SUPERSERIES '79-'80- HOCKEY BLAST SET NOTES FROM THE DESIGNER

The decade of the '70s featured nearly annual visits by teams of the Soviet Union's top league. Two teams – the Central Sports Club of the Army and Dinamo Moscow – made the trip over the Christmas holidays during the 1979-80 NHL season. Here are the results of those games:

Vancouver Canucks 6, Dinamo Moscow 2 (Dec. 26, 1979) [Goalies: Ridley/Myshkin] Central Army 5, New York Rangers 2 (Dec. 27, 1979) [Goalies: Tretyak/Baker; Davidson] Central Army 3, New York Islanders 2 (Dec. 29, 1979) [Goalies: Tretyak/Smith] Montréal Canadiens 4, Central Army 2 (Dec. 31, 1979) [Goalies: Sevigny/Tretyak] Dinamo Moscow 7, Winnipeg Jets 0 (Jan. 2, 1980) [Goalies: Myshkin/Hamel; Middlebrook] Buffalo Sabres 6, Central Army 1 (Jan. 3, 1980) [Goalies: Edwards/Tretyak Dinamo Moscow 4, Edmonton Oilers 1 (Jan. 4, 1980) [Goalies: Myshkin/Mio] Central Army 6, Québec Nordiques 2 (Jan. 6, 1980) [Goalies: Tretyak/Dion] Washington Capitals 5, Dinamo Moscow 5 (Jan. 8, 1980) [Goalies: Inness/Myshkin]

The ratings for the Soviet teams were based on their statistics in their national championships, then normalized to their statistics in the games vs. the NHL teams.

The visiting Soviet teams routinely included reinforcements in the form of players from other teams. They are indicated in the set – if you wish to play the teams as constituted in the domestic leagues, those players are also included.

An interesting note: The set includes all of the players who were part of the squad in the 1980 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid (the SuperSeries was used as a familiarization). As well, all but two of the players who participated in Challenge Cup '79 the previous year against the NHL All-Stars (which took the place of the NHL All-Star Game that year) are included in the Soviet set.

RATING NOTES:

QUALITIES: The number of qualities given to each player was based on the equalized points-per-game (as outlined above).

SPECIFIC QUALITIES:

SKILL: Given to players who generally averaged 2+ shots per game (also helpful in assigning LULL shots – begin by crediting players with SKILL quality)

SHOT/ASST NUMBER: Represented numerically, instead of by stars, only through a design quirk (I personally find it easier to quickly add numbers in PLAY determination, than counting stars). In the case of a number in parentheses, it indicates the rating WITH MOMENTUM (so: 2(3) equals $\star \star \dot{\gamma}$) A slight change to the official set: Some players have a rating of (0). In essence, that would somehow be the equivalent of "non-solid scissors" – the rating is scissors (cut in half) UNLESS TEAM HAS MOMENTUM, in which case it's no stars (or 0). X is the equivalent of scissors.

INJURIES: All players are set to B rating to still allow for possible injuries.

FIGHT RATING: Since there was no fighting in international hockey (see the Central Army-Philadelphia Flyers game in 1977), FIGHT ratings have no bearing. A house rule is to use any FIGHT result as a regular PENALTY EVENT, and to roll for injury on any CHEAP SHOT (consecutive 9s) – if not injured, player is still "neutralized" through the end of the period.

PRINTING THE SET: The set was designed on a template used for standard business cards (available at any office supply store). There are faint cut lines between individual players. This could also give the option for the player of printing just on business cards and keeping lines (both forward and defense) together – they are arranged in the most regular line pairings from the SuperSeries.

