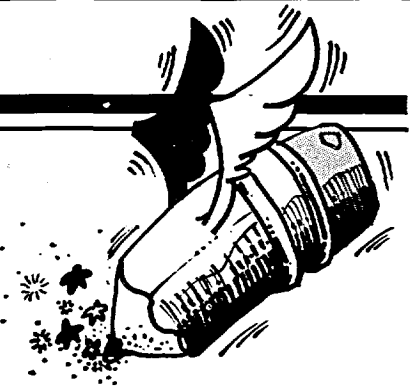


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HOCKEY IN PARIS: THE MATEJKI MAPLE LEAFS

Sometime in August of 1987, the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw received hockey equipment to suit up 15 players through the RH/SP program. This led to the birth of the Matejki Maple Leafs. As the Embassy is located on Matejki Street, the name seemed catchy and appropriate.

A challenge was sent to the staff at our Embassy in Moscow, then Gerry Langelier from Paris, who one year previously was a proud Matejki Maple Leaf himself, accepted the challenge. The stage was set for Valentine's Day Weekend, February 12 to 16. Two games would be played.

The Maple Leafs, lead by Denis Legendre and Lloyd Stone/MPSG, with help and support from the spouses, set out on the task of raising money. Events such as car rallies, casino night, 50/50 draws during Beaver Club nights etc. were all very successful. The

final tally came to \$3 500 raised in a span of five months.

An exhibition match was set up against Warsaw Embassy L.E.S. Much to our amazement, we realized, after a 9-7 loss, that more work had to be

done. The Paris Embassy team, combined with several French players from Meudon la Forêt, tried to intimidate the small town Maple Leafs, but to no avail; they soon saw the might of the Warsaw warriors. Game one ended in a 6-6 tie and game two ended in a 7-6 win for the Canadian Embassy Paris.

A re-match date has been tentatively made for sometime in November. The tournament will be held either in Lahr, Germany or Nice, France. This tournament is by no means exclusive. If you have a team and wish to participate, contact D. Legendre, Canadian Embassy, Warsaw.

The Matejki Maple Leafs would like to thank ABMA for their help and hospitality, and all our spouses for their support, help, and most of all, their understanding. We are happy to announce there were no petitions for divorce during the season □

The Matejki Maple Leafs
Denis Legendre

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