



ON THE ICE: Lee Valley Lions line up for the 2007/08 season.

Picture by Julianne Bonner

Lions ready to roar after first home win of season

Lee Valley Lions – Ice Hockey

BUOYANT after the team's first home win of the season Leyton's Lee Valley Lions assembled for their 2007/08 team photo last week.

The squad has retained the committed services of several key players including high-scoring forwards Scott Beeson and Paul O'Neill, while

returning to defence is hard-hitting heavyweight James Hatfull and Mark Swaine.

Reflecting London's diversity the Lions have a number of players whose roots lie in foreign lands. New Yorker Scott Pollak has joined the team as one half of the import duo and alongside him in his third season for the club is 25-year-old Lithuanian Romanas Fedotovas, now promoted to the role of assistant captain.

New defenceman Alistair Band was born in Australia while forwards David Piper and Stas Prokofiev originate from South Africa and Russia respectively. A coup for the Lions is the signing of experienced ex-London Racers star, JJ McGrath, while ex-Haringey Greyhound Nick Alley impressed on his home ice debut, scoring 3+1.

Stepping up in goal for the 2007/08 season is George

Alley, the young player who spent the last two seasons shadowing Welsh-born Stefan Nubert.

Nubert's departure from the club has created a return to the ice for Liem Le Huyen, a net-minder who played for the original Lee Valley Lions back in the 1990s.

Lee Valley Lions' next home game is on 6th October where we face Basingstoke Buffalo, face-off 5.30pm.