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Well - what you think of it so far!!! in words of not more than 2 syllables. Blooming rubbish - but there you go nothing new is it? I don't think we'd know what to do with a winning side albeit we must have some of the best imports in this league, however, early days yet but unless Steve can come up with some British backup to the selection of imports we've got in my opinion we may as well finish the season now, because after all is said and done all he's doing and all we're doing is throwing good money after bad, even coach - Lindsay Miles can't make 'a silk purse out of a sow's ear' Why is it that players won't come here? lack of funds we're told - or is it?? Lack of incentive perhaps - the will to win!!! An offensive game in an offensive league! What is your opinion? Please write and tell us Lyndsey has said "there is some wicked criticism going around" - well - sorry Lyndsey, but at the moment it's well deserved, when in three of the last four games we've had a bench penalty! very professional - get a bench coach - get a first aider (regular) and get a committed equipment manager for starters, then work your way up, at the moment everything is at half mast and we're not out of the dressing room! The players we have got are trying hard enough and they have had a lot of backing but there isn't enough of them, the acquisition of Robin Andrew and Gary Dodds has made some difference, and I thought a couple of others were coming to us as well, but they have been turned down for some reason or another - try pushing player sponsorship Steve it would bring some new ones in!!! If anyone is interested in sponsoring a player or part of their body (whoops sorry kit) please contact Mike Cook at the T-Stop on match nights - any sponsorship will be put in the programme under your name, so go for fame!

PLEASE NOTE ALL INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS:.....



AWAY AWAY IT'S A HOLI HOLI DAY!!!!

Following trips are taking bookings for now

SWINDON SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER

TELFORD SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER

SLOUGH SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER

DUMFRIES/SOLIHULL - AWAY WEEKEND - 27th/28th NOVEMBER

PLEASE REMEMBER PRICES FOR THESE TRIPS ARE WORKED OUT ON HOW MANY PEOPLE BOOK WE NEED TO KNOW IN ADVANCE OF THE DAY OF THE TRIP IF YOU ARE DEFINATELY GOING, WE CANNOT MAKE REDUCTIONS ON PRICES IF PEOPLE SAY THEY ARE GOING AND FAIL TO PAY UP OR TURN UPWE REALISE THIS ONLY APPLIES TO THE MINORITY. BY ADVANCE, WE MEAN FIVE CLEAR DAYS.

LET'S SHOW WE ARE STILL SUPPORTING OUR TEAM BY GOING ON THESE TRIPS, THEY ARE FUN AND THERE IS ALWAYS A GENEROUS FREE RAFFLE ON THE COACH. IF YOU WISH TO BOOK EITHER SEE MIKE OR LISA COOK AT THE T-STOP OR TELEPHONE 0992-788782...

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

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The old Stevenage rink which closed down in April, when the receivers were called in, could be reopening before too long. Negotiations with potential new owners are apparently very close to reaching fruition. Referee Ken Taggart's desire to finish matches quickly - and get into the bar is legendary, but it went a bit far on Saturday during the ill tempered Milton Keynes versus Teeside match when one of his linesmen dropped the puck while two first aiders were still walking off the ice after treating an injured player. After the rink engineer had crashed the zamboni into the boards at Romford last Sunday, John Moore smashed head first into the timekeepers box - is that where he lost his marbles???

LIONS NEWS ::: Gary McCloughlin has returned to Chelmsford for personal reasons. Darren Fitzpatrick has returned to the Lions Den. Paul Marshall has joined the squad from Medway...



SOME VIEWS FROM OUR FAB 4!

We put some questions to Darcy, Craig, Andrew & Al and this is what they came up with

- Q. Do any of you think the game in this country is harder or just different from the type of hockey you're used to playing , what do you actually think of the British game & is there a 'British game'?

Craig spoke for all when he replied - at home you play a 30 sec. shift - on and off again, here you are on the ice for a lot longer - you have a different role to play in the fact that you play offence & defence, not whatever your job is at home "You do all of it" - Yes there is definitely a "British game"! They were all surprised at the differences between the two and what is expected of them here, although Darcy was forewarned having previously played at Fife, he noticed the difference in the varying levels of hockey here e.g. Premier & first division.

- Q. Can you give us some ideas of what you think would make a more successful team?

