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LEE VALLEY LIONS SUPPORTERS CLUB



'A HARD SEASON'S REWARD'

BRIAN MITCHELL WITH STANLEY

FEEDBACK (1)

I'm pleased to see that at last the fans have got a Statement of Account from R.R.

Although I am in agreement with the 'Man of the Match' award, I'm sure I am not alone in saying that most of the players who have received this on matches I have attended have not been the rightful winner, as last Sunday's game was a clear example.

I realise that in most games the imports would probably win, but if the Beer is shared amongst the team, then so what.

Reply:

Thank you firstly for your reply and secondly an answer to your question. The man of the match award is presented to both teams by the Lions Supporters Club. Each week a member of the Supporters Club is chosen to choose the best player on both sides, therefore it is entirely up to each person who they choose. There are many that I have not agreed with but it is each person's choice and, after all, we each have our own views.

FEEDBACK (2)

We attended the recent Whaler-Marauder game and were expecting to pay a nominal entrance fee of about £1.50, £2.00 at most. We could not believe it when we were charged £3.00.

I know a lot of other people were unhappy at the cost and many just cannot afford it (especially if there has been a Lions match as well at the weekend). Please reduce the cost of admittance to those matches and I'm sure you will increase the crowds.

P.S. I enjoyed the match - it was far more exciting than expected.

I would like to start my letter this month with an appeal to the Supporters of the Lee Valley Lions - Let's see a few more of you on away games. This gives our team the lift they need to win away and also enables the Club not to run coaches at a loss. We run the transport at the cheapest prices possible so that most people can afford it. To break even we must fill a coach so do try to join us. We offer coaches with all the comforts of nice clean seats, air conditioning, toilets, tea and coffee machine, plus video with films to watch on the journey and also a good laugh. On the recent visit to Telford there were twenty seven Supporters that went but I must say the noise and support they gave to the team you would have thought there were a hundred and twenty seven there, out-shouting and outwitting the Telford Supporters with their comments. A great credit to us all, Well done ladies and gentlemen! They certainly knew we were there - shame we had to lose. Well, we have some good home games coming up soon, with visits from Jerry Carroon of the Hartford Whalers Booster Club. Also the Czechoslovakian Ambassador, The Canadian High Commissioner and the Chelsea Pensioners - all nights not to miss. If you have any items of interest for the Roar, or any comments do let us have them so we can put them in. Cardiff Devils are doing a collection to the Save the Children Fund and have asked for donations from our Club. We have left this up to you rather than make collections. If you wish to donate any money to this good cause, send it to me but clearly marked 'Cardiff (Save the Children Fund)' then we will give it to them when they come to collect at our rink. Later in the season we will be doing our own charity thing but it is yet to be decided which Charity - any ideas? I am still looking for player sponsors and as I said before, why not ten of you get together, ten pounds a week sponsors a British player. I also need helpers to put on a list, so that I can call upon them when the regular ones want some time off, or just can't come to a game.

Thank you and let's keep on shouting for The Lions

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

Reply:

Although we would very much like to reduce the cost of these games so they could draw bigger crowds, it is in fact very difficult as during this match they are using ice time which has to be paid for largely by income on the gate. As with the Lions matches, skating sessions and figure skating, all ice time is accounted for so the lower the prices are dropped the less income to pay for this ice time to keep the Whalers matches going.

FEEDBACK (3)

Dear Sir, Just a note about the signature tune when the Lions take the ice ('When the Going Gets Tough'). I honestly think the theme from Rocky created more atmosphere. Could we have this back? The Whalers' song when we score creates a good atmosphere also.

Reply:

Mr. Quaife, I can't agree with you more and we are in fact looking at changing the tune at the moment, although I doubt it will be the Rocky theme. We are looking at some tunes with 'get up and go' to get the crowds going. If you have any ideas, do let us know.

RICHARD MORRIS
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DOUG McEWEN and DARREN DERKSON
LEE VALLEY v BRACKNELL

DROPPING THE PUCK !

