

ROAR!

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LEE VALLEY LIONS SUPPORTERS CLUB
CALGARY - HERE WE COME

Who hasn't heard of Calgary now; and what a feast of winter sports we are able to see in this one-time cow town. There seems to be something to suit almost every sporting ability and you're left marvelling at the sheer inventiveness of some of the sports. Take the 'Luge' for example - 70mph on a 'Tea-tray', it must be strictly for the fool-hardy. Surely it won't be long before someone invents the mixed-doubles on the 'Luge' (excuse me while I slip onto something more comfortable!).

But of sheer drama and excitement at the winter sports you can't beat ice hockey and how nice to see so much television coverage of the great national teams in action. One thing is for certain, it's all having an enormous benefit on the game here in the U.K. We may not have an Olympic team this year, but it won't be long now.

They do say that what happens in America also happens here within 7 years and if this is true of ice hockey then we really are about to take-off. (Remember snooker, bowls, darts a few years ago). The signs are already there, more and more rinks are opening, increasing television coverage, and a well organised national league not to mention our own talented and dedicated players.

But the most important aspect of all are the fans that go and watch the matches. It is they who have the influence, for when the television producers and the commercial sponsors see an audience, that's when they start to take note, and that's when things really start to happen.

There are a few seats on the coach for the Lion's next away match... Paris ... Stockholm ... Calgary ...!

C.R. Stringer
Publicity Manager, Lee Valley Park

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Very best of wishes to you all from the Hartford Whalers Booster Club. The twinning of our two clubs has started quite a thing going now in this country and in the States, with other clubs following our example. This can only be good for Ice Hockey all round. We have had a very generous present from the Whalers Booster Club, four Hockey sticks for our goalies and an offer of sponsorship for Lee Whale, who is their favourite player. They also show great interest in the rest of our team constantly enquiring to me about all the members of the Lee Valley team. On 21st February we have Mr. O'Connor from the United States Embassy making the presentations from the Hartford Whalers Booster Club. This is very kind of him as he is Aide to the American Ambassador and a very busy man, I also understand he is a dab-hand at Ice Hockey. I would like to thank all the people who sent cards and gave their wishes for the birth of Julie and Jamie's son, who they have named Sam. Who knows perhaps he will be a future Hockey player. One last thing, I would like to answer a question that was in the programme a couple of weeks ago regarding the man of the match presentations. First of all the presentations are paid for by the supporters club and therefore it is members of the club that make the presentation, except on special occasions. So it is entirely up to the individual who he/she chooses as man of the match. You will probably be chosen to pick it yourself one week, but don't expect everyone to agree with you, so be ready to take the stick yourself.



Mike Cook, Chairman L.V.I.S.C.

PLAYER PROFILE: DAVE DuCHARME #17

First of all may we wish a very warm welcome to our new Canadian import Dave DuCharme, and hope that with three imports of high standard in the team, we can make an impact on what's left of the season.



Name: David John DuCharme

D.O.B: 14th September 1962

Height: 6' 0"

Weight: 180lbs (12 stone 12 lbs)

Born: London, Ontario

Marital Status: On the lookout

Career: 4 yrs McGill University Redmen 1986-87 - Groningen Holland Honours: Leading scorer 3 yrs, M.V.P 2 yrs, Molson 3 star award winner

Favourite Player: Mark Messier

Favourite Team: Team Canada

Biggest Thrill In Hockey: Winning the North West Ontario Thunder Bay City Championships at 14

Ambition In Hockey: Play my best in every game

Ambition In Life: Be content and happy pass on any knowledge I have gained

Favourite Country Visited: Switzerland - Countryside
England - Social life
Holland - Decadence

Favourite Food: Chicken

Favourite Drink: Vater (Adams Ale)

Favourite T.V Show: England - L.A Law, Canada - Family Ties

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Music: Talking Heads, Level 42, Smiths, The Cure

Who You Would Most Like To Meet: Greg Norman

Superstition: Get dressed the same way before each match and Play better after Xmas

What Would You Do If You Had A Million Dollars:

- 1 - Buy property
- 2 - Give presents to friends and family
- 3 - Throw a party
- 4 - Invest

I hope you like the new improved issue of ROAR! free to members and now on sale to ALL.

WITH THE WHALERS

Plenty has happened at the other side of the pond this month. We have included another player profile, in all-star netminder Mike Liut, and hopefully we will include one each issue, plenty of changes have happened on the Whalers personnel, having traded Dana Murzyn for three Calgary Players, one being U.S. Olympian Lane McDonald, brother of ex-Lion Lowell, Lane has recently starred in the late night friendlies against the Soviets and Canadians. He will be put too the test in the winter olympics.

