

Good win and heavy defeat for the Lions

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IT proved a mixed weekend for the Lee Valley Lions when they failed to follow up a win over the Chelmsford Warriors by crashing to a derby day defeat against the Haringey Greyhounds.

The Lions got their back-to-back games off to a good start with a 6-4 home victory over the Warriors on Saturday, despite a below par display.

Passes were going astray at an alarming rate and there were large holes in the home defence, leaving net-minder George Alley far too exposed.

Against the run of play, the hosts opened the scoring when James Hatfull hit a power play slapshot from just inside the Warriors' blue line.

The visitors however hit back, before Stas Prokofiev put a pass onto the stick of Scott Beeson to fire in Lee Valley's second goal.

Chelmsford got themselves back on level terms before the break with a second goal.

The second session was very similar to the first as Lee Valley continued to make mistakes, yet managed to take a 3-2 lead as Beeson bagged his second of the night.

The Warriors came back once more with three minutes left of the period, only for Romanas Fedotovas to make it 4-3 to the home side 25 seconds later.

Michael Ranby slotted the puck to Michael Jacobs at the start of the third session to give the Lions some breathing space.

The newly-raised hopes were nearly dashed as Chelmsford got on the scoreboard with 13 minutes to go.

Lions faced further pressure, but made sure of the points, after Joe Berry finished off a move involving Michael Jacobs and Rob



Scott Beeson, who was Lions' man of the match against Chelmsford, (Photo: Julianne Bonner)

Courtman. The following day, however, the east Londoners lost 8-4 at the Haringey Greyhounds.

Beeson had an early effort ruled out by the goal judge, before the north Londoners swept into a 3-0 lead. Jacobs cut the advantage to 3-1 before the break.

The second period saw an improvement in the form of

the Lions, who made it 3-2 with an excellent strike from Jacobs.

Haringey responded with a lucky fourth before Jacobs neatly completed his hat-trick following a pass from Ranby.

Beeson then stepped in and hit in the equaliser from long range, before the same player just failed to give the

visitors the lead for the first time into the final period and it wasn't long before Michael Loksa and Brett Candon scored Haringey's fifth and sixth goals, respectively.

A seventh goal came at 50:18, courtesy of Scott Cannam before Calum Mathieson completed the win for the hosts with an eighth goal.