



ROAR!

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EARLY ARRIVAL CHECKS McEWEN

LIONS' FIRST IMPORT SIGNING for the coming season showed his eagerness to return to England by arriving a day EARLY! Doug McEwen, high-scoring, tricky Canadian defenceman with last season's champions Peterborough Pirates, was held up at customs because the necessary confirmation documents were being taken to the airport by Lions officials a day later.

Luckily Doug got through unscathed and is now staying with some friends in Peterborough, before moving south to commence training in August.

McEwen's two foreign team-mates are still being chosen by Lions officials, trying not to make any selection errors. Lions face a tough task in the regionalised league this season and need to start off well. Slough, Medway and Telford are our main threats, but Southampton will be dangerous again, Richmond will continue to improve, Cardiff's new signings will give them a boost, and surely Swindon won't be as bad as last year, when only a nasty piece of detective work by the BIHA gave Bournemouth the last relegation place instead of the Cats.

Doug's first piece of action at the time of going to print is interesting to say the least. He makes a quick return to last year's hunting ground, the East of England Ice Rink, when Lions take on the Pirates on September 5th.



ABOVE: Doug McEwen, last year a Pirate, now a Lion, and raring to go!!!

BROOMBALL !! IT'S SWEEPING THE COUNTRY !!

Question: Who made the first ever televised Broomball shut-out?... and who scored the first goal?

Answers: the scorer was Nigel Curtis, an engineer at the Ice Centre, and the lucky goalie was yours truly!

Thames Television filmed a report of the recent challenge game between the Ice Centre and Myddelton House. The Ice Centre won the game, against the winners of the league section of the LVIC Broomball Tournament, 1-0 thanks to that history-making goal by Nigel Curtis.

The trouble is, no-one believes that I played in the game because our team was so good the cameras were permanently at the other end of the ice! Just ask my star defenceman and IN-SPI-RAY-SHUN Mike Marsh, just who was behind him ready to pick up a mistake (if he made one)...

The final standings in the Broomball Tournament, before the Finals on August 2nd, are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Myddelton Whizz-Kids	7	6	1	0	14	4	32
Foresters Flyers	7	5	1	1	16	2	27
The Pirates	7	3	3	1	12	3	21
The EastEnders	7	3	1	3	13	9	17
The Maple Leafs	7	3	1	3	10	7	17
Whitefield DSBCD	7	2	1	4	8	8	12
The Bulldogs	7	1	1	5	2	20	7
Red Aces	7	0	1	6	1	24	2

Note: 5 points for a win, 2 points for a draw

In a close finish, the EastEnders scraped into the top four having looked like surrendering the play-off position to the Maple Leafs. With a game each to play, the EastEnders had a goal-difference advantage of 4, but this was soon wiped out as the Leafs beat the Red Aces 6-0, equalling the Tournament record. EastEnders then had to beat the Bulldogs, who had earlier lost to the Pirates 6-0, by two clear goals, as their superior scoring rate would have carried them through in the event of a tie on goal difference. With less than five minutes left the score was 1-0... but the team of LVIC Stewards pulled away in the dying minutes to win 3-0 and clinch their finals place.

WHAT'S HIS CALLED ??

Doug McEwen will be driving around the streets of East London in a Renault '5', the hire of which has been paid for by Lee Valley Park.

In connection with the well known catch-phrase, we are offering a six-game ticket for the best name for Doug's car. Send your ideas to the Lions Supporters Club, Lee Valley Ice Centre, Leyton, London E10 7QL, and the best name will win the prize. Closing date for entries is 14th August, so hurry, get those thinking caps on!

NEXT ISSUE : AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DOUG MCEWEN... OUT IN LATE AUGUST

BRING ON THE BEARS !!

Lions' fixture list released this week reveals a tough start to Campaign 87/8. As the Autumn Trophy tournament involves the weaker teams from our section, we must start off with tougher matches. Take a look at this for starters...

- 25th October: MEDWAY (H)
- 1st November: Southampton (A)
- 7th November: Telford (A)
- 8th November: SLOUGH (H)
- 14th November: SOUTHAMPTON (H)

... and after the visit to Richmond on the 15th ...

- 21st November: Slough (A)
- 22nd November: Medway (A)

Lions fans will be looking forward to the opening game, and hoping for a similar result to last year's, when we beat the Bears 10-4 and Russ Jackson had an inspired game, stopping 92% of his former team-mates' shots.

