



The 1015th Challenge Summary
St. Lambert at North Hatley
Dec. 18, 2022



For the first time ever the Challenge Cup was to be played at the North Hatley Curling Club on Sunday, Dec. 18 at Noon.

Members from the St. Lambert Curling Club made their way down and were greeted by North Hatley Members.



The 16 players competing in Challenge 1015 at the North Hatley Curling Club

Sunday is a junior day at North Hatley and to celebrate the occasion the juniors got the day started by having an early practice then had their photo taken with the cup before coming into a Christmas party and opportunity to watch one of the great traditions of our sport.



North Hatley juniors with the Challenge Cup

The rules were explained, the traditional leads shots were taken with a Coureur des Bois Maple Whiskey and it was game one.

For North Hatley, they fielded the same 8 players that won the cup three weeks earlier in Bedford. On ice 1 it was Matt McCrea, Josh Bronson, Dan Camber and John McCrea while on sheet 2 Marty Rourke, Steve McPherson, Joe Cox and Marc Cote represented the club.

The St. Lambert Curling Club was represented by Kevin Rioux, François Lord, Matthew Mitchell and Dominic Messervies (skip) on sheet 1 and Celia Roussel, Stuart Bennett, Rob Devine and Luc Guerin on sheet 2.



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The hospitality was great behind the glass but on the ice, North Hatley jumped out to big leads. On ice 1 team McCrea was up 7-0 before St. Lambert got a deuce in 5 to head in to the break down 7-2. While on ice 2 a few big shots from the visiting skip Luc Guerin kept the game at 6-3 heading into the break.

As the teams stacked brooms North Hatley led 13-5. A round of drinks and a snack later the teams returned to the ice.

North Hatley cracked a 4 on sheet 2 in the sixth, stole another in the seventh while St. Lambert got two in 8. On ice 1 North Hatley took a single in 6, gave up 2 in seven then all but secured the game with a deuce in 8. The teams shook hands after 8 with North Hatley winning 21-9.

Several former and current members of all ages dropped by NHCC to cheer on their squads. The club was buzzing all day.

After the game the tradition of filling the club with a rusty nail was adhered to although a question of the exact quantities and ratios may be left up for debate. Steve McPherson of North Hatley won the pot for a second consecutive challenge.

A wonderful Taco Salad Bar was served for the players to enjoy before calling it a night on what was truly an extraordinary day at the North Hatley Curling Club.