

Lions hunted down by ruthless Redskins

Streatham Redskins 1
Lee Valley Lions 9

LEE VALLEY Lions were given a ruthless lesson in ice-cool finishing as they crashed to defeat against Streatham Redskins.

But despite the defeat, the site of Lee Valley Lions gifted young player Gennadi Yufit earning the man of the match on his debut was a reminder of the talent in the team – and proof that they can compete at this level.

“We know the tactics, we know the breakouts, we have shown that we CAN play hockey and give established teams a run for their money,” said Yufit. “We have the players to perform well and we aim to prove this when we meet Bracknell.”

The Redskins scored after just four minutes, before Streatham’s second goal came courtesy of Steve Paris, who played for the original Lions team back in the ’90s.

Less than two minutes into the second period saw the Redskins score again, the puck

trickling past Lions’ unlucky netminder Stefan Nubert.

Lee Valley then scored their first and only goal of the match at 26:01 with a shot from Tom Davis, assisted by Rich Gomes.

A minute later found Nubert making a spectacular save, but the pressure from the Redskins intensified and the final period saw a continued attack from the Redskins.

George Alley took over for the Lions but couldn’t prevent the Redskins from scoring a total of four goals in the final period.

● Lee Valley Lions’ next home game is against the Bracknell Hornets on October 8, face-off 5.45pm.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Gennadi Yufit. The gifted youngster impressed on debut.

LEE VALLEY: Nubert, Yufit, Whitney, Sampson, Gomes, Courtney, Bellamy, Beeson, Murphy, Abdullah, Braithwaite, Hodge, Swaine, Shrubsole, Davis, Coyston, Fedotovas, O’Neill, Osborne, Wakeling, Alley, Scott-Joseph.