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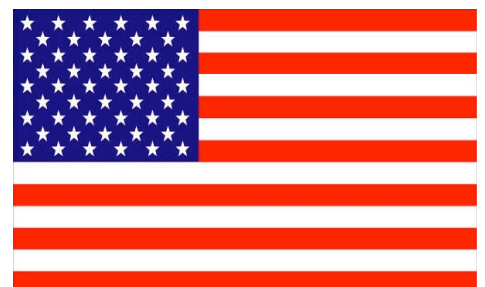
When I was just 10 years old, my father took me to my first hockey game. I had no idea what hockey was all about since we did not have cable television at that time and the only hockey I knew was watching some street hockey or highlights on the news...if I could see through the poor picture on the screen. Things have changed immensely since then, and I am a proud season ticket holder of over 22 years and have served as President of the Booster Club for over a year. Unfortunately, I can no longer fill the role of President as I will be working on the west coast. I would like to thank all of you for all the support you have not only given me and the Springfield Falcons Booster Club, but also for your support of the Springfield Falcons. I have thoroughly enjoyed coming to games for so many years and getting to know so many wonderful people and you will all be missed. For those of you who may be worried about this club, please, do not worry. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who is energetic to step up and run for the position of President and Vice President. Please consider running for a position or simply offer to help out. Executive board members will be happy to assist you when needed, and the job really is a very rewarding one. I am not sure how many games I will be at this year, but as it stands currently my last game will be on October 14th, and what better team to see than the Tampa Bay affiliated Norfolk Admirals! See you at the games!

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October Meeting

Our monthly membership meeting will be held at the Mass Mutual Center in the Club Room on **November 3rd** at **5:00 PM**. We hope to see you all there!

“Let us not forget”



2007 – 2008 Executive Board

If you would like to contact any member of the Executive Board, you can by the following telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses:

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October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Booster Club Members:

10/4 James Jones	10/6 Thomas Bowler	10/13 Richard Casey III	10/22 Jeremy Eickelberg
10/4 Gladys Kielb	10/7 Ron Brault	10/18 Donald Dittbenner	10/23 Steven Moreau
10/4 Fred Lyon	10/7 Terry Bordas	10/18 Mattie Rousseau	10/25 Bill Rogers
10/4 Edward Pitts	10/9 Stephen Estee	10/19 Bill Packard	10/27 Debbie Donahue
10/5 Sherry Timberman	10/11 Donald Stanger	10/20 Shaun Fay	10/27 Thelma Miller

Happy Birthday to Players in the Edmonton Oilers Organization:

10/8 Robert Gherson	10/11 Andy Contois	10/12 Dwayne Roloson
10/8 Raffi Torres	10/11 Denis Grebeshkov	

Falcons News

The 2007 – 2008 season is about to begin and camp has begun. Last season there but this year that is not the case. Ryan Flinn sustained an injury in camp when he was involved in a fight, but there are no serious injuries to report that is known at this time. This season the story is competition as nine players were signed to Professional Try Out contracts in hopes of making the team. As of this writing, it is not known who will make the team, who will come down from Edmonton in final cuts, or who will be assigned to the Stockton Thunder, the ECHL affiliate. For more information on any Falcons news, log onto the Falcons web site at www.falconsahl.com.



Ticket Packages

It is never too late to purchase a ticket package with the Springfield Falcons. The following table provides prices for the 2007 – 2008 season. There are also group rates available for as little as 15 people. If you have any questions regarding any of these ticket packages or group rates, please call the Falcons office at (413) 739-3344 and they would be happy to assist you.

2007 – 2008 Season Ticket Packages			
Ticket Package	Adults	Seniors	Youth and Students
Full Season	\$440	\$370	\$300
Half Season	\$240	\$195	\$165
10 Game Plan	\$135	\$102.50	\$90
40 Game Flex Pack	\$470	\$380	\$310
10 Game Flex Pack	\$140	\$105	\$92.50
Grand Plan	\$1000 Plan includes 100 Flex vouchers		
Premium Seat	\$680 (40 games) These seats are located in sections 8, 9 and 10 as well as a limited number of ice level seats.		
Premium Pass	Premium passes will be available to full season ticket holders only for \$80. Passes will enable access to the VIP Lounge and also ticket priorities for selected Mass Mutual Center events.		



Falcons at Friendly's



Once again this season, Friendly's has teamed with the Falcons and will be hosting Falcons players and Screech to meet and greet fans at various Friendly's locations throughout the community. The players will be at all locations from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Here are some of the scheduled dates:

October 1, 2007 65 Sumner Ave. Springfield

October 11, 2007 471 Center St. Ludlow

October 2, 2007 1946 Wilbraham Rd. Springfield

October 15, 2007 1519 North Main St. Palmer

October 3, 2007 1811 Boston Rd Springfield

October 16, 2007 1795 Northampton St. Holyoke

October 9, 2007 1094 Riverdale Rd. West Springfield

October 17, 2007 489 Newton St. South Hadley

October 10, 2007 529 Memorial Dr. Chicopee

October 18, 2007 19 Springfield St. Agawam

Transaction Report:

9/16 Edmonton assigned forwards Stephane Goulet, Colin McDonald, Jacob Micflikier, David Rohlfs, Geoff Paukovich, Defensemen Rick Berry, Theo Peckham, T.J. Reynolds, Allan Rourke, and Goaltender Glenn Fisher to Springfield.

