

# Island strife for Lions



Lee Valley Lions 4  
Peterborough Islanders 4  
(ENIHL South League)

THE Lions have recently enjoyed a run of three unbeaten games, but the Peterborough Islanders provided more of a challenge as they left Lee Valley with a share of the points.

The pace in the first period was fast, and the hosts forced to deal with a Peterborough side whose level of attack was a force to be reckoned with.

The situation was made all the more difficult by overzealous refereeing that left one or both teams almost continuously penalised.

Neither side was able to score, despite the Lions' Stefan Nubert facing no fewer than 29 shots on goal.

Penalty minutes once again stacked up in rapid succession during the second period, while Nubert was bombarded with a further 23 shots and Peterborough finally took advantage of a powerplay situation at 25:50 when Clint Herring scored his first of the night to put the visitors 1-0 up.

Not to be outdone the Lions soon bounced back with Paul O'Neill and Romanas Fedotovas combining to score short-handed at 27:30.

Fedotovas went on to net a cracking goal himself just minutes later to make it 2-1.

The Lions then suffered several penalties in quick succession and paid the

price with Clint Herring scoring once again on the powerplay at 34:56.

By this point there were no fewer than six members of the Lions team jostling for space in the sinbin.

This forced referee Kevin Westney to concede that Maslak and O'Neill should retire to the changing room until the next period began.

With both teams level on two apiece the final period was guaranteed to be full of tension and it was the Lions who crept into the lead on 47:07 with Ben Williams thumping a powerful shot straight into the top corner from the blue line.

The Islanders were determined not to lose and soon equalised with a short-handed goal from Stu Coleman at 48:57. Lee Valley were not deterred and found the back of the net once more on 56:02. The goal was scored by 17-year-old Michael Ranby and assisted by Williams and Andy Watt.

Just when the hosts thought they had their third win in a row, Peterborough struck for the final time at 56:30 with a short-handed equaliser that completed Clint Herring's hat-trick.

Reflecting on the result Williams said: "It was a really good game. Everyone worked incredibly hard and all in all it was a great team effort."

**WILL POWER: Ben Williams, who scored Lions' third goal**

(Photo: Julianne Bonner)

