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In the beginning, Montreal's Victoria rink in 1893 featured hockey games played between seven-man teams on ice with dasher boards about one foot high. The goal posts are exactly that.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Well, this last ten days has been the most busy and educational hockey-wise I have ever had! We met the Reverend Jerry Carroon at Heathrow on Thursday night - we could not miss him in his Whalers hat, loaded down with large suitcases containing mostly hockey paraphernalia. As soon as the introductions were made it was hockey all the way - breakfast, dinner and tea. This man is truly dedicated to the game and a mine of information about all the N.H.L teams but especially the Hartford Whalers.

We went to Lee Valley Ice Centre Friday night to see the Juniors train. Every boy shook his hand and received a few words of encouragement. As he played in goal for some years in the States, I'm sure it was beneficial to our youngsters. He stressed the importance of wearing their helmets on the ice, so I hope they took note. Saturday we went to see Medway Bears play Cardiff Devils. Very impressed with the hospitality of Medway and they were genuinely pleased to meet Jerry, especially Gary Brine and Jeff Smith. Jerry thought that Jeff Smith played a blinder and deserved his Man of the Match. Also he thought that Andy Leggatt had a very good game and had already picked him for Medway, when he received his Man of the Match. Sunday saw him at the game against Slough at Lee Valley where Jerry met our Players and Hartford's namesake, Lee Whale. Play-wise he was impressed by that other Leggatt brother, Chris.

Monday night we went to the Maple Leaf Pub in Covent Garden with some players and fans, ending the evening with a bunch of very merry and mad French Canadians. Tuesday at Chelmsford - Lions v. Chieftans - where Paul Newman did a very good interview for the Ice Hockey News Review. Jerry thought he was one of the better reporters and said he asked some really intelligent hockey questions which a lot fail to do, and he was thanked for giving an interview, so Good on You, Paul. Wednesday the Lee Valley Park had arranged for a Park Tour for the Lions Players and officials as well as

Jerry Carroon. But I am ashamed to say after promising the evening before only 3 players turned up plus one official - Roger. The less said about this the better, except that those that did turn up had a great day out. Thursday night we had dinner out then to the Rink to see the Lions train.

Saturday we travelled up to Nottingham where we were treated like Royalty, given the freedom of the rink and seats to watch the game from the Directors' bar. We had a long talk with Alex Dampier, the Nottingham Panthers coach. Also the Fife Flyers, three new Aztec imports and several other players. Then back to see the Lions at Richmond on Sunday, and a farewell drink with players and supporters. Jerry's final summing up was that he thought the Supporters were fantastic, imports have to work hard and our British Players were coming along exceptionally well, especially considering the ice time that they get in this country. But the refereeing at all levels, through the Leagues to Premier Division, I cannot repeat what he thought of them!!

It has been a great honour for this Club to be the first in this field of communication with the States and a privilege for me to have Jerry to stay with me, not only for the wealth of hockey information he has imparted, but I have gained a very valuable friend. I would like to thank all players, officials and supporters for making Jerry's visit a great success.

He is looking forward to receiving a group of Lee Valley Supporters over in Hartford for next season where he is already making plans.

Thanks once again.

MIKE COOK

Chairman -
Lee Valley Lions
Supporters Club

FEEDBACK

Peter Cook,

REPLY

Firstly, I would like to ask three questions which I hope you may be able to answer. One, in issue 11, I read that there was a possibility of signing Sunderland defenceman Paul Strong. Is there any news of this or is he playing for another team?

Two, Mark Smith's brother, Adrian, has not as far as I can make out, been playing for Cleveland. Do you know why?

Finally, the most important question - What has happened to the match programme? It used to be good to read but I must say now I feel sorry for the people who pay for it.

In the last issue a gentleman stated that he would rather see the theme tune as "Rocky" than Billy Ocean's "When The Going Gets Tough". What's wrong with Billy Ocean? The "Rocky" theme is used in other sports (i.e. boxing, soccer). It is good to have something different.

