

Izvestia Cup Tournament
December 16-21, 1977
Moscow, USSR

The WHA continued its year-old tradition of sending its reigning league champions, the Quebec Nordiques, to compete in the Soviet Union's Izvestia Tournament. Beset with injuries to Richard Brodeur, Christian Bordeleau, Francois Lacombe and Wally Weir, the Nordiques finished the four-game tournament with three losses and a tie. The WHA did not participate in the 1978 tournament.

Game 1 • December 16, 1977

USSR	2	2	1	-	5
Quebec	0	2	1	-	3

1st Period: 1. USSR: Anisin (Balderis) 7:10; 2. USSR: Anisin 18:36;
2nd Period: 3. Que: Cloutier (Tardif, Hagman) 10:12; 4. USSR: Tsygankov (Petrov) 12:29; 5. USSR: Lutchenko (Golikov) 12:49; 6. Que: Hagman (Cloutier, Tardif) 13:41;
3rd Period: 7. USSR: Anisin (Mikhailov) 7:02; 8. Que: Hagman (S. Bernier, Tardif) 16:09.
Goaltenders: USSR: Tretiak, Que: Broderick.

Game 2 • December 18, 1977

Sweden	0	4	2	-	6
Quebec	0	0	2	-	2

1st Period: No Scoring.
2nd Period: 1. Swe: Lundberg (Lindblom) 8:44; 2. Swe: Olsson (Salming) 13:24; 3. Swe: Lundberg (Olsson) 15:41; 4. Swe: Lundqvist (Lundholm) 16:50.
3rd Period: 5. Swe: Lundholm (Olsson) 5:44; 6. Que: Tremblay 11:03; 7. Swe: Esbjorg (Salming) 13:05; 8. Que: Lariviere 19:42.
Goaltenders: Swe: Lundberg; Que: Broderick & Corsi.

Game 3 • December 19, 1977

Quebec	1	5	0	-	6
Finland	2	2	2	-	6

1st Period: 1. Fin: Repo 2:37; 2. Fin: Suoraniemi (Nummelin) 6:02; 3. Que: J. Bernier (Tardif) 6:41.
2nd Period: 4. Que: Fitchner (Cloutier, Tardif) 6:15; 5. Que: Cloutier (Fitchner) 11:49; 6. Que: Tremblay (Fitchner) 12:15; 7. Que: Hagman (Lariviere) 14:06; 8. Fin: Peltonen (Koivu) 17:13; 9. Fin: Repo 17:34; 10. Que: Hagman (Tardif, Cloutier) 19:50.
3rd Period: 11. Fin: Tamminen (Repo) 13:05; 12. Fin: Koivu 14:55.
Goaltenders: Fin: Leppanen, Que: Broderick.

Game 4 • December 21, 1977

Czechoslovakia	3	2	1	-	6
Quebec	1	0	1	-	2

1st Period: 1. Cze: Ebermann (Novak) 8:13; 2. Que: Cloutier (Fitchner) 8:21; 3. Cze: Kajkl (Machac) 11:08; 4. Cze: M. Stastny (P. Stastny) 12:45.
2nd Period: 5. Cze: P. Stastny (Novak) 11:49; 6. Cze: Novak (Martinec) 13:27.
3rd Period: 7. Que: Tardif (J. Bernier) 10:57; 8. Cze: Martinec (Hlinka) 14:52.
Goaltenders: Cze: Kralik, Que: Broderick & Corsi.

Soviet All-Stars
December 14, 1977 -
January 3, 1978

During a ten game tour, the Soviet All-Stars played each of the eight WHA teams once, with each game counting in the standings. The Soviets also played two exhibition games, December 28th against Houston and December 30th against Indianapolis.

December 28, 1977

Soviets	3	1	3	-	7
Houston	1	1	1	-	3

Highlights: Alexander Volchkov and Zinetula Biljaletdinov each scored two goals to pace the Soviets. Rich Preston had two of the Aero goals
Goals: Sov: Volchkov 2, Biljaletdinov 2, Semjonov, Emeljanenko, Makarov. Hou: Preston 2, Tonelli.
Goaltenders: Hou: Zimmerman, Sov: Babariko.

December 30, 1977

Soviets	3	1	0	-	4
Indianapolis	0	2	0	-	2

Highlights: Victor Tumenev's two goals led the All-Stars over Indianapolis.
Goals: Sov: Volchenkov, Golubovich, Tumenev 2. Ind: Thomas, French.
Goaltenders: Ind: Inness, Sov: Babariko.

