



Mercure City of Perth Masters



4-7 January 2018

*Featuring 7 of the 10 teams going to the
2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea!*



Dewars Centre, Perth, Scotland

Chairman's Welcome

I am pleased to welcome you all, on behalf of the organising committee, to the Mercure City of Perth Masters 2018, a World Curling Tour Event. A massive thank you to our title sponsor, Mercure Perth Hotel, our presenting sponsor Perth Honda and to Perth & Kinross Council for their continued excellent support of this event. We continue to attract the very best teams from across the globe to Dewars Centre and this year seven teams will use The Masters as a preparation event for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in February. You can see from the 32 team draw we have elite curlers from many countries all ready to battle on what top class curling ice. Enjoy Perth and Perthshire for what it has to offer and I look forward to many exciting games of curling and the usual sociable curling fellowship off the ice!

Pete Loudon

Chairman, Mercure City of Perth Masters

Perth & Kinross Council Provost's Welcome



It is with the greatest of pleasure that I welcome all the competitors, officials, families and supporters to the Fair City of Perth for this year's Mercure City of Perth Masters.

It is exciting to have 7 of the 10 teams which are going to the Winter Olympics, including our own local Team GB boys who won Silver at the recent European Curling Championships and Team Sweden who won Gold, competing. This year the countries represented are Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland and of course our own teams from bonnie Scotland. I would like to give a special welcome to you all.

The Mercure City of Perth Masters is usually the first sporting event of the year, and with the extremely large delegation of overseas competitors and supporters travelling here to Perth, gives this year's event a truly international flavour.

Curling has always been a traditional Scottish winter sport and continues to be popular all over the world, but the one thing that I have always admired about curlers is their ethic of sportsmanship and the friendships that are made by curlers from all over the world, friendships that last a lifetime.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend here in Perth and continue to make new friends and catch up with your old ones and have a "Guid Blether".

My best wishes to you all.

Dennis Melloy

Provost of Perth and Kinross



Friday 5 January @ 7.45 pm

Masters Dinner

Part of the tradition of our event is the Masters Dinner at which competitors and supporters meet in a friendly and convivial atmosphere.

This is an occasion when we can acknowledge the generosity of all our sponsors

All teams are requested to attend the Masters Dinner in the Mercure Perth Hotel.

Welcome From Our Title Sponsor - Mercure Perth Hotel



A warm welcome to the teams and spectators at the 2018 Mercure City of Perth Masters! It gives me great pleasure to once again renew our sponsorship with the competition and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the teams from various countries around the world to Perth and to Scotland.

The Mercure Perth Hotel management team, the organising committee under the leadership of Bill Duncan and Peter Loudon, the many volunteers and lovers of the sport have been working closely together on ensuring that the Mercure City of Perth Masters is another successful event. I wanted to acknowledge everyone's hard work and commitment and pass on my appreciation and thanks. Indeed the last

few years' finals have given us breathtaking closing moments which kept both the teams and spectators interest to the last stone.

I am sure the game will once again be played in the right spirit, excellent sportsmanship and outstanding Curling skills. I am very proud and honoured to be associated with the Masters and in being the main sponsor of this prestige event. I am looking forward to experiencing the match and presenting the trophy to the winning team.

Once again a very warm welcome to Perth and to Scotland.

Gabriella Maltesics
General Manager, Mercure Perth Hotel

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How The Draw Works

The Mercure City of Perth Masters is a triple knockout tournament. No team can be eliminated from the tournament until they have lost three games - this means that all teams are guaranteed at least three games.

All teams start in the A Road. Teams who keep winning remain in the A Road and progress directly to the Quarter Finals where there are two places for qualifiers from the A Road. A Road games are coded **green** in the draw.

Teams who lose a game in the A Road are relegated to the B Road. If they win all of their subsequent games they progress to the Quarter Finals where there are two places for qualifiers from the B Road. B Road games are coded **blue** in the draw.

Teams who lose a second game (ie a defeat in the A Road followed by another defeat in the B Road) are relegated to the C Road where the life and death of the tournament takes place. The teams who win progress to the Quarter Finals whereas the teams who lose exit the tournament at that point. There are four places in the Quarter Finals for qualifiers from the C Road. C Road games are coded **red** in the draw.