| 17 Valeri | 16 Vladimir | 7 Boris | 2 Vyacheslav | 14 Sergei | |
|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| KHARLAMOV | PETROV | MIKHAILOV | FETISOV | STARIKOV | |
| ЦСКА Москва SHOT O(1) 1 ASST | ЦСКА Москва SHOT 1(2) 1 ASST | ЦСКА Москва SHOT 1(2) 1 ASST | SHOT O O(1) ASST | SHOT O (O) ASST | |
| SKILL ▼ | SKILL ▽ | SKILL POWER | POWER | SKILL | |
| SPEED SMART | SMART | SMART | SPEED ■ | SPEED ■ | |
| STAR STAR | STAR • HIT | STAR 🌣 | STAR ● HIT | SPEED ■ | |
| fo pen inj ft | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | fo pen inj ft | FO PEN INJ FT | |
| 1 B | 55 1 B | 0.5 B | 1 B | 0.5 B | |
| LW | C | RW | D | D | |
| 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | |
| 19 Helmut BALDERIS LICKA MOCKBA SHOT 1 2 ASST | 22 Viktor ZHLUKTOV LICKA MOCKBA SHOT 1 0 ASST | 15 Sergei MAKAROV ЦСКА МОСКВА SHOT 1(2) 2 ASST | 3 Vladimir LUTCHENKO LICKA MOCKBA SHOT X (0) ASST | 21 Aleksei KASATONOV LICKA MOCKBA SHOT (0) (0) ASST | |
| SKILL ▼ POWER SPEED SMART STAR | ▼ POWER SPEED STAR | SKILL ▼ POWER SPEED STAR ❖ HIT | ■ SMART STAR | POWER HIT | |
| FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | |
| 0.5 B | 51 O B | 0.5 B | 0.5 B | 0.5 B | |
| W | C | RW | D | D | |
| 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | |
| 9 Aleksandr | 11 Nikolai | 10 Aleksandr | 5 Irek | 13 Aleksei | |
| VOLCHKOV | DROZDETSKY | LOBANOV | GIMAEV | VOLCHENKOV | |
| ЦСКА Москва | ЦСКА Москва | ЦСКА Москва | ЦСКА Москва | ЦСКА Москва | |
| SHOT O O ASST | shot 1(2) 0(1) asst | shot 0(1) 1 asst | SHOT (O) TOHS | SHOT X X TOHS | |
| POWER SMART | SKILL ▼ POWER SPEED STAR | SKILL POWER SPEED SMART | SPEED STAR | POWER | |
| FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | |
| O B | 50 0.5 B | 0.5 B | 0.5 B | 0.5 B | |
| LW | C | RW | D | D | |
| 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | |
| 26 Mikhail | 25 Vladimir | 24 Aleksandr | 23 Gennady | 4 Sergei | |
| VARNAKOV | KOVIN | SKVORTSOV | TSYGANKOV | BABINOV | |
| LICKA Москва [Торпедо] | ЦСКА Москва [Торпедо] | ЦСКА Москва [Торпедо] | LICKA Mockba | ЦСКА Москва | |
| SKILL ▼ POWER | SKILL POWER | SKILL | TREE (O) X TOHE | SHOT O O ASST POWER | |
| SPEED | SINEL TOWER | SPEED STAR & | ☐ SMART | HIT | |
| FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | |
| 0.5 B | 49 1.5 B | 0.5 B | 46 0.5 B 6 | 1 B | |
| LW | C | RW | D | D | |
| 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | |
| 12 Vladimir | 6 Vyacheslav | 8 Sergei | 20 Vladimir | 1 Aleksandr | 29 Dmitri |
| KRUTOV | ANISIN | KAPUSTIN | TRETYAK | TYZHNYKH | SAPRYKIN |
| ЦСКА Москва | ЦСКА Москва | ЦСКА Москва | LICKA Mockba | LICKA Mockba | LICKA MOCKBA |
| shot 1(2) O asst | shot 0 1(2) asst | SHOT 1 O(1) ASST | PLAY SAVE: 3(4) | PLAY SAVE: 2 | PLAY SAVE: 2 |
| SKILL ▼ POWER SPEED ❖ | SKILL SPEED STAR | SKILL ▼ POWER SPEED STAR | SHOT SAVE: 2 SPEC SAVE: 3 | SHOT SAVE: 2 SPEC SAVE: 1 | SHOT SAVE: 1 SPEC SAVE: 2 |
| FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | FO PEN INJ FT | PEN INJ | PEN INJ | PEN INJ |
| 0.5 B | 49 0.5 B | 0.5 B | O B | O B | O B |
| LW | C | W | G ST: 5 | G ST: 1 | G ST: 1 |
| 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries | 79-80 SuperSeries |

