

L Valley Lions 4, Swind'n W'cats 5

LIONS were victims of a successful Swindon revenge bid in this tight game, which saw the Wiltshire side exact their retribution for Lee Valley's last minute equaliser in Swindon a couple of weeks ago.

For the first time this season, the Lea Bridge Road side could field a full strength team and dominated the opening stages, with the returned Scott Beeson and Romanas Fedotovas both having efforts saved.

But then Lions missed two chances to clear the puck in the build-up that led to Swindon scoring.

Seven minutes later a powerplay led to Lions's

best chance, but Gennadi Yufit tried to tap in the loose puck instead of blasting it and the danger was cleared.

Five minutes into the second session, Swindon doubled their lead, Sam Feeney's effort being deflected past Lions net-minder Andrew Boot.

In 28 minutes the home fans had something to cheer when Ashley Curtin lifted in a Joe Berry shot for Lions' first goal.

Only five minutes later and it was level as Freddie Trimble found Rob Courtman who, in turn, found the net.

The third period provided a five goal thriller. Lee Valley edged ahead with a classic breakaway goal, created by Stas Prokofiev and finished by

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Michael Jacobs. The same pair fashioned a similar move, only for their final effort to hit a post and bounce out!

Swindon powered back to equalise from a powerplay and then within two minutes, took the lead when a cruel deflection took a shot past net-minder Boot.

Lions levelled it at 4-4 when Beeson netted a comeback goal, but as Lee Valley pushed forward they left themselves exposed and Wildcats netted a late winner, in a reverse of the previous game between two evenly matched sides.

●Lions next home is on Saturday fortnight (Dec 6) when they host Vectis Tigers from the Isle of Wight.



**ROB Courtman:
Scorer of Lions'
second goal.**