

THE LONDON EVENING STANDARD included this report last week:

Lions to plead for new import

LEE VALLEY LIONS manager Mike Smith is to appeal to the British Ice Hockey Association to allow the promotion-chasing club an extra overseas player.

Lions will play this weekend's Heineken League First Division matches at Swindon Wildcats on Saturday and at home to Trafford Metros on Sunday with only two foreign imports instead of the customary

three following the ban on American forward Neil Shea for the rest of the season after he assaulted two officials.

The League's disciplinary committee have ruled out another overseas player from taking his place, but Smith will appeal at the Association's meeting on January 20. He said: "I am pleading that the team should not be punished as well."