

Mustangs maul Lee Valley Lions in one-sided contest



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LEAGUE-LEADERS Invicta Mustangs braved the snows of Kent to take on the Lee Valley Lions in an encounter that saw them handed little trouble.

With Ian Courtney still benched through injury, the Lions could muster only 11 players to do battle against a three-line Invicta squad, including new signing, David Tyler.

With a strong squad and 10 wins out of 12 games so far this season, it is fair to say that victory for the visiting side was almost guaranteed.

To Lee Valley's credit, they came out all guns blazing, but a succession of minor penalties throughout the game meant the Mustangs were able to inflict maximum damage.

The Lions were already 5-0 down at the end of the first period, netminder Ruth Cattell having been particularly unlucky on the fourth when the puck managed to slide over the line while she lay prone on the ice,

mistakenly under the impression the puck was beneath her.

Just 41 seconds into the second period and a catalogue of errors from the Lions' defence led to Invicta's sixth goal, the first of a hat-trick for Dan Fudger.

A further two goals were notched up unanswered, both having been knocked in despite Cattell (*pictured left*) deflecting the initial shots.

Steven Grout in the Invicta goal was replaced at the start of the third period by Stuart Long.

Lee Stobie managed to finally put the home side on the scoresheet, thanks to an unassisted short-handed goal at 48:57, but Invicta continued to run away with the game.

They slotted in no fewer than six goals in the final 20 minutes of the game, the score ending 14-1.

Lee Valley Lions expect a better result on Saturday when they entertain fellow strugglers Slough Harrier Hawks.

Face-off is at 4.30pm at Lee Valley Ice Centre at Lea Bridge Road.