

Lee Valley Lions
Lee Valley Ice Centre
Lee Bridge Road
London

A view from the centre line,

We are looking forward to the run of home matches that began last week. Hopefully this will help the team to keep focus and fitness and put together some wins that should help us in the league table.

It's going to be all about sport for the next six months or so with the impending Olympics to be held at the venues in the East End and other places in the UK. With a bit of luck the added profile of the area might help us as a club.

Anyway it's refreshing to see glimpses of the Den on the BBC's skating programme 'Dancing on ice'. This usually is good for the rink as the programme sets off new interest in skating and an increase in people visiting the rink.

Can't say too much about last weeks match as I was distracted with the scoreboard that had a few minor technical issues and a loss of a couple of seconds when the referee asked for an alteration to the penalties recorded.

We welcome the Buffalo tonight and look forward to an evening's hockey and hopefully a win!

Regards

Mike

Please note that Mike's comments must not be taken as representative of any policy or view of Lee Valley Regional Park or Lee Valley Lions Ice Hockey Club.

Lee Valley Lions 2
Romford Fury 8
7 January 2012

The New Year failed to bring any good fortune for Lee Valley Lions last Saturday as they suffered a humiliating defeat against arch rivals, Romford Fury. Fury set off fast and furious, but Lee Valley matched the pace and despite a number of shots, it wasn't until 11:29 that Simon Kears got past netminder Steve Grout with a close-range goal. Neither side could find the back of the net for the rest of the period and it was nearly halfway through the second before Blair Dubyk equalised for the Lions, his unassisted goal coming on a powerplay.

Romford hit back with a blistering blue-line slapshot, Sean Martin doing the damage, completely unhindered by the Lions' defence. At the end of the period the score was still a nail-biting 2-1 to the visitors and the game could have gone either way. However, given the speed of Romford's play, the hope was that fatigue would set in, allowing the Lions to battle to victory in the third, often their strongest period. Sadly this was not to be the case and the lacklustre Lee Valley side paid a heavy price for not keeping up with the competition.

A skirmish erupted soon after the final period started, thanks to Mel Bidder aiming a slapshot at Steve Grout well after the referee had blown his whistle to stop play, risking injury to the netminder. Although Bidder received a 10-mins misconduct penalty, this didn't deter his team-mates, who hammered in three goals before Grout was rested in favour of George Alley.

Alley didn't fare any better, lasting just over 30 seconds before Matt Brown wrapped the puck around the goalie's

skate and over the line, putting Romford Fury 6-1 ahead. A series of tripping calls gave Lee Valley a 5-on-3 advantage, but they still showed no sign of denting Romford's defence and an error by Alley in the Lions' net gave Romford their 7th goal, Sean Martin the scorer.

Lee Valley's youngsters were the only shining lights in an otherwise infuriating game. Alan Go gave a plucky performance in defence, but it was local lad, 18-year-old Joshua Irish, who stunned fans with his slapshot goal at 56:57, his first for the team. Irish, who lives on the Northwold estate and aims to become a lawyer, started his hockey career at Lee Valley at the tender age of 7 and progressed through the Junior development system at the Leyton-based club before making his debut for the senior Lions at a challenge game against Streatham Redskins at the start of the season.

With victory assured, Romford still didn't let up against their hosts and put their 8th goal past a hapless George Alley at 58:12. The disastrous result was not only the first time Lee Valley had been beaten at home this season, but the loss allowed Romford to creep above them in the league table. The Lions hope to recover their winning form in time for their next game, which is at home against Basingstoke Buffalo on Saturday, face-off 5.15pm.

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Joshua Irish, goal scorer 7 January 2012.

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News from Streatham

SKATERS and hockey players have taken to the ice at a temporary rink which opened in time for the school Christmas holidays.

Brixton Ice Centre in Pope's Road, Brixton, will stay open for the next two-and-a-half years while a new permanent ice rink is built in Streatham.



The Brixton rink is open to the public and will also stage competitive ice hockey matches and host one of the country's oldest teams, the Streatham Redskins.

It features a 56m by 26m rink, changing rooms, skate hire, car park, for around 22 vehicles, and seating for 400 spectators.



The local Council sees the temporary rink as an opportunity for local people to enjoy skating, hockey and other events plus additional business that will be brought into the area by people going to the rink. Although parking near the venue will be difficult because it's so close to the underground station. Realistically it would probably be best to go by tube from Walthamstow Central, Victoria line if you are going to watch a match. It might be a hassle carrying kit if you are playing.

The original Streatham Ice Arena in Streatham High Road closed its doors on Sunday after 81 years. It was an outstanding Art Deco building and had been left to fall apart through lack of building maintenance.

There will be a new supermarket, sports centre, 250 new homes and ice rink built on the site of the present arena.

American Hockey League (AHL)

Chicago Wolves 3

Vs.

Lake Erie Monsters 1

7th January

The Chicago Wolves erased a 1-0 first-intermission deficit with three goals in the second period to earn a 3-1 victory over the Lake Erie Monsters in front of a season-high 15,319 fans Saturday night at the Allstate Arena.

Forwards Darren Haydar (G, 2A) and Steve Reinprecht (G, A) and defenseman Chris Tanev (2A) paced the offense for Chicago, which won for the sixth time at home in seven contests.

Trailing 1-0 after 20 minutes, Chicago knotted the score 6:42 into the second period. Left wing Bill Sweatt controlled the puck below the goal line, stick-handled into the near circle and wristed a shot past screened Lake Erie goaltender Trevor Cann.

The Wolves jumped ahead 2-1 on the power play when right wing Mark Mancari's shot from the side of the crease hit the far post and landed at the skates of Reinprecht, who flipped the puck under the bar and into the empty net at 9:26.