Since seeing my first ice hockey game (Altrincham, February 23 1986) I have seen many players wearing the Green and White of Lee Valley. I have written down my all-star Lions team for imports and British players:

VESA PENNANEN
JARO LYCKA
DOUG McEWEN
MIKE FAFARD

- (1) Yes, there was the possibility of getting Paul Strong until we found out that he had received a Sine-Die penalty some 2 years ago. A Sine-Die penalty is a life ban and only given by the B.I.H.A. for serious offences. This in Paul's case was reviewed and cut to just 2 years. Unfortunately his time-off had left him very unfit and incapable of stepping into a First Division role.
- (2) I'm a bit in the dark on this one, having been unable to speak to Mark! As far as I can gather, Adrian, who was Cleveland's top British scorer last season, felt that he should be paid for his talented services by the Bombers, who were not so keen, so as far as we know he is holding out until his price is matched.
- (3) This has been on a lot of people's tongues and minds. To explain fully - Mike Grafton, who for several years had done an excellent job with the matchday programme, had to relinquish his Ice Centre duties. This left the programme, which is very important, in a state of transit. Charlie Summer gratefully put together some programmes, until a regular Editor was found and as from 23rd November game, Julie Cook (Yes - we are related!) will handle the programme as Editor and hopefully it will now be in its full glory.

Yours,
Mr. Blowes

IAN CADE
GEOFF WILLIAMS
ANDY LEGGETT
CHRIS LEGGETT
LEE WHALE
MARK NICHOLLS

P.S. A word of warning to the Lions - Don't let games slip away from your grasp.

RECREATIONAL HOCKEY, HIGH STICKS AND OTHER THINGS

An article by Tony Boynton in the July issue of Ice Hockey News Review included a warning regarding the importance of insurance for recreational players. During the summer came news that in Quebec legislation has come into effect from 1st June 1988 that forces recreational players to wear face-guards in games played on municipal rinks. This is the first ruling of its kind in Canada and has been introduced by the Quebec Sports Safety Board as a result of a study on eye injuries arising in adult recreational games.

A report published on the Board's behalf and in conjunction with the Quebec Ophthalmologists Association, highlighted the impact that an eye injury can have upon someone's lifestyle. One of the most obvious examples is the case where someone who is a driver, especially in the case of a self-employed person, loses an eye or becomes unable to meet legal requirements for sight so is unable to continue in a professional capacity. There is an immediate loss of a job and income that could have a considerable impact on the rest of one's life.

Data for the study which lead to this legislation was gathered over a 5-year period (1982-8). The two prime causes of eye injuries were attributed to being hit by a stick (52%) and being hit by the puck (45%). The report treats the claim that the use of helmets and face-guards encourages an increase in high-sticking as a red herring. "This is a weak argument, since good refereeing can prevent illegal behaviour." The report conceded that refereeing cannot prevent accidental injury from a stick or puck. "Face protectors must comply with the stipulations of the Canadian Standards Association."

The issue surrounding high sticking is a controversial one and many people on both sides of the Atlantic see the use of helmets, visors and face-guards as encouraging a lax attitude by players to wave their sticks high in the air. A consultation of the rulebook will show that it is "the carrying of sticks above shoulder height" that is an offence, making contact with the puck or parts of someone's anatomy are "merely add-ons".

It goes without saying that when this safety-conscious person made his debut during a practice held by the British Telecom New Westminster Statesman he didn't do all the good things like be insured, wear a helmet or a visor. Perhaps I enjoyed the blood and X-rays from last year's broomball so much that I fancied another trip to the local hospital. At least I survived the ice hockey debut rather better than the broomball opener. There's no fool like an old fool!

Eddie Norfolk

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1st November, 1988.

Dear Mrs Cook,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16th October, 1988. and note your comments.

First, may I say that I wholeheartedly agree with you regarding matching kit for the Lions. Unfortunately, the Lions use green shorts and as this is not a regular colour held by British suppliers/distributors, a special order has been placed. Hopefully, these will be with us in the very near future.

