

Great Scott is Lions' American dream signing

ICE HOCKEY

LEE Valley Lions have announced a number of new signings for the 2007-08 season, the most significant of which is American Scott Pollak.

The 32-year-old moved to the UK just three months ago and has wasted no time in impressing the Lions' management.

The New Yorker started to play hockey aged six and his son of the same age is continuing in his father's footsteps by learning the sport at the Lea Bridge Road rink.

The defenceman whose prestigious past includes competing in the Men's Senior USA Nationals and the World Masters Games in 2005.

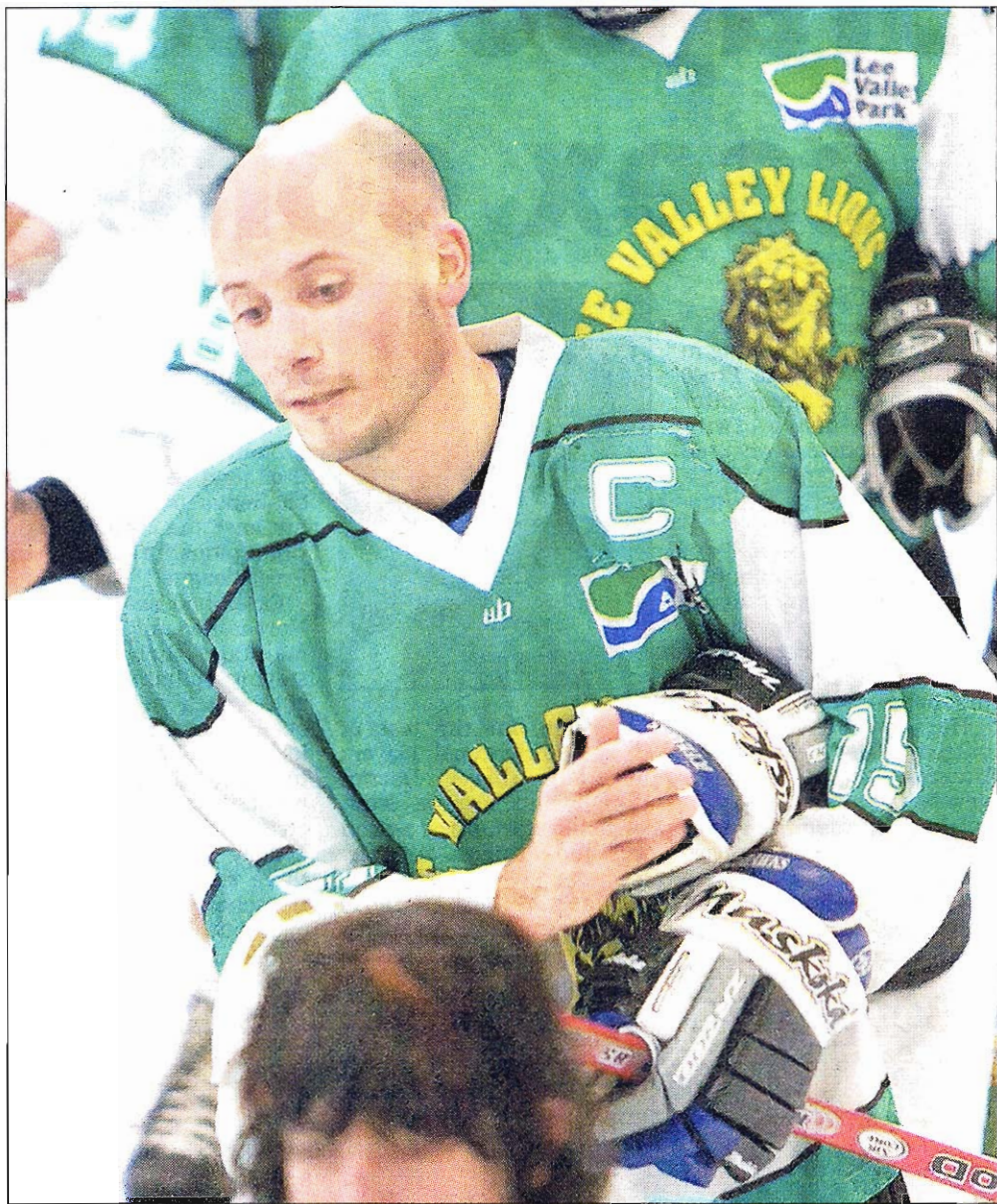
In addition to his on-ice talents, Pollak has a top-flight coach in the USA. He was approached by a New York team to be their power skating coach when he was 21 and has been coaching competitively every year since.

For the Lions' 2007-08 season Pollak will be the team captain.

He said: "With continued hard work and effort I expect nothing less than the team finishing in the top half of the league and going on to a successful play-off run."

The Lee Valley Lions will be playing their first home game of the season against new boys Slough ENIHL Jets at the Lee Valley Ice Centre on Saturday, face-off 5.30pm.

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American Scott Pollak, who expects big things for the Lee Valley Lions this season (c)