

# Sibling rivalry at BCC men's spiel

By Keith Solomon

It was a battle of brothers at the Battleford Community Curling Club last weekend, as Brent and Brad Taylor went head to head in the A-final of the men's annual bonspiel. And the older brother showed his younger sibling a thing or two, winning 7-2.

The bonspiel marked the first time in BCC history that siblings had met in a championship event. And believe it or not, it was also the first time that two BCC club members had met in the men's A-event.

Brent, 33, took control of the game from the outset, scoring a single in the first end and then stealing two in both the second and third ends to take a 5-0 lead. The 31-year-old Brad managed to get a single in four, but he missed his last shot which could have given him two.

Brad stole one in the fifth, and he made it tough on his older brother in the sixth end as well, forcing Brent to attempt a freeze to the button (through traffic) with his

last shot. But Brent made it for the single to go up 6-2.

Brad made some noise again in the seventh end with a pair of stones in the house. Brent was able to make the takeout with his

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second stone, and he lay one in the four-foot partly behind cover. Brad tried to nick it out, which would have given him at least two and possibly three if the shooter didn't roll out. But he was wide with his shot and the stone missed altogether, giving Brent a steal of one. The

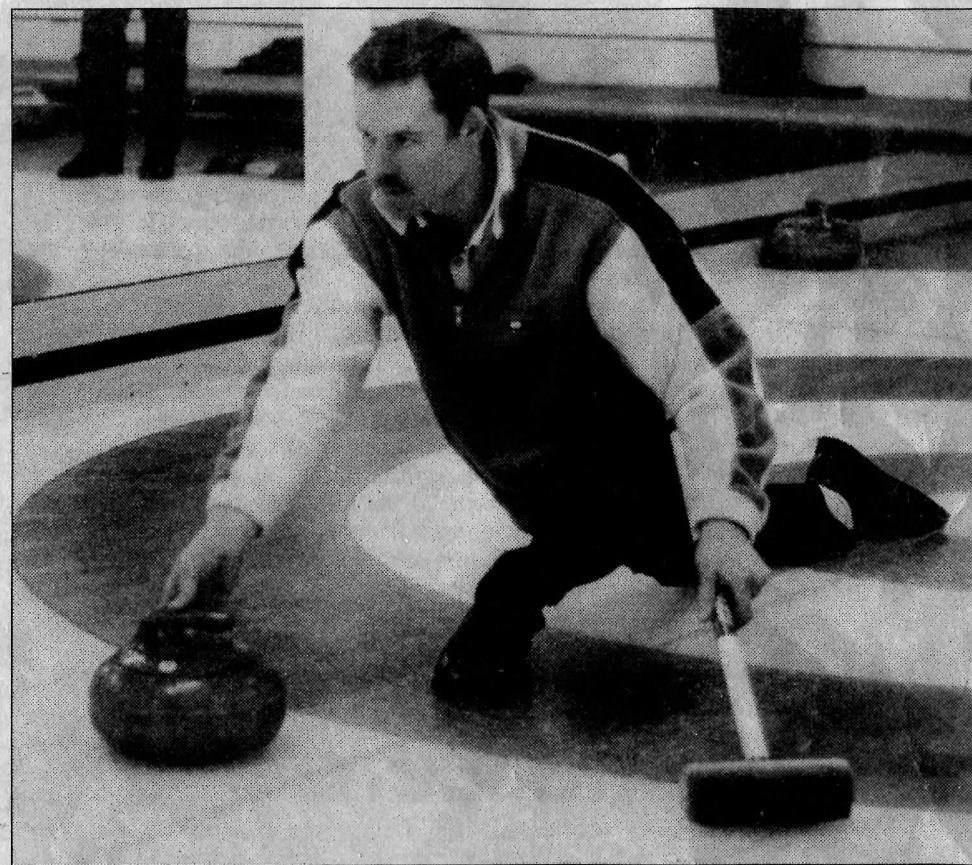
teams called it quits after that.

"We started off really slow," Brad Taylor noted. "Brent is older, and he's got two more years' experience than me. And he had a very good game. The way that he was playing, we would have had to play a heck of a game to beat him."

Brent Taylor advanced to the A-final with a win over Mark Coulter in the A semi-finals. Brad Taylor secured a showdown with his brother thanks to a win over Ray Morrison.

Louis Lessard put on a fine display of curling in the B-final, beating Kevin O'Driscoll 6-0. Lessard singled in the first, stole one in the second and stole again in the third. He added another steal of one in the fifth, then stole a deuce in six to send O'Driscoll packing. Lessard had beaten Bill Rayner in the B semi-finals, and O'Driscoll defeated Kelly Anderson.

Curtis Ferguson's three-some (including Kenneth Smart and Brook Favel) won the C-event, despite being



Brent Taylor held the upper hand in the men's A-final against his younger brother Brad. The game marked the first time two BCC rinks — and two brothers, no less — had met in the championship game. *Photo by Keith Solomon.*

outnumbered. Ferguson had lost two of his first three games to start the bonspiel, but he rallied to beat Allen Taylor to earn a berth in the C-final (Taylor is the father of Brent and Brad).

There the Ferguson rink met Meota's Scott Shepherd, and Fergie was out of the

hack in a hurry with a score of three in the first end and a steal of one in the second. Shepherd had a chance for three of his own in the third, but he came up light on an open draw and had to settle for two. Ferguson singled in the fourth, then ended it with a bang in the fifth with

a steal of four for a 9-2 win.

Larry Zimmer walked away with the D-final trophy, defeating Ray Betemps 7-2 in six ends. Zimmer scored a deuce in the first, then stole one in the second, three in the third and another one in the fourth to make it a rout.