

Lee Valley Lions
Lee Valley Ice Centre
Lee Bridge Road
London

A view from the centre line,

Last home game we started a bit late so we went back to the original format of introducing the players one by one followed by the National Anthem. Although this was not planned it did revive memories of the recent practice and begin to think that it should be a feature of every match. (Apart from when the Referee says otherwise).

Please bear with me on this; we indeed in the Official Diamond Jubilee celebration period for the Queen's 60 year reign so it seems appropriate to have the formalities before games.

Now that we are getting back into the swing of things we will hopefully be able to announce goal scorers by name. We were very grateful to George Alley who worked the clock computers last time. Having three in the box makes such a difference as does having the game sheet in advance to include players in the programme.

I actually saw some of the Lions vs. Devils match!

We are working on getting players names in the programmes but rely on the visiting team to send this on prior to the publication deadline.

Regards

Mike

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**Lee Valley Lions 4
Cardiff ENIHL Devils 4
24 September 2011**

Lee Valley Lions' unbeaten run continued last Saturday as they came from behind to secure a 4-4 draw against Cardiff ENIHL Devils in what was an adrenalin-filled encounter, marred only by questionable refereeing in the last period.

It took the Lions only a minute to stamp their mark on the game, Joe Berry opening the scoring with an assist from Calum Heath. The Devils took no time to exact revenge, however, and equalised within the second minute. Cardiff nipped into the lead at 03:56, Alex Williams taking the pass from Matthew Downward to put the puck past Steve Grout in the Lions' net. Lee Valley weren't deterred and Scott Beeson fired in the equaliser at 13:11, assists going to Man of the Match winner James Scott-Joseph and Richard Hodge.

Cardiff stepped up a gear in the second period, the enviable size of their squad helping to avoid tired legs. Just 50 seconds in, the Lions found themselves two men down which allowed the Devils to pounce and score on the powerplay. Ellis Price put the visitors 2 goals ahead of their hosts at 30:11 and it looked as if the Lions' hope of another win was quickly slipping away.

Lee Valley collected their thoughts during the interval and came out with renewed determination in the final period. They demonstrated this admirably with a short-handed goal, Blair Dubyk shooting from the angle with assists going to Scott Beeson and James Hatfull. Lions' speedy forward, Joe Berry, found himself sidelined with a 10-mins

Misconduct penalty, the result of complaining to the referee about receiving a heavy check to the head. Further controversy followed when defenceman Romanas Fedotovas stepped in to protect netminder Steve Grout. This ignited a fight between Fedotovas and Cardiff's Alex Williams which resulted in the loyal Lithuanian being ejected from the game and banned from Lions' next match against Peterborough.

Despite the setbacks, Lee Valley refocused. Scott Beeson and Blair Dubyk combined efforts and the equaliser hit the back of the net at 55:35, much to the elation of the home fans. Fast-paced and hard-fought by both teams, the 4-4 game was exciting to watch. With another point under their belts, Lee Valley Lions now travel to Peterborough for their next encounter before returning home to face Swindon ENIHL Wildcats on 8 October, face-off 5.15pm.

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Scott Beeson

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A little bit about Swindon.

Swindon is a large town within the borough of Swindon and ceremonial county of Wiltshire, in South West England, 40 miles (64 km) west and Reading, 40 miles (64 km) east. London is 81 miles (130 km). It is midway between Bristol) east. In the 2001 census, the population of the Swindon urban area was 155,432, while the wider borough of Swindon had a population of 184,000.

Swindon was named an Expanded Town under the Town Development Act 1952 and this led to a major increase in its population. Swindon railway station is on the line from London Paddington to Bristol.

Swindon Borough Council, is a unitary authority independent of Wiltshire Council since 1997. Residents of Swindon are known as Swindonians. Swindon is home to the Bodleian Library's book depository, which contains 153 miles (246 km) of bookshelves

SWINDON WILDCATS

Player		Goals				Penalties			
		G	A	A	TIM E	#	OF F	PI M	TIM E
	Kevin McGurk								
	Craig Sutherland								
	Ian Clark								
	Tom Asprey								
	Dan Pettitt								
	Daniel Sullivan								
	Dave Lovejoy								
	Chris Moore								
	Luke Merrick								
	Matt Crouch								
	Pip Young								
	Robin Davison								
	Grant Baily								
	Andrew Coakley								
	John Spence								
	Jordan Smith								
	Adam Coakley								
	Lee Beardsmore								
	Ryan Taylor								
	Floyd Taylor								
	Josh Dolphin								
	Ryan Richards								
	Louis Neal								

Shots on goal				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Lions				
Stars				

Coach
 Manager
 Team colours

Man of the match	
Lee Valley Lions	
Invicta Mustangs	



James Joseph.

