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PIC Finals – by Mike Hanafin

Cloverdale's women, and Chilliwack's men were the winners in the championship finals at the 16th annual Pacific International Cup ("The PIC") at the Richmond Curling Centre. Cloverdale beat Washington 9-5 in the women's final, while Chilliwack beat Illinois 5-4 in extra ends in the men's final.

Cloverdale and Chilliwack will represent British Columbia at this November's Travelers Canadian Curling Club Championship in Ottawa. Cloverdale clinched that berth with an upset win over previously unbeaten Campbell River (Island North) 8-2 in the B.C. Women's final, while Chilliwack beat Vancouver 7-5 in the B.C. Men's final.

Cloverdale Skip Leanne Andrews and Third Jennifer Gay were on the PIC championship team way back in 2004, and now they're heading to Ottawa, along with front end Kim Mclandress and Philipa Johnston. They did it the hard way in the PIC final, giving up an early 5-ender to Washington, then battling back with 2 in the 4th, a steal of 2 in the 5th, and yet another steal of 3 in the 6th. After Andrews made a tricky takeout through a narrow port with their final shot in the 6th, Washington came up light on their final draw, and shook hands.

It was similar story in the women's B.C. pool final, Andrews broke open a tight battle against Campbell River with a deuce in the 5th, then stole 4 in the 7th when Lonnie Schopp's draw came up light. Schopp was trying for her 3rd career PIC title.

In the women's International pool final, Washington had 3-enders in the 2nd and 4th on their way to an 8-3 win over California.

Chilliwack's Kevin Britz was undefeated in the round-robin, and the Fraser Valley team with Ken Britz, James Crawford and Darren Jarvis completed the PIC with 9 straight wins. They got a bit fortunate with hammer in the extra end of the PIC final, when a peel attempt accidentally raised one of their own stones into the rings—behind a guard. And that rock ended up being the counter when Illinois came up one inch light on their last rock freeze attempt.

The B.C. men's pool final against Vancouver was a roller-coaster affair, with Chilliwack taking 3 in the 2nd end and a steal of one in the 4th to grab an early 4-0 lead. But Vancouver veteran skip Brock Tully (with Jeff Guignard throwing 4th stones) fought back with 2 in the 4th, a steal of 2 in the 5th, and another steal of one in the 6th end to take a 5-4 lead. Chilliwack finally bounced back with a three in the 7th, and survived a nervous 8th end to win 7-5.

In the men's International pool final, Illinois scored an early 4-ender, followed by a steal of 1 for 5-0 lead, then cruised to a 6-3 upset win over The Yukon.

In Sunday morning's pool semi-finals, Cloverdale beat Royal City (New Westminster) 7-5 in the women's semi. Vancouver beat Vernon 7-3, and Illinois beat Washington 7-6 in the men's semi-finals. The losers of those games all received bronze medals.

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