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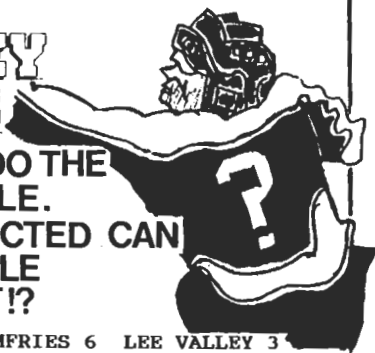
**"YOU THOUGHT
WE WERE DEAD
SO DID WE!"**



PAISLEY 5 LEE VALLEY 6
"Pirates walk Lions plank!!"

**LEE
VALLEY
LIONS**

**WE CAN DO THE
IMPOSSIBLE.
THE EXPECTED CAN
BE A LITTLE
DIFFICULT!?**



DUMFRIES 6 LEE VALLEY 3
"Lions pillaged by Vikings!!"



THE "CAPITAL" FANZINE ?

THE "PREMIER" FANZINE ?

THE CLOCK END TIMES
"Better than a punch in the mouth"

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THE INDEPENDENT MONTHLY FANZINE PRODUCED
BY THE LEE VALLEY CLOCK END

PIRATES PLUNDERED, BRITS BATTLE... BUT, LIONS LAST!

Clock End ① "COMMENT"

AS READ BY MEL GRUNDY.

the home game by the way, sorry), we got just what we deserved, last place in Division One!

It would be wrong to go into 95-96 in the same state as we have limped through 94-95. Why for example, should the Management expect supporters to attend when a superior product is available for the same price only a little further down the road (Slough, Medway etc)? Why should a team of British Players stay loyal when all they have to look forward to is to play with a never ending stream of Imports (a few good, some embarrassingly bad) & receive little or no remuneration for it?

We hope, NO! We pray something turns up.

In this Issue, are one or two features epitomising the gloom at the "Den", strongly worded, it was a consideration to omit them. We have not done so as they were all written by loyal followers & reflect the feelings of several of their fellow supporters. As a "Fanzine", it is imperative they are included, this is our very purpose, to give the Fans a voice!

Besides, there have been one or two complaints that we have been "too soft" on the Lions this Season.

Congratulations to ex Lion, Lee Saunders on making the GB Squad for Slovakia. CET Crew will be out there (for the second week at least), it will be good to have someone we know to support. Doug McEwen is missing & it just wouldn't be right for the GB Squad to travel without at least one ex Lee Valley player!?

Now, the Grovelly Bit.

Well done first, to everyone still at the "Den" (Players & Fans) at the end of our own "Annus Horribilis", you've proved your loyalty many fold.

Thanks to everyone who bought a copy of CET, hopefully you enjoyed them & will be back for more.

Cheers to Kieth Berry for the Photos & to all our contributors, we know motivation is sometimes difficult to find.

Gratitudes to the Lions Supporters Club, who supported us in all our Fund Raising efforts (& we theirs, of course).

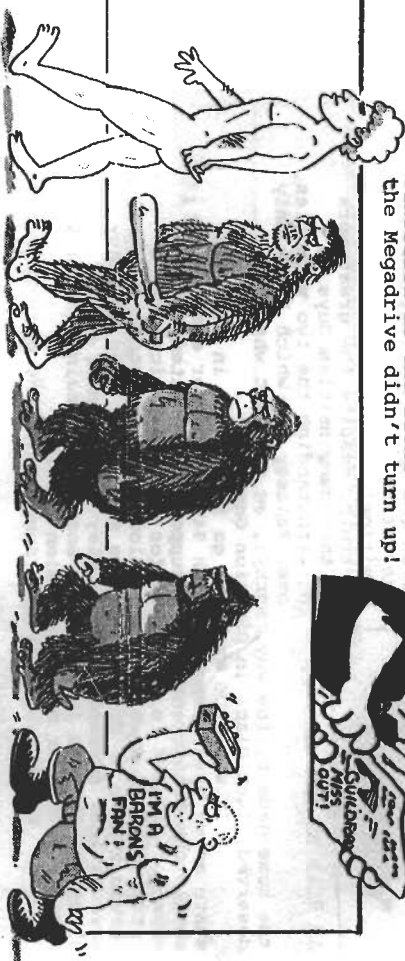
"Ta Muchly" to Steve James & British Engine for still being here, maybe we might have seen you on the ice a bit more often Steve, we missed experience as much as anything else.

Enjoy the Play-Offs, Wembley & THE SUMMER!

Till next Season (maybe)
Keep Well
Will.

P.S. A personal Thanks to Dave & Tone who as Assistant Eds leave me to receive most of the plaudits for the CET (& most of the flak), but it is a real TEAM effort & without (The Big Ed) the Guys, the CET (in this form at least) would not be here.

The inaugural Clock End Times SEGA NHL 94 tournament that was scheduled for 4th March 1995, unfortunately had to be cancelled as the bloke who owns the Megadrive didn't turn up!



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The Picture of Barney Rubble at the top of this page is missing the sad "Scouser" style hair. We apologise for this & hope that it will not detract too much from your enjoyment.

DON'T BLAME THE REF - HE'S BLIND

REFEREE Buddy Pymmet has been sacked by his bosses ... because he's virtually blind! Sports chiefs have been swamped with complaints about Buddy's bleary-eyed foul-ups, including STUMBLING into players, running into the goalposts and tripping over sideline chairs. And the end was finally in sight, when the basketball ref, from Topeka, Kansas, crashed into a player trying to shoot. But last night disaster hit Buddy, 47, who is suing for discrimination, rapped, "I'm a blind man, I can't see a net then just watching the game."

absolutely, positively, unequivocally NO COMMENT!

