

LIONS STEP UP THE SEARCH



STEFAN NUBERT: Looking forward to the new campaign.
Picture: Julianne Bonner

LEE Valley Lions are stepping up their search for players for the new English Ice Hockey League season and in the last week have secured the services of key players Richard Hodge, Billy Whitney and James Hatful, a defender with a hefty slapshot.

Returning between the pipes for Lions is 6 foot 2 inch Welshman Stefan Nubert. The Imperial College, London, student faced a colossal 852 shots dur-

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ing last season – Lions' comeback campaign, but Nubert remains keen for more.

Nubert says: "I really want to play every minute I can and can't wait for the new season to start," he says.

Also returning to the Lee Valley Ice Centre club is 18-year-old George Alley, a stalwart of the Lions' under 19 squad.

The Lions aim to bolster their squad

with the addition of a third netminder with the signing of Glen Jackson, who iced for the Streatham Redskins in 2005-06 and achieved an impressive save average of 90.84 per cent

New coach Sergey Smolenko oversaw the final trials on Tuesday night (Aug 1) and is now in the process of selecting the remaining players to complete his team for a season that begins next month.