

Sports ... march reports

Soap Operas are supposed to mirror real life. Life with the Lions contains more twists & turns than any Soap I, VE ever seen. Cue opening titles, cue sickly music......

## -East Weekenders

The main cast, Lions fans assemble outside the Ice Centre at 7.30am, 7.30 does exist on Saturdays, Milkmen don,t lie after all.

The supporting cast, Lions (& hangers on) leave ahead of us, their Coach arrives first. We depart around 80, clock, shorthanded, but we pick up "Solihull en route.

Paula Abdul makes her Coach debut, the silken voiced singer who penned & performed "Opposites Attract. On "Walkman" only, most of us are spared.

At the services Breakfast is taken. Dave & Will tempted by the Curries on offer, no doubt a consequence of drinking on the Coach.

We rendezvous with "Solihull", he, s sober, but he assures us he, s working on it.

Supporters Club Treasurer, Roger Rosenfeld is unable to make the trip, but after the services a truly awful Video is shown in his honour. At the back we approach the arduous task of emptying bottles & cans, some of the "fairer sex" discuss Horoscopes. Tonights match takes place in Dumfries, Scotland, so naturally we are billeted in England. Carlisle however, is what you might call "Border Country" & at least it, ll cut down the risk of getting stuck with that funny money the Jocks use.

A trip around town takes little time, a quick bite to eat & it,s on the Coach for the trip abroad, hope Marie remembers her Passport.

"CAN YOU SPELL CUCUMBER?"

Vikings 11, Lions 6 (league 27.11.93)

On these away double headers we like to put on a bit of a show, let ,em know we,re there (ask Fife Flyers). The colours are unfurled, the Union Jack & Flag of St George are brandished. Good job too as no Anthems are played (not even Japanese).

All things considered a win is not beyond the realms of possibility this evening, despite the long journey Robin returns to the ice & the fact that Dumfries provided a first scalp for Oxford City Stars furnishe us with hope. To underline this Lions score first & we begin to believe. The only certain thing at Lee Valley however, is uncertainty. The

British contingent are playing as well as they ever did, something is amiss with the foreigners though. If they were performing as a couple of weeks back we could have wrapped this up around halfway, instead we are vanquished.

Despite this, Darcy (who works hard), is awarded MCM, as predicted by Sarah, s, pose she read it in the Horoscope.

Back on the Coach Will produces the perfect tonic to raise our spirits. Our "Ed" has brought along his "Adam Ant" Video. Who needs the tape however when his interpretation is such a "tour de force". an outstretched right arm & flick of the wrist herald each lyric.

In England again, gone 10pm but still time to make a night of it, some

of us are dab hands at "playing away".

A few of us decide to go clubbing (yes, Carlisle does have a Nightclub) luckily the "Cats Whiskers" have a relaxed dress code & we,re in ready to dance the night away.

Captain Paranoia grips me briefly: "What am I doing?"

"I must look like an idiot" But in the words of "Adam Ant":

"Ridicule is nothing to be scared of!"

Sunday morning a knock at the door, it,s Will, \*Can I use your shower?"
He,s sharing with "Solihull", surely there isn,t a problem getting into his own Bathroom?

Joanne sheds a private tear, Will despairs, will he be able to beat their replacements 10-1 at Pool?

A little voice inside me, at first just a whisper, but I hear it getting louder & louder until it climaxes into a deafening crescendo:

After Breakfast there,s a bit of time to kill, I tell the Bing Crosby joke, Will tells the Crisp joke, "Solihull" informs us that 1.15pm is referred to as "Fred" in Brum, Dave is about to reveal all when the MTV channel is discovered. No thanks to Will, who,s lost the TV remote. At Lunch, Darcy orders an extra bowl of soup, Craig orders extra pie. "Solihull" orders everything, then eats none of it, must be the: "Faid for it, I,m gonna have it" philosophy.

Onto the Coach for the hike down to the Midlands, a card school is in process, the game, Brag (Nuff said). We,re heading for Solihull & the Barons, CAN,T get turned over can we? Nah Will lost the remote!