This small "Burst" on the right is from the Sunday Sport (courtesy of "Solihull"), so it must be true!

RUBBISH TIP
A third of Britain's best liver livers seem to have been poisoned by the liver British group reveals.

MEL GRUNDY
BORN CHEAM, SURREY 25/11/68
HEIGHT 5' 9"
WEIGHT 11 STONE
POSITION GOALIE (I think)

PLUS

THREE WAYS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF?
INTELLIGENT, GOOD LOOKING & MODEST
WHOM DID YOU MAKE YOUR DEBUT AGAINST & DID YOU HAVE A GOOD GAME?
EGG POACHERS, OF COURSE I DID (have a good game)

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU IDOLISE AS A KID AND WHY?
JEFF SMITH, HE'S A GOALIE AND LOOKED WEIRD.

THE GREATEST GAME YOU HAVE EVER SEEN OR PLAYED IN?
BEATING THE STEELERS WITH STREATHAM & PASEY WITH THE LIONS.
WHICH CURRENT COACH WOULD YOU PLAY FOR AND WHY?

"FAST" CHAMBERS, WOULD'NT PUT UP WITH PLAYERS WHO DON'T GIVE THEIR ALL.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ICE RINK?
LEE VALLEY. IT IS WARM & GOOD FACILITIES. RYDE FOR ITS ATMOSPHERE.

WHAT IS THE STRANGEST POSSESSION IN YOUR HOUSE?
PET GORILLAS & MY DUST COLLECTION.
WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE PLAYED WITH & WHY?

MANON RHEUME - I WONDER WHY?
AS A KID, WHICH POSITION WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE PLAYED?

MISSIONARY.
WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A BOY?
STREATHAM

WHICH CARTOON CHARACTER WOULD YOU HAVE PRINTED ON A T-SHIRT?
BART SIMPSON
WHO GAVE YOU YOUR BIG BREAK IN HOCKEY?
LLOYD CLIFFORD - WHEN HE WENT TO BRACKNELL IT GAVE ME MY BRITISH LEAGUE DEBUT

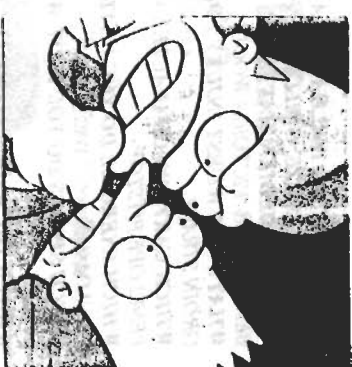
WHICH UNCAPPED PLAYER DO YOU THINK SHOULD HAVE PLAYED FOR G.B.?
GLEN MOORHOUSE (UP TO U21), GARY BRINE & JOHN HAIG AT SENIOR LEVEL.
WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF THE C.E.T.?

"COMMENT"
WHAT'S THE GREATEST PIECE OF MUSIC YOU HAVE EVER HEARD?
THE LION BEAT

WHAT PLAYER DO YOU MOST ADMIRE WHO PLAYS IN YOUR POSITION?
ALL NHL GOALIES & ALEX BARNES AT MILTON KEYNES.

MINUS

WHAT IS THE WORST THING ABOUT YOU?
MY STICK HANDLING (HOCKEY) AMOUNT OF TIME I SPEND ON THE TOILET (NORMAL LIFE)
WHICH IS THE WORST CLUB YOU HAVE EVER PLAYED FOR & WHY?
RESULTS - LEE VALLEY (unfortunate) MANAGEMENT - STREATHAM & CHELMSFORD
HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED FOR A RELEGATED TEAM?

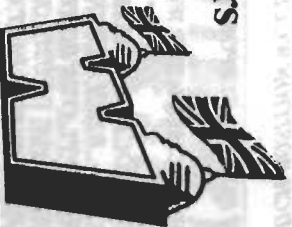


WHICH RINK DO YOU HATE PLAYING IN AT AND WHY?
 RYDE FOR ITS SIZE, GUILDFORD FOR ITS FANS & COLOUR, MEDWAY BECAUSE ITS MEDWAY.
WHICH COMEDIAN MAKES YOU TURN OFF THE T.V.?
 BEN ELTON & VICTORIA WOOD
WHAT'S THE WORST INJURY YOU'VE EVER HAD?
 GROIN STRAIN

WHICH CARTOON CHARACTER WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUB OUT?
 PENELOPE PITSTOP
WHICH EXERCISE DO YOU HATE IN TRAINING?
 SCRUMMAGE
WHICH SPORTS DO YOU HATE WATCHING?
 GOLF

WHAT'S THE WORST GAME YOU'VE EVER SEEN?
 GB'S POOL 4 GAMES, ANY DEFEAT BY 10 GOALS & LOSING 7-5 TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT
 (1 IMPORT v 5 IMPORTS).
WHICH POSITION WOULD YOU HATE TO PLAY IN AND WHY?
 FORWARD OR DEFENCE, BECAUSE ONCE A GOALIE ALWAYS A GOALIE.
WHICH NEWSPAPER WOULD YOU USE IN A CATS TRAY?
 TODAY, DAILY STAR, SUN, SPORT, NEWS OF THE WORLD ETC.
WHO IS THE MOST DIFFICULT PLAYER YOU'VE PLAYED AGAINST AND WHY?
 STEVE MORLA - DOES AMAZING THINGS WITH THE PUCK.
WHAT TYPE OF FOOD DO YOU HATE TO EAT?
 LAMB & VEAL
WHAT CAR WOULDN'T YOU BUY?
 THE CARS BEING DRIVEN BY OUR FOREIGN SPEAKING PLAYERS.

