

Lions new squad is nearing completion

LEE VALLEY Lions ice hockey team this week neared completion of their squad for 2006/07, signing no fewer than four favourites from last season.

Kwabina Oppong-Addai, previously of London rivals Haringey Greyhounds, played just eight games for the Lions in 2005/06 but scored no fewer than two goals and four assists.

Joining Kwabina is Rob Courtman, another ex-Greyhound who also joined the Lee Valley Lions part-way through the

last season and quickly proved himself to be a useful player.

Fiery Lithuanian Romanas Fedotovas is the club's first non-British signing of the new season.

The 24-year-old carpenter demonstrated both speed and skill last season with his ability to put the puck in the back of the net despite playing in defence.

The final player returning to the Den is last season's captain, Darren Wakeling.

A second foreign player is expected to sign for the club within the next few days and this will complete the squad.

Lee Valley Lions' first game of the 2006/07 season will be against Basingstoke Buffalo at the Lee Valley Ice Centre on 9 September - face-off 5.45pm.

The club is encouraging everyone, young and old to give ice hockey a go by offering free match tickets and posters.

These are available via the club's website at www.leevalleylions.co.uk.