

# The food chain is turned on its head

LEE Valley Lions brought the curtain down on their season with a fine performance against eventual league runners-up Basingstoke Buffalo.

Despite succumbing to a 7-4 defeat, the Lions produced one of their best displays of the campaign to give the high-flying Buffalo a mighty scare.

In a game that turned the food chain on its head, the Buffalo had to wait until the tenth minute for the opening goal against a depleted Lions side.

The lead did not last for long, however, as Blair Dubyk powered a slapshot from range past the visiting keeper for the equaliser, which is how things stayed until the end of the first period.

George Alley did brilliantly between the Lee Valley pipes to repel most

of the 28 shots that rained down on his goal.

Three Lions were sent to the bin for harsh penalties, and the lack of numbers throughout the contest proved decisive, Basingstoke netting twice inside a minute.

Calum Heath pulled one back before the buzzer, but there was more bad luck for the hosts, as Calum Mathieson was unable to return to the ice with a shoulder injury.

Buffalo stretched their lead but Joe Berry and Dubyk both found the net for consolation strikes

A day later, meanwhile, and the Lions were in action again against the Slough Jets.

Lee Valley won the first period 3-1 and extended that lead to three goals, but the Jets flew back to take a 9-4 victory.



Joe Berry in action for Lee Valley Lions

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