Lions hunted down by rampant Redskins

LEE Valley Lions were left feeling somewhat scalped when they lost 8-2 at home to the Streatham Redskins.

Joe Johnston had a storming game for the visitors, bagging four goals, and his team mate Milan Sotak got a hattrick, with the Lions never looking like coping.

The south London team outclassed their hosts and applied the pressure

from the get go.

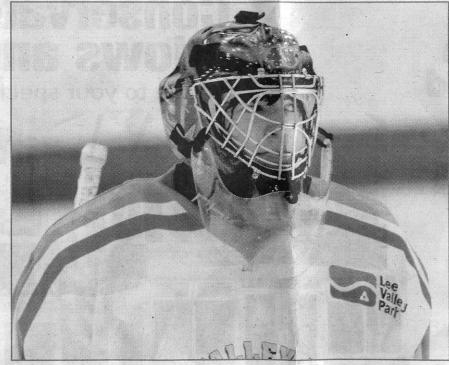
The Lions held firm for the first 11 minutes, but the Redskins took the lead when Johnston scored after his shot deflected off Lions goaltender Andrew Boot.

Lee Valley rallied, and Michael Ranby equalised almost immediately with an assist by Scott Pollak.

It all went wrong for the home side in the second period when Sotak capitalised on a weak defence, and he made his second a few minutes later.

Johnston then got his second from a penalty, and both he and Sotak scored again to give the Redskins an unassailable lead.

Johnston got his fourth early in the third, and although Ranby got his second, the Redskins Jerry Pavlus netted with just 13 seconds to go, and the Lions were left licking their wounds.



DISPLAY: Michael Ranby was a ray of light on a dark day for the Lee Valley Lions.

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