

LIONS TAMED AGAIN

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Solent & Gosport 7

Lee Valley Lions last home game of the 2009/10 season ended with defeat after they were easily beaten by Solent & Gosport Devils.

The Lions had travelled to Gosport for their first game of the campaign to be hammered 20-0, albeit with a

minimal squad, so their prospects did not look good from the start.

For the home encounter, Lee Valley were missing several key players, including defenceman Ian Courtney and the injured Angela Taylor.

Also missing from proceedings were Karim Kerbouche and coach Ian Prince, both sidelined following a stormy session at Romford the previous Sunday.

In the first period Gosport showed why they are in the upper echelons of the league table, as Slick stick-handling and accurate passing left them 3-0 when the buzzer sounded.

The Lions stepped up a gear in the second period, but the Devils continued to dominate.

Kristopher Abbott scored a powerplay goal at 23minutes 17 seconds as Lee Stobie sat out two-minutes for hooking and Lewis Tribble put an even-handed goal past netminder Robyn Maby at 38.19.

When Alexander Anderson



Another loss: Ruth Cattell (above) is once again forced into action, while captain James Hatfull (left) had a solid game. Pics by Julianne Bonner

was boxed for holding, the Devils still managed to score short-handed at 39.27, so with the score 6-0 to their opponents, Lec Valley stood little chance of making much headway in the third period.

Robyn Maby had faced 37 shots in the first two periods, but coach Eddie Joseph

opted to rest her for the final 20 minutes, replacing Maby with Ruth Cattell. Cattell was faced with a phenomenal 30 shots, but only one got past her at 45.09.

Although Lee Valley's defence allowed plenty of shots to be fired from their opponents, the Devils' defence was not troubled in

the least.

The Lions had a woeful two shots in the last period and allowing netminder Henry Wilkins to achieve a shut-out and the Devils to skate away 7-0 victors.

Lee Valley Lions' 2009/10 season ends with away games in Cardiff on 20 March and Streatham on 11 April.

