

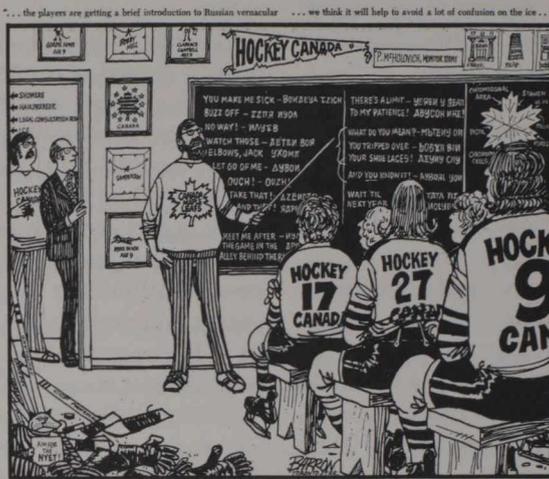
September Fever

This summer the fevered thoughts of Canadians were on Moscow in the fall.

The first Canadian-Russian hockey games began in September. At the end of the first four — in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver — the score was Russia, 2, Canada, 1, and one tied.

For a fortunate 2,700 the best or, at any rate, the most exciting was yet to come. They had signed up for a \$649 ten-day package which would take them to Moscow for the last four on Air Canada and Ilyushin jets.

Some 1,700 more had deposited certified checks with travel agencies on the slim hope that more room will turn up. The space shortage was not in the planes but in Moscow hotels and, more particularly, in the 14,000-capacity Moscow stadium. Five flights left from Toronto, four from Montreal



and one from Edmonton. Hockey, which was once as peculiarly Canadian as Hudson Bay, has been played in the Olympics since 1920 and has become the rage in countries with plenty of ice. There are over six hundred rinks in Stockholm alone.

The Canadian players are in all instances from the National Hockey League by an agreement between the League and

Hockey Canada, the semi-governmental agency which arranged the games. Many fans had protested the exclusion of Bobby Hull — who is one of today's outstanding player — from the team. Hull who was with the Chicago Blackhawks in the NHL jumped to the new World Hockey League in June and will play with the Winnipeg Jets this season. The NHL insisted that all Canadian players be from the NHL or none.

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