the tenth.

Also with Blixrud were Bev. King and Michelle Allan, while Bernice Roach and Shirley Corman formed Gordey's front end.

Third place in the Reeves

Grand Challenge event was taken by Peggy Heatherington, while Lillian Reid was fourth.

Taking third in the Lewchuk Insurance event was Carol Christopher, while fourth went to Phyllis MacLeod who was overheard commenting that the Gabruch foursome had played a stronger game against her than Sandbeck.

Dorothy Cubbon placed third in the Ev's Beauty Salon event, while fourth was taken by Marilyn Schmunk of Saskatoon.

Third place in the Battleford Drug Mart event went to Lynn Remeshylo, while Carol Dyck won fourth.

Elaine Krupp took third in the Revelstoke event with fourth going to Lois Cammidge of Neilburg.

The Sherwood Grocery event final began at 11 Tuesday morning, pitting Lois Golding against Brand of Raddison. Golding downed Beryl Cheyne, while Brand defeated Mary Mallas of Biggar.