



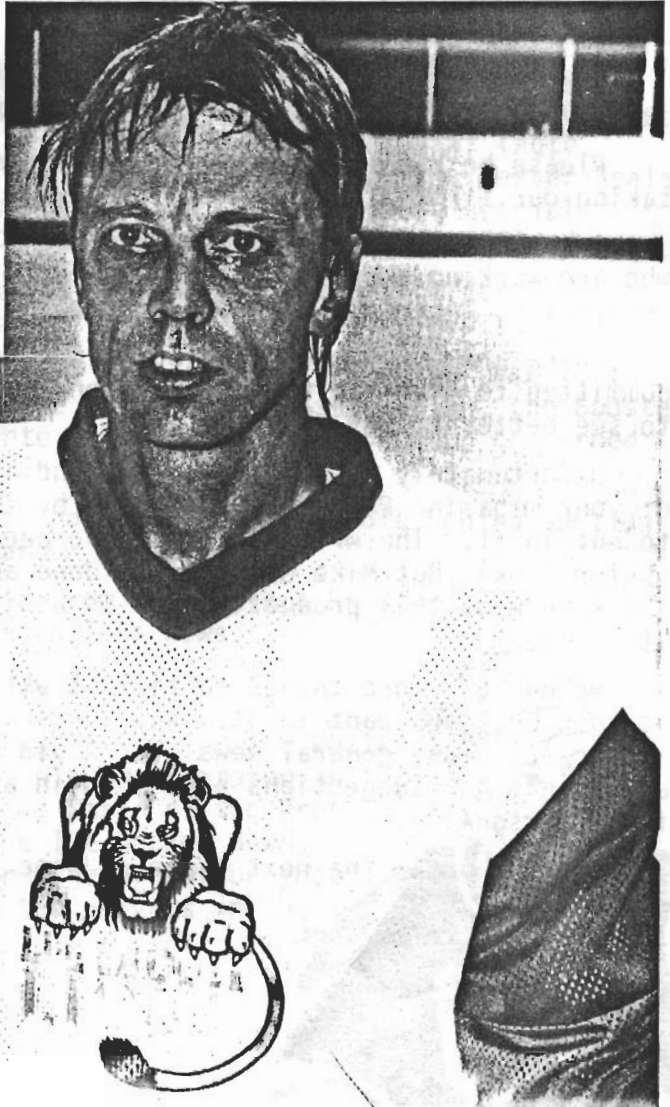
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LEE VALLEY LIONS SUPPORTERS CLUB

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Here we are into a new season and our own Supporters' Club in it's infant stages.

Understandably, I would guess that some of you are saying "well what do we get for our £5 that we have paid".

Please be patient, just like any infant we are still taking our first steps.

I can assure you that there are a small group of people who are working hard to get the club off the ground, in particular, Mike Cook and Roger Rosenfeld.

There are many good ideas being considered by your committee to give you the maximum benefit as supporters, to see better hockey.

Unfortunately we have fallen behind a bit with production of your magazine ROAR! caused mainly by the lack of material to put in it. The writing reins have been taken over by me! (Peter Cook) But Mike Grafton has done an excellent job in the launch of this production and is assisting with putting it together.

We do need more things to fill it with so come on and let us know what you want in it. Any ideas ie hockey related, supporters club, general news etc, would be welcomed. So if anyone has any suggestions hand them in at the table or talk to me personally.

For now until the next issue, I hope you enjoy it.

Peter Cook

WHALERS' UPDATE

As we are now linked with the Hartford Whalers Booster Club an article will appear in each issue of ROAR! on the club itself. To start with some information on the Booster Club which some of you have already joined.

The Hartford Whalers are blessed with one of the largest and most active booster clubs in professional sports. Membership has varied between 400 and 700 during its history but the interest in the fortunes of the team has never varied.

Other activities are not as easily noticed as the Booster Club functions. They include fund-raisers for the "March of Dimes", Newington Children's Hospital (note another link with the North-East London area), Easter Seals, Muscular Dystrophy, Jimmy fund, CPTV Auction, Special Olympics and the Connecticut Society to Prevent Blindness.

