

Five-star Scott gives Lions sweet revenge

Lee Valley Lions 12
Solent & Gosport Sharks 4
(ENIHL)



SCOTT BEESON netted five times as the Lions gained revenge on a Sharks side that had comprehensively beaten them 11-0 the previous weekend.

Lee Valley had the immediate advantage of a full bench while the Sharks could only muster a squad of nine players.

The Sharks defended well at the start, although the breakthrough finally came at 12:43 for the hosts when Beeson scored a powerplay effort as Josh Grocutt served the visitors' only penalty of the period.

It was Beeson who struck again at 16:02, before Stas Profokiev impressively hit the back of the net unassisted to put the Lions 3-0 up at the end of the first period.

Despite losing Paul O'Neill at the start of the second period for checking, the penalty did nothing to hamper the hosts' enthusiasm as Profokiev went on to score both short-handed and unassisted at 24:19.

Being short-handed, however, soon took its toll and Gosport's Martin Thorpe scored for the visitors.

At 30:55 Lions' Romanas Fedotovas clashed with Kris Abbott and some over-the-top actions by the home player saw him handed a match ban. And he could also be banned for almost all the remaining games this season.

Fedotovas' ejection allowed Gosport to take full advantage with powerplay goals getting the better of netminder George Alley at 31:46 and 32:30.

The Lions' fragile lead was now under threat so their confidence took a hammering when Gosport equalised at 39:42 to bring the score up to 4-4.

Lee Valley stepped up a gear in the final period, though, and an excellent goal by defenceman Mark Swaine from the blue line got things rolling.

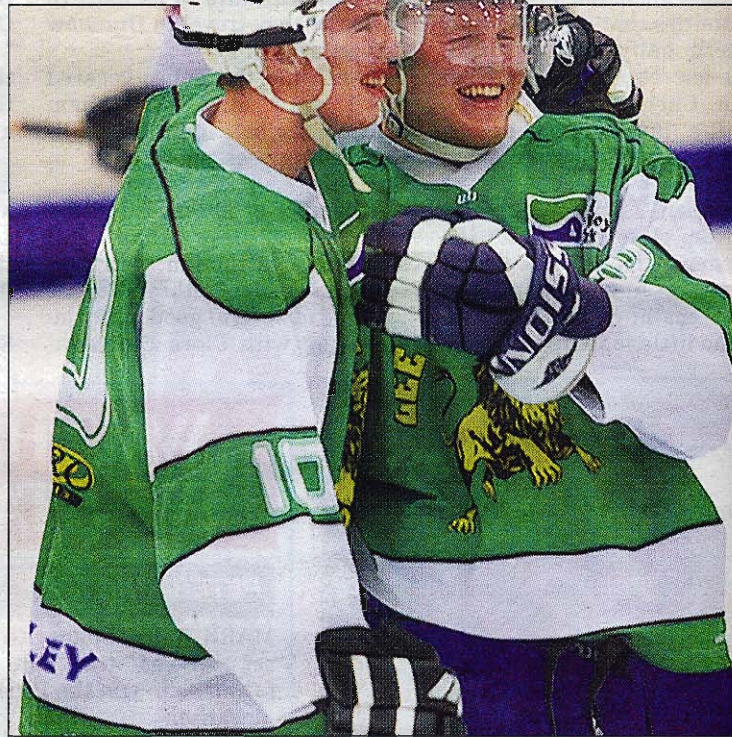
Ben Williams then rattled in goal number six, before a crazy few minutes followed as six more goals hit the back of the Sharks net in under two minutes.

These included a slapshot from the left at an almost impossibly wide angle by Beeson, before he went onto to complete the scoring on 56:24 with his fifth goal of the night.

A delighted Beeson said: "I thought we started well and although we had the normal second-period shakes we proved in the third that we have what it takes to be solid overall."

The Lions' next home game is against Bracknell Hornets on February 3, face-off 5.30pm. Free tickets for the game are available on the club's website at www.lee-valleylions.co.uk

HAVING A ROARING TIME:
(right) Lions goal hero Scott Beeson celebrates with Ben Williams (Photo: Julianne Bonner)



Run-down shed now state-

JUDO

REDBRIDGE Judo Club had its official opening on Saturday at its newly refurbished venue in Mitcham Road, Seven Kings, with several special guests in attendance.

The mayor of Redbridge Ashok Kumar and his wife Nisha, coupled with the chairman of the British Judo Association Mr Densign White and technical director Andrew Moshanov, performed the opening ceremony.

Senior club coach Steve Sandy, who runs the club with his wife Kerry, has received just over £1,000,000 in funding from Sport England for the project.

He said: "I am delighted with the new facility. I started Judo



ALL SMILES: Mayor of Redbridge Ashok Kumar cuts the ribbon at the official opening of Redbridge Judo Club

here when I was 12-years-old and we trained in a run-down, dilapidated shed with outdoor toilets, no showers and no changing