

# ROAR!

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE



## SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Welcome to the first Lions Supporters' Club Newsletter. If you have already joined, your exclusive Club badge and card are on their way. If not, then join now or you'll miss out on all the fun!

Above you see the new Lions logo designed by John Bishop. I think it looks better than the old one, there's a bit more aggression which should spread to the team this season.

The membership fee for 1987/8 is £5.00, only £1.00 for under 14s. There's a form inside this first issue of "Roar" for you to send off. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to call Mike Cook.

The Club will be taking over travel arrangements at Lee Valley as well as generating funds for the team, and there will be a few special events that only YOU as a member can participate in. The first of which is the July 4th Disco/Barbecue, details overleaf... →

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# AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



## JULY 4TH

THE LEE VALLEY LIONS SUPPORTERS' CLUB

PRESENT A **BAR-B-Q / DISCO**

Club Members only: Tickets £3.50

at Myddelton House Gardens, Bulls Cross, Enfield.

→ If anyone has problems in getting to Myddelton House, a coach may be arranged, departing from the Ice Centre and any convenient stops en route. When you obtain your tickets, tell Mike Cook if you would like to use the coach.

For anyone making their own way, Myddelton House is to the south-west of the A10/M25 junction. Coming out of London on the A10, turn left into Turkey Street.

Next season there will be a separate club for junior supporters, under the guidance of Mrs. Thorn. If anyone has any ideas on events and perks, contact Mike. For the present, those under 14 pay only £1.00 to join the main Supporters' Club and receive a special Junior Member badge.

Included in this first "Roar", news from the Lions and around the league. Number two and subsequent issues will only be available to members of the Club, so JOIN NOW!!

**THERE'S TOO MUCH TO MISS ! !**



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### SHIP-WRECKED PIRATE WANTS TO EXPLORE VALLEY

Doug McEwen, the Canadian defenceman released by Division 1 champions Peterborough Pirates last month, has expressed a wish to join Lee Valley. However he wants a car... if any Lions fans would like to help bring this top class import to the East End contact Mike Smith as soon as possible.

McEwen finished the season with 77 goals and 103 assists (180 points). Our own Janne Lehti finished one place above him in fifth with 104+78=182. It now seems doubtful that Janne will return as he has a new job in Finland and would like to settle down with his girlfriend.

Also on the import front, there has been no contact from Mike Fafard or Bill Kirk since they returned home. The Lions management were having talks with Rick Fera, the Premier Division's top scorer with Murrayfield, at Wembley. Mr. Fera asked for more than Lee Valley can offer, the exact figure being £250 per week plus bonuses.

### LEE AND CHARLIE SETTLED IN EAST LONDON

Our two newest British recruits from last season Lee Whale and Charlie Mendl, are still at Lee Valley and will be playing for the Lions next season. Both have moved from their rented flat in Loughton into Janne's former abode in Chadwell Heath.

Lee is teaching on the schools programme at the Ice Centre, as was Charlie, but now Charlie has landed the position of Projects Manager on the new Summer Camp idea.

### MARK WILL BE BACK... BUT DANNY'S OFF TO PASTURES NEW

Lions manager Mike Smith was told by Mark Nicholls that the former Redskin will be prowling around the Den once more this season. However Danny O'Hanlon has requested his release, this will be granted. Mike Smith said he'll be sad to see him go.

## ROMFORD TRAINING UNDER WAY ...

There is currently no ice hockey action at the Den but training is taking place at the new Romford rink, under the able guidance of none other than... Gary Bayliss and Ron Austin! Charlie Mendl on the matter: "Oops!"

## LIONS CHOOSE "NATIONAL"

Rumours have been flying for eons about the possibility of Division 1 being regionalised next season. There is a BIHA meeting at Sheffield on May 30th/31st, and Mike Smith has already been asked for his opinion, and he has voted for a national league.

## THE "GRASS ROOTS" OF ICE HOCKEY !

QUESTION: Which was the last game to take place at the Ice Centre in 1986/7? "Lions v Sunderland" I hear you all say... WRONG!

On Monday 13th April, Brighton Royals played Cherbourg of France in a tour match, and in a thrilling encounter the French scraped home by seven goals to six, having trailed with 45 seconds remaining! As you all may know, Brighton have no home ice and play their home games at Slough, but train at Lee Valley.

The Sobell Saints recorded their first win since reformation with a 5-4 victory against Hastings Monarchs. Well done lads! Hastings are bottom of Division Two South this year but, as the Saints will be quick to point out, they ARE IN the league.

## REDSKINS' WINGER HEADS NORTH

With Craig Melançon joining Slough this summer, fellow Canadian Brent Hogan is heading for a base in the Midlands with Solihull Barons, it was reported this week.