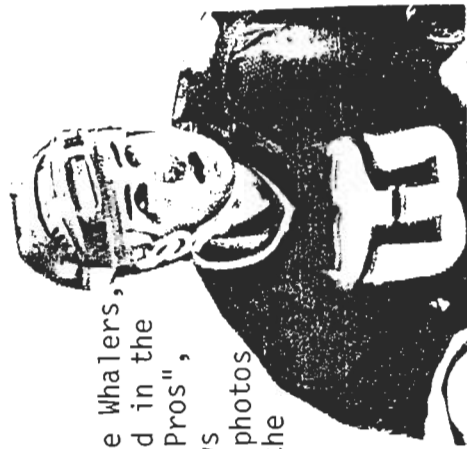
Members also assist the Whalers' front office with mailings, and pass out souvenirs to fans on giveaway nights.

It started in 1974, when the Whalers first came to the Hartford area with the World Hockey Association, the Booster Club has matured into a family orientated group concerned with the community in general.

The Booster Club has a membership table behind section 108 at each home game.

Some information from the Whalers Boosters, watch out next issue for more Whalers news.

—> Kevin Dineen, right-wing for the Whalers, and one of many NHL players featured in the book "Ice Hockey, the World of the Pros", as advertised in the Ice Hockey News Review. Page after page of colour photos and information on the players in the "Big League".



On the playing side of things we have a few changes as you may have noticed with Jaroslav settling in well. Mike Smith has been kitting up for training sessions during the past few weeks paying special attention to goalies Bob Mitura and Jamie Elliott, and certainly making them sweat with a few old tricks. "Certainly", he says, "there is now a different attitude with the players, all are willing to work hard, and I only want players with 100% commitment."

Dave Petrie has asked for his release to Romford but this has not been granted. The team is full of people willing to try, even though they may not be as talented it is certainly made up for with commitment.

Ex-Bournemouth and Telford player Gary McLoughlin should soon be wearing the White, Green & Blue. Lions are taking him on loan from the Cleveland Bombers as he is working on a long contract at Stansted Airport.

By the time you read this Alastair Rodger should be back after a short lay-off with a wrist injury.

Once again support will lift them and you've supported them through the bad times so you can look forward to some good ones.

**** COMPETITION TIME ****

A competition will be included in each edition of ROAR! The winner will be the first correct answer out of the bag, and they will be sent a free ticket to the next home game. The winner will be named in the next issue of ROAR! This month's is:-

WHO WERE LIONS' 3 IMPORTS IN THEIR FIRST MATCH v OXFORD UNIVERSITY ON THE 5TH FEBRUARY 1984 ???

All answers to: ROAR! Competition 1 No later than 22nd November - 2nd post.
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DID YOU KNOW ????

AFTER A 'gloves-off' fight, the participating players do not pick up their own equipment, as this is considered demeaning.

You will see a fellow player pick them up for him instead.

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RULE No.12 of the NHL states "All clubs shall provide adequate police or other protection for all players and officials at all times".

Let's hope we never need to enforce this rule in Britain.

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THE NHL was in existence for 20 years before they made a rule restricting the use of goaltenders to one on the ice at a time... obviously someone found the loop-hole and played both goalies, then asked his opponents and the referee where it said "one only" in the rule book !!!

If you have a Did You Know, or any other piece of interest to Lions Supporters Club members, send it in to Peter Cook, at the address below.

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Chairman: Mike Cook (address & tel. as above)
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Secretary: *See Them*

ON TOP OF THE TABLE !!!

As you are aware the Supporters Club has a table set up for every home match. Unfortunately, you have probably noticed as yet there is nothing or little in the way of hockey goodies to buy.

The problems of setting up a club table are numerous, the main problem being the lack of money to buy things like hats, badges, pens, etc. Up until now our main source of income has been from Jack'n'Tracey's raffle, and more recently the inclusion of the new Lions 50/50 draw, sold by Steve'n'Eve. A fair sum of money has been collected, some of which can be used to buy the things that you want to see on the table... then you must buy them...! (Any ideas are more than welcome!)

At the last committee meeting the all-clear was given for us to go ahead and order. So some paraphernalia (goodies) should be available in the near future. Meanwhile please keep supporting the raffle and 50/50 draws (let's face it, it's hard to say no to Jack!) Soon with your help we may equal or beat other supporters clubs around the league. But bear with us and by the end of the season we should be able to have a supporters club to be proud of.

