

Lions suffer another thrashing by Invicta



Invicta Dynamos 14
Lee Valley Lions 0
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THE Lions suffered an 11-0 thrashing by league-leaders Invicta only the previous weekend and things didn't get much better on Sunday.

Missing several vital players including Andrzej Maslak, Andy Watt, Glen Jackson and Rob Courtman, the visitors were up against it from the start.

One of the changes saw netminder George Alley stepping up from the U19s team to make his debut.

The first ten minutes went well for the Lions, who held their own.

But after Andy Smith scored for the Dynamos at 12:23 things soon started to go downhill. Smith helped himself to a hat-trick in the

first period, each of his goals being assisted by Canadian Jordy Black, while James Fraser, unassisted at 15:40 also got on the scoresheet.

The Lions fared no better in the second period with Invicta scoring a further four goals.

Two of these were on powerplays as Nicky Braithwaite sat out two-minutes for charging and Mark Swaine received the same punishment for interference.

Another goal was short-handed, scored while Stuart Low served two-minutes for slashing.

Lee Valley made several attempts on the Invicta goal but were thwarted each time by the Dynamos' defence.

With a scoreline now standing at 8-0 to Invicta, Alley got his opportunity to

assist with damage limitation for the duration of the final period.

However, the Invicta onslaught was relentless and a further six goals hit the back of Lee Valley's net.

In the dying minutes it looked like Scott Beeson had prevented Joe Dollin boasting of another shut-out at the Lions' expense by nudging the puck over the line.

However, referee Roman Szucs saw things differently to the goal judge and the effort was disallowed. The Lions had nothing further to add and limped home having lost 0-14.

LIONHEART: George Alley makes his Lions debut for the senior side

(Photo: Julianne Bonner)

