

Tournoi Jacques Paloumé



1949 Dieppe, Normandie

Quatre ans après la fin de la deuxième
guerre mondiale.....

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The Hosts

1949	Dieppe	1969	Rouen	1989	Hamburg	2009
1950	East Grinstead	1970	East Grinstead	1990	Rouen	2010
1951	Rouen	1971	Hamburg	1991	East Grinstead	2011
1952	-	1972	Rouen	1992	Hamburg	2012
1953	East Grinstead	1973	East Grinstead	1993	Rouen	2013
1954	Rouen	1974	Hamburg	1994	East Grinstead	2014
1955	East Grinstead	1975	Rouen	1995	Hamburg	2015
1956	Rouen	1976	East Grinstead	1996	Rouen	2016
1957	East Grinstead	1977	Hamburg	1997	East Grinstead	2017
1958	Rouen	1978	Rouen	1998	Hamburg	2018
1959	East Grinstead	1979	East Grinstead	1999	Rouen	2019
1960	Rouen	1980	Hamburg	2000	East Grinstead	2020
1961	East Grinstead	1981	Rouen	2001	Rouen	
1962	Hamburg	1982	East Grinstead	2002	Hamburg	
1963	Rouen	1983	Hamburg	2003	East Grinstead	
1964	East Grinstead	1984	Rouen	2004	Hamburg	
1965	Hamburg	1985	East Grinstead	2005	Rouen	
1966	Rouen	1986	Hamburg	2006	East Grinstead	
1967	East Grinstead	1987	Rouen	2007		
1968	Hamburg	1988	East Grinstead	2008		

Dennis Leman's Easter Festival recollections and thoughts - 1971

The Easter Festival,

For as long as most people can remember Easter has always been regraded as Festival Time by anyone connected with Hockey.

It was in 1949 that the then Captain of the First XI, Harry Gabain (we only ran one team in those days) who had lived in France before the war, renewed contacts with his friends in Dieppe and received an invitation to take a Hockey team to Dieppe at Easter. This was one of the first visits of an English side to the Continent after the war, and as far as East Grinstead was concerned, the start of an association which has carried on ever since.

The following year 1950, Dieppe were the guests of East Grinstead and brought with them a number of Rouen players, who, in turn, invited East Grinstead to Rouen in 1951.

We first met the Flottbek team from Hamburg in Rouen in 1956. They were there again in 1958 and we invited them to East Grinstead for the first time for our festival in 1959. They returned our hospitality by inviting us and Rouen to Hamburg during the Whitsun holiday of 1959.

We had a very hairy-raising journey in a chartered plane from Southend (incidentally the self-same plane crashed in Oslo a few months later with a party of school boys aboard) (arriving in Hamburg in the early hours of the morning. For most of us it was our first visit to Germany and we were amazed at the enormous devastation that still remained in Hamburg. However, we had a most enjoyable festival and from this time we have taken it in turns with Rouen and Hamburg to act as hosts for the Easter Festival.

Regrettably, I have not kept a record of the results of the festivals over the years, but if my memory is correct, we have never lost to the Germans - there have been quite a number of drawn games - and we have only lost to Rouen on two occasions. We, as a club, have a most enviable record in post war years as having organised and participated in Easter Festivals every year, with the exception of 1952, since 1949.

One of the greatest benefits that arises from our type of "family festival" as compared to the larger international ones, is that over the years there have been a great number of family associations developed with our continental friends, one outcome being that now children of some of the older members are spending school holidays with one another.

Our visit to Hamburg this Easter will be our fifth visit there. We have visited Rouen eight times (and one to Dieppe), and we have run the festival at East Grinstead on nine occasions.

Over the years many trophies and pennants have been given and received, the main one being the one played for between the three host Clubs every Easter. This was presented originally by the Flottbek side in 19623 and was re-christened in 1968 the Jacques Paloume Trophy, in memory of our great friend from Rouen who was killed in a car accident. We are present holders of the Trophy and it resides behind the bar in the Clubhouse - members will be pleased to note the number of times the name East Grinstead appears on it.

Finally, I would strongly recommend to those members of the club - particularly the younger ones - who have not taken part in these festivals,

that they should do so at the earliest opportunity, when I can guarantee they will have a most enjoyable and convivial weekend at a very reasonable cost.

Dennis Leman.
East Grinstead, 1971

1998 Notes from Alfred Nathan's Collection



Pre-match, Alfred Nathan presents the EG pennant to Jean-Pierre Bailleul, Pierre Lozes, Patrick Hivet and Jean-François Lagarde with mini umpire, Nicolas Bailleul.

In 1949, the clubs participating in Dieppe were: -

- East Grinstead Hockey club (Angleterre)
- Tennis-Hockey Club de Berchem (Belgique)
- Club de l'Inquêterie de Boulogne-sur-Mer
- Havre Athlétic Club
- Dieppe Hockey Club

The first programme for a home festival is that for 1959, when, in addition to Rouen and Grossflottbeker, the other visiting clubs were: -

- Keymer (Burgess Hill) and
- Tunbridge Wells.

Almost forty years on there are many familiar names amongst those who appeared from East Grinstead. Those who are still to be seen at the club include Tony Blunt, Mike Dickson, Dick Fairbairn, Dennis Leman, Brian Poole, Robin Kennard, Andrew Lloyd, David Allen, Alan King, Jim Beale, Alfred Nathan. In addition, Alex Leggat, Tom Buckley, Charles Veber and John Brinkhurst remain members of the club.

Amazingly one of the first team of that day, the ageless Tim Brooking, is still playing. It must be attributable to training and a blameless lifestyle.

By 1973, the international dimension of the festival had been extended to include Amstelveen, whilst Croydon M.O. and later, Inverleith extended the British participation. Jim Douglas, a delightful member of the Scots side in 1976 was still visiting this year.