WEMBLEY - the rumours



Tony Hand to stay at Edinburgh

The BIHA to find a Sponsor



The CET - More popular than her boyfriend.

more issues than Lions goals vs Swindon



PAGE 7 FELLA
 the best of..?

Dave Flanagan - Chelmsford Chieftains



Steve Butler - Nottingham Panthers
 "The prettiest player on the circuit".
 One of Company magazines 50 most available men.

The body of Adonis but a secret
 Pizza Chomper and Mr Blobby stand in
 (if it weren't for the muscles)



Alexi Kuznetsov - Chelmsford Chieftains
 "Russia's No.1 Pin-Up (well on wanted posters at least).

Gary Dodds
 Our very own Ken could TICKLE many a girls fancy.

PAINT IT BLACK!

Fred, Dacy, Dougie Mac would always get a cheer. The current crop just leave us crying in our Beer. So many "Breakaways", & chances gone astray. I cannot take no more it happens every game!

Why should we bother when the team's a load of trash?

The Clock End sing no more, they only swear & curse.
They hope things will improve but sadly they've got worse.

Another Season gone, I can't say it's been fun
They've been so bad they don't belong in ED1!

Originally written & performed by the Rolling Stones

SOMEONE CONTACT "DAMPS"
WE'RE TRAPPED DOWN THE
BACK OF HIS SOFA!

Poopie the Groupie's Player Profiles*****

She don't just "Pull the Goalie"

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Taken from the
"Daily Star"
Tues 28th Feb 1995

**ERIC'S ORGAN IS
AN ICE SCREAM**

FRANK CURRAN

British Ice Hockey Association that he's sticking on

Why pick on Eric ?
Why pick on Nottingham?
at Maplins (Sorry Brecknell), Mr (SAD)
Announcer introduces the Match officials
to the accompaniment of "The Muppet Show"
TV theme tune? How many Rinks play Billy
Joels "Innocent Man" when the home side
collects a minor penalty?
Would the gripe have anything to do with
Team Coach Mike Blasdells' stance on our
officialdom (or at least, one anyway)??
Maybe they just don't like Organists (maybe they
have a point)?
There is a place for everything though, once
Nottingham Ice Stadium becomes a place of worship.
(Some Panthers Fans think it already has), WELL,
all Churches need an Organist, don't they??

But last night the defiant organist roared: "There is no way I'm going to stop the crowds love it because it gives them a laugh."

Last night, BILVA chairman Frank Dempster said, "Eric is heaping ridicule on the referees and bringing the game into disrepute. It is no laughing matter when the referees are being musically abused by the organist."

WORLDS APART. (but not THAT far apart).

Not many people get to experience double header trips with different clubs never mind on consecutive weekends - I must be mad, stupid or a hockey fan!

The question is - should you try to compare or contrast the weekends? The teams involved have much in common not least the fact that they are both bottom of their respective leagues and one of the teams contains many ex-players of the other (so much so that it's been called the B team and/or farm team). In case you hadn't worked it out yet the teams involved are the Bracknell Bees and Lee Valley Lions.

The first big difference that struck me was availability of seats on the coach - the Bees trip was booked in September - 2 coaches fully booked with a waiting list; the Lions trip was booked two weeks before the games.

Departure time: 8:00am on both occasions, on arrival at the Lee Valley Ice Rink - Steve James could be found cooking breakfast for everyone - is there no end to this man's responsibilities! Back to the Bees and news is that Mike Ughurhat is elsewhere with the GB Women's team. As many know, the Lee Valley team travel on the supporters coach to help reduce costs, the Bees supporters are not even supposed to know which hotel the players are staying at which is of course is the worst kept secret of the trip!

Not really much you can say about the journey - just the usual things to pass 8 hours on a coach - sleep, raffles, video's and a few beers.

Hotels: Lions staying in Moffat which appears to be famous for rams but unlikely to claim any records for lottery winners - no sales outlets here, we were told we could get them in Dumfries - shame we wouldn't be there until Sunday! Bees supporters staying at South Queensferry famous for Forth Road/Rail Bridges (?) and probably much more - of which I know nothing.

And then there's the Hockey!..... Lee Valley win their first road game of the season I don't think I need to try and explain the celebrations that followed! After the compulsory visit to the rink bar we headed to the nearest Burger King, this turned out to be much more eventful than expected. I don't know if this is due to the fact that England had beaten Scotland at the rugby earlier that day but I think it's safe to say we weren't welcome visitors in Paisley that night - we were outnumbered and under equipped; hockey sticks are no real defense against chains and fortunately the boys in blue arrived before things turned too nasty. We made a tactical retreat to Moffat to continue our party.

The Fife vs Bracknell match was uneventful, a typical end of season, counts for nothing sort of game. The only coach Bracknell had was in the carpark but we discovered the bar early on in the proceedings and things didn't look so bleak! Once the match was over and after a quick visit to the local fish and chip shop - no gangs of ugly youths this time - and then back to the hotel to continue commiserating.

