

# A real Pro performance helps the Lions shoot down the Spitfires

## ICE HOCKEY

**Lee Valley Lions 6  
Romford Spitfires 3**  
(ENL South B)

THE Lee Valley Lions grabbed a thrilling win over local rivals Romford Spitfires in a tense game at Lea Bridge Road.

The visitors opened the scoring early on Saturday as Evander Grinnell tapped home after netminder George Alley struggled to hold on to a fierce shot from Perry Mills.

At the other end Theo

Abban hit the crossbar, before Stas Prokofiev equalised during a power play on 17 minutes.

Almost straight from the restart of the second period Lee Valley scored, through JJ McGrath.

The Spitfires hit back however and scored on their power play.

Lee Valley slowly began to get the upper hand over the next ten minutes and Michael Ranby passed for McGrath to score his second and make it 3-2.

The final session proved to be the most telling as Lee

Valley scored three more goals with just one consolation marker for the team from Essex. A rocket from Romanas Fedotovas from the blue line, plus a second from Prokofiev and a Michael Ranby goal, from a well-worked power play, completed a fine win.

The Lions were unable to follow up this victory the following day, when they slipped to a narrow 5-4 defeat at Slough ENIHL Jets.

Looking for their first four-point weekend of the season, the visitors opened

the scoring through Ranby.

Scott Beeson doubled the advantage on 18mins 21secs, thanks to the assistance of McGrath and Ranby.

The Jets however hit back in the second period with goal that cut the deficit to just one going into the final session.

Slough continued to improve and ex-Lion Kevin Murphy got on the scoresheet, before they hit home two more goals to race into a 4-2 lead.

Following a time-out the hosts were left stunned as Michael Jacobs scored at

57mins 55secs, swiftly followed by an equaliser from Beeson at 58mins 59secs.

The Lions were jubilant to have pulled back level, when with just four seconds remaining Rob Formisano put a swift shot past Alley to secure the win.

Lee Valley have a break this weekend before entertaining Streatham Redskins on November 10. face-off at 5.30pm.

**Lions' double scorer Stas Prokofiev in action during the Romford match**

(Photo: Julianne Bonner)