A feature of the 1976 festival was the Young Lions side fielded by East Grinstead which comprised:-

T. Bartlett, W. Bartlett, A. Brown, J. Brown, W. Buckley, T. Byford, * A. Campbell, G. Clinton, C. Kennard, J. Leman, M. Leman, R. Leman, C. Long, S.A. Malkin, M. Sutherland*, R. Thompson*. Of this squad of sixteen only three players marked with an asterisk were not the sons of members. In addition, the first team contained W. Blunt, D. Buckley, P. Lloyd (sons of members) and brothers S. & J. Cole, whilst P. Malkin (son of a member) and B. Brown, T. Buckley, J. Bartlett, M. Clinton, R. Kennard, A. Lloyd, J. Malkin (all fathers of playing sons) were playing for the reserve Pink Panthers side. What a marvellous demonstration of the family nature of the club at that time.

The festivals of hockey have always been major social events. In earlier years the receptions at Stoke House and Brunswick and the dinner/dances at Gatwick Manor and later the Effingham, have always been superb.

Enormous effort has gone into the organisation of each Easter Festival and many members have contributed to their success. Reviewing the programmes over the years, the names of Andrew, David and Paul Lloyd, Chris & Christine Gregory, David Farrow, Pippa Cook, Barry Male, Caroline

Longstreet and Arthur Rackstraw feature particularly prominently.

Many others have contributed of course and this year James Leman claimed a record for organisation when the 1997 Festival was completed without a single committee. These gatherings of those from different countries who share a common love for our great game have laid the foundations for many lasting friendships - long may they continue to flourish

Christine Paloumé - This is my love story with East Grinstead

I first 'joined' the Club, as a little girl, in the back of my father's car. A huge Ford, big enough to seat the Paloumé, Lagarde and Windsor children. That was for one of the first East Grinstead Easter Festivals. Quite a while ago.

Dennis was driving an E-type and the Ladies weren't playing at Saint Hill yet! As a hockey fan kid, my heroes were Mike Dixon, Tom Buckley, Hans, Dennis, Tim and my father of course. We soon developed a strong friendly relationship.

I used to spend every July at Barbara Jellard's and later, in Forest Row, at Kathie Scrase's who sort of adopted me as her 'French daughter' when my mother died in 1961. As I grew up and played a lot of hockey, I became more and more interested in the game and tried to convince the Organisers of the Festival to let the Ladies be part of it for something more exciting than serving tea under wet tents!

Eventually, in 1969 - no, it's not a joke - I persuaded the French President of the time to let us play in the Festival. I quote: "We have accepted teams of the so-called 'weaker sex' to join the Jacques Paloumé Trophy. Christine has taken care of the organisation and invited East Grinstead and Hamburg Ladies" I tend to think that nobody has ever regretted it since.

Regarding the trophy itself, East Grinstead Hockey Club has done my family a great honour in accepting the Cup to be re-christened by my father's name in memory of 20 years of comradeship. I shall always be grateful for this mark of consideration and I shall never forget Dennis' tears while hugging me and my brother Jacques at my dad's funeral in Rouen in July 1968.

Then, came the time for our own kids to become hockey addicts too. My gorgeous friend Anita Westwood, Mrs. Champness, Monique Bailleul and myself thought of organising a kind of a mini-Festival between our Clubs. And, in the summer of 1984, we drove to East Grinstead with only 4 cars packed with young players - boys and girls - including both my daughters Céline and Carole - 10 of us staying at Anita's!

Today, it has become the famous Sebastian Wolf Festival in memory of Heinrich and Dona's son. You can see huge coaches arriving at Saint Hill from Rouen and Hamburg, for 2 days, full of thrilled young - boys and girls - hockey players eager to meet their friends on the pitch or to make new ones.

To conclude, I wish to say that I owe East Grinstead a lot. Thank you for all the love we shared. Thank you to Alfred Nathan the old faithful, to the Ladies team for letting me play for them for an unforgettable season in the seventies, to James 'Rhett Butler' Leman for attending my 'Gone with the wind' housewarming party at le Genetey together with his outstandingly dressed up friends, to Jason Lee and Phil Wallis for training the kids in Rouen, to Caroline and Allie for playing for Rouen at Festivals, to Paul and Pauline for inviting Carole, Lolo and myself to a wild

wedding anniversary party, to Henry's inclination for Rouen and to Richard Leman for his class and elegance on and off the pitch.

Thank you for the invitation to the opening of the first astro pitch, the lovely dinners at Effingham Park, the great flag Philip has had made for the Festival, the very touching Easter Monday tribute dinner to the Festival pioneers, Julian's and Sophie's wedding and their 'bad chien', Simon's

lovely letter to Françoise and Jacques mentioning a certain blue room and a chocolate cake, the crazy night of 1988 after GB's Gold Medal in Seoul, the final dinners hysterical speeches, Barry's Hawaiian shirts, the bath tubs at Billy Bartlett's School, David's 'be naughty' precious advice. Thank you for Lottie's and Nanouche Paloumé's friendship and endeavour to encourage the best ladies players ON and OFF the field to join the Festival,

Giles Horner's undefinable charm, Ben's goals scored against Rouen while Giles Dakin was stopping Mickey's, the beer competition E.G. ALWAYS used to win in spite of Luc's, Papy's and Cyril's talent, Paul Lloydie's inimitable sense of humour, Jimmys talent with the ball... and the girls, Jamie Westwood's dance lessons, and top of the list, Andy Lloyd's weirdest French accent I have ever heard.

Above all, I wish to say how honoured I am to have been appointed as a Vice President together with such remarkable members. East Grinstead Hockey Club is part of my life and will remain in my heart forever as will Ian, Mike and Paul.