

# Unlucky 13 hit much depleted Lions team



**TEMPERS** fray in Lee Valley Lions' heavy defeat at Peterborough as Lions' James Hatfull unleashes a barrage of blows on opponent Stuart Coleman. Pictures: Julianne Bonner

## Double helping for fight fans over this weekend

**LONDON** has a double helping of boxing over the weekend with a big show at Wembley Arena on Saturday evening,

**Ken Sellek reports**

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ver medalist fights former French national champion Mohammed Medjadji over eight rounds at super featherweight.

Ticket information is on 0870-

**THREE** months ago, the Lions had held the Peterborough Islanders to a draw on their home ice in an encounter high in both shots on goal and penalty minutes.

On this occasion, Lions limped up to Peterborough with a squad of only 11 skaters and two net-minders. The Islanders, on the other hand, boasted a full squad of 22.

Lee Valley were without point-scorsers Romanas Fedotovas, Ben Williams, Paul O'Neill, Andy Watt and Michael Jacobs, so those who did play knew they faced an uphill battle from the start.

Kristian Simo opened the scoring for the home side at 06:11 with a short-handed goal that was assisted by Stuart Dane.

Simo struck again three minutes later, this time with a powerplay effort as Andrzej Maslak sat out two minutes for hooking.

Lee Valley held up well and it wasn't until 18:48 that David Micheli scored the first of his hat-trick goals. Another powerplay shot, the assists this time went to Clint Herring and Ross Mackintosh.

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**Peterborough Islanders 13  
Lee Valley Lions 1**

goals sailed past Stefan Nubert.

Facing 16 shots in the first period and 19 in the second Lions' coach Serge Smolenko decided that Nubert had taken enough of a pounding and opted to rest him in favour of Glen Jackson for the final period.

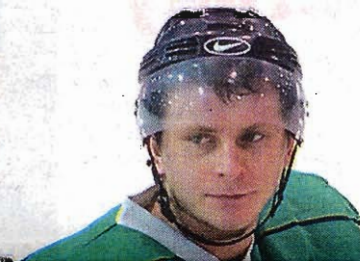
Jackson had been out of action through injury since December so to return to the ice in a game where the Lions were already 8-0 down was somewhat daunting.

His luck was no better than Nubert's and he faced a barrage of 27 shots in 20 minutes. Even when three or more Lions were in front of the net, Peterborough shots still found their way through on five occasions.

At 34:15 there was a little respite in the form of fisticuffs entertainment from James Hatfull and Peterborough's Stuart Coleman. Helmets were ripped off and the punches flowed.

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The goal formed only the briefest moments of cheer for the Lions on what was a very bleak night.

The squad were sadly overpowered in all areas by much stronger opponents.

Lee Valley Lions' last home game of the season is on Saturday (February 17) when they face Oxford City Stars, face-off 5.30pm.

Free match tickets are available via the club website at [www.leevalleylions.co.uk](http://www.leevalleylions.co.uk).

The Hennessy promoted, Nottingham based Carl Froch is targeting former WBC super middleweight champion Robin Reid as his next opponent.

Froch is hoping that the match can be top of the bill on a Hennessy promoted show in Nottingham on March 23.

Reid, who hasn't boxed in a long time, apparently informed a Manchester based radio station that it was still his ambition to win the British supermiddleweight crown, that is held by Froch.

Promoter Mick Hennessy is understood to be at the early negotiation stage with Reid's representatives to test out the validity of the Runcorn boxer's apparent desire to fight again and go for a major title.



**RUEFUL Andrzej Maslak, scorer of Lions' only goal.**