The general answer to this one was more experienced British players to back the imports up and more British Kids. As Craig said "You would be amazed at the difference on experienced Brit can make"

- Q. Is there somewhere or something in this country you would like to see or do while you are here?

Amid cries of Stonehenge from Craig and Buckingham Palace from Andrew (perhaps Craig should be in a Wildcats' shirt?) All four expressed a desire to go to a premier league soccer match (Al has apparently heard about the trouble and wants to see for himself!) At the time of going to press a trip to Spurs is being arranged for them - no fighting Al! One thing they are enjoying here is the amount of ice time they get - "No player who loves the game would complain about playing 45 mins. of hockey" says Mr. Deblois.

- Q. Have you got many criticisms of the game here?

A unanimous verdict - REFEREES! Al says 'refs here tend to protect the British players more, the imports are expected to take more stick - if you hit a British guy you're more likely to get the penalty than if they hit an import - the refs tend not to see that, they seem to have double standards" Quote of the year about our friends the inimitable stripeys has to come from Craig - "they have large egos and think the fans come to see them rather than anyone else".

- Q. Do you think a different coaching approach might help the game?

Basically there is no official youth hockey programme here in this country was the answer to this one 'it should be more geared to kids' Al & Darcy agreed that a coach has to know how to motivate his team first, and play the game by the book second - "A good coach lives and breathes the game and therefore motivates his players because of it, Lynsey is very good on paper and is learning to motivate now"

Q. What do you think of the fans here at Lee Valley? & how do you feel when we lose to local teams like Romford?

All agreed that you lot are 'very supportive', they get very depressed when we lose & understand that the fans feel the same way - the kind words after a loss help tremendously, they are all aware of the strong local rivalries and feel very bad when we lose to these teams. They hope that you keep on supporting them and stick with it!!!

NOW PERSONALLY,

A brief background :::::::::::

Darcy Cahill #21 - hails from Kingston, Ontario, has mum, dad, & 2 brothers at home (he's in the middle), played in the OHL and was then drafted by Vancouver Canucks, needless to say that didn't work out. Darcy likes golf, baseball & is a good cook according to Al, & I can't believe this - likes whinging!!

Al Brown #3 - was born in Toronto but grew up in Ottawa, is the 3rd of 4 sons, won a scholarship to play hockey at Colgate University where he graduated in Geography, was then drafted by the Washington Capitals, Al would like a job in real estate and to own some land, he plays Lacrosse and reads a lot of crime books, he was the one that tried to convince us that they spend a lot of time on their own reading(!)

Craig Deblois #20 alias Mel Gibson - comes from Bowmanville, Ontario & is the eldest of 3 sons, has an economics major, but worked at General Motors as a summer job, he also plays LaCrosse and has played for Canada V England - apparently we were mashed in that one! He is a seafood fanatic and also likes reading-Stephen King.

Andrew Dickson #7 - hails from Pakenham, Ontario, (pop. 300 I was informed) He is the youngest of three and has an older brother and sister, 'Uncle Andrew' has a nephew, Zachary aged 3½ who already skates better than Cloutman! Andrew has a BA in economics, plays golf a lot with a 4 handicap, is also into basketball (I'm informed he's quick!).

Sorry ladies but all have girlfriends! Thanks to the lads for their cooperation with this .

NAME THE REF!!!!



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INSIDE THE NHL

Club captain Al media's best pal

By Mike Brophy

Al Iafrate, you've just been elected captain of THN's all-interview team. How do you feel?

"Cool man, I've never been captain of anything before."

It's precisely the kind of response that has made the Washington Capital a favorite among quote-hungry reporters. The motorcycle-driving, cigarette-smoking, tattoo-sporting Wild Thing was the obvious choice to lead our team.

Some of his greatest quips include:

□ On the strength of his shot: "It's a genetic thing. My parents love each other. I'm a love child."

□ On empty-net goals: "They're for (sissies)."

□ On taking only two sticks to last season's All-Star Game? "If you bring too many, the sticks you use later get jealous and then they won't perform."

Ironically, Iafrate says he usually takes his meetings with the media seriously—it just doesn't always seem that way.