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY!

arons 8, Lions 6 (league 28.11.93)

seen here could NEVER be considered boring. It, s ween a while since Lions were at Hobs Moat Rd, any game I, ve

referred to as "Solly" thanks to Fiona (she must have seen him buying a round. Or not?). The "Team Benches" comprise a row of seats, piece of string marks the end & the beginning of the "Penalty Box". To the right sits Mandy, armed witha pair of "Walkie Talkies" to keep in touch One of the older rinks in the UK it, s not perfectly suited to Hockey, a case of "Back to the Future" for our own "Solihull" (Jon), now to be referred to as "Solly" thanks to Fiona (she must have seen him buying

with the game amnouncer (she wouldn,t use em to order us a Pizza any ay with the same seating arrangements to her left.

Barons open the scoring, but it,s almost incidental, aggression from both sides overshadows any nockey. The Fressure Cooker explodes as Craig goes toe to toe with Al Latrielle & it,s a biggie. Both players are ejected as minor squabbles break out all around, on the plus side the "East End (NOT North London, Norman De Mosquita) Roar" finds its

cracking goal from Gary Dodds (nice one Ken).

With the "Pie Boy" missing Barons turn their attention to Darcy, who tries his best to stay cool, with no protection from the officials he has to look after himself, this facilitates visits to the penalty box (right side of the piece of string) but no more.

"Dixie" on the other hand is more likely to rise to the "Ale House" tactics, Barons fans sense this & proceed to bait him mercilessly.

this one, you were dead already! On the positive side, excitement was aplenty. If you didn, t get up for

proceeds to drop one almighty bombshell:
The Colgate boys, Al "Dixie" & Craig just played their last game for Lions. Through their own choice they fly home Wednesday (December 1st) As we prepare to leave Jamesy indicates that he will address us, he

As the teams emerge from the Locker Room for the final session some so called Solihull "supporters" sink to sewer level, spitting at Paul Marshall, they, re making Medway appear sporting:
"Dixie, s" had enough, he, s definately gonna go with someone. He favours giant Ukranian Oleg Posmetiev. If he has to go near him it ought to be in open ice, near the boards & yet another low life in the crowd throws a punch at him. Craig has changed & is looking on, it; all we can do to stop him going over & putting the guys lights out!

Andy finally gets to mix it, but with Phil Lee. Many have tried, many will try, but "Leapy" yields to very few & Lions Mo7 aint one of em.
The record book will show that we lost (again!), it won, t note that this was an unbelievably aggressive encounter (for which ALL participants must accept some blame), that mirrored anarchy for much of the sixty voice.
For the record Lions go in after twenty 3-1 to the good including a closing titles, cue sickly music..... "WHY DOES Car IT ALWAYS HAPPEN TO US?"

"It's for you dear, says his name's Steve James"......

We at CET are working hard to and, or grammatical mistake make this magazine as good a some of us may not be here apologies should a spelling read as possible. We offer our spoil your enjoyment. Without mistakes however

"Colgate Combo" we,re getting used to having to eat our In issue two along with TWO match reports came the line: "We don't normally do match reports for home games."

as a reminder that it should not happen again (unless of course by the time you read this it already has?). We felt it important to review the Blackburn game due to the circumstances in which it took place & (I hope & pray)

## **CUE VICTOR MELDREW!**

The story of this game actually begins seven days prior, at Solihulls Hobbs Moat Rd rink. Here, Lions Boss Steve James has the unenviable task of telling the travelling support (who have suffered enough already) that the nucleus of our first "competetive" side for a long time was, by their own volition parting company with the club. Messrs DeBlois, Dixon & Brown choosing to continue their Hockey careers in Utica, USA (I know you guys said "Stick with us", but even "Solihull" draws the line at crossing Continents for home Lions 5, Hawks 20 (league, 5/12/93)

Steve, two new guys were flying in & he had been assured that they were BETTER than those we were to lose on Wednesday. Plus a third guy who in Steves words: He added that he had not been idle however, according to

"Will put another twenty people on the gate!"

So the week between is spent contacting "Lions Call" (our ONLY point of contact by the way) to confirm the identities of our new "saviours", but to no avail?