From the Quarter Finals onwards the tournament is a straight knockout. Knockout games are also coded **gold** in the draw.

The first four teams knocked out on Friday night will play in the Lucky Losers Semi Finals at 2.45 pm on Saturday with the winners playing each other in the Final at 8.30 pm on Saturday - the victorious team will receive £250.

Umpires

Alan Stanfield, David Imlay and Colin Melrose.

Rules

WCF rules will be used throughout the tournament subject to the following modifications:

- 1 *All games will be 8 ends throughout the competition.*
- 2 *During the triple knockout stages the winner of the coin toss has the choice between stone colour and 1st practice/ LSD **or** choice of side of sheet for draw to the button and 2nd practice/LSD.*
- 3 *Throughout the knockout stages of play A Road qualifiers will have the advantage of last stone at the first end when playing B or C Road qualifiers. B Road qualifiers will have similar advantage when playing C Road qualifiers.*
- 4 *In the event of a drawn game, one extra end will be played. If the teams remain level after the extra end, one draw to the button by a nominated member of each team will determine a winner.*

The current "WCF Policies and Rules for Brush Heads and Brushing" will apply at the 2018 Perth Masters.

Prizes

The Prize Pot of £20,950 this year means that The Masters remains in the top rank of tournaments in the world. The winners will receive the City of Perth Mercure Masters trophy and £7,200.

Place	Cash
Winner	£7,200
Runner-Up	£4,500
Semi (x 2)	£1,800
5th (x 4)	£850
9th (x 4)	£500
Lucky Loser	£250

Mercure City of Perth Masters wishes our teams a Good New Year and Good Curling in 2018

Canada

Team Simmons

Pat Simmons
Colton Lott
Kyle Dearing
Robbie Gordon

Czech Republic

Team Kubeska

Karel Kubeska
Jakub Splanec
Martin Jurik
David Jirounek

Czech Republic

Team Snitil

Jiri Snitil
Lukas Klima
Martin Snitil
Jindrich Kitzberger
Samuel Mokris

Denmark

Team Stjerne

Rasmus Stjerne
Johnny Frederiksen
Mikkel Poulsen
Oliver Dupont
Morten Berg Thomsen

Germany

Team Baumann

Alexander Baumann
Manuel Walter
Ryan Sherrard
Sebastian Schweiser

Italy

Team Retornaz

Joel Retornaz
Amos Mosaner
Simone Gonin
Daniele Ferrazza
Andrea Pilzer

Japan

Team Morozumi

Yusuke Morozumi
Tetsuro Shimizu
Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi
Kosuke Morozumi

