



After 1 Day Delay, Loggers Introduce 1st 2 Picks in CBA Spring Draft. Battles remain for roster spots. Trades, not cuts coming soon.

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It is BIG news.

It is bigger news that the seizure of 20,000 kg. of illegal caribou and moose meat. It is bigger than the announcement that they are finally upgrading the sound system in Montreal's Metro. The hilarious part was, when the announcement was made that the Longue-Pointe Loggers had drafted as their 1st selections slugging 1st baseman Richie Sexon & sensational left fielder Hideki "Godzilla" Matsui over the Metro's beleaguered public address speakers, a minor panic ensued as uninformed citizens believed they were really being attacked by the giant reptile. But Logger fans knew better.

The joint announcement by Logger owner Bernard Titkowski and new Manager Dennis Concepcion at the Stadium was delayed a day after Sexon was accidentally booked to a hotel located in Longue-Pointe-de-Mignan. "It was that damn Epedia.com. I wish they could read a French map better." said a slightly embarrassed Sexon. "I took a red-eye flight from the States as soon as I found out, but I arrived at the hotel too late for breakfast. I did get some sightseeing in however and visited Natashquan Village and the South Quarry at L'Archipel-de-Mignan," he said in a slightly flawed, but eager to learn attempt at French pronunciation. "I'll learn the language and customs just like Rusty Staub did, and I know that is quite a legend to live up to in these parts."

Matsui, through an interpreter said he will also learn French so he can communicate with Logger fans. In a move that echoed the recent unveiling of another Matsui in the States, Matsui donned his new Loggers hat and to a delighted gathering of reporters and fans, said in halting but determined French & English, "Bienvenue, mes nouvelles amis. I hope to bring great play and earn your respect."

The French syntax might have been flawed, but from both Sexton & Matsui, the message is loud and clear: that come October and end of the CBA World Series, it will be party time in Longue-Pointe.