

# Lions are on receiving end in successive days

## **Lee Valley Lions 3, Chelmsford Chieftains 12 IT's been a tough week for the Lions.**

They have recently lost forwards Michael Jacobs and Scott Beeson to other clubs and had defenceman Romanas Fedotovas and forwards Chris Wilson and Freddie Trimble missing for this clash with league leaders Chelmsford.

Lions' recent form suggested that they might have done better, but with only two lines of skaters, fatigue kicked in towards the end of the match.

The Lea Bridge side began well and Chieftains held just a single goal lead at the end of the first period, after the puck got under Lions net-minder Andrew Boot in an early raid, when Boot looked to have the effort covered.

Four minutes later, Lions were

level, Stas Prokofiev netting with a snapshot.

Then Lions' hopes were raised with a super second goal, Ruslanas Jegorovas took the puck down the left and Prokofiev bagged his second, cleverly tipping his effort past the Chelmsford net-minder.

But the visitors were level inside a minute and took the lead when Boot was unsuspected by three players as the puck went past him.

The second and third periods were dominated by the Chieftains. They scored four unanswered goals in the second and then repeated the dose in the third period to make victory a formality.

Michael Ranby scored a consolation just halfway through the session as Chelmsford led 10-3. At this point Lions rested Boot and gave new net-

minder Daniel Artis his first taste of senior hockey. Chelmsford scored twice more to complete a 12-3 victory.

■The following night, Lions suffered a second hefty defeat, when they were trounced 13-6 away to Vectis Tigers on the Isle of Wight.

Again the Lea Bridge side were badly depleted, fielding only 10 players, whereas the Tigers had 18 available.

The second period proved a disaster for Lions as five goals went past net-minder Boot in four minutes.

Nick Alley scored twice, and Ashley Curtin, Joe Berry, Ruslanas Jegorovas and Stas Prokofiev all found the net for Lions, who are simply too short of players at the moment, to find their best form.



**LIONS man-of-the-match against Chelmsford, Gennadi Yufit.**