

Lions' roar silenced



Lee Valley Lions 4
Haringey Greyhounds 7
(ENIHL South League)

THE Lions had already played their London rivals three times prior to this encounter, but the Greyhounds knew that Lee Valley were fielding a stronger side, riding on a wave of good results.

Haringey were clearly untroubled by this and quickly swept into a 2-0 lead with Callum Mathison and Scott Cannam scoring within the first nine minutes.

The Lions then pounced as Nick Burton sat out two minutes for cross-checking.

Great play from James Scott-Joseph secured Richard Hodge's opportunity to score Lee Valley's first of the night.

Lions then equalised at 13:36 thanks to a powerful slapshot from Romanas Fedotovas, with assists going to Ben Williams and Andy Watt.

In the second period, high flying Haringey asserted their dominance by scoring four goals to the Lions' one.

Lee Valley's goal was a short-handed cracker at 32:11, neatly scored by man-of-the-match Rob Courtman it was equally well assisted by Andrzej Maslak in an



COURT IN THE ACT: Lions' Rob Courtman in action against Haringey (Photo: Julianne Bonner)

example of textbook teamwork. With the score standing at 3-6 the third period saw Lions' netminder Stefan Nubert benched in favour of back-up Glen Jackson.

Lee Valley were first to score with James Hatfull pounding a forceful slapshot past David Wride.

Assists went to Paul O'Neill and Andrzej Maslak.

The narrowing scoreline caused Haringey to call a

time-out but it wasn't until 50:22 that the Greyhounds scored their final goal when Andy Johnstone being assisted by his brother Rob.

Haringey's Lee Mercer boarded James Scott-Joseph at 53:42 and a punch-up ensued which resulted in both players being sent for early showers.

Lee Valley Lions' next home game is on December 9