

Same as before as Lions go down in third derby this term

LEE Valley Lions were unable to reverse the trend between themselves and near neighbours Haringey Greyhounds, when the sides met for the third time already this season, at Alexandra Palace on Sunday.

As in previous encounters with the Greyhounds, Lions made a slick start and were a goal up in 4:20 thanks to Michael Jacobs, Rob Courtman and Joe Berry supplying the assists.

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utes Greyhounds were on terms when Matt Ovenden equalised, scoring when the Haringey team were short-handed, Scott Stroud sitting out two minutes for cross-checking.

Jan Bestic scored a second for Haringey and the period ended with Lions 3-1 down in sombre mood after such a brisk start.

The second period proved disastrous for the Lee Valley

side. Haringey's fourth and fifth goals came within three minutes, scored by Gary Dodds and at 5-1 down, Lions swapped net-minder Stefan Nubert for Glen Jackson, giving the youngster his first opportunity this season.

But sadly Jackson fared no better than his predecessor and he was beaten twice in four minutes towards the end of the period which saw Lions an alarming 7-1 down.

In the final period, Lions were energized and Greyhounds' net-minder Steve Andrews was in almost constant action. Lions scored three times in this period in less than three

minutes, Scott Beeson, Courtman and Michael Ranby being the men on the mark.

But the Greyhounds were far from finished and stretched further away with goals from Scott Cannam and Lee Mercer to make it 9-4.

Lions had the last word with the final goal of the encounter, Beeson netting his second after assists from Paul O'Neill and Romanos Fedotovas.

This Saturday Lions are at home to Basingstoke Buffalos. Free tickets are available from the club website at www.leevalleylions.co.uk