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USA CURLING CLUB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3 women's teams tie for first

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There's a logjam at the top of the women's standings of the USA Curling Club National Championships after three days of matches at the Fairbanks Curling Club.

Team Lacy Simko, of Fairbanks, shares

first place and holds an identical 5-1 mark with Team Yelizaveta Furman, of Ardsley, New York, and Team Ann Podoll, of Fargo, North Dakota.

Team Simko sustained its first loss of the round-robin play with a 8-7 defeat in 10 ends against Team Furman in a match Tuesday morning. Team Simko

recovered in the evening matches with a 9-2 win over Team Mary Deuhs, which is from St. Paul, Minnesota, and sits in fourth place in the standings at 4-2.

Team Simko plays at noon today against Team Jill Garrity, of Detroit, and at 8 p.m., against Team Jamie Kraus, of Duluth, Minnesota.

Team Simko comprises skip Lacy Simko, vice Kaye Huffman, second Adie Callahan, lead Catharine Persinger and alternate Tara Bowen.

In other women's matches Tuesday morning, Team Garrity won 8-3 against Team Carol Ann Naso, of Tempe, Arizona; Team Sarah Walsh, of San Francis-

co, defeated Team Kendal Andrews, of Denver, 11-1; Team Podoll topped Team Kraus 9-2 and Team Deuhs won 9-3 over Team Krista Longnecker, of Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

In other women's round-robin action Tuesday evening, Team Longnecker edge Team

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Walsh 5-3; Team Kraus downed Team Andrews 10-7; Team Podoll won 9-7 against Team Naso and Team Furman defeated Team Garrity 11-4.

Ten men's and women's teams each are involved in the tour-

namment that runs through Saturday. The top four teams each in round-robin matches meet in the playoffs, which begin Friday.

The men's and women's championship matches are set for noon Saturday.

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