

Team Gill/Hewitt Finish Second at Stirling Invitational

Released 28 August 2025 – Tahli Gill and Dean Hewitt have opened their 2025–2026 Curling season by reaching the final of the Stirling Mixed Doubles Invitational in Scotland, where they finished second against some of the world’s top-ranked teams.

The 10-team event featured the top three Mixed Doubles teams in the world—Estonia’s Marie Kaldvee and Harri Lill (#1), Australia’s Gill/Hewitt (#2), and Scotland’s Jennifer Dodds and Bruce Mouat (#3)—alongside the USA’s Cory Thiesse and Korey Dropkin (#10).

Gill and Hewitt finished second in Pool A after four matches. They fell 9-7 in their opener to Dodds/Mouat before bouncing back with a 10-3 win over Sophie Jackson and Craig Waddell (Stirling, Scotland). They then edged Switzerland’s Briar Schwaller-Hürlimann and Yannick Schwaller 8-7 and secured a 7-2 victory against Laura Watt and Kyle Waddell (Stirling, Scotland).

In the semi-final, Team Gill/Hewitt defeated Thiesse/Dropkin 6-4 to set up a rematch with Dodds/Mouat in the final, where they lost 10-4 to finish the event in second place.

The team began their season preparations with training in Tallinn, Estonia, under the guidance of National Head Coach Perry Marshall.

“We’ve put a strong emphasis on getting the season underway with the right balance of preparation and competition,” said Marshall. “The first half of the season will be about sharpening execution, building consistency, and managing the demands of the schedule as we build towards the Olympic Qualification Event in Kelowna in December.”

Curling Australia congratulates Tahli and Dean on their strong start to the season and looks forward to supporting them throughout the year ahead.



Photo L–R: Bruce Mouat, Jennifer Dodds, Tahli Gill, Dean Hewitt

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