Lions' hat-trick hero Andrzej Maslak
(Photo: Julianne Bonner)

Lions bag win over Oxford

ICE HOCKEY

Lee Valley Lions 5
Oxford City Stars 3
(ENIHL)

THE Lions completed their home games for the season with their first win since reforming in 2005.

They were without Andy Watt and James Hatfull but Ben Williams and Romanas Fedotovas made welcome returns from their bans.

Despite netminder Glen Jackson making some fine stops on his full debut, goals from David Gregory and Tom Hooper gave the Stars a 2-0 lead.

Lee Valley did not lose enthusiasm for the game and at 18:13 Ben Williams scored for the home side, the assist going to Scott Beeson. Darren Elliott scored a third goal for the visitors at 21:21.

Andrzej Maslak eventually found his way through at 21:35.

At 23:18 Fedotovas was on the receiving end of a harsh boarding call, but following his return Maslak evened the score at 36:05.

Maslak scored his hat-trick at 37:31, thanks to a tape-to-tape pass from Michael Jacobs.

Fisticuffs saw Lee Valley's Michael Ranby and Oxford's Adrian Haigh, both receive match penalties while Oxford captain Darren Elliott also received two-minutes for interference.

A fifth Lions goal arrived on 49:41 courtesy of Beeson, assisted by James Scott-Joseph and Fedotovas. At the other end Jackson's amazing reflex saves kept the visitors out.