Lions fail to see off the Greyhounds again



Haringey Greyhounds 9 Lee Valley Lions 5 (ENIHL South League)

IN THE third meeting between these two teams this season the Lions failed to reverse their previous fortunes.

It started well as they took the lead courtesy of Michael Jacobs goal early on with assists from Rob Courtman

and Joe Berry.

The Greyhounds soon equalised with a goal from Matt Ovenden, scored shorthanded while Scott Stroud

sat out two-minutes for cross checking. Nicky Braithwaite avoided being sent to the sin bin as Jan Bestic scored for Haringey before the delayed tripping penalty was called.

The period ended with the Greyhounds 3-1 up and the mood in the Lee Valley changing room was sombre after their good start

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In the second period the visitors, despite a number of shots on goal, failed to capitalise on power plays and Haringey increased their lead when Gary Dodds

scored their fourth and fifth goals. At 5-1 down the Lions opted to swap Stefan Nubert for Glen Jackson in goal, giving the youngster his first opportunity to shine this season.

But he was unable to stem the flow as Haringey scored twice more.

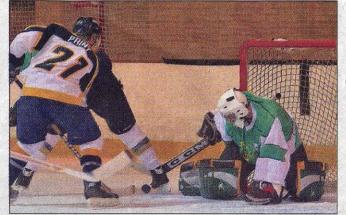
The Lions emerged from the changing room for the final period a different team and with more energy about their play Greyhounds' netminder Steve Andrews endured a frenzy of activity during which the Lions

scored three times in less than three minutes thanks to Scott Beeson, Rob Courtman and Michael Ranby. Scott Cannam and Lee Mercer scored again for the hosts to emphasise their supremacy.

The Lions finished with a flourish though with a short-handed goal scored by Scott Beeson.

The Lions' next game is at home to Basingstoke Buffalo on Saturday.

Free tickets are available from the team website at www.leevalleylions.co.uk



BLOCKED: Lions netminder Stefan Nubert saves from the Greyhounds' David Print (Photo: Julianne Bonner)