"Sometimes when I mean for

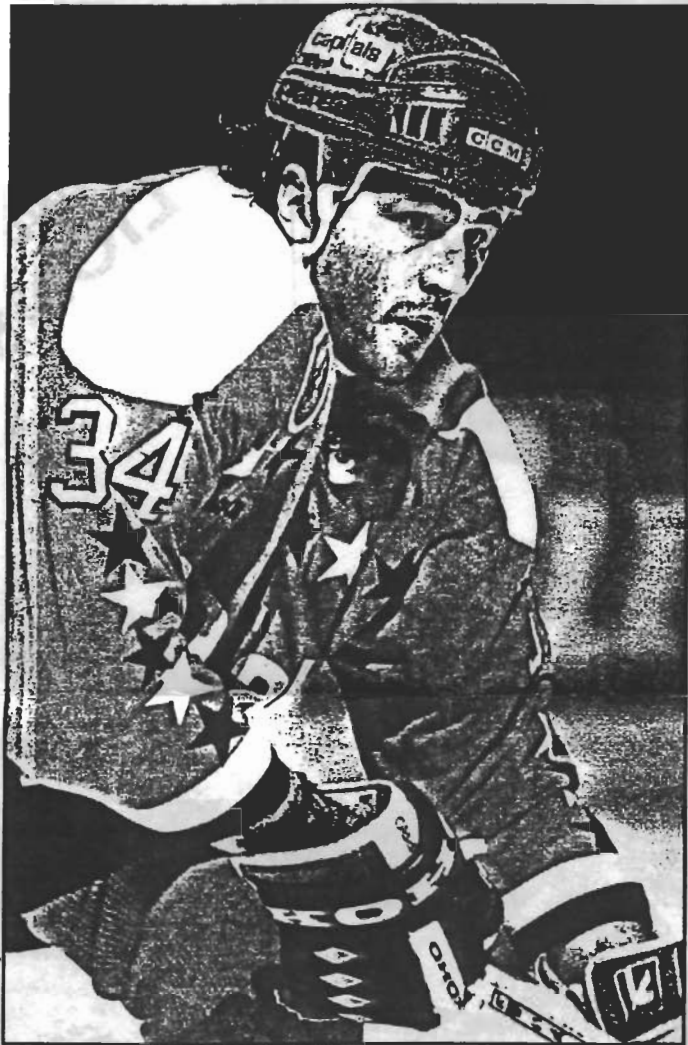
something to be serious," Iafrate says. "people think I'm trying to be funny and they laugh."

Joining off-the-wall Iafrate on defense is steady-as-she-goes Kevin Lowe of the New York Rangers. At center is Ray Ferraro of the New York Islanders. He's not the funniest or most controversial pivot, but he has never met a microphone he didn't like.

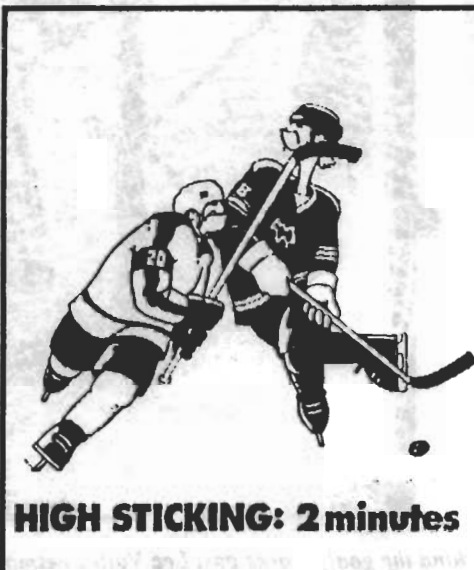
Kevin Stevens is our left winger. Known as Mr. Media to his Pittsburgh Penguins' teammates, he talks about anything and everything. Likewise for right winger Tie Domi of the Winnipeg Jets. He blurted out the classic, "I'm not going to fight him with verbal words" after learning Detroit Red Wing Bob Probert bad-mouthed him.

Thoughtful Andy Moog of the Dallas Stars, never afraid to speak his mind, is the starting goalie.

As for how to earn a berth on the all-interview team, Iafrate has this advice: "Don't give the classic, routine quotes. Let it all out. I figure you can never really get into too much trouble when you speak from the heart."



Some of Al Iafrate's best shots have been verbal: "You (can't) get into too much trouble when you speak from the heart."



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SIMON WREN, one half of the goaltending duo that is currently pleasing Lee Valley Lions coach Lindsay Miles. (Photo: Trevor Benbrook)



Spot the puck! Romford's Nicky Iandoli (on one knee behind the goal) scores past Lee Valley netminder Simon Wren.