After several lemonades 5 crazy people decided to walk over the Forth Road Bridge. "Hi" to Carol, Robert, Dave and Sally - oh yes, I'm afraid I have to admit it I was the fifth person. Why you may ask, well it's something that we always said we wanted to do and unfortunately it seems unlikely the Bees will be returning to this part of Scotland next season, so I guess it was a now or never situation. I don't how far it is to the other side, but it's much further than it looks plus there was no avoiding the return trip!

I think on most trips, the Sunday turns out to be an exercise of killing time until face off. Neither of these were any exception to this. After a brief walk round Moffat (10 minutes) it was time to settle down to the Sunday papers, eat lunch and lounge around. Shopping and sightseeing in Edinburgh does the trick for the Bees, but I don't think my heart was really in this expedition due to a horrible headache - must have been a dodgy slice of lemon in my coke!



Both of the second matches of the weekend had a similar result - no points gained and the only thing to look forward to is trying to sleep on the long journey home.

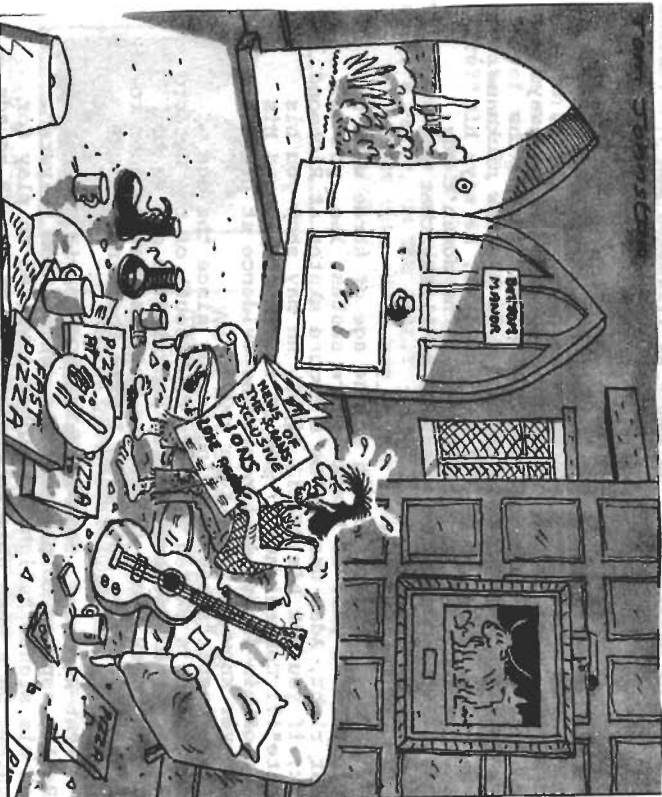
Lee Valley had a great victory against Paisley but were unable to beat Dumfries - I think they just played themselves out on the Saturday, with just eight skaters and two goalies left after the first period of the Pirates match, the tiredness showed the next night. The loss at Dumfries means that they finish bottom of their league.

Bracknell were never in a position to get out of that bottom slot and things were made worse by the fact that results of Paisley and Telford over that weekend meant that we play Paisley in the playoffs - good luck boys! I somehow think you need a miracle, I'll be with you in spirit but not in body - I don't think I can face another trip north of the border just yet!

It would be impossible to choose which double header was best - the Lions was a new experience and the Bees was an old familiar routine. I enjoyed both trips immensely and I'd like to say a special thanks to all the Lions supporters and players who made me feel welcome.

Here's hoping that both teams survive the summer break although I don't relish the thought of a Bees vs Lions match!

Our thanks to Kathy Vickers.



DID YOU KNOW

Division One Champions, the Slough Jets were allocated 350 tickets for The British Championships at Wembley. Only recently, Jets Supporters Club reported the sale of ONLY FIFTY TWO of them? Basement outfit, Lee Valley Lions (Oh, that's us), were given only fifty. At the last count Lions had secured SEVENTY ONE places!!

GIRLS

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be the regular Girlfirend of your favourite Player? If you're one of those "ladies" that hang around outside the Locker Room like a dejected zombie on Match nights, maybe you should know what you could be getting into?

Lions British forward, Adam Anderson has his very own "Eve", to her falls the task of putting the world wise as to the ups & downs of life with that strange animal, the Hockey Player

IN BED WITH ADAM !?

BY (Don't blame us Adam)

Jebeddo

"Would you write an article for us about Adam?" they asked.

"OK, what do you want it to say?"

"As long as it takes the P** we don't care!"

NO PROBLEM!

"Adam tried to give me some guidelines as to what to write: 'Tell them I don't drink or smoke, I eat healthily, I'm a professional Hockey Player & I never go clubbing the night before a game!'"

"Anyone who went on the weekend away to Teeside & Trafford knows that ALL of the above is total crap!"

"It's not hard taking the P** out of Adam as he usually walks right into it. He makes no secret of waving or blowing kisses to me in the middle of a game, BUT I'm always the one to blame if Steve "has a go". He "shrugs" all the "stick" off with a grin (no pun intended to his new nickname "Shoulders". To answer as to why he does this, he says his body armour cuts into him...Don't ask why he doesn't buy some that is more comfortable because he'll say that you don't understand!?!)." "

"Porky" began skating at the age of three when he used to pull on a pair of black figure skates. Yes, you did read that right, Adam used to be a figure skater at Richmond Ice Rink, if you ask him REALLY nicely he may show you his "prouette"!?! Conveniently, none of the photos around his house are of him figure skating, so no evidence at present but you never know what may turn up?"