The Whalers have also traded last months featured player Paul Lawless a flashy, fast skater. But the biggest change has come behind the bench with the Whalers relieving Jack Evans of his duties after a poor first half of the season. Evans is replaced by Larry Pleau, coach of Whalers farm team, Binghampton, he opened his account with Whalers coming from behind to beat Toronto 4-2. Evans who is a native of Cardiff is now a chief scout for the team and is currently at the winter olympics, he will be scouting the Western League.

In the autumn approx 12-15 supporters will be visiting us for a 7-10 day visit, taking in the country and a couple of hockey games whilst here. I'm sure we will all look forward too welcoming them to the Den, to get a taste of British hockey.

Also the Whalers booster club is sponsoring LEE WHALE for the rest of this season and all of next, this is help that is greatly appreciated.

The Whalers booster club, along with Whaler netminder Steve Weeks, is sponsoring the netminders sticks, the first batch of five have just arrived and you should soon see our netminders sporting the flashy Green, White and Blue sticks with pride and wearing the Whalers logo on their hats.

I am sure that we wish the Whalers, their supporters and all the players the very best of luck for the remainder of the season and look forward to meeting a handful of them next autumn.

Until next time
PETER COOK

The BROWN TROPHY Story

The Brown Trophy perpetuates the name of one of the all time greats of Australian ice sports.

In the thirties and late forties when it was not unusual for leading names in ice hockey to be equally as well known in speed skating, the late Jim Brown was outstanding at both sports.

In the early thirties Jim and his great rival Ken Kennedy completely dominated the N.S.W. and Australian speed skating scene. It is doubtful if any other skater won a title in that time.

Brown and Kennedy were to later continue their great rivalry in England where Brown started to play hockey and race in the middle thirties and Kennedy a few years later.

When Jim Brown first went to England he staggered the British speed skating fans with the ease with which he took most of their titles. That someone who came from a 'non skating' country could be that good was something they could not comprehend.

His success in hockey was just as impressive. Playing in the strong English League he more than held his own for several years.

Brown was back in Australia when ice hockey resumed after the war and he again became one of N.S.W.'s leading players, naturally with his old club, the famous St. George.

The defence combination of Jim Brown and Bede Moller, for many years after the war, was one that caused many a flutter in Victorian hearts and even on occasions stirred the local fans to attempt direct action when N.S.W. played in Melbourne. There is at least one instance on record of irate supporters leaping the boards at St. Moritz to remonstrate with Brown after he solidly 'checked' a Victorian player.

This was during the era when fans would queue up to St. Moritz and the old Glaciarium as early as two or three hours before the doors opened, to see the N.S.W.-Victoria clashes.

When the Australian Federation agreed to start an additional interstate series, the then President, Mr Ken Kennedy had pleasure in recommending it be called the Brown Trophy series to honour his former rival and colleague.

The handsome trophy for which the

series is played was donated by a life-long friend, Harry Curtis, whose own services to N.S.W. ice hockey are outstanding.

This year's series will see the 16th presentation of the Sid Percy Memorial Trophy, awarded to the most valuable player throughout the Brown Trophy series.

The award perpetuates the name of the late Sid Percy, past President of the Pirates Ice Hockey Club. His activities span 22 years in the game, first as a player and later in the role of administrator.

Sid was one of a band of enthusiastic yachtsmen from the St. Kilda 14 foot Sailing Club, who, in 1949, decided to form an ice hockey club to be known aptly as the "Pirates".

After many years of playing, Sid put

much more back into the club as committee member, vice president and later president.

The VAIHA was an area where Sid

was always active, filling countless roles,

as referee, interstate selector, tribunal

member and vice president.

It was during his term of office in 1971 as Pirate president that Sid Percy died at sea while on a cruise. Throughout his years in the sport he has given valuable service, and it seems fitting that the award is to be presented to the player in the Brown Trophy who proves himself 'most valuable'.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT

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Well, Lions fans, things are looking just a little better on the hockey front. With the return of Chris in much better form and Dave our new import who WANTS to play, we look more like an operating machine.

I think the league will be headed by Telford as I'm sure Slough Redskins won't really want to go up and face the big boys, otherwise they would have stayed in the Premier. I guess they won't want to travel.