USSR vs. Winnipeg

December 29, 1977 -
January 1, 1978
Tokyo, Japan

Continuing in the WHA's endeavors in international hockey, the Winnipeg Jets arrived in Tokyo to engage the Soviet Nationals in a three-game exhibition series. The Jets were on an eight-game winning streak when they arrived after a long flight. Tired and with no time to practice, the Jets were no match for the Soviet team, which won each game. The series was held at the 1964 Olympic swimming pool site, which was converted to a rink for the series. Today, the site is known as Yoyogi Arena, host of a selection of NHL games in recent years.

Game 1 • December 29, 1977

Winnipeg	2	3	0	-	5
USSR	2	4	1	-	7

1st Period: 1. USSR: A. Golikov (Fetisov, Maltsev) 4:14; 2. USSR: Mikhailov (Petrov, Kharlamov) 8:31; 3. Wpg: Hedberg (U. Nilsson, Long) 13:45; 4. Wpg: K. Nilsson (Lindstrom, Sullivan) 16:09;
2nd Period: 5. Wpg: Dunn (Moffatt) 3:31; 6. USSR: V. Golikov (Maltsev) 6:40; 7. USSR: Petrov (Lutchenko) 7:51; 8. Wpg: Hull 9:58; 9. USSR: Kharlamov (Petrov, Mikhailov) 11:37; 10. USSR: Tsygankov (Petrov) 14:26; 11. Wpg: Guindon (Lesuk, Dunn) 14:55;
3rd Period: 12. USSR: Anisin (Balderis) 13:28.
Goaltenders: USSR: Tretiak, Wpg: Mattsson.

Game 2 • December 30, 1977

Winnipeg	0	1	1	-	2
USSR	1	2	1	-	4

1st Period: 1. USSR: Pervukhin (Maltsev) 12:40;
2nd Period: 2. Wpg: Powis 2:53; 3. USSR: Lovanov (Alexandrov) 3:19; 4. USSR: Lovanov (Alexandrov) 8:08;
3rd Period: 5. USSR: Tsygankov (Makarov) 9:12; 6. Wpg: Kryskow (U. Nilsson) 13:30.
Goaltenders: USSR: Sidelnikov, Wpg: Bromley.

Game 3 • January 1, 1978

Winnipeg	1	0	0	-	1
USSR	0	4	1	-	5

Goals: Wpg: Powis. USSR: Kharlamov 2, Tsygankov, Petrov, Lebedev.
Goaltenders: USSR: Sidelnikov, Wpg: Bromley (Full summary not available)

USSR National Team
January 4-11, 1978

For the second season in a row, the Soviet Nationals played an exhibition schedule against WHA clubs. This time, the Soviets played a six game set, winning five of the six matches.

Game 1 • January 4, 1978

USSR	2	3	2	-	7
Edmonton	0	1	1	-	2

Highlights: A hat trick by Vladimir Petrov led the USSR attack, despite the fact Edmonton held the lead in shots, 38-25.
Goals: Petrov 3, A. Golikov, Tsygankov, Balderis, Anisin. Edm: Holland, Callighen.
Goaltenders: USSR: Tretiak, Edm: Dryden.

Game 2 • January 5, 1978

USSR	0	2	1	-	3
Winnipeg	2	2	1	-	5

Highlights: Bobby Hull had a hat trick and an assist, and Ulf Nilsson had two goals and two assists as Winnipeg downed the Soviets. Boris Alexandrov had two of the Soviet goals.
Goals: USSR: Alexandrov 2, Pervukhin. Wpg: Hull 3, U. Nilsson 2.
Goaltenders: USSR: Sidelnikov and Tretiak, Wpg: Daley.

Game 3 • January 7, 1978

USSR	3	1	2	-	6
Quebec	2	0	1	-	3

Highlights: Valeri Kharlamov had two goals, including the game winner, as the Soviets regained the advantage in wins on their tour.
Goals: USSR: Tsygankov, Balderis, Kharlamov 2, Maltsev, Anisin. Que: Inkpen, Dube, Fitchner.
Goaltenders: USSR: Tretiak, Que: Corsi.

Game 4 • January 8, 1978

USSR	1	4	4	-	9
Cincinnati	1	1	0	-	2

Highlights: An even attack led the Soviets to an easy 9-2 decision over Cincinnati. Valeri Kharlamov had three assists.
Goals: USSR: Kapustin, Mikhailov, Anisin, Gusev, Maltsev, Balderis, Vikulov, Babinov, Lovanov. Cin: Ftorek, Legge.
Goaltenders: USSR: Tretiak, Cin: Dion.