Sunday arrives & at 6.45pm the "Den" Car Park is as empty

The rink IS deserted, there are no travelling fans from Blackburn & not too many from the East End! as if it were 5.15 on a Saturday?

other two? Imported players stood, in their place was one. Steve has managed to secure the services of Paul Grech, who spent last season with Swindon Wildcats. Great, but what about the A look on to the Ice provides a clue, where once three

through (mice & men & all that), but with clubs cutting imports left, right & centre, surely another two could be found to bolster the Lions line-up (if only for tonight)? Steves programme notes make mention of the fact that agreements etc have to be made, prior to a player "signing" WHY? the events of the past week prove that players (though of course not all) consider "contracts" worth less than I can appreciate that the original option may have fallen

he was only with Lee Valley on loan. We appear to have no Worst is to come though, Simon Wren, the stand-out GB international Goalie has been recalled to Peterborough,

the paper they are written on!

of his immanent departure, just what he made of the proceedings I don,t know but I guess it wouldn,t help in me wrong Darce,) Thank heaven Darcy is still with us, though rumours abound forging a closer bond between him & the club (PLEASE prove

some or he way uprine

indeed it would appear he has suffered as we all have over this (wonder if he,s lucky in love?). However the scenario of December 5th is unacceptable. This piece is not intended to be an attack on Steve James,

It was unfair to Blackburn Hawks who, travelled down to London in good faith to play Lions in fair competition (though I,m sure the two points were a consolation). It was unfair on the Crowd (those of us that turned up), as

we failed to witness a competetive encounter.

It was unfair on Lions British players, who have come on in leaps & bounds in the last couple of months, but should not have expected to be playing with "one hand tied behind their

It was unfair on Darcy Cahill & to a lesser extent Paul Grech, to have to shoulder so much responsibility against

It was unfair perhaps most of all to young Keva McGuire, expected to backstop a team in these cicumstances when, his only real experience is playing in net for an English Conference outfit (Whalers). such overwhelming odds.

NUFF SAID! (I hope)

I'm Switchin' to .....

SIMON WRENa Lee Valley favourite (at least while it lasted).... Hodelia sooback

## (should that be GREG WARE Greg Who?

"We kinda ot drawn down to Lee Valleys, level."

APPARACUES TERMINETARY

REPAREMENT AND ARREST TERMINETARY

APPARACUES TERMINETARY

VIKING Greg Ware (IHNR 1/12/93, "Tartan Topics")

Firstly it should be noted that Dumfries were deserved victors in the game in question, but as the disposition of the "Colgate Trio" it, s fair to assume that Ilons were hardly a team in a competetive frame of mind.

No disrespect intended is sure Greg has forgetten much about the game than some of us will ever know, the classiest player at the Dufries Ice Bowl on 27th Now was one Darcy Cahill, who incidently plays for..... Oh Yeah, LEE VALLEY LIONS:

The Lapland correspondent of the C.E.T. has been through the rubbish after Xmas and claims he has found some famous peoples letters to Father Christmas. This should have been in the last issue of the C.E.T. but we all know how inefficient the postmen are. (We still have the No.1 postal service in the world despite the pay - Ed)

So here are the highlights of the alleged list.

Basingstoke Beavers David Pickles Nottingham rans Alex Dampier Glen Moorhouse Vic Gary Plaiston B.I.H.A. Slough rink Darryl Lipse Darcy Cahill Romford rink Solibull Mike Grafton/Ewei Ken Taggart Paul Grech Peterboro' Pirates Rick Fera Lee Pow John Lawless Kel Land Oleg Posmetiev Bob Brahmar Romford fans Hedway rink Batchelder A shirt designer with taste squad driver A few more decent fans A work permit (he's got a stupid our netminder back) Some luck (even though they nicked A League sponsor Some atmosphere with Basingstoke A clothes designer not connected Stilts. A place in the G.B. square Another quote to inspire the G.B A different song Another new name passport Wayne Gretzky to get his British A shift Two front teeth A game at Lee Valley Some pages for a filofax Heat ing Driving lessons for the Zamboni Decent licensing laws in the UK A free copy of the C.E.T (no way Herbie (no, not the car) A rule book name anyway) A hair cut Boxing lessons



## THE NEXT GENERATION

AN EPISODE NOT SEEN ON SKY OR TERRESTRIAL T.V.

CAPTAIN'S LOG: STARDATE 19941.2 We are approaching the planet ROM-4D in the SX sector of Romulan space. A highly populated and hostile area into which I feel we are not entirely welcome. This is the third and final stage of our mission, in escorting a team of Ice Hockey players from the planet ARLAY to various away fixtures.

The Federation organised an Inter-Galactic League to promote better relations and togetherness between our peoples. It must have been a Klingon who chose Ice Hockey as the game!

