

New acquisition Scott is planning to give the Lions added bite

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LEE Valley Lions have announced a number of new signings for the 2007/08 season, the most significant of which comes in the form of 32-year-old American, Scott Pollak.

Pollak relocated to the UK just three months ago and has wasted no time in impressing the Lions' management.

New Yorker Scott started to play hockey at the tender age of 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.

Scott is a defenceman whose prestigious past includes compet-

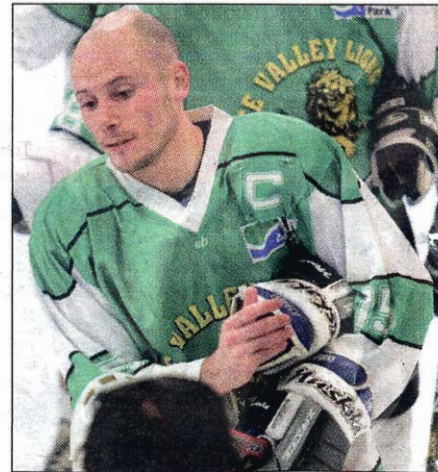
ing in the Men's Senior USA Nationals and the World Masters Games in 2005.

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 only 21 and has been coaching competitively every year since.

Pollak said: "Coaching has always been a great way to give back to a sport and community that gave me so much. It is an amazing thing to see a group of individuals come together as a team, work hard, execute the systems and come away victorious."

For the Lions' 2007/08 season Scott will be the team captain and he has every aim of building on the team's previous successes. "I believe we have a quality hockey club at Lee Valley," enthuses Pollak. "With continued hard work and effort I expect nothing less than the team finishing in the top 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 a team that is new to the league, Slough ENIHL Jets. The game will be held at the Lee Valley Ice Centre on 22 September, face-off 5.30pm. For more information on the team visit www.leevalleylions.co.uk



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