Well, round rolls another month, one which has seen Lions really put their mark on the league by beating much fancied Cardiff Devils, Coopers 'n' all and be beaten by the other Championship favourites Telford in a game which could have been won by the Lions. It shows that we are not going to be pushed about and made the League Scapegoats. Some changes on the circuit see Alec Goldstone, ex-Streatham Manager and Medway Manager for a short time, has quickly moved on to take over the reins at Richmond - a team that needs to improve its fortunes under Mark Didcot.

A small note on drugs in the sport. It is rumoured that there is much unrest in the camp of the national Russian team, Igor Larionov - first line forward - has spoken out for the first time about coach Victor Tikharov and the set up in general, saying that the pressure put on them was too immense, meaning they had no private life or any outside interests. In the end so much has been expected of these players that they have been reported as having taken stimulants to keep up with the intensive demands heaped on them by not only their coaches but also their country to win. Let's just hope this gets no further in our sport.

Hartford Whalers have made a good start to the season beating New York Rangers 5-4 and Chicago Blackhawks 7-5 in the second game. Peter Sidortierz iced for his first full game in a Whalers jersey and played a good game in the absence of form-fluctuating Mike Liut and injury-hit 'King' Richard Bradeur. One last late newsflash that affects us all - home games at weekends will now face-off at 5.30 p.m. instead of 6.00 p.m. so that a skating session can be fitted in after the game.

Hope to see you all at the next game.

Until next time -

Peter Cook
The Editor



LEE VALLEY v. BRACKNELL

"SHALL WE DANCE?"

RICK SMITH and DOUG McEWEN

CHRIS LEGGATT SITS THIS ONE OUT

HOW IT WORKS: THE ZAMBONI

Ever wonder how that thing cleans the ice between periods? Here's the story.

Historically, the objectives of ice resurfacing have been to produce a clean and attractive sheet of ice, control the flatness and thickness of the ice for maximum efficiency and make the best ice surface possible in the time available.

Before the first resurfacing machine was developed by Frank Zamboni, a complete reconditioning of the ice was not normally done more than once a day as it involved:

- Planing the entire ice surface and dropping the shavings at one end of the ice rink.
- The planing was followed by washing the whole rink, using a large hose and squeegees to remove any dirt and debris remaining on the surface.
- The final step was to flood the rink with a light film of fresh water by either a hose or a flooding cart.

Because this process took three or four people $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours, it was normally done infrequently, and most resurfacings simply involved scraping excess snow from the ice and following this by a light flood.

With the advent of the ice resurfacer, one person can duplicate the complete resurfacing operation in a fraction of the time previously required. The individual operation performed by the Zamboni Ice Resurfacer are:

Shaving A razor sharp blade extends from one side of the conditioner to the other. This blade shaves the surface of the ice and the depth of this shave can be controlled by the operator.