Our guests come from the rarely visited LEEV system, and we are not the first to have trouble in locating the LEEV ARLAY LIONS.

Their first encounter was with the team that, the Klingon Empire have assembled. Mr.Worf failed a trial when using his phaser at a face-off. He had thought it was phase-on and the first 2min stunning penalty was recorded. The team is based in the KEENZ cluster on the planet MEELTARN. A strange, quiet place where the locals seem to vanish when concerts are held at the BOWARLL. They are a small farming community whose cattle appear silent and stationary, but there is no concrete evidence to support this.

The LIONS spent too much time in the penalty box..

DATA: 60 minutes exactly Sir.

PICARD: Thank you Mr. Data.

DATA: Which is the precise duration of the game Sir PICARD: Thank you Mr. Data.

PICARD: THANK YOU MR.DATA:

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LOG CONTINUED: and were overwhelmed by the dominant prescence of the KLINGS. They faired better in their second contest on GILLVORD, when a late winner in..

DATA: 59 minutes and 50 seconds Sir. PICARD: Thank you Mr. Data.

Anyone offended by

A sense of humour

A years subscription to the C.E.T.

Ice Hockey fans

PICARD: THANK YOU MR.DATA!;

LOG: gave them victory in a tense battle with the

FERENGI FLAMES. The scores so far read..

MEELTARN KEENZ KLINGS 15-3 LEEV ARLAY LIONS
FERENGI FLAMES 8-9 LEEV ARLAY LIONS

Sir, we are within range. Sheids up, photon torpedoes ready to blast them into..

That won't be necessary Mr. Worf.

No Sir (Sigh).

TROI:

PICARD: Counsellor, what sort of reception can we

I sense a great intollerance with outsiders.

shadow cast over them when all is not. Joy when all is going well, but a dark

PICARD: Open hailing frequencies.

ROM-4D: . OCCOORDOGO CONTRACTOR CONTRACTO

PICARD: All is not well then.

Lord SOOWAREE before, I must insist that all phasers are on 'kill' by the 2nd period. They are war-like Captain. I have dealt with

PICARD: Calm down Mr. Worf it's only a game.

covered that SOOWAREE spends an average of Although stated as a game Sir, I have dis-42 minutes per 'game' in mortal combat with..

PICARD: THANK YOU MR. DATA !!

the GRAFTEWERS. with constant statistics. An annoying trait common in Reluctantly, I sat alongside Mr. Data who plied me think a spell with the TARLFUDD TIGERS is required. the blood bath we feared. Worf was disappointed, I LOG: The 'game' against the ROMULAN RATUERS was not

Captain. The head official informs us that his father is in good health.

Dadswell is his name Mr. Data.

DATA: Maybe so Sir, however the crowd seem to be denying his father's very existence.

PICARD Do they really? (Sigh)

DATA: 92% of these contests the crowd will deny .. Indeed Sir, and I have discovered that in

CLICK:

the OFF switch before! Thank you No1. And why wasn't I told about

LOG: An 8-4 scoreline was healthy for the ROMULANS and ensured our healthy return to the neutral zone. clashes with the FERENGI'S (Again:) and the REDSKINS from the derelict wastelands of SARFLUNDUNN. We returned the LIONS home soon after for their home

> came from one of our most respected fans Mr Bill Kober who has have had reservations about allowing this to be printed. As it and to the Club concerning what's going on I decided to put his wrote several letters to the I.H.N.R. sticking up for the Lions article in. If Dave, Tony or myself wrote this following article I would

Please read on.

into my possession. A secret report recently leaked to the press has just came

that world famous psychologist Prof. Stanislav Gettemov was that the Lee Valley Lions have suffered over successive seasons, brought in to have consultations with every member of the team inexplicable state of affairs. in order to determine the reasons for this apparently It seems that owing to the incredibly long string of defeats

suffering with a complaint known as Leagueitis Vertigo which has mind probing the Professor concluded that the whole team was themselves off the cellar floor, not one man could stand the manifested itself over the years. It came to a head in the home height and suffered giddy spells. match with Paisley Pirates. Having won the match and finding After many hours of questions and answers, soul searching and