Netherlands

Team van Dorp

Jaap van Dorp
Wouter Gogens
Laurens Hoekman
Carlo Glasbergen

Norway

Team Mellemseter

Steffen Mellemseter
Wilhelm Naess
Martin Sesaker
Harald Skarsheim Rian

Norway

Team Ramsfjell

Magnus Ramsfjell
Kristian Foss
Michael Mellemseter
Andreas Haarstad
Jorgen Myran

Norway

Team Ulsrud

Thomas Ulsrud
Torger Nergård
Christoffer Svae
Håvard Vad Petersson

Norway

Team Walstad

Steffen Walstad
Markus Hoiberg
Magnus Nedregotten
Alexander Lindstroem

Russia

Team Russia

Alexey Timofeev
Artem Shmakov
Artur Razhabov
Evgeny Klimov
Sergey Glukhov

Scotland

Team Brewster

Tom Brewster
Duncan Menzies
Scott Andrews
Alasdair Schreiber

Scotland

Team Bryce

Cameron Bryce
Ross Whyte
Robin Brydone
Angus Dowell

Scotland

Team Craik

James Craik
Angus Bryce
Mark Watt
Niall Ryder

Scotland

Team Drummond

Greg Drummond
Ross Paterson
Gregor Cannon
Michael Goodfellow

Scotland

Team Hare

Frazer Hare
Jay McWilliam
Craig Waddell
Scott Hamilton

Scotland

Team MacDonald

Ewan MacDonald
David Edwards
Duncan Fernie
Euan Byers

Scotland

Team McNay

Cameron McNay
David Baird
Robin McCall
Gavin Barr

Scotland

Team Mouat

Bruce Mouat
Grant Hardie
Bobby Lammie
Hammy MacMillan

Scotland

Team Smith

Kyle Smith
Thomas Muirhead
Kyle Waddell
Cameron Smith
Glen Muirhead

Scotland

Team Taylor

Stuart Taylor
TBC
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Sweden

Team Edin

Niklas Edin
Oskar Eriksson
Rasmus Wrånå
Christoffer Sundgren
Henrik Leek

Sweden

Team Mabergs

Patric Mabergs
Fredrik Nyman
Vincent Stenberg
Johannes Patz

Sweden

Team Wrånå

Mats Wrånå
Mikael Hasselborg
Anders Eriksson
Gerry Wåhlin

Switzerland

Team Attinger

Felix Attinger
Daniel Schifferli
Bastian Brun
Urs Kuhn

Switzerland

Team de Cruz

Peter de Cruz
Claudio Paetz
Benoit Schwarz
Valentin Tanner

Switzerland

Team J Hess

Jan Hess
Simon Gloor
Simon Hoehn
Reto Schoenenberger

Switzerland

Team Y Hess

Yves Hess
Rainer Kobler
Michael Müller
Fabian Schmid
Kevin Wunderlin

Switzerland

Team Pfister

Marc Pfister
Enrico Pfister
Raphael Märki
Simon Gempeler

Switzerland

Team Schwaller

Yannick Schwaller
Romano Meier
Michael Brunner
Marcel Käufeler
Bernhard Werthemann

Masters Calcutta

Thursday 4 January @ 7.00 pm in the Gannochy Suite

Everyone is welcome to come along and bid for their favourite team - or any other team they think will make them some money!

10% of the pot is retained by the organisers. The remainder will be paid out at the completion of the competition as follows:

- 40% - purchaser of 1st place team
- 10% - purchaser of 3rd-4th place teams
- 20% - purchaser of 2nd place team
- 5% - purchaser of 5th-8th place teams

Teams	Sale Price	Purchaser/Syndicate Name	Running Total
J Hess & N Edin			
Y Morozumi & T Brewster			
M Pfister & M Wranå			
C McNay & J Snitil			
T Ulsrud & Y Hess			
E MacDonald & J van Dorp			
F Attinger & J Craik			
B Mouat & M Ramsfjell			
S Mellemseter & K Smith			
C Bryce & R Stjerne			
G Drummond & A Timofeev			
K Kubeska & P de Cruz			
S Walstad & F Hare			
P Mabergs & Y Schwaller			
J Retornaz & A Baumann			
P Simmons & S Taylor			