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Fans Announcements

If you want a programme mention just email
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League standings as at 26 September

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	<u>Peterborough Islanders</u>	4	4	0	0	23	4	19	8
2	<u>Solent & Gosport Devils</u>	3	3	0	0	27	9	18	6
3	<u>Bristol Pitbulls</u>	3	3	0	0	17	11	6	6
4	<u>Lee Valley Lions</u>	4	2	1	1	26	22	4	5
5	<u>Cardiff Devils 2</u>	4	1	1	2	17	18	-1	3
6	<u>Basingstoke Buffalo</u>	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	2
7	<u>Slough Jets</u>	4	1	0	3	12	25	-13	2
8	<u>Chelmsford Warriors</u>	3	1	0	2	13	13	0	2
9	<u>Invicta Mustangs</u>	3	1	0	2	7	14	-7	2
10	<u>Romford Fury</u>	3	0	1	2	11	13	-2	1
11	<u>Swindon Wildcats 2</u>	2	0	1	1	7	9	-2	1
12	<u>Wightlink Tigers</u>	2	0	0	2	8	14	-6	0
13	<u>Oxford City Stars</u>	2	0	0	2	1	20	-19	0

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Fixtures

Oxford City Stars 15/10/2011 17:00 Oxford (A)

C'ford Warriors 23/10/2011 17:15 Lee Valley (H)

Check it out at:

<http://www.leevalleylions.co.uk/index.php>

Rink Safety Announcements

Please listen and follow the safety announcements from the match announcer and also the rink staff.

Note: Sections 13 and 14 in the seating blocks are reserved for teams **ONLY**. Spectators are not permitted in these areas, please walk around the rink by passing behind the announcer's box.

Photographs

You are very welcome to take photographs during the match. Please ensure that the flash is turned off as flash photography is dangerous for players and officials.

ZAMBONI

The original ice resurfacing machines were little more than a push-cart fitted with a 55-gallon drum of warm water feeding a strip of felt below. Workers would first scrape the ice with shovels and finish the job with squeegees.

Frank J. Zamboni changed all that with an idea to better serve his Paramount Iceland Skating Rink. With 20,000 sq ft of ice, it took Frank and his brothers over an hour to resurface the ice by hand. His product would become one of the great unsung inventions of the 20th Century.

Watch out for the Zamboni when it enters and leaves the ice because it crosses over the spectator walkway.



Thanks to all our helpers and Off-Ice Officials

Thanks to all the volunteers who help each week covering all the necessary jobs that when all put together make a match night at Lee Valley.

Want to volunteer? Just leave your contact details with me at the announcer's box.

Stanley Cup

The **Stanley Cup** (French: *La Coupe Stanley*) is an ice hockey club trophy, awarded annually to the National Hockey League (NHL) playoffs champion after the conclusion of the Stanley Cup Finals. It has been referred to as **The Cup**, **Lord Stanley's Cup**, **The Holy Grail**, or facetiously (chiefly by sportswriters) as **Lord Stanley's Mug**. The Stanley Cup is surrounded by numerous legends and traditions, the oldest of which is the celebratory drinking of champagne out of the cup by the winning team. Unlike the trophies awarded by the other

three major professional sports leagues of North America, a new Stanley Cup is not made each year; Cup winners keep it until a new champion is crowned. It is unusual among trophies, in that it has the names of all of the winning players, coaches, management, and club staff engraved on its chalice. The original bowl was made of silver and has a dimension of 18.5 centimeters (7.28 inches) in height and 29 centimeters (11.42 inches) in diameter. The current Stanley Cup, topped with a copy of the original bowl, is made of silver and nickel alloy. Today, it has a height of 89.54 centimeters (35.25 inches) and weighs 15.5 kilograms (34.5 lb / 2 st 6½ lb)

Originally inscribed the *Dominion Hockey Challenge Cup*, the trophy was donated in 1892 by then Governor General of Canada the Lord Stanley of Preston, as an award for Canada's top-ranking amateur ice hockey club. It was awarded for the first time in 1893 to Montreal HC. In 1915, the two professional ice hockey organizations, the National Hockey Association (NHA) and the Pacific Coast Hockey Association (PCHA), reached a gentlemen's agreement in which their respective champions would face each other for the Stanley Cup. After a series of league mergers and folds, the Cup became the *de facto* championship trophy of the NHL in 1926. The Cup later became the *de jure* NHL championship prize in 1947.

Since the 1914–15 season, the Cup has been won a combined 94 times by 17 active NHL teams and five defunct teams. Prior to that, the challenge cup was held by nine different teams. The Montreal Canadiens have won the Cup a record 24 times. There were two years when the Stanley Cup was not awarded: 1919, because of a Spanish flu epidemic, and 2005, because of the NHL lockout.