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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LEE VALLEY LIONS SUPPORTERS CLUB.....

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R 1 9 9 1.....

Dear Members,

Welcome to the ROAR!, hope by now you have recovered from the Christmas 'pig-out' and are enjoying a very happy new year. Well, what a great weekend last week, a win over Basingstoke Beavers 12-13 at the 'Playground' & the ultimate victory over old rivals, Medway Bears AT the Gillingham Ice Bowl! Lions coming out 7-5 on top. Well done to all the lads! Whilst we are on the subject of my least-favourite set up in the league I must say that I have no sympathy for the 'smuggies' at Gillingham, your crunch has at last come - 13 games without a win now! The programme down at Medway constantly prints the old,old, Lions logowhen referring to us & their constant references to organising 'twinings' with N.H.L. booster clubs, also their own half-hearted affiliation with the Boston Bruins, when we all know there is only one team in this league with REAL N.H.L. connections don't we??? Also on the away travel side of things - what WERE the Bracknell supporters doing on their balcony at the game before Xmas? - sunbathing! They certainly weren't supporting their team very vociferously, they wouldn't even join in the Christmas sing-song! Perhaps they think "We're going to win anyway, why bother?" - do we have another Medway in our midst? Whilst at Bracknell I was chatting to my old friend - Filly Flyer once of the I.H.N.R. it seems a shame that we don't have a woman's viewpoint in it any more. Thanks to Bill Kober for his viewpoint which I have included, if anybody has anything they would like to say please send them to me at the usual address, don't forget to cast your vote for player of the month for December A.S.A.P. Many thanks,

PLAYER OF THE MONTH BALLOT - DECEMBER '90

OFFENCE

DEFENCE (INCLUDES GOALIES)

MEMBERS NAME

PLEASE HAND THE ABOVE IN A.S.A.P. TO THE T-STOP OR SEND TO THE GATE LODGE, MYDDLETON HOUSE, BULLS CROSS, ENFIELD, MIDDX EN2 9HG OR PHONE YOUR VOTE ON 0992-88782 - THANK YOU.....

L I O N S F A C T S ! !

Lions have retained import line-up, OSWALD, SCHLUTER & CYR, whilst dispensing with the services of coach, Wayne Evers. Joining the Lions as team manager is a well known figure in British Hockey - Alec Goldstone, he will be responsible "for all aspects of personnel within the team including the motivation and the provision of direction for the players". He spent many years with the Streatham Redskins taking them to the championship play-off. Lions have lost the services of British players Ben Acquah and Mark Salisbury, the latter moving to Basingstoke Beavers...

F I X T U R E R E V I S I O N S ! !

PLEASE NOTE THE POSTPONED FIXTURE AGAINST BASINGSTOKE HAS NOW BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR THE 17TH MARCH AND THIS WILL THEREFORE BECOME OUR FINAL HOME GAME. ALSO, FOR INFORMATION , OUR AWAY FIXTURE AGAINST ROMFORD RAIDERS HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM THE 2ND FEBRUARY TO THE 10TH FEBRUARY. FINALLY, OUR GAMES AGAINST TELFORD HAVE BEEN SWITCHED AND WE ARE THEREFORE PLAYING THEM AT HOME ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY AND AWAY ON THE 16TH MARCH...

B O O K I N G N O W * * * * * S W I N D O N

BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN AT THE T-STOP FOR A COACH TO SWINDON ON THE 19TH JANUARY, THE PRICE WILL BE £7.50 PROVIDING 30 OR MORE PEOPLE BOOK, SO COME ON, HAVE A DAY OUT TO PORK PIE COUNTRY & WATCH THE LIONS MASH THE WILDCATS! THE COACH WILL LEAVE AT APPROX 1.30PM.....

T H A N K Y O U S L O U G H

In case you didn't go the following was included in the Slough programme for the game on 22nd December at the Ice Arena in a piece written by Allan Petrie, "The Lions supporters who have made the journey tonight deserve a pat on the back for being loyal to their team, I'm sure if Slough were near the bottom of the table and had won only once or twice, quite a few supporters would be disillusioned with supporting the team especially with away games against a top team, so well done Lions supporters, i'm sure your loyalty will be repaid shortly". It certainly was last week at Medway!

** LEE VALLEY LIONS PLAYERS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER **

OFFENSE - #33 TONY GOLDSTONE

DEFENSE - #6 RANDY OSWALD (IMPORT)

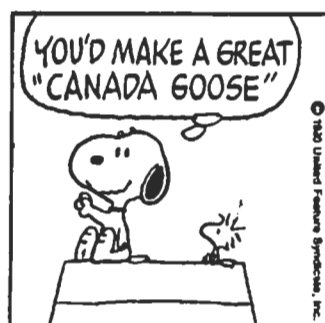


No: 6
RANDY OSWALD
Born: 05. 01. 66
Ht: 6'2 Wt: 195 lbs
Played since 4 years old
Previous Clubs:
Streatham Redskins, Slough
Jets Michigan Tech Huskies

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE.....