B Road

31 Fri 8.00 am F

1		
2		

L: 59

39 Fri 2.00 pm A

47 Sat 8.30 am H

32 Fri 8.00 am G

3		
4		

L: 59

L: 61

27		
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L: 70

53 Sat 2.45 pm C

L: 74

33 Fri 8.00 am D

5		
6		

L: 60

40 Fri 2.00 pm H

48 Sat 8.30 am A

34 Fri 8.00 am C

7		
8		

L: 60

L: 61

28		
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L: 70

57 Sat 5.30 pm B

W: 84
L: 79

41 Fri 2.00 pm B

21		
22		

L: 65

49 Sat 8.30 am E

54 Sat 2.45 pm A

L: 76

42 Fri 2.00 pm C

23		
24		

L: 66

L: 68

30

43 Fri 2.00 pm E

17		
18		

L: 71

50 Sat 8.30 am B

55 Sat 2.45 pm E

L: 75

44 Fri 2.00 pm F

19		
20		

L: 72

L: 69

29

58 Sat 5.30 pm D

W: 85
L: 82

35 Fri 8.00 am A

9		
10		

L: 63

45 Fri 2.00 pm G

51 Sat 8.30 am C

36 Fri 8.00 am B

11		
12		

L: 63

L: 62

25

L: 67

56 Sat 2.45 pm B

L: 77

37 Fri 8.00 am E

13		
14		

L: 64

46 Fri 2.00 pm D

52 Sat 8.30 am G

38 Fri 8.00 am H

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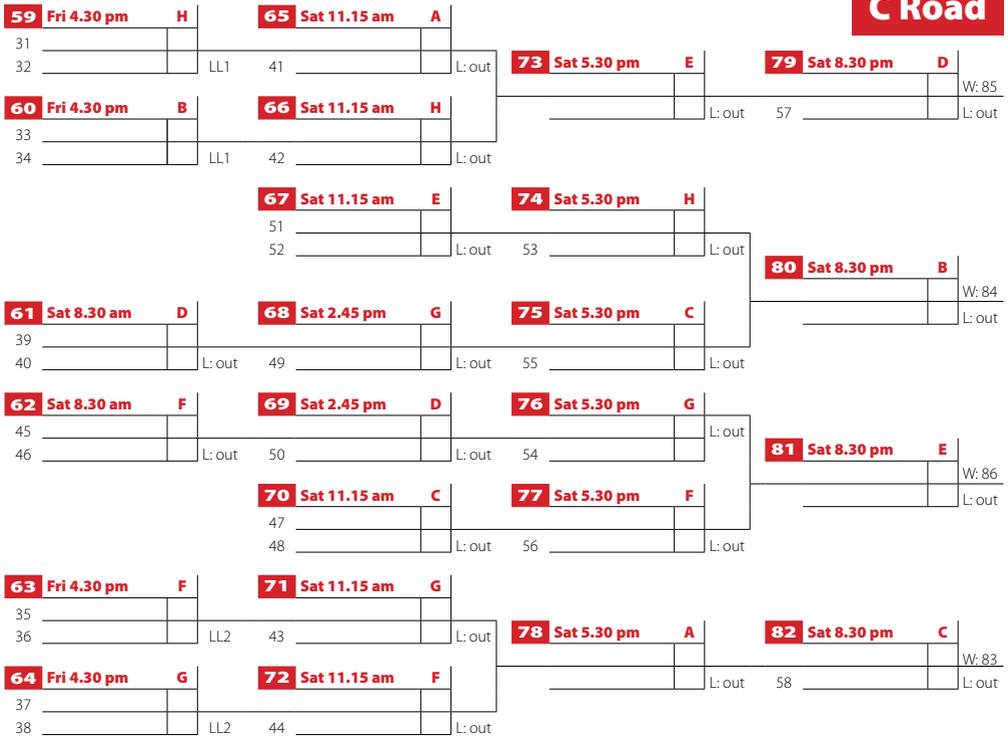
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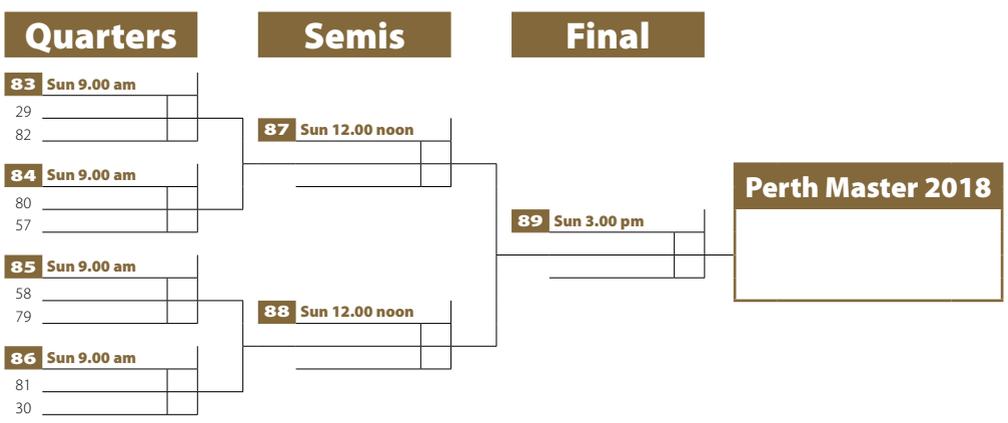
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C Road



Lucky Losers - see page 10



LL1	Sat 2.45 pm	F
59		
60		

LL2	Sat 2.45 pm	H
63		
64		

LL	Sat 8.30 pm	A

Lucky Loser 2018

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Webcast

Thanks to the World Curling Federation, we will be webcasting a game at the following times:

- Thursday 4 January 4.15 pm and 8.30 pm
- Friday 5 January 10.45 am, 2.00 pm and 4.30 pm
- Saturday 6 January 11.15 am, 5.30 pm and 8.30 pm
- Sunday 7 January 9.00 am, 12.00 noon and 3.00 pm



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