

# Lions can't hold on after their super start

## **L Valley Lions 5, Invicta**

### **Mustangs 10**

**LIONS** made a storming start to this visit from opponents from Kent, scoring twice in the first 10 minutes, but due to being short-handed they couldn't maintain the pressure.

In the opening minute, Michael Ranby slotted a pass through for Gennadi Yufit to fly through on the keeper and tuck it past him for 1-0. Five minutes later, Lee Valley won a face-off, the puck flew to Sam Partington whose shot was half-stopped, Ashley Curtin tucked in the rebound.

But Invicta began to find their feet and by the end of the first session were level, with two goals by Shaun Meaney.

In the second period, the puck seemed determined not to go in for the Lions, Partington having one effort hit the crossbar and roll along the top before dropping clear.

Invicta had no such trouble scoring two more for a 4-2 lead, but Lions were still in it thanks to Yufit's second of the evening. Shortly afterwards Curtin added a second from a narrow angle to square matters.

But the visitors were quick to respond restoring their lead. Still Lions weren't to be denied and a Joe Berry effort bobbed over the net-minder.

But in the third period, the Kent side ran away with the match, putting 19 shots in at the Lions goal, with only six coming the other way.

They also scored five without reply.