I think that Division One this year has been very exciting and not too taxing on pocket or time with regards to travel. We would have had better times if our team had been stable. The total fluctuation of injuries and import dramas has been destructive to the Lions.

Talking of imports, keep an eye out for Lane McDonald, brother of Lowell who is playing in the USA squad at the Calgary Winter Olympics. I saw some televised warm-up games in the States and he was a tiger but a good bit bigger than his brother. Same style of play, and he could turn on good speed.

Hope you have all seen Whalermania, a smashing video. Perhaps we might get around to this type of promotion next season... "Lion mane'ia"!

If we can get better results then I'm sure we can start filling the seats. From the management point of view this is a Catch 22 situation: If we don't fill seats how can we justify having an ice hockey team. On the other hand if we don't give you the fans a team worth watching, then we don't fill seats.

Well I chose the job so I must do my best for you. Nowhere have I found a better set of fans deeply rooted with loyalty to their team. Myself and Terry do appreciate your constant faith in what we try to do.

At least it's not as bad as soccer, I only get a few unsigned letters and to be fair I agree with some of the comments. Even if you have a point you think I might not like you can sign and address the letter and I will try to put some of the problems into perspective.

After all I want the result you want so we do have a common aim. To help this end I have promised Mike Cook that I will take a fans' question time in the near future. Then you can really ask what you like of me.

Moving on we must now be thinking of next season so plans are being made to keep the squad together and look now for some English boys before Stevenage and Ally Pally open their doors. So although I can't go poaching scouts are out and about. If you the fan think there's a great player we could do with tell 'em so they might just come our way.

I suspect the "magic carpet" man will tantalise us all with offers of returning to the Den, then go to the highest bidder. Ah well Dave such is life.

There are of course many good players who may well be dissatisfied with their present teams. So show the ROAR! and say we are looking their way.

Thanks to all the fans for the Wishing Well efforts to raise over £1500. In one ice rink in such a short time this is stupendous and you hockey fans really helped.

Next season boxes in the bar will be on sale at a special rate now, should you wish to book in advance talk to the box office seat 8 persons and you can hear the game very well and sit in comfort. Box service for drinks will be available. Prices will be £60 so why not get up a party and try the super view.

It will be an interesting last few weeks to see who goes up and who goes down. Please bring as many friends as possible to help the lads with as much vocal support as possible. One thing you may not believe in, if you all fill the place and will the lads on this is a very powerful force. I must say I have seen it work so I do believe in it. So why not have a go and try a bit of the old magic.

HAPPY HOCKEY AND GLORIOUS GOALS.

Mike Smith,
Manager, Lee Valley Lions

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Whaler Search

DID YOU KNOW ?

Hidden in the wordsearch below are 20
current Hartford Whalers Players and
all you have to do is Find Them !!!!!



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This month celebrates the first Lee Valley Lions match, in front of an eager crowd, Lions beat the travelling Oxford University side by a SCORE of 11-9. This was 4 YEARS AGO.

Iserlohn, the West German first division team which wore uniforms advertising Libyan leader MOAMMAR GADHAFIS greenbook, has gone bankrupt and was dissolved by owner Heinz Weifenbach. The West German sports federation banned the team from advertising the green book, which outlines Gadhafis political philosophy of socialism and radicalism. The team was promised \$900,000 for wearing the uniforms.

Tari Suwari celebrated his 22nd Birthday last Friday 12th February.

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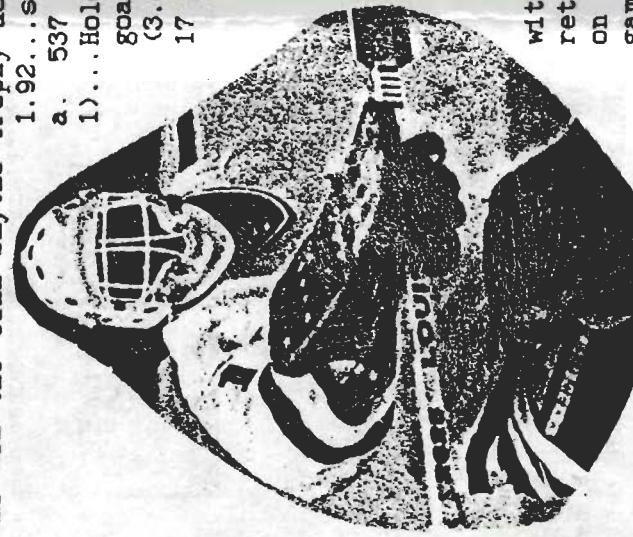
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Lion Dave DuCharme played on the same college team as Durham import Mark Reade and Whitley import Mike Babcock.