9/18 Edmonton assigned LW Ryan Flinn to Springfield

9/21 Forwards Justin Chwedoruk, Andy Contois, Brandon Schwartz, Jesse Bennefield, Benoit Doucet, Defensemen Ryan Geris, Chris Busby, and Goaltenders Cam Ellsworth and Robert Gherson were all signed to professional try out contracts.

9/21 RW Charlie Kronschnabel signed a standard AHL contract.

9/23 Edmonton assigned Defenseman T.J. Kemp and LW Adam Huxley to Springfield.

9/25 LW Adam Huxley signed a standard AHL contract.

9/26 Edmonton assigned Defensemen Sebatien Bisailon, Danny Syvret, and Bryan Young and Forwards Troy Bodie, Fredrik Johansson, Ryan O'Marra, Liam Reddox, Rob Schremp, and Viacheslav Trukhno to Springfield.

9/27 Edmonton assigned Goaltender Devan Dubnyk, and Forwards Tim Sestito, Ben Simon, and Jonas Almtorp to Springfield.

9/27 Springfield Falcons assigned defenseman Ryan Geris and Forwards Pat Bateman and Jesse Bennefield to the Stockton Thunder of the ECHL.

9/27 Springfield Falcons assigned Defenseman Chris Busby and Center Benoit Doucet to the Elmire Jackals of the ECHL.

9/29 Springfield Falcons assigned Forwards Daid Rohlfs and Jacob Micflickier and Goaltender Cam Ellsworth to Stockton of the ECHL and Goaltender Robert Gherson to the Elmira Jackals of the ECHL.

Booster Club Member News

President, Vice President to Leave Positions, Nominations currently being accepted

Due to circumstances that could not have possibly been foreseen, Rick McDonald and his wife Lan will be leaving their positions as President and Vice President of the Springfield Falcons Booster Club. Rick McDonald's term was to expire at the end of this season whereas Lan's was to expire the following season. Nominations will be accepted until the November Meeting with voting to fill these positions taking place in the December meeting. If you are interested in carrying out the remainder of these terms, please see any member of the executive board.

Broomball Tournament Hosting Site Moved

The annual broomball tournament next summer that was originally scheduled to be held in Springfield is now scheduled to be hosted by the Manchester Monarchs Booster Club as announced at the Booster Club Convention last month. The broomball team is led by Paul Desrosiers and if you are interested in joining the team, you can email him at pjdesrosiers2244@yahoo.com or Scott Mixter at mixterboyz@yahoo.com.

Newsletter Information

Do you have a message you would like put in the newsletter? If you know of someone who is suffering from illness or has experienced a death in the family, engagement/wedding, or has a new birth to report, or if you would like to write an article for the newsletter regarding a Booster Club event (such as trips, parties, conventions, etc) or something related to the Springfield Falcons, please email your information to Rick McDonald. His email address is mcdonro@charter.net.

Trips

Les Kimball, our trip coordinator, has once again put together a very exciting schedule for trips this season. The schedule features two multiple game trips with one trip in Norfolk and the other to Wilkes Barre/Scranton and Binghamton. The road trip schedule gives fans an opportunity to see the Philadelphia Phantoms, the Hershey Bears, and the Wilkes Barre/Scranton Penguins a second time as they are only playing in Springfield once this season. The Norfolk Admirals will be visiting Springfield twice this season as they have in previous years. Here is the tentative schedule planned for the 2007 – 2008 season.

October 27, 2007: Philadelphia Phantoms

March 2, 2008: Manchester Monarchs

November 23 and 24, 2007: Norfolk Admirals

April 4 and 5, 2008: Wilkes Barre/Scranton Penguins and
Binghamton Senators

January 19, 2008: Hershey Bears

February 2, 2008: Lowell Devils

Ticket Vouchers

The Booster Club is once again selling flex vouchers for \$10.00 each enabling members to bring friends and/or family to games. People who purchase these vouchers will be entered for a chance to win a Falcons jersey. This season, orders will not be taken as they are readily available at the Booster Club tables. If you are interested in getting vouchers, simply go to the Booster Club table at Falcons home games and they will be happy to assist you in obtaining as many vouchers as you would like.