A full fixture list is on the back page of this issue of ROAR! As you can see, our usual problem month, December, is apparently trouble-free... touch wood! What's the odds on a home defeat by Richmond??

There will be a full report on the Finals in the final summer issue of ROAR!

Entries are wanted for the U-16s Holiday Broomball Tournament, held at the Ice Centre between 19th August and 2nd September on Wednesdays. A leaflet was probably posted through your door last week. Having played in a game, and as a non-skater, it gives you a sense of achievement just playing on the ice, and guarding or shooting at the same goals as the Lions and great players like Vesa Pennanen and Mike Fafard... the invitation to play is open to ALL under the age of 16, if you can't skate, NO PROBLEM!

AROUND THE BOARDS.....

NICO TOEMEN is the name of a 38-year-old Dutchman, who has been appointed as Britain's new Referee-in-Chief. His main duties in Britain will be recruiting and training referees, and also the odd spot of junior coaching.

GLASGOW EAGLES have pulled out of this year's Norwich Union Cup competition, leaving just four teams in the Scottish section. As revealed in an earlier ROAR! the English groups line up as follows:

NORTH: Cleveland, Durham, Nottingham, Peterborough, Whitley.
SOUTH: Medway, Solihull, Southampton, Streatham, Telford.

The Final will be held on December 5th, again it will be televised by BBC Grandstand. We will make sure that we do not arrange a game for that date, like last year. Critics of the BIHA will be pleased to know that there are three Div1 South games arranged for this date: Slough v Cardiff, Swindon v Richmond, and Telford v Southampton, both of whom are in the Cup itself... come on, would you hear of Leyton Orient arranging a league game on Cup Final day? Even the Mickey-Mouse League Cup is played a day after the league schedule for that weekend... things never change!

OLYMPIC TEAMS from Canada, the States, Finland and Czechoslovakia will compete against AIK Stockholm of Sweden and Moscow Spartak of the Soviet Union in an international tournament held at the Scottish Exhibition Centre in Glasgow, from September 5th to 13th.

LIVINGSTON Ice Rink opened on April 24th this year, the 13th full-size ice rink to be built since Autumn 1981....

.... Built on the same lines as the Summit Centre in Glasgow, the arena has a 56m x 26m ice pad and "room" for about 1000 spectators (doesn't sound too good to me... Medway has "room" for 2000, but only the 1000 home fans get a view!)

There are no current plans for a senior hockey team but there is plenty of ice time for junior development at the moment.

THIS REPORT doesn't mention Glasgow, you'll be pleased to read... instead we travel a few miles east to MURRAYFIELD. The Racers take on SLAVIA SOFIA in the European Cup, home and away in October. Sofia if you didn't know is in Bulgaria. This is a preliminary round, as there are 17 entries in this season's revamped tourney. The winners of the tie will compete in a group consisting of the champions of Sweden, West Germany and Holland. This reorganisation was due to the huge travel costs incurred by many teams, and some teams have pulled out of the Cup to avoid such costs.

SUPPORTERS' NEWS

SEASON TICKETS will be available for the coming season, so regular Lions fans can "buy their seat". Prices will be £42.00 for Adults and £24.00 for Children. More details in the August newsletter.

PROGRAMME BOARDS will be on sale from the Ice Centre shop very soon. Priced at £1.95, these are the ideal way to keep your programme tidy, and ease filling-in. In a dark green with the new Lions logo on the front, they really catch the eye and are a valuable piece of equipment for any sports fan.

PHOTOGRAPHS of players will be on sale this season, as well as the usual b/w action shots by John Thorn. We may also get them put on stickers, for all you Lionisers out there.

This season any photos printed in the programme will be numbered, so you can order specific photos from John.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES: A number of junior members have been gazing enviously at the senior Members' badges, so they may be on sale to junior members at cost price.

TEAM NEWS.....

ALI WILL BE BACK

Glaswegian defenceman Alastair Rodger is to remain at Lee Valley this season. He spoke to Mike Smith a couple of weeks ago about the coming season and seemed pleased with the prospects. Mike said Ali was looking fit, and he is hoping the number 3 can tempt some of his compatriots into the Valley.

TORONTO TALKS

Negotiations have started with Don Starkell, a 22 year old forward from Seneca College, Toronto.

WATCH OUT FOR MORE TEAM NEWS IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF

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THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

The response to last month's request hasn't been all that great... ZERO! Come on, put pen't'paper.