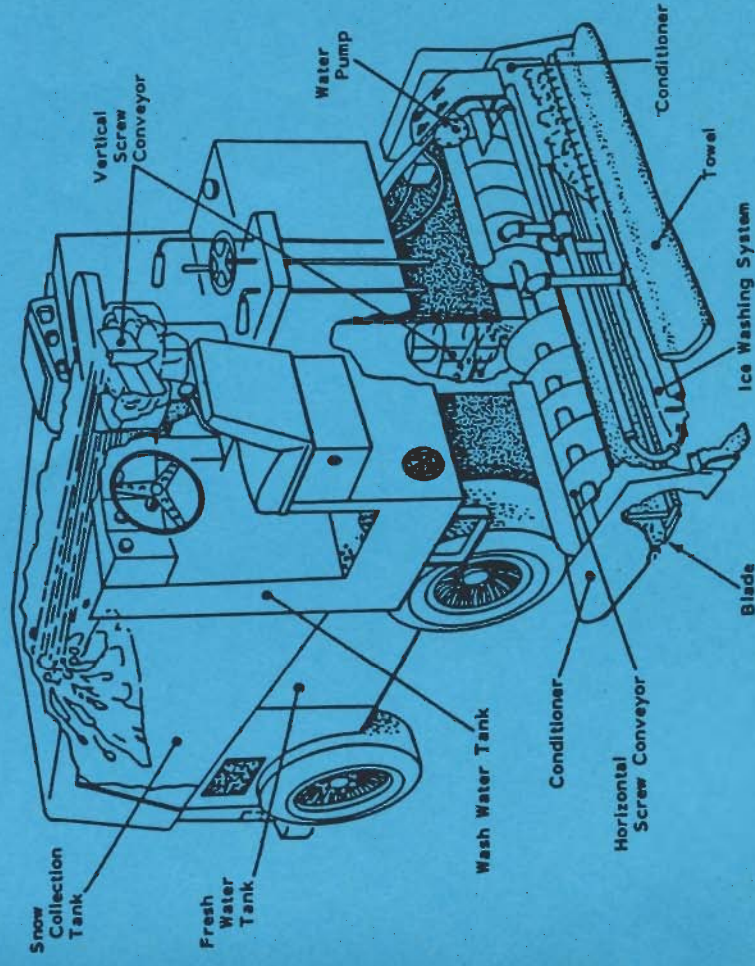
Collecting the Shavings A horizontal screw conveyor gathers the shavings and loose snow from above the blade and moves them to the centre of the conditioner. The horizontal conveyor then throws this material into the lower

end of a vertical screw conveyor. The vertical screw then lifts the snow shavings and propels them into the snow collection tank. These shavings are later dumped into a melting pit away from the ice surface.

Washing the Ice Water is gravity fed from the wash water tank to the conditioner where it washes the surface and flushes dirt out of grooves left in the ice. This dirty water is then vacuumed up by the water pump, filtered and returned to the wash water tank.

Renewing the Ice Following the washing operation, a thin coat of fresh hot water is spread onto the ice by a towel at the rear of the conditioner.

These then are the resurfacing functions as performed by the machine. They can be done singly or together depending on varying ice conditions.



PLAYER PROFILE

Full Name:- JOHN (TURKEY) WALKER
 Date of Birth:- 22/9/59
 Height:- 5' 8"
 Weight:- 11 stone
 Marital Status:- Married to Tracey
 Lives:- Peterborough
 Occupation besides Hockey:- Interior Designer
 Previous teams:- Aviemore, Solihull, Altrincham, Richmond, Peterborough
 Honours (if any):- Too many to mention
 Favourite Team:- Pittsburgh Penguins
 Best/Most Important Goal Scored:- All of them!
 What is your Ambition in Hockey? To play for 20 years (This is my 20th year)
 Superstitions:- Tapping goal posts before matches
 Favourite colour:- Red
 Favourite Eating:- Mince 'n' Tatties
 Favourite Drinking:- Vintage Wine
 Favourite T.V:- Sport
 Favourite Music:- Pavoroti (Operatic singing)
 Who would you most like to meet? Alan Wells
 What would you do if given a million pounds to spend? Spend it
 If you were Prime Minister for a day what changes, if any, would you make? No tax, free beer.

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Dear Ma.

Thank you for your letter dated 16th. October 1988, I am in full agreement with your comments, and I have personally passed your letter on to the Rink Manager. The standards of the stewards are usually high at the Telford Ice Rink, and I am surprised that they did not act promptly, this will also be looked into.

Telford Tigers, and all other hockey clubs rely on loyal supporters like yourself and I hope that next time you visit our rink you will enjoy the match, free of any problems.

I hope that Lee Valley Lions and all their supporters have a very good season.

Yours Faithfully,

Chuck Taylor

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REPLY TO A LETTER SENT TO MR. TAYLOR,
 FOLLOWING A TELFORD AWAY GAME

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accepted.*

ENJOY THE GAME AND KEEP ON SUPPORTING THE LIONS