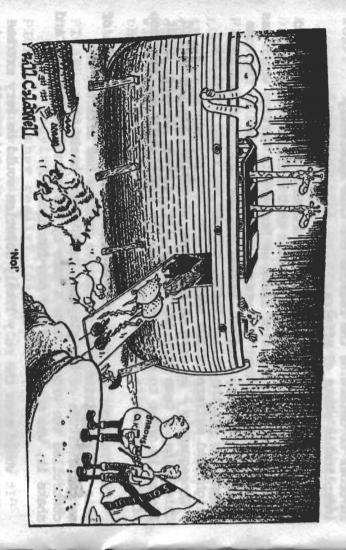
Chieftains, a team they had the ability to beat, they set about of their favourite cellar position. losing in order to get back down to the familiarity and rosiness Consequently - as soon as they came up against the Chelmsford

shake it, was shrivelled and non-functional. controlled the urge to take a game by the scruff of the neck and mental attitude of the players. Part of the brain that this lowly position over successive seasons had affected the The Professor was able to deduce that continued occupation of

allowing all our forwards to skate rings around them and slot in and hard to accomplish. That is to say, by getting all opposing players to stand still while defending - like we do - thereby It would seem the only likely solution would be very extreme

even get to collecting points and thereby reactivate that long dead part of their brains and override this fear they have of rising higher up the League. The theory being that if it happened often enough they might

psychologist after all. For the record and it's a fact, several welcome upturn since Prof. Perlini arrived maybe we don't need a in was not such a bad idea at all. But hopefully with the sudden could be the answer. Lions fans have come up to me and said (before I received Bill's letter) that maybe a psychologist (stupid Klask word - Dave) As at the time he wrote to me maybe bringing a psychologist



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Stephen Hendry snooker superstan presents the:

"GIVE US A BREAK" U.K TOUR 1993\_94

Apologies for no match report, transport difficulties meant CET Crew were unable to make the trip. Midweek games are such a pain in the Flames V Lions (Trophy, 7/12/93)

"I LIKE DRIVING IN MY CAR (except when it,s broken down)!" Chieftains 14, Lions 3 (League, 9/12/93)
Lions were further weakened for this one by the absence of

proceeded to break down, at the time of writing it is believed this problem has yet to be solved?

First period turned out to be fairly even despite our import handicap, the buzz at the end concerning debutant However, it appears Paul was on his way to the Essex rink, the car given to him by the club had other ideas though & Paul Grech, originally thought to be working by the fans.

"one on one" break. Paul Williams scoring with his first touch & our latest demon forward, Steve James(?) beating Goalie Grindlay with a

Came aplenty, goals too (for Chelmsford), Another new boy, John Matassa in net with virtually zero protection. The only That,s where the game effectively ended for us, penalties

Import, Rob McCaigs tap-in (whilst I was in the toilet).

My third period was spent in the Bar looking through the crowd for glimpses on (non-existent) hope. Despite overhearing a few Chieftains fans commenting on how Lions have detiorated in such a short space of time I was far too dissillusioned to offer an explanation.

Quite why this game had to take place, on a Thursday night & with the current predicament we find ourselves in is a mystery to me. Lions have played more games than anyone else in the Conference, surely it could have at least been

15, Lions 3 (League 18/12/93)

postponed?

KINGS 15, Lions 3 (League 18/12/93)

A bit of good news to come our way, Lions are back up to strength (technically anyway) with the signing of Hockey nomad Fred Perlini. The man with more clubs than Nick Faldo is Steves latest Import signing. Freds pedigree is without is Steves latest Import signing. up into now he, s swapped South London red for East End question, I saw him play for Streatham acouple of times last season (in ED1) though, I hope he,s got another gear to move

Few make the trip to MK, my usual trvelling companions aren, t going & I find myself boarding the "Inter City" for one of the more notorious "New Towns" alone (altogether now

watch from. "Solihull" & I choose the area among the more themselves, sure where that is, we all seem to find different places to At most rinks there is a section where away fans station at the "Bladerunner" however, no-one is quite

vociferous of the MK crowd.

The first period meanders away, Kings (playing good, clean Hockey), amble to a 5-0 lead, the "demented duo" (us) carry on singing (we, re not sure why?), a cry is heard from one of the Kings followers:

"Come on you MK, we're being outsung by two blokes!"
Lions score, "Solihull" & I rejoice with over animated
sarcasm. A Kings fan offers me her "Pom-Pom" to wave (Oco-Err Missus).