We welcome ideas on...

Supporters Club events (especially the Junior Lions club which will start soon)

Programme features... help make it THE best.....

Souvenirs... we need some new ones with the new logo. and perhaps you think our game nights need that extra something special??

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PUT YOUR IDEAS FORWARD.....

DON'T SPEND YOUR TIME LION AROUND !!

WEDDING BELLS RING AROUND THE VALLEY.....

In addition to the wedding of Jack McGill (Clock End Goal Judge) to Tracy Scott, we hear that Russ Jackson is to marry Davina Humphrey ("Dee"), our best wishes to both couples.

FOLLOW THE LIONS... WITH THE LIONS SUPPORTERS CLUB

The Lions Supporters Club will be taking over travel arrangements for our away fans this season. We hope to reach a happy medium between profit for the Supporters Club and cheaper travel for YOU, the supporter. As our first three games are currently away games, prices have been released for the first two, ready for booking.

The trip to Peterborough on 5th September is priced at just £4.50, and the following Sunday's visit to Cardiff only £6.00. Last year the trip to Wales cost £7.50, this is an example of the cheap travel which we are offering, and can only be possible with GALLEON COACHES, who are also being used for the team itself this season.

Saturday 5th September PETERBOROUGH £4.50
Sunday 13th September CARDIFF £6.00

BOOK NOW! Phone Mike Cook on 0992 717511

Deposits will be required of £2.00, on both trips. This season we will be accepting bookings on ALL trips from day one... if you want to pay 50p or £1 a week, that is fine by us.. as long as the balance is made up by the time we travel. For example, we have 5 trips to make in January but have just three home games in a month before Xmas. Moneywise supporters can pay for these trips in advance, when the going's good.

Perhaps the low prices are putting you off? Well, we shall be using the same coach as last season, with Alec the driver, and a video, toilet and coffee machine - all for just £4.50 for the Peterborough trip... and £6 for Cardiff!!

DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE WITH THE I.S.C.

ARE YOU READING THIS AS A NON-MEMBER?? BORROWING A FRIEND'S COPY ARE WE??

TUT! TUT! JOIN THE LIONS SUPPORTERS CLUB NOW!

HEINEKEN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 - SOUTH

OCT Sat.24:
 Sun.25: MEDWAY (H)
 Sat.31:
NOV Sun. 1: Southampton (A)
 Sat. 7: Telford (A)
 Sun. 8: SLOUGH (H)
 Sat.14: SOUTHAMPTON (H)
 Sun.15: Richmond (A)
 Sat.21: Slough (A)
 Sun.22: Medway (A)
 Sat.28:
 Sun.29: CARDIFF (H)
DEC Sat. 5: N.U.C.FINAL
 Sun. 6: RICHMOND (H)
 Sat.12:
 Sun.13: SWINDON (H)
 Sat.19:
 Sun.20: Cardiff (A)

JAN Sat. 2:
 Sun. 3: Southampton (A)
 Sat. 9: Swindon (A)
 Sun.10: TELFORD (H)
 Sat.16: Slough (A)
 Sun.17: Cardiff (A)
 Sat.23:
 Sun.24: SOUTHAMPTON (H)
 Sat.30: Telford (A)
 Sun.31: SLOUGH (H)
FEB Sat. 6:
 Sun. 7: RICHMOND (H)
 Sat.13: Swindon (A)
 Sun.14: Medway (A)
 Sat.20:
 Sun.21: CARDIFF (H)
 Sat.27:
 Sun.28: SWINDON (H)

Face-off times:
 HOME: Saturdays 5.30pm
 Sundays 5.30pm
 AWAY: To be confirmed

MAR Sat. 5: MEDWAY (H)
 Sun. 6:
 Sat.12:
 Sun.13: Richmond (A)
 Sat.19:
 Sun.20: TELFORD (H)

AUTUMN TROPHY - SOUTH

CHALLENGE MATCHES

SEP Sat.12:
 Sun.13: Cardiff (A)
 Sat.19: Slough (A)
 Sun.20: SWINDON (H)
 Sat.26:
 Sun.27: CARDIFF (H)
OCT Sat. 3:
 Sun. 4: RICHMOND (H)
 Sat.10: Swindon (A)
 Sun.11: SLOUGH (H)
 Sat.17:
 Sun.18: Richmond (A)

SEP Sat. 5: Peterborough(A)

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