

# Nubert gets the Boot from teen

*Solent and Gosport Sharks 11 Lee Valley Lions 0 (ENIHL)*



GOSPORT had suffered a heavy 15-1 defeat to Peterborough Islanders the night before this clash whilst the Lions had drawn against the same opposition earlier in the season.

So on arriving at the pint-sized Gosport rink, expectations of a Lee Valley win were relatively optimistic.

However, the hosts were just one place below the Lions in the league table and they had a point to prove.

It only took five minutes for the Sharks to put their first goal past Stefan

Nubert, as James Bennett found a way through.

The prolific Kent Johnson scored the home side's second, which was soon followed by a third from Andy Way, while Lions' Andrzej Maslak spent most of the opening spell in the sin-bin for various offences.

Throughout the first period Lee Valley had bombarded the Gosport goal with no fewer than 19 shots but each attempt had been thwarted by netminder Aaron Taylor.

The second period did not start any better for the Lions as 34 seconds was all it took for Kent Johnson to score the fourth.

The score continued to rise in the second period with a fifth added on nine

minutes before Curtis Jeffrey slotted home a sixth unassisted on 29:58.

Up to this point Lions' netminder Nubert had not enjoyed an exceptional game but neither had his performance given too much cause for concern.

The 6-0 scoreline said more about the dire state of Lions' defence but with hopes of a win now non-existent coach Sergey Smolenko opted to rest Nubert in favour of 17-year-old Andrew Boot.

There was however no let up for the teenager, as Abbott grabbed number seven before Maslak was ejected from the game for one foul too many.

Gosport scored another

powerplay goal at 41:53, Josh Grocutt's first of the game.

This was swiftly followed by a goal from James Bennett, assisted by Kevin Tanner, who played a part in another powerplay goal at 51:44.

Abbott then completed his hat-trick, before Grocutt rattled in the final goal of the night.

This Saturday sees the Lee Valley Lions attempting to turn the tables on Gosport as they meet them on home territory. Face-off at the Lee Valley Ice Centre is 5.30pm.

Admission prices for the rest of the season are now £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children.



**NEW START:** Andrew Boot makes his senior netminding Lions debut (Photo: Julianne Bonner)

## Forest go four it to move off bottom place



**HARD WORKING:** Crostyx's Keeley



*Crostyx 0 Canterbury 0 (EWL Prem)*

CROSTYX ladies stretched their unbeaten run to four games as they returned to outdoor action with a hard fought home draw that moved them off the foot of the table.

In a match of few chances at the Peter May, Alys Hackett failed to make the most of several opportunities