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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

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### MacIntosh, Rafuse unbeaten at seniors

Don MacIntosh and defending champion Brian Rafuse were the last two undefeated squads through afternoon action Thursday at the Nova Scotia senior men's curling championship in Liverpool.

Bridgewater's Rafuse, who won the Tankard men's championship last weekend with rinkmates Curt Palmer, Alan Darragh and Dave Slauenwhite, defeated Mayflower's Milt Larsen 7-4 in the morning draw to improve to 3-0. Larsen's rink dropped to 2-1.

Truro's MacIntosh also moved to 3-0 with a 9-7 victory over Graham Harris of Mayflower (2-1).

Mayflower's Steve Ogden, Haylett Clarke of Bluenose and Mike Currie of Dartmouth were also 2-1 through afternoon action.

Preliminary action continues today, with Page playoffs beginning Saturday and the final on Sunday. The Nova Scotia winner advances to the Canadian senior championships March 22-30 in Prince Albert, Sask.

### U-18 curling provincials begin Saturday

Some of Nova Scotia's best young curlers begin play Saturday in Sydney in the provincial under-18 tournament.

Thirteen teams are competing on the boys' side and 11 are entered in the women's draw.

The boys' teams are Matt Borden (Dartmouth), Jared Brown (Wolfville), Lee Buott (CFB Halifax), Travis Colter (Dartmouth), Ben Crouse (Glooscap), Wade Davison (Liverpool), Aly Gillis (Highlander), Marc Gordon (Mayflower), Ben Hartley (Bluenose), Ben Parker (Chester), Colten Steele (Dartmouth), Travis Stone (Sydney) and Kendal Thompson (Lakeshore).

Girls' teams are Jen Archibald (Truro), Laura Cleveland (Dartmouth), Mary Day (Dartmouth), Lindsay Doucet (Chester), Heather Dyke (Glooscap), Alix George (Highlander), Allison Hudson (Dartmouth), Tara LeGay (Bridgewater), Laura Lowe (Truro), Erin Porter (Truro) and Amanda Veinotte (Bridgewater).

Both finals are Tuesday.

### AMP to host Superbike event in August

The Atlantic Motorsport Park in Shubenacadie will once again be among the stops for the Parts Canada Superbike Championship.

AMP will host Round 5, Aug. 7-9. It's a critical late season doubleheader. The races at the 2.56km (1.6-mile), 11-turn track will be organized by the newly formed Atlantic Roadracing League.

The seven-round championship kicks off in May at Calabogie Motorsport Park, about 100 kilometres west of Ottawa, and ends in late August at the storied Shannonville Motorsport Park, near Belleville, Ont.

### Rangers' Lundqvist gets rich extension

NEW YORK — Henrik Lundqvist and the New York Rangers agreed Thursday on a US\$41.25-million, six-year contract extension that will keep the two-time Vezina Trophy finalist in the fold through the 2013-14 season.

Lundqvist, playing on a one-year deal worth \$4.25 million, has struggled lately after a strong start to his third NHL season. The terms were hammered out this week as the Rangers enjoyed a rare five-day break between games.

The 25-year-old Swede is 24-21-5 this season with a 2.37 goals-against average in 50 games. He backstopped his country's Olympic gold medal run during the 2006 Turin Games.

"It feels good," New York's franchise goalie said Thursday after practice.

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