I am delighted to see a marked improvement in the Lee Valley Lions with the acquisition of Alec Goldstone as manager. Things seem to be more organised, players have more purpose and a definite will to win, as they proved at Basingstoke and Medway recently. Well done Alec, you have bought us some long-awaited hope. Also well done to that hard core of fans that are always there, they deserve it after their long trek to Glasgow to support their team, although the Lions lost, we all had a great time up in Scotland, a pity we could not fill the coach, the Supporters Club carried quite a large loss on this trip owing to people who booked to come but did not turn up or cancel beforehand, in the future i'm afraid we will have to take deposits and not refund if someone does not show up. Saturday night I went to the ice show at our rink "Winter Wonderland", it was marvellous with Joanne Conway as the star guest, the whole show was a credit to the hard work of Mike Smith and his wife Jenny. It is a pity that more of the hockey fans do not come. I will try next season to get special rates from Mike Smith, so that supporters club members & their families can go. The kids will love it! I have been in touch with our friends in the U.S.A. , we hope shortly to have a badge or patch with Whalers Booster Club and Lions Supporters Club on it. Things are getting quite competitive now with other British teams twinning with N.H.L. booster clubs, but it is nice to know that the Whalers and the Lions were the FIRST! We have also had connections with quite a few more teams in the U.S.A. & Canada and have supporters club members in most of them. Our great friend Jerry Carroon now runs the Whalers Old Timers team amongst many other activities and will be giving us more details at a later date, we would love to see them over here next season! Also my very good friend, Frank Marshall of the New Jersey Devils will get us all the information we need on all the various leagues & I hope to persuade him to write an article for our newsletter. By the way, let's hear some of your views on different subjects, we all like to know the views of others too. I spoke to filly flyer at Slough and was shocked to hear that she no longer writes for the Ice Hockey News Review, I think this is a great loss as I, and many others looked forward to reading her honest and straight to the point column, we at Lee Valley would always welcome a viewpoint from her in our newsletter. I would like some views from you on changing the charity we support next season, so if you have any ideas or favourite charities please let me know as this will be a point for discussion with the charity secretary, Marian Tingey at our next committee meeting. Also, do let us have the voting slips back for player of the month quickly, for November I only got one posted to me, the rest I had to ring round for, this all costs money we can use in a better way. I have been watching supporters and will be making an end of season award to the most enthusiastic and loyal supporter for the Lions, whether they be noisy, helpful, good attendance or just fanatical in their support. We have had news from Brad Smith who is in British Columbia, he now plays for a team called the Nanaimd Clippers, who by all accounts are doing quite well in their league tying for first place. Brad said it was quite difficult to adjust to Canadian Hockey again, but is improving with every game and is playing forward now. He is still interested in the fortunes of the Lions and hopes to come back to Britain next year to 'tear our hockey up'. We wish him the best of luck and hope to see him one day soon. Well, a very happy new year to all our supporters and friends worldwide and many thanks to the Whalers Booster Club, also Frank and Kathy Marshall of the New Jersey Devils, our friends at Springfield & the Newhaven Nighthawks Booster Club.

All the Best,
MIKE COOK...



S U P P O R T E R ' S E Y E V I E W

"I would like to air one or two points of view with regard to the situation in the Lions camp, like Mike I admired the efforts of Steve James and Terry Mills in attempting to get the Lions off the ground this season, they must have put in a hell of a lot of hard graft and not a little money. but as Mike said in his article 'even we supporters have got the ability to tell a bad import' and I feel that the Lions management did not spend wisely in the import market. I would also agree that there is not enough contact between managers, coach and supporters, we don't expect to be consulted on team training and tactics etc. but the only real contact we had, was pre-season when the imports and coach were introduced and our help was asked for in various ways. Since then it's been an occasional plea in the programme to get behind the team because they need our vocal support, but I do feel that when the team play badly, and they have on occasions, we have been entitled to an apology or an explanation! Not just a shrug of the shoulders. In so far as the life of the team goes the feelings of the supporters do matter, for without support there would be no team. Well I've aired my views and as I write have heard things about changes in management and coaching. Wether they will be effective only time will tell, but I do sincerely hope that there is a complete turn around in Lions fortunes in 1991, Yours as ever in ice hockey,
BILL KOBER" - ILFORD, ESSEX.

F O O D F O R T H O U G H T

Why are match day programmes around the circuit becoming so bitchy???
It is ok to make comments etc. in newsletters which are distributed within
~~a club but making remarks, not only about other clubs but the inner goings-on~~
of your own does not make a good read!
Motto - Never do your dirty washing in public!!!

Until Next Time,

ENJOY THE GAME & YOURSELVES!

Julie



WIN
A
PRIZE

WHICH
TEAMS?
LOGO?

P.S. PLEASE NOTE: My comments on Medway supporters do not include two very loyal and nice ones!! Harry & Margaret Guest who we may convert to OUR side very soon!