

LIONS MAULED BY FREE-SCORING PETERBOROUGH

Lee Valley Lions' unbeaten home stretch came to a crashing halt on Sunday as the side went down 6-1 to lower-placed Peterborough Islanders.

From the off, Lee Valley struggled to make any kind of impression on the game, while the away team wasted no time in showing their strength, speed and coordination.

Most of the action was geared towards James Tipple's net and at 11 minutes, 50 seconds, Tom Foskett managed to tip the puck in as two Lee Valley defenders failed to take sufficient action.

Just over two minutes later Peterborough found themselves with free passage to the Lions' net, the puck being flipped over Tipple's shoulder to put the visitors 2-0 up.

Lee Valley's misery deepened further as they found themselves short-handed, having been caught out by this season's new icing infringement penalty.

Being one man down and with little to pull out of the bag, Tom Foskett struck again at 19.51.

Lee Valley started the second period poorly with Peterborough's fourth coming in 20.12.

In the Peterborough net was Simon Wren, who'd previously played for the Lions during the 1990s.

Time had not dented his abilities between the pipes, but ironically it was a soft shot that finally put the Lions on the scoreboard at 21.57. Richard Hodge's initial attempt was deflected but his second slipped in, assisted by Dave Richards and Philippe Mueller.

Lee Valley continued to flounder and Peterborough put a further two goals past Cattell to skate off with an emphatic 6-1 victory.

The Lions have time to lick their wounds but they need to come up with the goods in order to avoid humiliation in their next game, away against top-placed Solent & Gosport Devils on 7 November.