



Hartford Whalers



Booster Club, Inc.

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

Well,

Another season has started and not very well in the Lions camp - so many changes - so little time, what can be said, those of you who have seen some of the slaughter will know what I mean, anyone who hasn't - well you haven't missed anything - except a record for goals against!

Hopefully there are some MORE new players in now although the team cannot settle whilst youngsters are not happy and keep asking for transfers, they need to play as a team - for the team and for each other, all of them - and not for themselves, till then, I doubt we will see any improvement - at least Trafford had Fera who tries every game - definately not a loser, but we must have faith (and a goal scorer!!) so let's hope that the next few weeks will see some improvement.....



H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Harry Cuthbert	(5th)
Peter Collins	(15th)
Marie Keating	(30th)
Mick the Man Moorhouse	(31st)
Gary Power	(23rd)
R. Stevenson	(28th)
Eric Wollington	(16th)



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We have had a lot of correspondence from the NHL Booster Clubs of which Mike Cook and Eve & Steve are the ambassadors. So if anyone is interested in joining any Booster Clubs in the N.H.L. - especially Hartford Whalers, New Jersey Devils, California Golden Seals (now defunct but a great booster club), San Jose Sharks, Winnipeg Jets, N.Y. Rangers & Islanders we will be more than pleased to get the application forms for you, all good fun and it keeps the international scene going - the envy of every team in this country.

SPONSORSHIPS

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If anyone can help with any sponsorships at all for players/kit/programme etc. please see Mike Cook in the supporters club shop, we are promoting a sponsorship page in the programme shortly whereby YOU can sponsor your favourite players for all sorts of things (except beer!!)

A W A Y T R A V E L

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Not much on this scene at the moment, but we will be doing a coach to Scotland after Christmas, probably to stay overnight and come back for the Telford game on the Sunday, anyone interested see Dave (Puff Puff) Blowes.

Also, anyone interested in lending a hand with the Supporters Club at short notice as we sometimes need extra hands for different promotions, also for collections etc. for our registered charity ACT - if you would be able to spare some time during intervals in the games etc. please see Mike Cook, he will take your name in the T-Stop.

Help much appreciated - you could even get a mention in the programme!!!!!!

CALLING ALL BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERS - Jerry Guidoni

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This article is a call to all Booster Club Members. As I'm sure that you are all aware there is a possibility that the Sabres will leave town and/or be sold if a new arena is not constructed in the near future.

During these difficult economic times it is obvious to all concerned that the team ownership and other private entities have to provide the majority of the financing for this venture. This is not to say that no money would come from the City, County and State governments. Their support - both financial and otherwise is vital for this project.

I urge all Booster Club members to write a letter or even a post card to their elected representatives letting them know how important keeping the Sabres in Buffalo is to you. Urge them to support and actively pursue the building of a new arena.

Please contact your state senator and assemblyman. Erie County residents contact the County Executive and your County Legislators and City residents can contact your Council Representative and the Mayor's Office.

Looks as though it is not only the Lions that have their troubles - so do the Buffalo Sabres of the NHC. I think that Supporters Club members could take note of this with respect to their own team - the Lions.

Mike Cook
Chairman - LVLSC

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If you have anything you would like printed in the ROAR! Please send it in to the following or hand it to Mike or Julie Cook on match nights ...

THE GATE LODGE, MYDDLETON HOUSE, BULLS CROSS, ENFIELD MIDDX. EN2 9HG

AN OPEN LETTER TO STEVE JAMES :::

Dear Steve,

The day has arrived that I never ever thought would dawn, I have chosen to stop watching the only game I have ever loved midway through the season in spite of holding a season ticket.

I am afraid five successive seasons of failure and frustration have left me as sick as the proverbial parrot and completely dissatisfied with the ² efforts - or lack of them - of the Lee Valley Lions.

Each year I find myself saying "I'll give it another go. Perhaps they'll show an improvement", but, alas that has not been the case and I am puzzled by the comings and goings within the team.

I know the unfortunate accidents to Esa Palosaari has created difficulties and I understand that. BUT we started the season with a full import line-up and a non-playing coach who parted company with us after just a few weeks. Surely if you felt a non-playing coach was essential and affordable at the start of the season, why not now? The team certainly need someone to point out the error of their ways and instill some defensive discipline into them.

It is sorely needed and I feel that too many unnecessary penalty minutes are being taken by some particular members of the team and are being made to pay for it in goals against.

I am perturbed also by the going of Ronnie Evans-Harvey. O.K. a fee was agreed by Romford for his transfer but will it buy in another British player of a like calibre?? I doubt it!! His going only leaves a weak team even weaker and I have no wish to see my team used continually as a whipping post for the rest of the league.

So if I watch any Ice Hockey at all this season, it will be to watch the Whalers who, as amateurs and not "professional" like the Lions can be forgiven for any shortcomings in their play.

I fervently wish that there soon is a change in attitudes and fortunes within the team and I would love to have to eat my words.

TIME WILL TELL!!!!

Yours,

Bill Kober,
Ilford,
Essex.



NEW RULES FOR THE 1992- 1993 NHL SEASON ADOPTED BY THE NHL BOARD OF GOVERNORS

GAME MISCONDUCT FOR THE INSTIGATOR OF A FIGHT: A game misconduct penalty is imposed on any player deemed to be the instigator of an altercation. This is in addition to any other penalty that might be imposed.

MINOR PENALTY FOR HOLDING A OPPONENT'S STICK: A new rule (59 b) is implemented to read as follows: A minor penalty shall be imposed on any player who closes his hand around the stick of an opponent so as to hold such stick.

DIVING (UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT): A new minor penalty is to be imposed against a player for unsportsmanlike conduct for intentionally diving.

4 ON 4 RESTORED FOR COINCIDENTAL MINORS: To be called Rule 27 (d), substitution of players will not be allowed when coincidental minor penalties are called when both teams are at full strength.

DIMENSION OF RINK (RULE 2 b - THIRD PARAGRAPH): Glass is now required in front of penalty benches, to provide for the safety of the players.

HIGH STICKING STANDARD REDEFINED: Rule 58 parts (a) and (c) have been amended to change the high sticking standard to be waist height (on the victim) rather than shoulder height.

HELMETS TO BE OPTIONAL FOR ALL PLAYERS: Rule 23 (b) has been amended such that "all players will have the option of whether they wear helmets."

PROTECTION OF GOALTENDER: A change to this rule will see a continued disallowance of a goal when a player is in the crease at the time his club scores a goal. No penalty will be called on the player if he does not make contact with the goaltender.

RULE 54 (d), BOARD CHECKING AND CHECKING FROM BEHIND: An addition to this rule will see a major and game misconduct for a player who crosschecks or pushes an opponent from behind into the goal frame.

DELIBERATE INJURY OF OPPONENT: All match penalties for either Rule 44 (Attempt to Injure) or Rule 49 (Deliberate Injury), will result in a five minute major and game misconduct.

RULE 70 - SPEARING: Butting will be penalized in the same manner as spearing - double minor for non-contact and game misconduct for contact.

MINOR PENALTIES: If a goal is scored during a delayed penalty, while offending team is shorthanded by reason of a minor penalty, the only penalty received is the one in the penalty box.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 17 (SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE): In all cases where a player has been suspended without pay, that player's club will be fined an amount equal to prorata portion of his salary covered by the suspension. Additional penalties will be assessed to club's who pay suspended without pay players.

TRADE-BY-LAW: A trade will become final and binding only when there has been a confirmation to the League office in the form of a FAX by the clubs involved.