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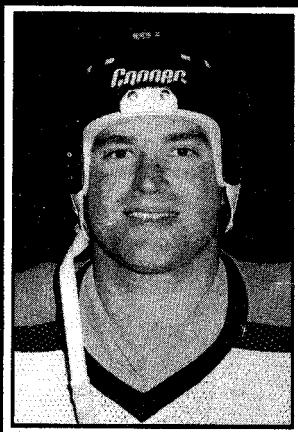
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CHUCK



Good evening and welcome.

Great result last weekend for us in our *Norwich Union Cup-tie* against Solihull Barons. I, for one expected a much tougher match against our old rivals (one-year-old).

One person who deserves credit for a great game is Mark Budz. 'Budzie' really made his presence felt. It was also nice to have Gordie Patterson back in the Tigers' line-up, as he made a very impressive return.

On the whole, everyone contributed to the win in some way, shape or form,

which is what hockey is all about...TEAMWORK.

Lee Valley Lions are a team that we will be battling against all year long, so we might as well set the books straight from day one! I'm sure they're well prepared for this weekend's double header, but so are we, and that can only mean a great game.

My views on this Cup competition are simple. We have to take it one game at a time, one period at a time, one shift at a time. We cannot take any team lightly in our section as anyone is capable of knocking anyone else out. Personally, I feel we are in a good position at the moment, but we have definitely got a lot of hard work ahead of us.

Enjoy the game.

CHUCK TAYLOR

WELCOME

LEE VALLEY LIONS

Two First Division victories over the men from Lee Valley last season still weren't enough to clinch us second spot, but at least we had fun trying.

The game against the Lions here at the end of the campaign was a cracker. Fast skilful hockey in front of a big crowd—and with virtually no penalties.

A repeat of that sort of entertainment tonight will be more than welcome—and Lion's flying Finns are just the men to produce it.

This season, they are without one of the Scandinavians from last year, Ari Arvila, but have replaced him with Jari Virta, who joins

established men Vesa Pennanen and Janne Lehti among the import trio. Still with the club are former Streatham Redskins Chris and Andy Leggatt and they are led once more by experienced skipper Geoff Williams.

But, as they have built a squad to challenge once again for promotion, Lions have brought in some new faces—and some not so new.

Geoff Delderfield, for instance, has tired of the trip up the M1 and has returned to Lee Valley, while coming South has been ex-Glasgow defenceman Alistair Rodger. Other new faces include former Richmond Flyers Danny O'Hanlon and Ben Accwar, with another big defenceman in Atari Suwari.