

Team Schroeder places 6th at 2017 USA Curling Mixed National Championships

Six years ago Sidney Schroeder and her teammates carried the flags during opening ceremonies of the 2011 United States Curling Association Mixed National Championship hosted at the Midland Curling Center. This time on March 15-25 in Williston, North Dakota it will be junior curlers from the Williston Basin Curling Club carrying the flags. Team Schroeder of the Copper Country Curling Club (Calumet, MI) followed the Michigan flag onto the ice as GLCA Champions. Headlining this year's Mixed Nationals, the Washington State team skipped by Fred Maxie are defending Champions. Maxie and two other veteran skips, Darrick Kizlyk from Denver and Greg Persinger from Alaska, competed in Midland six years ago when Sidney and her teammates were flag bearers.

Ten teams advanced through regional curling championships to compete for the National Mixed Championship. Team Schroeder qualified at the end of February by winning the 5-state Great Lakes Curling Association Championship in Detroit. Sidney Schroeder is the skip; Aaron Carlson plays vice-skip; Alexis Schroeder plays second; and B.J. Kent is lead. Sidney, her sister Alexis, and B.J. all attend Michigan Technological University. Aaron is a student at Michigan State. All team members have competed previously in USCA Junior National Championships. This was their first season competing in Mixed Curling and their first trip to an adult National Championship.

After defeating the defending champions in their very first game of the round robin, the Schroeder Rink finished the week with a 4-5 round robin record, tying them for the 6th place national seed. Sidney was the only female skip in the field on 10.

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