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CURLING

Swept up in the moment

Oh, those crafty Scots. As if it weren't enough that they gave the world golf but, not finished there, they also invented curling — another sport demanding physical skill, a knack for precision and mental toughness. Thanks in no small measure to the success of both the men's and women's U.S. curling teams and their strong ties to the state, a lot of Minnesotans have more than a passing knowledge of such things as the house, out-turns and raises. And even for those who don't, the intriguing complexity and gripping intensity of a curling match is irresistible, even if only revisited during the Olympics.