"Thumper" has been playing Hockey since the age of four, I think he's skated at every club south of the Watford Gap (nice Service Station...NOT!!) He tried to get me to wear my new Hockey Boots in bed, as this is what he does to "break them in", Sorry but, even I draw the line to SOME things in bed!!"

"At Richmond, team-mates such as David Heath & Jason Reilly aspired to play for the senior team "Flyers". Adam set his sights "slightly" higher & wanted to play for his Country, he's been able to cross three of the GB squads off his list & dreams of icing for the only one missing: The Senior Team!"

"Most Hockey Players describe the Goals they score as:"

"Paul passed to me, I shot & it went in!"

"But not my Adam. Oh no!"

"After every game I receive an Inch by Inch, Blow by Blow replay of every Goal he scores AND every bloody assist, just imagine my enjoyment on the way home after the win over Paisley Pirates (Adam had just notched 2 plus 5), what a stimulating conversation!"

"Back in 1992 Adam was icing for Chelmsford Chieftains, I was a member of the teams Cheerleaders "The Chieftainettes" (I know, Very Sadi!!), & it was here that we first met."

"Whilst out injured, Adam used to sit & watch me, sorry, watch the game. He finally plucked up the courage to say "Hi" & later got one of the other Chieftains to speak to me on his behalf!"

"Adam then left the club to join Streatham Redskins, so we didn't see each other for couple of months. All of a sudden, out of the blue I receive a Phone call. A thousand calls later I finally agree to go out with him."

"I'll take you out for some food!"

"He said."

"Great! I thought, a nice Restaurant in Chelmsford. Not exactly. We ended up in McDonalds in Springfield. Since then it's been one McDonalds after another!"

"Purely in the interest of research, I asked Adam a few in depth questions while "probing" for this article, such as Superstitions, Favourite Players etc, Y'know, the kind of thing you get in "Powerplay". Also, some more private stuff, such as whom he lost his virginity to & where?"

"Well, he can't remember her name, but he was Thirteen, she was Eighteen & it was at Streatham Ice Rink after a Party, ON THE GOAL!"

"But then, Adam has always known where the net is!"



ADAM & JESS
(Jess is the one on the left).

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



It's Will Freemans'.....

REVIEW OF THE SEASON 94-95

SEPTEMBER:

Doubt surrounded the teams very existence until the 11th hour, so when Lions finally confirmed their intentions, the rest of the League had 3 weeks start on us. The Autumn Trophy became our "warm-up" schedule, a few glimpses of hope were all we had to cling on to, 4 defeats & last seasons Semi-Finalists were out.

At the start of the League programme proper, Lions stood 5th with a home win over Dumfries but, Solihull & Teeside beat us soundly to begin the slump.

BEST GAME: Lions 9 Vikings 7 (our only win)

WORST GAME: Lions 3 Barons 15 (our next game)

OCTOBER:

9 Games, 9 Defeats, most spirited showing was in a 4-5 reverse against Teeside (Laplanche, Bidner et al). It was obvious that the team had a problem scoring goals. If proof were needed, Lee Valley Lions last proud record, NEVER being "shut-out" in League play was taken from us in the "Den", as the Wildcats notched 9 without reply!

BEST GAME: Lions 4 Bombers 5 (later expunged)

WORST GAME: Wildcats 21 Lions 1

NOVEMBER:

Lions scored a 3 point Weekend, a draw with Medway & win over local rivals Romford, the Raiders result was later removed from records when the team folded & Bears, missing two star imports could not be broken down, opportunities missed?

Jim "Knuckles" Latos returned home & the popular Lee Saunders deputised against Medway.

Toward the end of the month came Lions best result of the season to date however, pushing Trafford all the way in Bradford.

BEST GAME: Metros 5 Lions 2

WORST GAME: Tigers 23 Lions 5

DECEMBER:

Again a winless month, heavy defeats at Telford & Slough (though more credible than earlier results against both teams). There were signs of possible recovery though, due the absence of any senior players, the young Brits grabbed their chance. Richard Laplanche's farewell game for Teeside was the difference between victory & defeat. Bad luck & a deflection off Paul Constantins *** cost us a home point against Chelmsford. Slough got a bit of a fright over Christmas before skating off their "Turkey Legs" & icing a 5-8 win.

BEST GAME: Lions 5 Jets 8

WORST GAME: Bears 13 Lions 3

1 win.

JANUARY:
Probably the best month of our Season & still only (Happy New Year-NOT!)

Poorest result was at home to Guildford on Jan 1st
Our young Brits were increasingly becoming major players in the team, Paul Constantin & Lee Saunders FINALLY hitting something like their form (Pauls 5+4 sealing the unbelievable win over 2nd placed Paisley). Teeside, Trafford & Blackburn COULD have been beaten but, our first win since September finally came when the Pirates came to town. The following weekend the expected formality of Dumfries blew up in our faces & Vikings went back to Scotland with both points.

The biggest bombshell was yet to come, with "Deadline Day" getting increasingly closer, so both Constantin & Saunders moved to Premier Clubs. After picking ourselves up off the floor at last, we were back on the ropes again!

BEST RESULT: Lions 11 Paisley 7

WORST RESULT: Lions 5 Flames 21

FEBRUARY:

Mike Cahill & Jari Ikkonen came in for the missing Imports but were not the guys required to pull us out of the slump. 1 success this month, a long overdue 3-1 win over Chelmsford, who were missing the influential Dave Flannagan.

