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JAMAICAN CURLING TEAMS TO PLAY KAZAKHSTAN IN SEMI-FINALS OF THE PAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF CURLING

Toronto, ON, Canada / Kingston, Jamaica – Jamaica’s national curling teams have advanced to the semi-finals after winning their final games of B-Division round robin play at the Pan Continental Championship in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada.

Both the men’s team and women’s team will play their respective semi-final games today against Kazakhstan, an established program that finished with a 6 win, 2 loss record at the World Mixed Championships in Scotland two weeks ago.

The semi-final winners advance to tomorrow’s championship final, where the eventual winner of the B-Division will gain promotion to the A-Division at next year’s championship.

Women’s News and Results

Jamaica 18 Kenya 1 – The Jamaican women’s team of Madeleine Spurgeon, Stephanie Chen, Margot Shepherd-Spurgeon and Alexandra Marriott completed the round robin yesterday with a victory over Kenya in six ends.

Jamaica scored 6 points in the 3rd end to take a 9-0 lead, and followed that up with 3 points in the 4th end and another 5 points in the 5th end. Kenya scored their lone point in the 6th and final end before conceding the game. Kenya played the entire game with only 3 players.

As a result, Jamaica completes the round robin in third place with a record of 5 wins, 2 losses. They finished with the same record as the Philippines, but own the tiebreaker as they had defeated the Philippines in round robin play.

The Jamaican women will play against Kazakhstan in the semi-final today at 3:00pm (Jamaican time). Kazakhstan won the round robin meeting between the two teams earlier this week by a score of 7-4.

The other women’s semi-final will be contested between Australia and the Philippines.

Men’s News and Results

Jamaica Wins by Forfeit vs. Nigeria – The Jamaican men’s curling team, comprised of Ian Robertson, Andrew Walker, Don Johnston and Luke Samuels finished the round robin with a victory over Nigeria.

The Nigerian team was only able to field 3 players for the game, and one of their players suffered an apparent injury in the 5th end and was not able to continue playing. World Curling rules state that a team must have a minimum of three players on the ice at any time, so Nigeria forfeited the game.

Jamaica and Kazakhstan finish the round robin with identical 8-2 records, but Jamaica owns the tie breaker from their 9-8 victory against Kazakhstan in the round robin and finishes in 2nd place. The two teams will meet each other in today’s semi-final at 8:00pm (Jamaican time).

Hong Kong will play against the Philippines in the other men’s semi-final game.

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Final Standings of Pan Continental Championship Round Robin:

B-Division – Men’s Standings (W-L)		B-Division – Women’s Standings (W-L)	
Philippines - x	10-0	Australia - x	6-1
Jamaica - x	8-2	Kazakhstan - x	6-1
Kazakhstan - x	8-2	Jamaica - x	5-2
Hong Kong - x	7-3	Philippines - x	5-2
India	7-3	Brazil	3-4
Brazil	4-6	Hong Kong	2-5
Puerto Rico	3-7	Nigeria	1-6
Qatar	3-7	Kenya	0-7
Saudi Arabia	3-7		
Nigeria	2-8		
Kenya	0-10		
		<i>x = clinched playoff spot</i>	

Schedule and scores can be found at: <https://www.curlingjamaica.com/schedule>

About Curling Jamaica: Curling Jamaica is the sole governing body of the winter sport of Curling in Jamaica, and currently operates in Ontario, Canada, with corporate registered head offices in Toronto, Ontario and Kingston, Jamaica. For more information, visit www.curlingjamaica.com

About The Pan Continental Championship: this tournament is organized by World Curling (formerly the World Curling Federation) and serves as a regional qualifier for the 2025 World Curling Championships. Both the Jamaican men’s and women’s teams begin play in the B-Division. The top four teams in after the round robin will enter a playoff round, with the winner gaining promotion to the A-Division. For more information about the Pan Continental Championship, visit the World Curling website at <https://livescores.worldcurling.org/pccc>

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