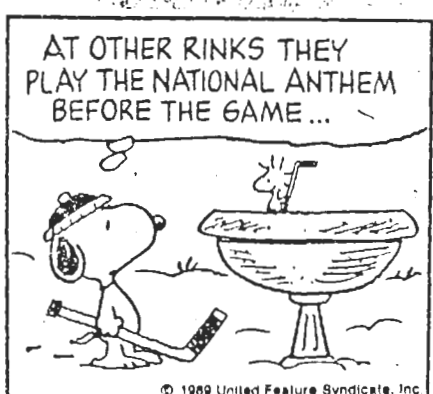


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OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB 1989/90 NEWSLETTER

Hello and Welcome Back to the 89/90 Season and to the New Look Roar which has been changed to an easier to produce and slightly more worthy edition. For any new Supporters Club members Roar is a monthly publication for Supporters Club members only. Its aim is firstly to inform you of news snippets from not only The Lions but from around the League and from our twin team, The Hartford Whalers, and their League, the N.H.L. It tries hard not to feature the same things as the Match Day Programme, and also the new Lions Club Call, details of which are overleaf. During the season it will grow slightly more in size but I want to cut out a lot of page-filling rubbish that was put in last year. This season's opening edition deals with last year's expenditure through Lee Valley Lions Supporters Club. Also 'Glasnost in the N.H.L.' and a look at the imports on the teams we face this year. If there are any articles that you would like to see included then jot them down and send to the Editor, Roar, c/o The Gate Lodge, Myddelton House, Bulls Cross, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 9HG.



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'LOOKING AT THE LEAGUES IMPORTS'

This article has been included, for peace of mind. Many times I enter the ice rink and hear people saying 'Who are their imports?' 'Never heard of him before.' So here is a handy guide to the teams and their scoring machines:

1. CLEVELAND BOMBERS

- ANDRE MALO - (Defence Man). 3rd season with Bombers. French Canadian, powerful slapshot. Previous H.B.L. Club - Ayr.
- TIM CRANSTON - (Forward - Centre). 1st season with Bombers. Born Halifax, Nova Scotia, played in five European countries, short spell with Fife Flyers.
- KEVIN CONWAY - (Forward - Wing). 1st season with Bombers. Born Saskatchewan, holds many league scoring records, previously played in the I.H.L. H.B.L. Clubs - Ayr, Durham, Telford.

2. DEESIDE DRAGONS

- ISMO LEHKONEN - (Defenceman). 1st season in Britain. 27 years old, from Finland, 6ft.1in. 200 Finnish S.M. LIGA games.
- MARKO RONKKO - (Forward). 1st season in Britain. 26 years old, from Finland, 5ft.11in. Fast Forward, previously with I.F.K. Helsinki.
- MIKA JOHANSSON - (Forward). 1st season in Britain. 26 years old, from Finland, 6ft.0in. Previously with top Finnish Club 'Jokerit'.

3. HUMBERSIDE SEAHAWKS

- DALE LAMBERT - (Defenceman). 2nd season with Seahawks. Born Saskatchewan, brother Lane plays in N.H.L. Previous H.B.L. Club - Medway.
- ROSS LAMBERT - (Forward - Centre). 1st season with Seahawks. Brother of Dale and Lane. Helped Medway to Second Division crown. Previous H.B.L. - Medway.
- SCOTT MORRISSON - (Forward - Wing). 1st season with Seahawks. Premier Division top scorer 87/88. Previous H.B.L. Club - Whitley.

4. MEDWAY BEARS

- ROBIN BARTEL - (Defenceman). 1st season with Bears. Played on Team Canada. Also for Calgary in the Stanley Cup Finals.

4. MEDWAY BEARS (cont'd.)

KEVIN MacNAUGHT - (Forward - Wing). 5th season with Bears, been with Medway since formation. Took them up in 1st season, was offered try-out with Hartford Whalers.