Whalers Profile

Mike Liut #1 Goaltender

1985-86: Led NHL Playoff goalies with a 1.90 average. Patrick Roy, who won the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP, was second with a 1.92... set club records with 27 wins and a .537 winning percentage (27-23-1)... Holds club record for best Whalers goals against career average (3.49)... Played in 16 of the last 17 games with a record of 10-3-2 and a 2.83 average... Collected 2 shutouts, the 12th and 13th on his NHL career, blanking Los Angeles on November 27 (9-0) and Montreal March 26 (3-0)... One of the 3 stars in 3 of his 4 complete games against Montreal in playoffs as well as the first game at Quebec... After missing 2 playoff games with a bruised right knee he returned to shut out Montreal 1-0 on April 27 and force a seventh game in Montreal Forum.



CAREER: Acquired from St. Louis with future considerations (Jorden Pettersson) on February 22, 1985... His last game in the civic centre in each of the past 2 seasons has been a shutout 2-0 over Washington April 4, 1985 and 1-0 over Montreal in the playoffs on April 27 1986... Liut's best season was 1980-81. He was the leagues first team All-stars goalie, co-winner (with Gretzky) of the Hockey News MVP award. MVP of the 1981 All-stars game (played in L.A.), voted the St. Louis Fans favourite player (also won the honor in 1981-82 and 1982-83) and the sporting news NHL first team All-star goalie (voting done by NHL players)... Voting for the 1980-81 NHL MVP trophy won by Gretzky) was the closest in NHL history... Had an outstanding collegiate career at Bowling Green where he made 3 CCHA All-star teams and was CCHA Player of the year in 1976-77, his senior year. Another teammate at Bowling Green that season was current teammate Steve Wecks... Was drafted by New England Whalers in 1976 WHA amateur draft. His rights were later traded to Cincinnati in May 1977, with a second round 1979 pick, for Greg Carroll and Brian Maxwell... Signed with the WHA Cincinnati Stingers in 1977 and played 2 seasons there. He led the WHA 3 shutouts in 1978-79.

ON TOP OF THE TABLE

Once again we begin with the news that the supporters club has had another good month. Through your help, encouragement and through the hard work of the supporters club we are able to come out on top once again. The first item was the very successful auction and overwhelming response to this, ended with a grand total of £120 being raised with items such as hats and mugs going for £10 (Neil). Everything except the odd poster was sold. Hopefully as soon as some more paraphenalia arrives we will be able to hold another such event.

Many other teams have enquired as too how we obtained a link with the Whalers etc, but so far no other team has come up trumps. As previously mentioned the Cardiff fixture will be attended by the Aide to the Ambassador of the American Embassy, Mr. Mike O'Connor and his wife. Mike was delighted to accept the invitation having had several links with Ice Hockey. A few seasons back he was taken on as an import player by Streatham but was unable to fulfill the position due to the added burden of extra work commitments, so all reason he's some mean player. Mike will be presenting the Man of the match awards at the end of the game.

Also the Lions Whaler cloth badges are causing quite a stir in Hartford, a sample was sent out and we have received an order for 25 of these, they were very excited by the design of the logo and the quality of the badges. We have also received application forms for membership of the Lions supporters club by several members of the Whalers booster club. They will receive all the benefits of the supporters club (not so sure about the coach travel) so we welcome our first members from abroad. Hopefully some more will follow.

Back to this side of the ocean you may all have either seen or bought one of the Whaler painter caps, they look very sporting and are well worth the money. Hopefully we may well see some more items like this. Also we have seen a new addition to the items for sale - or hire, the NHL games videos, well worth the £3.00 a week hire. they are all full length games and have full commentary. Any new tapes we receive we will hire out, I'm sure there are a lot of video fanatics out there.

Once again keep supporting the club, we have seen the sponsor grid filling up on the programme centre pages so if you work for an

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expanding company or know of anyone who want's their company well advertised, bring them to a game and show them just what good ice hockey is.

To you the supporters if you have any suggestions/letters to contribute to this magazine do let us know as it is your magazine.

Soon we will be receiving a price list of Hartford Whalers merchandise I.E badges, jackets, shirts etc you will be able to purchase through the lions supporters club any items you may choose, so until next time keep supporting them, they certainly appreciate it.

Peter Cook, Editor

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ENJOY THE GAME - AND KEEP ON SUPPORTING THE LIONS