Whilst at the table, your coach bookings will be taken, a deposit of £2.00 will be taken. You can either pay the balance by instalments or on the actual day. It's good to see new members booking for away trips, and we hope they will book again for more away games. Obvious advantages are that with the Supporters Club it's cheaper to travel, and there's also no waiting in the rain at most rinks on arrival.

See you at the table.

Jane & Stuart

" WHAT THE PAPERS SAY "

This article was featured in the Waltham Forest Guardian this week (13th November).

It mentions his appearance at Wembley in 1973 against London Lions - if there is any Lee Valley fan with the programme from that game please send it to Mike Grafton at the Ice Centre.

Signed Czech is to Lions' credit

NEW Import Jaroslav Lycka firmly believes Lee Valley Lions will overcome their shaky start to the league season.

The exciting Czechoslovakian defence-man said: "There seems

so much good talent in the side and I think we'll pull through to do well."

Lycka (36) was manager Mike Smith's star acquisition

from premier division Scottish sides Dundee Rockets. Lycka had completed a one year contract up north and moved down to London to join goalkeeper and friend Bob Mitura in the Lions den. Lycka said: "I enjoyed my season with Dundee and it was a great honour to be made the club's player of the season by the supporters."

Lively

But lively Lycka certainly deserves all his honours, having achieved a superb record throughout his term with Dundee with goals and assists.

He added: "It was a most enjoyable experience but difficult in a way to make the move to a lower level of ice hockey now."

"At Dundee I was playing with many experienced players. I now feel here I have greater responsibility with more players looking to me to perform greater things."

"But it's a super challenge and so far I have really enjoyed my time as the people here are so friendly."

Lycka came to Britain last year unable to speak the language. It's improved slightly but with Mitura around he has the perfect translator.

Ostrava is Lycka's home town. And he keeps in contact as much as possible with his wife and two sons.

Lycka had played here for a Czech touring team in 1973 at Wembley against the London Lions.

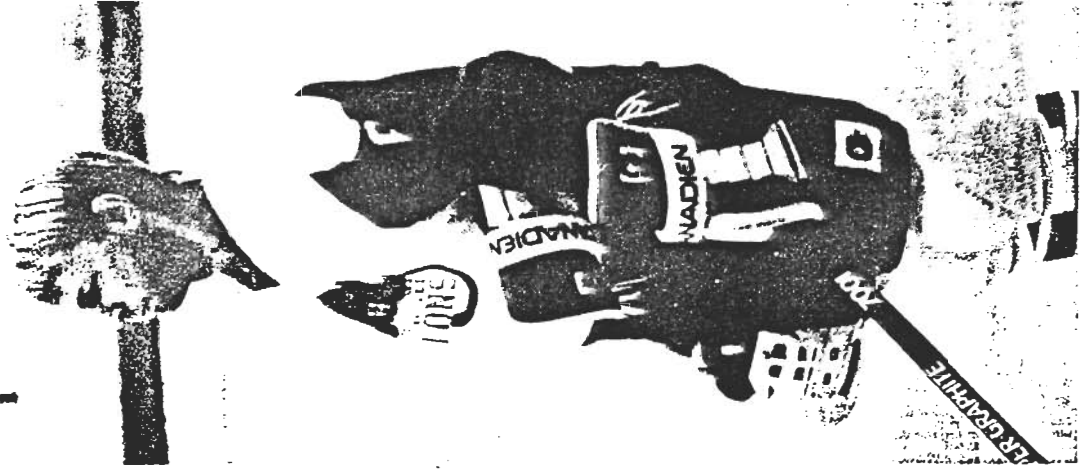
He was back at Wembley last May, however, with Dundee in the end-of-season playoffs.

"It was a great experience," he said. "But very disappointing, as we were beaten by Murrayfield in the semi-finals."

But overall there haven't been too many upsets in Lycka's ice hockey career. And there's no doubt about his happiest moment.

"I was playing for Czechoslovakia against the Canadian Olympic side and in one minute during the game I scored twice. It's something I'll never forget."

Such experience makes Lycka a signing to savour at Lee Valley.



GETTING to know the language: new Lion import Jaroslav Lycka.