BEST GAME: Lions 3 Chieftains 1

WORST GAME: Lions 4 Flames 16

MARCH:

The final Month, more defeats & the humiliation of some sides actually starting games with their juniors against our "First Line" (Solihull for example).

Then, out of the blue, Lions put in a superhuman effort to take (still 2nd placed) Paisley on their own ice, a feat only matched by the Champions, Slough Jets

The hard work took its toll as there was no "gas left in the tank" for the bottom of the table clash with Dumfries next night, a 6-3 reverse being the outcome.

Last game of the season was at home to Swindon & the hope was that we could salvage some pride. A 10-0 scoreline in favour of the visitors tells its own story!

BEST GAME: Pirates 5 Lions 6

WORST GAME: Lions 0 Wildcats 10

Will sums it up!
(over the page)

QUICK QUOTE

"So, who's gonna give me the other £100,000?"
Steve James, after being told by the BIRH the Wage Cap limit
(may we suggest that perhaps Guildford, Edinburgh, Sheffield, Cardiff or Nottingham could have fitted the bill?)

We knew this was to be a tough campaign, it's fair to say Mel & John saw more rubber than a Condom Factory. The team lacked a leader on the ice virtually from the moment we stepped out.

Congratulations (such as they are) must go the young British players who stayed loyal & worked their b*****s off in impossible situations.

Glen Moorehouse (now a veteran) actually had one of his best seasons since his partnership with Randy Oswald ended, he also can claim possibly the assist of the Season laying the puck off for Mike Cahill to net against Chelmsford.

The Import situation proves the point when, all of ours put together did not claim as many points as the Leagues top scorer, Steve Morla!

The Season is best summed up by our series against our old nemesis, The Swindon Wildcats.

Back in the Eighties, Lions hit 3 goals against the 'Cats in just 12 seconds. This Season it took 240 Minutes to repeat the feat. In that time, the Men from Wiltshire had claimed 55!!

HE SHOOTS..... HE SCORES!



An all too rare sight from Lee Valley Imports in 94.95!

WARNING: This page may prove boring to non Lions Supporters, we would have left it to the Programme but, the Programme Editor didn't turn up!

END OF SEASON AWARDS, 1994-1995

The End of Season Awards night was held at the Lord Brooke Pub in Walthamstow on Friday 24th March.

We must concede that the Ceremony was far from grand in relation to that thrown by other clubs but, as a more "Down to Earth" crowd than some, entirely appropriate & as usual "Mine Host", Dave Cooke made everybody welcome.

Organised by the Supporters Club & the CET, both parties contributed Trophies etc, supplied a buffet & "Dave Doubledeck" Disco for a modest £3 entrance fee to fans.

First up, Supporters Club Chairman, Mike Cook presented a Medal to every Lions player as an acknowledgement of their service as a squad member.

Supporter of the year went to a deserved Jo-Anne "Punch in the Face" Phillipot (the "get Jo Drunk" fund begins in earnest next season, donations welcome at Block 1, see Dawn.)

The Supporters Club Trophy was awarded to Lord Brooke Landlord, Dave Cooke for his help to Steve & the Supporters Club, housing the Imports & many numerous other things he gets involved in. Possibly, this is the most prestigious Award as the votes of every Member of the Supporters club decide the outcome, Dave joins such names as Mike Cook himself & Daryl Cahill on its "Roll of Honour".

The CET Awards were given as follows:

Player of the Year:

Awarded jointly to John Matassa & Neil Grundy for obvious reasons.

Rookie of the Year:

To Steve Paris, whom we expect to improve much over the next few Seasons (whoever he plays for).

Most Improved Player:

Player of the Year:

To Danny Edery, who's attitude would put some more senior Players to shame. Although donated by the CET voted for by all the team, & their popular choice was Mr Glen Moorehouse

In hindsight we probably should have acknowledged Adam Anderson as top British points scorer (sorry Adam & sorry Adams Mum), obviously something we shall consider next time (so long as there is a next time).

The following evening, when Lions entertained Swindon, the CET donated a further award to 'Cats No 14 Daryl Lipsey for his 1,000 Division One points (although if you & your guys keep humiliating us like this season Daryl, we may go off you). Daryl's Trophy was presented by his "greatest fan" here at the "Den", Joyce Dalliday.

Once again, our apologies to Supporters of other Clubs

"THE PRIZE GUYS (& JO)"

Supporters Profile MIKE COOK

MARRIED Yes (to Ena)
HEIGHT 5'9"
NICKNAME Cookie
AMBITIONS To Lions Fans have a successful team

CAR Rover
WEIGHT Heavy Man
OCCUPATION Caretaker/Security Officer

FAV OTHER SPORTS Anything with action
FAV OTHER TEAMS Tottenham Hotspur
LIKES Travelling and food
DISLIKES People who let you down & Lies
FAV TV SHOWS Minder
FAV ACTOR/ACTRESS Darcy Cahill, Hilary Jenkins
FAV RECORD(S) Country, Elvis
TV SWITCH OFF Politics
BEST FRIENDS Anyone who's friendly towards me
FAV COUNTRY USA, Canada & Australia
VISITED

VENUE Anywhere
FAV SPORTS PERSON Ian Botham
FAVOURITE FILM The Rocky Saga
FAV POP STARS Elvis Presley
FAVOURITE READING True Stories
FAVOURITE DRINK Flavoured Water
SUPERSTITIONS B.I.H.A

STARTED GOING LIONS 1984 (an original) WORST RINK Blackpool & old Sheffield

FAVOURITE RINK Nottingham
FAV OTHER TEAM Nottingham & Fife
FAVOURITE LIONS PLAYER(S) & WHY Eddie Joseph a Gentleman
ALL TIME Steve James - For at least keeping Hockey at Lee Valley
PRESENT

FAVOURITE OTHER PLAYERS Vesa Pannanen - simply the best
ALL TIME Daryl Lipsey - for his consistency
PRESENT

BEST OTHER FANS WORST FANS BEST BAR WORST BAR
Fife Swindon & Solihull Telford Solihull

MOST MEMORABLE GAME Lions winning at Nottingham in 1985. It was Ari Arvila's and Janne Lehti's first game in this Country.

