Button, Babcock curl Caledonian 8-ender

An 8-ender, tantamount to pitching a perfect game in baseball was registered a rink of New York Caledonian curlers Sunday at St.Andrew's Golf Club on Mount Hope.

"This is like becoming the father of quintuplets, or making five holes in one in one season." exclaimed Ken Cooper of Chappaqua, who skipped the Caledonian rink.

It was the first 8-ender in 14 seasons on the indoor ice at St. Andrew's. The Montreal Thistles, during a Douglas Medal bonspiel, last accomplished the feat in January, 1961

For an 8-ender, one rink (or team of four, each member delivering two 40-pound stones) places all eight of its stones closer to the bullseye than any of the rival rink's eight stones.

Teaming with Cooper, an IBM World Trade executive who also is president of the Caledonians, were Warren Glaser of Hartsdale at lead, Denny Babcock of Bronxville. No. 2. and Bland Button of Bronxville. Vice skip.

The feat came in the very first end of the scheduled 10-ender during a weekly "wild competition" match against a St. Andrew's rink. Rinks from two clubs, along with the Mahopac and Ardsley clubs, hold weekly" matches among themselves. Cooper went on to defeat Don McKay of New York formerly of Pleasantville, and his St. Andrew's cohorts 17-5 needing only nine ends.