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JAMAICAN CURLING TEAMS IN PLAYOFF CONTENTION, FACE UNDEFEATED OPPONENTS AT PAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Toronto, ON, Canada / Kingston, Jamaica – The Jamaican men’s curling team, comprised of Ian Robertson, Andrew Walker, Don Johnston and Luke Samuels, has improved to a record of 6 wins and 1 loss in round robin play at World Curling’s Pan Continental Championship in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada.

Their next game might be their toughest challenge so far, as they will oppose an undefeated Philippines men’s team at 10:00am (Jamaica time) this morning (Wednesday, October 30, 2024). The Philippines, which features former Swiss national team skip Marc Pfister, have outscored their opponents 74-8 and sit atop the standings with a 6-0 record. The Jamaican men will then face Qatar at 8:00pm (Jamaica time) in the evening.

With only one game left in the round robin for the Jamaican men after tomorrow (an 8:00pm game vs. Nigeria on Thursday, October 31st), victories will be crucial to secure a berth in the playoff round. Only the top four teams from the round robin will advance to the playoff round.

Men’s Results

Monday, Oct. 28, 2024:

India 11 Jamaica 5 – Jamaica was leading 5-3 after 6 ends before India scored 2 points in the 7th end to tie the game. India then added 6 points in the 8th end and the game was conceded, sending the Jamaican men to their first loss of the tournament.

Jamaica 11 Saudia Arabia 3 – after falling behind 3-0 early, Jamaica scored 11 unanswered points – including a steal of 4 points in the 8th and final end – before Saudi Arabia conceded the game.

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024:

Jamaica 7 Puerto Rico 4 – This game was the first time that two Caribbean nations played against each other in an official World Curling competition. Puerto Rico, who made their international debut at the World Mixed Curling Championship in Scotland earlier this month, kept this game close after 5 ends and trailed 4-3. However, Jamaica stole a point in each of the 7th and 8th ends to put the game out of reach.

Women’s News and Results

The Jamaican women’s team of Madeleine Spurgeon, Stephanie Chen, Margot Shepherd-Spurgeon and Alexandra Marriott have a record of 3 wins and 2 losses. They are currently fourth in the standings with two games remaining.

In today’s game, the Jamaican women will also face an undefeated, first place Philippines team at 3:00pm (Jamaica time). Jamaica then wraps up the round robin against Kenya on Thursday, and must finish in fourth place or higher to qualify for the playoff round.

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Monday, Oct. 28, 2024:

Australia 5 Jamaica 4 – The Australians were demoted from the A-Division last year and proved to be a tough test for the Jamaican women. Jamaica gradually erased an early 3-0 deficit and took a 4-3 lead after 9 ends. Australia then scored 2 points in the 10th end to win the game.

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024:

Kazakhstan 7 Jamaica 4 – Jamaica took a 3-2 lead by scoring 2 points in the 4th end, but were held to just one point for the rest of the game. Kazakhstan needed the full 10 ends to secure the victory.

Jamaica 15 Nigeria 4 – Nigeria played the game with only 3 players. Nigeria took an early 1-0 lead before Jamaica stormed back to score 12 unanswered points and secure the win after 7 ends. Jamaica’s “fifth” alternate player Theresa Chen saw her first action of the tournament, subbing in for Alexandra Marriott at the lead position for the final two ends.

Standings after Day 5 of Pan Continental Championship Round Robin:

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