WORST GAME(S) This season
ALL STAR LIONS IMPORT TEAM Vesa Pannanen / Randy Oswald / Jaro Lycka
ALL STAR LIONS BRITISH TEAM Mike Barron / Ari Arvila / Neil Shea
Russ Jackson / Steve James / Geoff Williams
Chris Leggatt / Dave Rapley / Fred Sandford

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND WITH? Ashraf so I could throttle him
IF ANYTHING, WHAT PRIORITIES YOU? Way BIHA are running our Hockey.
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT? Watching some of our Imports play.
IF YOU WERE STEVE JAMES WHAT WOULD YOU DO? Be honest to the fans.
WHAT ARE THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT ICE HOCKEY? Socialising and meeting new friends all over the Country and in Canada and the USA.

I find Americans & Canadians more honest in there own country. I suppose there is more chance of finding out about them over there

A CLASSIC MONTY PYTHON SKETCH

starring

John Cleese as Steve James & Michael Palin as The Shopkeeper

SJ I wish to register a complaint.
TS I'm sorry we're closed for the season.
SJ Nevermind that my lad. I wish to complain about these Imports what I purchased not half a season ago from this very boutique.
TS Oh yes the Finnish Trio. What's er.... what's wrong with them?
SJ I'll tell you what's wrong with them my lad, they're crap! That's what's wrong with them.
TS No no, they're resting. Remarkable players eh Major. Beautiful plummage.
SJ The haircuts don't enter into it. They're absolutely pointless. When I purchased them not half a season ago you assured me that the total lack of movement off the puck was due them being tired and shagged out after a long shift.
TS Well They're probably pining for longer rinks.
SJ Pining for longer rinks. What kind of talk is that! So why do they spend most of the game in the penalty box?
TS The Finnish Trio prefer to sit in the penalty box. Beautiful plummage.
SJ Look Tosh. I took the liberty of examining their credentials when I got them home and I discovered that the only reason they were playing for the Lions in the first place was that nobody else would have them.
TS Listen mush, you've only got unleash those lads onto the ice, give them a stick, drop 'em a puck and VOOM.
SJ VOOM! Mate these imports wouldn't voom if you put 4 million groupies in front of them (lets have a go - Poopie). They're utter tripe. They look like they've curled up for a kip. They've shuffled quietly off the bench and run down the clock. They're *@@@%& rubbish.
TS Well, I better replace 'em then.
SJ If you want anything done in this country don't contact the BIHA. Well what's the news?
TS I've had a look at the rosta and I'm right out of Scandinavian Stars.
SJ I see. I see. I get the picture.
TS I've got a slug.
SJ Can it skate?
TS Er Yeah
SJ Right, I'll have that one then.

(Cue music)

15 yr old protege Stevie Lyle is in contract dispute with the Devils Mamagecent. The 50p Mix bag he gets just doesn't last till the end of the week. He is also pissed off that he is getting too much chewing gum and not enough of the little white mice.

At a recent game in the Sheffield Arena two Steelers fans were escorted out of the building for singing without being told to do so.

Panthers Mega Superduper Superstar Rick Brebant was heard asking Coach Blaisdell why, when he was obviously the greatest goalscorer, skater, assister, greatest everything, that all of his teammates and fellow hockey players detested him. Mr Blaisdell declined to answer until the end of the season when he would wait and see how many other Panthers wanted to leave because of "Me".

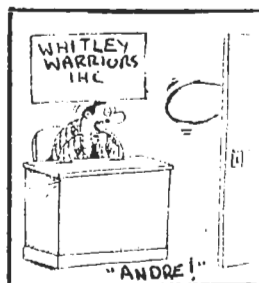
Just a quick note to offer our Thanks to Mr Bobby Brown of the Chelmsford Chieftains (at least he was when this was written) for the enjoyment he provided for the Clock End on Sunday February 12th 1995!

WHEEL ALE

STEPHEN Freeman has spent £225,000 converting a 21-ton lorry trailer into a **MOBILE PUB** with a 52ft bar. The catering boss from Gloucester plans to use it to tour outdoor shows and exhibitions.

It's the
ONLY
way to
travel!

Never mind the "Sheffield Steelers Awayday Hamper" (see ish 3), the rigours of away travel have finally been solved:



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**FIREMAN
STEVE in...**



ANOTHER LOSS!

OOH. LA LION!

Lee Valley unveil shock signing



Who Else
could replace Brian Biddulph?

Con's fury over love calls ban

Ex Lion, now Bracknell Bee Paul Constantin has been told by his Coach Mike Urquhart that he can no longer make telephone calls to his girlfriend Tara.

It's not fair commented Paul. It's not as if it was getting in the way that I play. The only time I phone Tara is when I've had my shift and am sitting on the bench. Coach Urquhart has taken away my mobile phone so I have to wait till after the game to speak to her.