Within the Organization

Edmonton Oilers

The Edmonton Oilers have had a very competitive camp this year and with the indefinite loss of Fernando Pisani there was an additional spot to fill. Players who have been solid and making a serious run for the spot include Andrew Cogliano, who as of press time has scored four goals and two assists in pre-season play. Kyle Brodziak has also been strong netting two goals and adding three helpers. Players still competing for spots include Jean Francois Jacques, Sam Gagner, Andrew Cogliano, Kyle Brodiak, Robert Nilsson, Marc Pouliot, Tyler Spurgeon, Zack Stortini, Tom Gilbert, Denis Grebeshkov, Alex Plante, and Mathieu Roy. Some of these players will make the team while others will not and will be sent to Springfield, but this is a clear indication of how competitive this preseason has been.



Stockton Thunder News

There is little to report out of Stockton since they await players coming from Springfield. In off ice matters they have had tremendous success with season ticket sales. As of September 17th, they had sold over 2,750 season tickets, which is up over 7% from last season. Stockton led the league the past two seasons in attendance and last season averaged 6,780 fans in attendance. As of this writing, Stockton has received several players from Springfield. These players include Jacob Micflickier, Cam Ellsworth, David Rohlf, Ryan Geris, Jesse Bennefield, and Pat Bateman. One player who the Thunder were looking to for the enforcer role was Adam Huxley as he signed a contract with the Thunder. He then went on to have a strong training camp and was signed to an AHL contract on September 25th. Huxley is a tough player who is not afraid to drop the gloves. Last season he led the Thunder with 241 penalty minutes in 61 games. As of this writing, it has not been determined if Huxley will stick with the Falcons or if he will be assigned to the Thunder, but nevertheless, whoever has him will welcome his presence. He spent the off season mending his hand as he was involved in a fight in a game in April causing a torn tendon in his hand. The injury has since healed and he was right back at it fighting three times in Falcons pre season games. Cam Ellsworth also looked good during the game against the Worcester Sharks on September 28th in AHL preseason action. Falcons fans can feel comfortable knowing there will be good goaltending and the skating ability of Micflickier in Stockton in the event a call up is needed.



SPRINGFIELD FALCONS BOOSTER CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2007 – 2008 SEASON

SEND IN PAYMENT FOR RENEWAL AND PICK UP MEMBERSHIP CARD(S) AT OR AFTER THE FIRST HOME GAME.

NEW MEMBER PRICING

- NEW ADULT: \$15.00 E-MEMBER: \$5.00 (SEE BELOW)
 NEW JUNIOR \$6.00 NEW FAMILY: \$25.00 (2 Adults & Children under 18 years)

IF PAID BY THIRD GAME OF THE SEASON, NEW ADULT PRICE WILL BE \$12.00

RENEWAL PRICING

- ADULT \$12.00 JUNIOR \$6.00 FAMILY \$25.00 (2 Adults & Children under 18 years)

IF PAID BY THIRD GAME OF THE SEASON, ADULT RENEWAL PRICE WILL BE \$10.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

BIRTHDAY _____ DATE JOINED _____

SIGNED UP BY: _____ ARE YOU A TICKET PACKAGE HOLDER? _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS 3 OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS AT SAME ADDRESS (2 Adults & Children under 18 years)

PLEASE LIST BELOW WITH THEIR BIRTHDAYS, JUNIOR MEMBERS YEAR OF BIRTH IS ALSO REQUIRED.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL? YES (Recommended) NO

(Sending newsletters via email helps keep cost of printing, processing, and postage within reason)

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

E-MEMBER: OFFERED TO FALCONS FANS LIVING MORE THAN 100 MILES AWAY.

E-MEMBERS HAVE NO VOTING RIGHTS, NO MEMBER DISCOUNTS ON BUS TRIPS, AND WILL NOT RECEIVE MAILED NEWSLETTERS. E-MEMBERS CAN ATTEND ALL OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

LIST NAMES AND BIRTHDAYS OF FAMILY MEMBERS BELOW:

NAME _____ BIRTHDAY _____ NAME _____ BIRTHDAY _____

NAME _____ BIRTHDAY _____ NAME _____ BIRTHDAY _____

YOU CAN RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT ANY HOME GAME THROUGH THE END OF NOVEMBER AT THE BOOSTER CLUB TABLE OR MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Springfield Falcons Booster Club
P.O. Box 1285
Springfield, Ma. 01101

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Membership Meetings for 2007/2008 Season

All of the meetings throughout the 2007/2008 season will be held at the Mass Mutual Center in the Club Room at 5:00.

November 3, 2007	March 1, 2008
December 8, 2007	April 12, 2008
January 5, 2008	May: TBD
February 9, 2008	June: Time and place TBD

Mario Cantallini from the Plantation Inn located at the end of Interstate 291 in Chicopee, has graciously allowed us to use the parking lot of the Plantation Inn for our bus trips. Please try to patronize his establishment as much as possible whenever you need to find lodging for friends and relatives coming into town.



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