LUC CHABOT - (Forward - Centre). 2nd season with Bears, 1st Division top scorer last season. Crench Canadian. Previous H.B.L. Clubs - Ayr and Whitley.

5. SLOUGH JETS

BRIAN MASON - (Defenceman). 2nd season with Jets. Dependable, soon to be reclassified. Previous H.B.L. Clubs - Whitley and Solihull.

RICH BOPREY - (Forward). 4th season with Jets. Fast Forward, part of last season out injured. Brief spell with Bournemouth.

BRETT KELLEHER - (Forward). 2nd season with Jets. Brought in to replace Boprey, ended up replacing Brent Hogan. Previously with Southampton.

6. STREATHAM REDSKINS

RANDY OSWALD - (Defenceman). 1st season with Redskins. Born Brantford, Ontario. Graphic Designer 6ft.2in. Previous H.B.L. - Slough.

VINCENT LUKAC - (Forward). 1st season with Redskins. Born Koske - Slovakia. Played for Czech National team. Previous H.B.L. - Fife.

JOSEF LUKAC - (Forward). 1st season with Redskins. Brother of Vincent. 1st year in Britain. Dislocated shoulder since season started.

7. SWINDON WILDCATS

DARRYL LIPSEY - (Forward). 4th season with Wildcats. Due for reclassification. Runs the show at Swindon. Previous H.B.L. - Bournemouth.

SCOTT KOBERINSKI - (Forward). 1st season in Britain. Played College hockey in Canada. The Playmaker.

PAT FORD - (Forward). 1st season in Britain. As with Scott mainly high calibre College player. The Goalscorer.

8. TELFORD TIGERS

- KERRY LAVIOLETTE - (Defenceman). 2nd season with Tigers. Tough Canadian defence with hard shot - replaced Chuck Taylor.
- DAVE WENSLEY - (Forward). 1st season in Britain. 6ft.0in. Previously at University of Maine. Early contract problems.
- GERARD WASLEN - (Forward). 1st season in Britain. French Canadian, high scorer. Had N.H.L. try-outs.

9. TRAFFORD METROS

- MIKE OLIVERIO - (Defenceman). 1st season with Metros. Fast skating, rushing Canadian. Previous H.B.L. Deeside.
- MARC DAMAHOUSSE - (Forward). 2nd season with Metros. Acrobatic and entertaining. Brother Vincent plays N.H.L. with Toronto.
- FRED PERLINI - (Forward). 1st season with Metros. Explosive Forward, N.H.L. experience in Toronto. Previous H.B.L. Clubs - Nottingham, Fife, Deeside.

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GLASNOST GOES SOUR

During the summer months, perhaps one of the largest influxes of talent to the N.H.L. took place, with the Russian Ice Hockey Federation and the Russian Army finally agreeing to let players make the transition to the N.H.L. So far, six players - Vyacheslav Fetisov and Sergei Starikov to New Jersey, Vladimir Krutov and Igor Larionov to Vancouver, Sergei Makarov to Calgary and Netminder Sergei Mylnikov to Quebec. In the first instance this means that five or six first line players from the USSR Olympic and World Championship winning side have gone to the toughest League in the world, but now there is an awful lot of resentment. People will wonder what happens when any of them play in Maple Leaf Gardens owned by self-confessed anti-communist Harold Ballard, who so far has refused any USSR touring teams to play there, and will only ever play the Canadian National Anthem even if a U.S.A. team is playing, and many N.H.L. players have started personal vendettas over it. Los Angeles forward, Bernie Nicholls, said "When they come here they can expect to get hit hard.", whilst team mate Wayne Gretzky said, "My parents never got anything for sacrificing the best years and money for kit etc., yet the Russian authorities are getting such vast amounts." This comment referred to the alleged sums of up to \$750,000 going to the Russian authorities. All we can do is wait to see how these silky internationals perform in the tough world, whilst dodging the missiles perhaps.