It,s fair to say that MK are a quality outfit, they boast Premier scalps to their name this season but, this match is over as early as the 1-0 Kings stage, a better performance from John Matassa in net, he kept the scoreline from being much worse, once he gets his eye in he, Il probably be OK. Debutant Perlini hits two, it, s evident though, that all

concerned are looking for more from Fred, we need him to inspire, I pray he can do it.

Lions only other marker comes from my MOM (though the prizegiver didn,t agree) Neil Stower. No disrespect to Neil, he has improved much & always seems to put in the work, but when he shines as our best player, something is amiss. alternartive I, ll wish for AMNESIA! This was hardly the Christmas gift I,d hoped for, as an

## Have faith Hockey pilgrim, a 'break' IS coming

"LIONS AGAIN ALIVE"

"(Dave goes down Pub)"

Flames 8, Lions 9 (League 30/12/93)
Thanks must go to Tone from Block 5, without his offer of lift CET crew would have been AWOL again, one crewmember, Dave "Rockafeller" Blowes goes to the Pub instead, but he thought we were going to Walthamstow Dogs anyway.

down though, the side regains some composure & grapples with After ten minutes Lions find themselves 4-0 adrift, it,s becoming a bit of a familiar tale, once John Matassa settles

the task in hand.

The second period is tight, Lions British players come to the fore, a super move from the Williams, Stower, Becket Locker Rooms. it,s 5-2 Guildford as the sides head for their respective forward line reduces the gap to two. Flames again hit back &

Perlini/Cahill partnership, which had showed faint glimpses at Milton Keynes beginning to at last ignite. the spoils. Three minutes in, we, re within one, The final session sees Lions stake a claim for a share of

> much dissapointment in recent weeks, elaton Both sides trade goals within a minute of each other, Fred then hits his "hat-trick" goal & ties the game, after so is tinged with

regains the lead for Perlini strikes Guildfords Thompson not be denied, Lions however, will nothing? finally come to that hard work Flames, will all

Steve James rebound to hit the again, followed just forty five

The forty or so Still drama awaits around the corner, sounding more made the trip now Lions fans that "go-ahead" goal. like four hundred!



"Spectrum" Not at Guildfords INDESTRUCTABLE?

oppurtunity to hit Flames equaliser. 4.24 left on the clock,

on a "powerplay" Into the final two minutes, Rob McCaig behind the Guildford (that, s right?) goal, as he moves to the front Nike Urghart (Zimmerman Mk2) is adjudged to "hook" him, 1.58 to go, Lions

We should at least get a point out of this, the team have other ideas however, they want two.

Darcy battles behind the Flames net, he manages to get a pass out front, Fred,s there, for him it,s No "Fi,Fi,Fi,Fi Five", for Lions it,s Nine & unbeleivably, the winner!

The travelling support goes crazy, only ten seconds till the buzzer, what a feeling!

lending their wholehearted support to Lions cause this Thanks to CET Premier League correspondant, "Pompey-Lil" (P.L geddit?) & pal Dennis, confirmed Bracknell Bees, but

stood being down the Pub & missing this, oh sorry Dave you Thanks again to Block five Tone, I don,t think I could have

"NEIGHBOURS!"

Raiders 8, Lions 4 (League 3/1/94)
Some of us thought we wouldn,t win again all season, but with a Perlini inspired last gasp win, then a final period demolition, both over Guildford Flames, an optomistic & increased number of Lions faithful make the short trip down Rom Valley way for the derby game with Raiders.

Romford have had problems of late, both with Imports & Goalie, we all knew that come this game that would be sorted, make no mistake, this is a full strength Raiders outfit lining up against Lions.

real challengers in the "Conference", we must expect an loudly, this moment is The Fred & Darcy show open the scoring, we celebrate only oudly, this moment is "milked", Romford are Sloughs only

onslaught to come, & come it does.
The flashpoint of the game is in the second, a storming Raiders attack on the right flank, the puck is centered, the Official blows the whistle but play continues(???), Brad Scott (whilst visibly "in the crease") nets. Unbelievably the goal stands?

After the game, even the Raiders fans concede that they

heard the whistle (no, not Dave), & as everyone knows that, see the signal to stop playing.

The final session, the score standing at 8-1 Romford, though the better team, a heavily flattering scoreline & one fred must have decided he didn, t like, as he stamps his mark on the game with three swift strikes to add a hint of respectability to proceedings. If we had taken earlier chances the result would (deservedly) been closer.

