

Lee Valley Lions come up trumps in 21-goal thriller

ICE HOCKEY

Slough Harrier Hawks 10

Lee Valley Lions 11

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THE Lions returned to winning ways after just about managing to edge this 21-goal thriller.

The visitors were quick off the mark in this game as nifty stickwork by Stas Prokofiev put Lee Valley 1-0 up with just 1:09 on the clock.

Joe Berry followed this up

with the second goal at 2:23, but at the other end Andrew Boot was left completely undefended and the home team scored their first of the night at 4:22.

Berry restored the Lions two goal advantage with his second of the game, before Romanas Fedotovas made it 4-1 after tipping in Michael Jacob's shot.

Slough came straight back and scored their second just ten seconds into a powerplay, before Jacobs seemingly

attempting the impossible by shooting at an extreme angle increased the lead again to 5-2.

Two Hawks' goals in quick succession closed the gap, before Berry completed his hat-trick before the end of the first period to make it 6-4.

The Lions struggled at the start of the second period and the hosts scored their fifth goal, although a quick-fire brace from Freddie Trimble put the visitors back in charge at 8-5.

But while the remainder

period saw some nice build-up play from Lee Valley, Slough proved more deadly in front of goal and added two more goals before the break.

The third period was full of adrenaline-pumping action, and Fedotovas kicked off the scoring with the east Londoners ninth goal before Nick Breigoos added a tenth shortly after.

The Harrier Hawks continued to remain in touching distance and in fact brought the score to within one after two

more goals were fired in.

Determined not to let their narrow lead slip Ashley Curtin came up trumps at 55:56 with Lee Valley's 11th goal. But with exactly two minutes left on the clock Fedotovas was penalised for elbows and Slough managed to pull yet another goal out of the bag, courtesy of Adrian Wheeler. That one goal wasn't enough as with Fedotovas back in play the Lions held their nerve and achieved their first win of the season.