

## CURLING NOTES

# Bernard decks world champ

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After a disappointing provincial women's championship for **Cheryl Bernard**, her Calgary foursome got a measure of satisfaction Sunday in Karuizawa, Japan.

Bernard, third **Susan O'Connor**, second **Karen Ruus** and lead **Joanne Sipka** knocked off reigning world champion **Debbie McCormick** of the U.S. 6-4 in the gold-medal game of the prestigious Karuizawa International Bonspiel, played at the site of the 1998 Olympic curling competition.

Earlier in the day, the Bernard foursome — which placed fourth at the provincial Scott Tournament of Hearts earlier this month at the North Hill club — got by Norway's **Linn Githmark** in the semifinal, while the U.S. team beat Japan's **Yukako Tsuchiya** in the other semifinal.