Though beaten (again), this is our best showing against our local rivals, though "chippy" in the second (thanks to the Raiders "Goldfish Bowl Brigade"), an exciting contest for the neutral despite the result.

In the heat of a local derby it, s inevitable that things may be said, at Romford at least, many of us are freinds & in the Bar afterwards it,s all forgotten, this time, a

little pride has been restored, that WON, T be forgotten!

"A FAMILY AFFAIR?"

Redskins 4, Lions 10 (League 5/1/94)

so many players have iced for Reds & now pull on a Lions jersey, the acquisition of "The Darling of the High Rd", Fred Perlini, the icing on the cake or the last straw, depending on which side of the Thames you, re on. It, s almost like a private party, you, re on the outside looking in & you wonder if you should be here?

The refurbishment of the Streatham rink was supposed to be complete by the end of 93, we, of course knew this would not be so, they, ll be saying Tommy Plommer, s British next!

Redskins naturally try to shackle their former Import star, easier said than done but, two gate crashers to the party, Paul Grech (who seems to be improving every game) & Darcy This report was nearly entitled: "Streatham V Streatham"

stand out, possibly as a consequence of the tactic.

Farly on honours are even but, you sense it, s only a matter of time before Lions "pull away" from their hosts, this duly occurs around midway & the guys will not be caught, the recent upturn in fortunes has yeilded confidence in the camp which, carries the team & fans through, almost on a wave.

Prior to the final session, a real boon, a vantage point is found from which an unobstructed view of the Streatham ice can be had. Naturally, a jobsworth Steward assured us that we could not stand here, we didn,t mind overmuch, as the

points are virtually "in the bag" by now (don't suppose I,il write "MANT too often).

The most important upshot of our second win at Streatham (with a very different line-up to the first time & more problems than enough over the last month or eo) is that itons have just claused their way out of the callar, & planted the Skins there, at the foot of the "Southern or the last of the "Southern or the last of the "Southern or the second of the se

tree wins in SIX days, wake me up som YOUR MATCH CORRESPONDANTS FOR THIS ISSUE WERE

happened. Read the "Clock End Times" ! Lions "play away" more than MP TimYeo. you can't be there, find out what REALLY

come straight to the point. If we do well we are quick to praise if we do bad we criticise because we care. As mentioned many times before, we who produce THIS MAGAZINE

certain people in these past few troubled weeks. Anyway I felt it was about time I said a few thanks to

STEVE JAMES For being open with us in these troubled

DARCY CAHILL points mark which he so richly deserves. to stick with us and now has over the 100 Who could easily have moved on but decided

AL THE BUILD are all working hard for each other. Who are all playing better than ever and

Lacking. installed as well as shooting power much needed motivation which has been sadly Who in his short time with us so far has

FRED PERLINI

Paul G & Rob M For steadying our defence and giving 100% ike everybody else.

continuation possible. bought the C.E.T. and made its All the fans around the country who have

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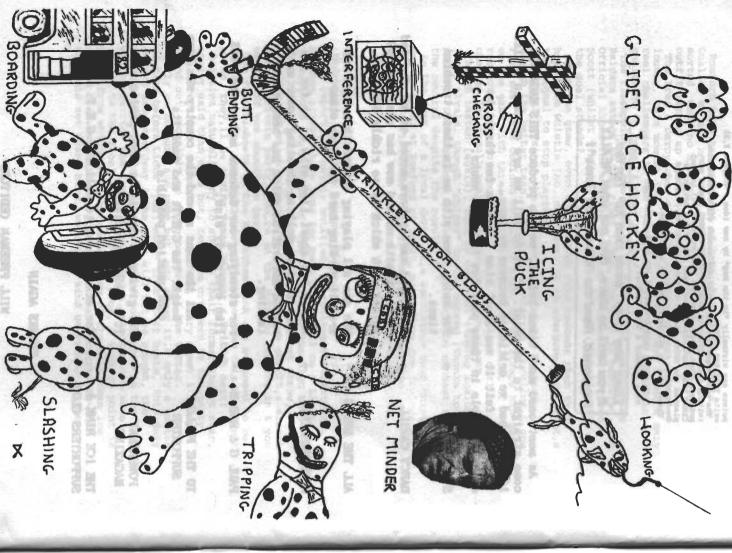
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## Darren Fitzpatrick

## Defence

BECAUSE OF THE NOISE IN THE BAR DURING THIS INTERVIEW SOME OF THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS I ASKED DIDN'T COME OUT CLEARLY ON MY DICTAPHONE SO THEY HAVE BEEN OMITTED.