WELLA BAD SHIRTS

Pamela Anderson models the Beavers kit. Most people do look like a tit in this top.

QUOTE

"They're nutters"
Steve James on us
Lions fans.



Top ref in 'fix' alert

It has been revealed through one of our contacts that a top Referee in this country has been found guilty of trying to fix a game.

It has been alleged that he was caught "red handed" with his sons broken Game Boy in his hands attempting to repair it after he had sat on it.

See, not all Referees' eyes are up their arses.

Cruel tactic

After feeling sorry for the Lions Forwards (after only scoring 3 goals in three games) it was rumoured that Swindon were going to play without a goalie for Lee Valley's last League game of the season on the 25th March. But, they thought it might be a bit cruel in case the Lions kept up their "Dynamic" goalscoring average against the Wildcats. Who says Swindon aren't a well meaning bunch?

C.E.T. Player of the Season

The following 3 players were nominated by CET staff:

Paul Constantin, Darcy Cahill and Paddy Scott

Because of arguments amongst ourselves a winner couldn't be decided (we didn't want to come to blows either).

This years award has been declared void because we want to remain friends.

WELLA BAD SHIRTS

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WHAT A LOAD OF BOLZANO PART QUATTRO

THE FINAL CHAPTER

Well D-Day arrived and to be honest most of the British fans didn't hold much hope for the game vs Norway whose earlier Tournament form easily outweighed ours.

But, from the opening face-off it was apparent that GB actually looked like a team and more than held their own. Alas Norway took a 2-0 first period lead but at least GB were competing. (That's what happens when you spend time together for nearly two weeks rather than get together the night before. The group games were our non-existence training camp that we should of had - BHA)

The second period belonged to Britain. To a great amount of disbelief by the supporters our boys levelled the game 2-a piece. Britain were on top and should have killed the game. On a Norwegian penalty GB could have wrapped the game up, but instead of taking the chance Britain lost their Pool A survival by giving away two short-handed goals in the space of just over 30 seconds. The Norwegians scored a fifth goal to wrap the game up. Goodbye Pool A thanks for a laugh!

Despite the disappointment us British fans continued to impress the Italian authorities who again passed on their thanks to us over the tannoy system. Mind you, it didn't take long for the Polizia to realise that we were different from a certain minority that follow our National game. Their early heavy presence was greatly reduced to a handful of Officers by the time we played Norway.

After another alcohol un-free night we sadly said goodbye to the Cardiff clan, Squirt, Martyr, Jon, Katie and Rachel and promised to keep in touch (well we did four days later at Johnny Lawless's Testimonial / Retirement game). As the bandwagon moved on to Milan for the semis and final, visions of Wembley were reappearing as both semi's were one sided affairs. Finland beat the USA 8-0 and Canada walked over Sweden 6-0. Luc Robitaille had woken up. The Swedish fans, in the Beer tent behind the Arena, were walking around with their National Flag snapped and preparing for a burial. When we told them of our problems though they had a party.

The Final was what dreams are made of (?) Three periods of fast flowing all-action Hockey. Both goalkeepers, Randford & Myllys, were outstanding and only a goal for either side put the game into over-time. Still the deadlock couldn't be broken and Penalty shots had arrived. Canada seemed home and dry leading 2-0. They needed one conversion from two attempts but failed. Finland on the other hand scored on their last two shots and we now hit sudden death penalty shots. Robitaille converted his effort for Canada as Nieminen of Finland failed. The Canucks had taken the World Championship back to Canada for the first time since 1961.

The final booze up of the holiday took place in the room of the Supporters Club main Man / Woman Alan and Annette. It gave us a chance to meet up with a few of the other fans who we hadn't seen much of over the fortnight. An excellent holiday had come to an end (a good 'un apart from the results)

We shall be continuing our travels with the GB fans in Bratislava very shortly, although only for the second week thanks to the clash with Wembley, which is a waste of time going on about now.

If you have read this drivel in every issue this season you may think that we drunk a lot in Bolzano - well we did. But for all you healthy readers out there, of the eleven of us that parted regular none of us smoked so stick that in your pipe and smoke it. We are looking forward to Bratislava more than Sweden because the price of a beer is a lot cheaper.

Lastly, after holidays you normally say let's keep in touch and after a few months the novelty wears off. Thankfully Ice Hockey fans are made of sterner stuff and yes we all keep in contact and gladly so.



AND THE PARTY GOES ON

Do Slough know something that we don't.

According to their programme Bracknell have signed another ex-Lion in Lee Saunders. Now we know that the Lions Bee Team are keen on our players but surely GB team member Woody Saunders won't succumb to Bracknell's advances. We wait with anticipation

Basingstoke Beavers are bringing out another Wella Bad Shirt, this time made of velcro. It's called the Rip-Off.

Apparently during Lions first ever League game way back in 1984 at Grimsby, the Lions faithful cracked their first joke.

"Sing when you're fishing, you only sing when you're fishing" it was replied in the best possible way

"We wee on your fish, yes we only wee on your fish"

Note : Bad language shouldn't be used in ice rinks.

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IT BE DARTS, POOL, QUIZ NIGHTS OR
KARAOKE DON'T LOOK ANY FURTHER. WITH A
FUNCTION ROOM WE CAN CATER FOR ALL
YOUR NEEDS.

AS THE SAY

"DON'T JUST BOOK IT, DAVE COOKE IT"

THE LORD BROOKE - IT'S WHERE THE STARS GO.