| 7 Viktor | 10 Vladimir | 8 Aleksandr | 6 Valeri | 5 Vasily | |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| SHKURDYUK Динамо Москва | GOLIKOV Динамо Москва | GOLIKOV Динамо Москва | VASILIEV Динамо Москва | PERVUKHIN Динамо Москва | |
| SKILL POWER | SKILL POWER | SKILL ▼ POWER | SHOT 0 0(1) ASST | SHOT (0) O ASST | |
| SPEED FOWER | SPEED FOWER | SMART | • | ■ SMART | |
| PO DEN INI PE | PO DEM INT PO | STAR • | STAR • HIT | STAR | |
| FO PEN INJ FT O B | FO PEN INJ FT 55 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT 1 B | FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT O B | |
| LW 79-80 SuperSeries | C 79-80 SuperSeries | RW 79-80 SuperSeries | D 79-80 SuperSeries | D 79-80 SuperSeries | |
| 16 Aleksejs FROLIKOVS Динамо Москва shot 1 0(1) asst | 27 Petr PRIRODIN Динамо Москва SHOT 2 1 ASST | 11 Aleksandr MALTSEV Динамо Москва SHOT O(1) 3 ASST | 17 Zinetula BILYALETDINOV Динамо Москва SHOT O(1) О ASST | 4 Aleksandr FILIPPOV Динамо Москва SHOT X X ASST | |
| SKILL ▽ POWER SPEED | SKILL ▼ POWER SPEED | SKILL ▼ ▼ SPEED SMART STAR ❖ | POWER STAR • HIT | НІТ | |
| FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT 50 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT 1 B | FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | |
| LW 79-80 SuperSeries | C 79-80 SuperSeries | RW 79-80 SuperSeries | D 79-80 SuperSeries | D 79-80 SuperSeries | |
| 26 Vladimir SEMENOV Динамо Москва | 19 Vladimir GOLUBOVICH Динамо Москва | 12 Nikolai VARIANOV _{Динамо Москва} | 9 Vladimir ORLOV Динамо Москва | 24 Mikhail SLIPCHENKO Динамо Москва | |
| shot 1 0(1) asst | shot 1 O asst | T22A O X T0H2 | teea (0) X tohe | TZZA X TOHZ | |
| SKILL ▽ POWER | POWER SPEED | | SPEED | POWER | |
| HIT | | HIT | | | |
| FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT 51 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | |
| LW TOI: 18 79-80 SuperSeries | C 79-80 SuperSeries | W/D 79-80 SuperSeries | D 79-80 SuperSeries | D 79-80 SuperSeries | |
| 25 Yuri LEBEDEV Динамо [Крылья Советов] SHOT O(1) 1 ASST | 18 Mihails SOSTAKS Динамо Москва SHOT 0 0(1) ASST | 20 Vladimir LAVRENTIEV Динамо Москва [Химик] SH0T 1(2) 1 ASST | 2 Vasily PAYUSOV Динамо Москва SHOT X X ASST | | |
| SKILL ▼ SPEED SMART | POWER | POWER SPEED HIT | SPEED | | |
| FO PEN INJ FT 1 B | FO PEN INJ FT 49 1 B | FO PEN INJ FT 1 B | FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | | |
| LW 79-80 SuperSeries | C 79-80 SuperSeries | W 79-80 SuperSeries | D 79-80 SuperSeries | | |
| 14 Vladimir SHASHOV Динамо Москва | 15 Vladimir DEVYATKOV Динамо Москва | 13 Sergei SVETLOV Динамо Москва | 1 Vladimir MYSHKIN Динамо [Крылья Советов] | 29 Sergei BABARIKO Динамо Москва | 22 Vladimir POLUPANOV Динамо Москва |
| SHOT O 1 ASST | shot O(1) O(1) asst | shot 1 O asst | PLAY SAVE: 3 | PLAY SAVE: 2 | PLAY SAVE: 2 |
| POWER SPEED | SKILL SPEED | SKILL SPEED | SHOT SAVE: 2 SPEC SAVE: 2 | SHOT SAVE: 1 SPEC SAVE: 1 | SHOT SAVE: 1 SPEC SAVE: 2 |
| FO PEN INJ FT 0.5 B | FO PEN INJ FT 50 0 B | FO PEN INJ FT O B | PEN INJ O B | PEN INJ O B | PEN INJ O B |
| LW 79-80 SuperSeries | C 79-80 SuperSeries | W 79-80 SuperSeries | G ST: 5 79-80 SuperSeries | G ST: 1 79-80 SuperSeries | G ST: 1 79-80 SuperSeries |