## PLUSES

Choose 3 adjectives to describe yourself? Jealous, Late, Funny

Which player did you idolise as a kid.

Paul Coffey in the NHL & Ron Johnson an old Richmond Import while Fitzy was in the Juniors.

Against which team did you make your debut and did you have a good game. - A Junior game v Durham. Steady game - no points.

What is the greatest game you've played in.
When playing for Richmond Juniors we beat Streatham 3-2 in the Cup

Which current Coach would you like to play for.

Alex Dampier - his record speaks for itself.

Which is your favourite rink. - Sheffield (Surprise Surprise)

What is the strangest possession in your home. My Boxer Dog - eats anything coatsleeves, batteries etc.

Which player would you like to play alongside.

Rick Brebant - has really good hands and just lifts the team.

Which position did you want to play as a kid.

Forward - but went on defence as there was more ice-time.

Which team did you support as a kid. - Edmonton Oilers (Gretzky)
Which cartoon character would you have printed on a T-shirt.

Tasmanian Devil.

Which uncapped player do you think should have played for G.B. Fred Perlini

What is your favourite part of the C.E.T. This bit after this interview.

Which player do you most admire who plays in your position. Stephen Cooper - achieved so much as a Brit. Paul Grech - fastest set of legs I've ever seen.

## MINUSES

What's the worst thing about you?

Stubborn. Don't listen all the time and think I'm always right.

Worst Club played for. - Streatham 2 years ago - Unprofessional

Have you ever been in a relegated team. - NO

Which rink do you hate playing at. - Streatham & Medway

Which Comedian makes you turn off the T.V. - Les Dennis

Russing.

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What is the worst injury you've ever had.
Rick Strachan broke my ankle with a slapshot when he was at Haringey

Which exercise/drill do you hate doing in practice. End of the Ladder drill and laps round the ice.

Which team do you hate playing against. - Telford & Milton Keynes

Which position would you hate to play in. - Bench Coach

Which Newspaper would you use in a cat-tray. Steve James's before he's read it.

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Worst Hockey game you've seen or played in. Wilton Keynes away in December.

A MESSAGE TO THE LIONS FANS - Hopefully we have at long last turned the corner. With a bit of luck and the growing confidence we may be able to finish around the half-way mark especially with the better team spirit since the arrival of Paul, Rob and Fred.

My thanks to Darren for the interview which took place in a noisy Lions bar after our 13-6 win v Guildford on New Years Day

## A Look Ahead

# SUN 23rd JAN SWINDON WILDCATS HOME 7.00p

The Wildcats had the distinction of being the first team to lose to us this season. Can we make it a double. Paul Grech certainly hopes so, The man in form who has become the ladies favourite here at the Den is certainly looking forward to it.

# SUN 30th JAN OXFORD CITY STARS AWAY 5.15pm

Oxford have taken over the mantle that we had last season as the team who have forgotten how to win. We know all about the heart ache they are going through but this is no time to feel sorry for them as we need the points.

# SAT 5th FEB SWINDON WILDCATS AWAY 5.30pm

Not a lucky place for us to visit but nothing would give the Lions more pleasure than to win at the home where you need to bring an umbrella to keep the garbage from the muppets on the balcony off.

# SUN 6th FEB CHELMSFORD CHIEFTAINS HOME 7.00

Last time the Chieftains came to the Den things were looking up and then to our surprise, YES SURPRISE defeat started the decline that lasted till Christmas. No repeats in history please

# SAT 12th FEB PAISLEY PIRATES AWAY 7.00pm

A few weeks ago I would have said roll on Paisley but the Pirates have raised a few eyebrows. I think we have the ability to do the double over them but we'll have to play well.

# SUN 13th FEB SLOUGH JETS HOME 7.00pm

The thing that impresses me is what a strong team Slough have. No outstanding players but a hard working squad with half-dozen players 50+ points. Always do enough to win. Enjoy the teamwork.

After the game why not pop across the road and enjoy a drink like the C.E.T crew in

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