With regard to 'off ice' uniform, the players themselves have acknowledged this and they have organised matching jackets which they are financing themselves; although delivery is not expected for between four to six weeks.

As far as your comments regarding players' 'guests' are concerned, I would like to point out that it has always been the policy for players and officials to be allowed one guest to travel on the team coach to away matches. The guest is of the players individual choice and, therefore, could be wife, girl-friend, parent, other relation or just a friend. Invariably, not all the players have an accompanying guest. Obviously some are regular guests and I can assure you they are avid supporters of the Lions, irrespective of whether, or not, they are wearing team colours. As a matter of interest, at our last home game I made a point of looking around the Ice Centre and noticed that there were a large number of spectators cheering the "Lions" on, but they also were not wearing green, white or blue. I consider them to be "Lions" supporters, just as I do the "Green, White & Blue" army. It has to be up to the individual to decide what they want to wear and what colour. I commend the Supporters Club members for the magnificent job they do in fund raising and in their selling ability in the Club shop and long may it continue. Your shop staff, of course, at liberty to try and persuade players' guests to purchase the Lions' wares. With regard to your final remark regarding the missiles at our supporters at Telford, I was very pleased to learn that you had received a sympathetic letter from Chuck Taylor. Let's hope that there is no repeat of that type of incident.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Locks
Manager-Lee Valley Lions.



PLAYER PROFILE

If he was as good a goalie as he is a referee....

Full Name:-

IAN MICHAEL CADE

Date of Birth:-

26.4.60 } Well almost
 } Almost 6'2"
 }
Height:-

Nearly 15 st.

Weight:-

Married to Claire
Peterborough

Lives:-

	GP	Mins	SOG	GA	Ave/PC
1975-6 Autumn Cup & Northern League	1	20	15	2	7.50
1978-9 NIHA & Icy Smith Cup	3	180	112	19	5.98
1980-1 NIHA	2	80	33	7	4.71
1981-2 Northern League	?	130	87	32	2.72
1981-2 English National League	11	240	174	29	6.00
1982-3 British League	10	169	84	10	88.10%

In 1982-3 he shared a shut-out with Ron Katernyuk, the British League Player-of-the year. In drifting through old handbooks and Ice Hockey Newsletters to derive these notes it was interesting to note how good an example some of the current zebra set.

In December 1976 Mickey Curry picked up an 8-game ban for fighting - he had received a warning letter for a match penalty the previous season. Bob Bramah picked up a 3-game ban when playing for London Phoenix, forerunners of Richmond Flyers. (Nov 77).

Of those still playing until recent seasons, Pete Murray (then of Southampton) picked up a 2-game ban from the SIHA for 'molesting an official', although the NIHA gave out a sine-die ban on Durham's Pete Johnson for an altercation with a referee.

Modernists should note that the SIHA was the SOUTHERN ICE Hockey Association in those times rather than the Scottish IHA. The Northern IHA's territory included the North east of England as well as Scotland. Places such as Altincham, Blackpool and Grimsby were in the south for ice hockey purposes which they are if one comes from Inverness.

Occupation besides hockey:-

Carpet Fitter

Previous Teams:-

Peterborough Pirates

Honours (if any):-

A couple of Championship Medals
A few cups for being a Nice Guy

Favourite Team:-

Central Army Team

Favourite Player:-

Trechyak

Best/most important goal scored:-

The winning goal in the 86/87 Stanley Cup

What is your ambition in hockey:-

To enjoy it

Superstitions:-

None (touch wood)

Favourite Colour:-

Blue

Favourite Eating:-

Cantonese

Favourite Drinking:-

Anything with alcohol

Favourite T.V:-

Sci-Fi

Favourite Music:-

Anything but Rock 'n Roll

Who would you most like

to meet:-

Margaret Thatcher (in a dark alley)

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for a day, what changes, Replace the present cabinet with

if any, would you make:- the cast of Sesame Street

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