Chicago opened a 3-1 advantage 2:44 later. Seconds after a Wolves power play expired, Haydar controlled the puck in the far circle and sent a shot between the legs of Cann. The netminder got a piece of it, but the puck trickled over the goal line at 9:26.

Cann (8-13-0) stopped 18 of 21 shots.

Lake Erie picked up its only goal 43 seconds after the

opening face-off. Left wing Patrick Rissmiller's shot hit off the back-boards and the puck bounced to center Evan Brophey at the side of the net. He tapped home the puck past Wolves goaltender Matt Climie.

Climie (10-5-0) posted 19 saves.

Lake Erie 1 0 0 -- 1

Chicago 0 3 0 -- 3

The standard of play equates to that seen in the Elite League in the UK with a full auditorium and slightly less raz-a-mataz of the NHL.

The TV coverage was fresh and entertaining with a couple of unplanned bouts of fisticuffs that resulted in the usual penalties.

You can see the game on the Wolves website at <http://www.chicagowolves.com/game-recaps/2879-three-goal-second-period-lifts-wolves-past-monsters>



Player	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
George Alley	7	0	0	0	0
Jack Ball	12	0	1	1	12
Scott Beeson	11	11	7	18	73
Joseph Berry	10	5	4	9	24
Shane Bojenko	10	0	1	1	0
Phillip Carson	12	0	0	0	6
Ruth Cattell	7	0	0	0	0
Michael Crosse	2	0	0	0	0
Gary Dodds	10	1	5	6	4
Blair Dubyk	11	16	6	22	30
Romanas Fedotovas	7	1	2	3	58
Alan Go	4	0	1	1	0
James Gosling	11	0	3	3	6
Steven Grout	10	0	0	0	2
James Hatfull	11	1	2	3	76
Calum Heath	12	5	5	10	6
Richard Hodge	12	9	8	17	40
Janus Hutcheon	9	0	1	1	2
Joshua Peter W Irish	6	1	0	1	0
James Joseph	11	1	2	3	8
Phillippe Mueller	3	2	2	4	0
Adam Peach	12	1	4	5	24
Bench	0	0	0	0	6
Totals	12	54	54	108	377

Lee Valley Lions

Player		Goals				Penalties			
		G	A	A	TIME	#	OFF	PIM	TIME
	Phillip Carson								
	Blair Dubyk [C]								
	Calum Heath								
	Gary Dodds								
	Scott Beeson								
	Shane Bojenko								
	Janus Hutcheon								
	Joseph Berry								
	Joshua Irish								
	Adam Peach								
	Romanas Fedotovas								
	James Hatful								
	James Gostling								
	Richard Hodge								
	Steven Grout [NM]								
	James Joseph								
	Ruth Cattell [NM]								
	Jack Ball								
	George Alley [NM]								

Period scores				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Final

Coach **Mr. Ian Prince**
 Manager **Beverley Irish**
 Team colours **WHITE/GREEN**

Match Officials	
Referee	
Linesman	
Linesman	

Basingstoke Buffalo

Player		Goals				Penalties			
		G	A	A	TIM E	#	OF F	PI M	TIM E
	Edwards								
	N. Leary								
	Pitts								
	Woodgate								
	Duffy								
	N.Leary								
	Tibbits								
	Pope								
	Beauclerk								
	Beere								
	Padwick								
	Collins								
	Martin								
	Dollin								
	Cathcart								
	Skinns								
	Taylor								
	Beal								
	Wynn								
	Lawday								

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

Coach
 Manager
 Team colours

Man of the match	
Lee Valley Lions	
Basingstoke Buffalo	

How the opposition play, source Basingstoke Buffalo website (13 February 2012)

Name	GP	G	A	PIM	PTS
EDWARDS	12	0	0	2	0
N. LEARY	12	1	8	9	12
PITTS	8	10	2	12	18
WOODGATE	1	0	0	0	0
DUFFY	12	0	1	1	2
M. LEARY	7	0	0	0	0
LACKEY	12	5	4	9	20
TIBBITTS	12	0	1	1	4
POPE	8	7	4	11	6
BEAUCLERK	11	4	3	7	4
BEERE	10	11	7	18	4
PADWICK	9	0	0	0	6
COLLINS	11	1	2	3	4
MARTYN	12	14	11	25	0
DOLLIN	12	0	1	1	6
CATHCART	9	0	2	2	4
SKINNS	12	1	4	5	52
TAYLOR	12	0	1	1	2
BEAL	2	1	0	1	8
WYNN	4	3	3	6	0
LAWDAY	1	0	1	0	0
BENCH	12	0	0	0	8
TOTAL	12	51	62	113	158

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English National Ice Hockey League South 2 2011/12

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Solent & Gosport Devils	13	12	1	0	108	35	25
2	Peterborough Islanders	16	12	1	3	84	33	25
3	Chelmsford Warriors	16	9	2	5	72	58	20
4	Basingstoke Buffalo	12	6	3	3	51	38	15
5	Swindon Wildcats 2	12	5	2	5	53	55	12
6	Romford Fury	12	4	3	5	55	48	11
7	Lee Valley Lions	13	4	2	7	58	76	10
8	Oxford City Stars	13	3	4	6	39	68	10
9	Wightlink Tigers	13	5	0	8	54	70	10
10	Bristol Pitbulls	11	4	1	6	54	60	9
11	Cardiff Devils 2	11	3	2	6	41	59	8
12	Invicta Mustangs	14	2	3	9	34	74	7
13	Slough Jets	12	3	0	9	30	59	6



Blair Dubyk, scored the first goal 7 January 2012.

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Fixtures

Slough Jets

21Jan Home match

Wightlink Tigers

28Jan Home match

<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.

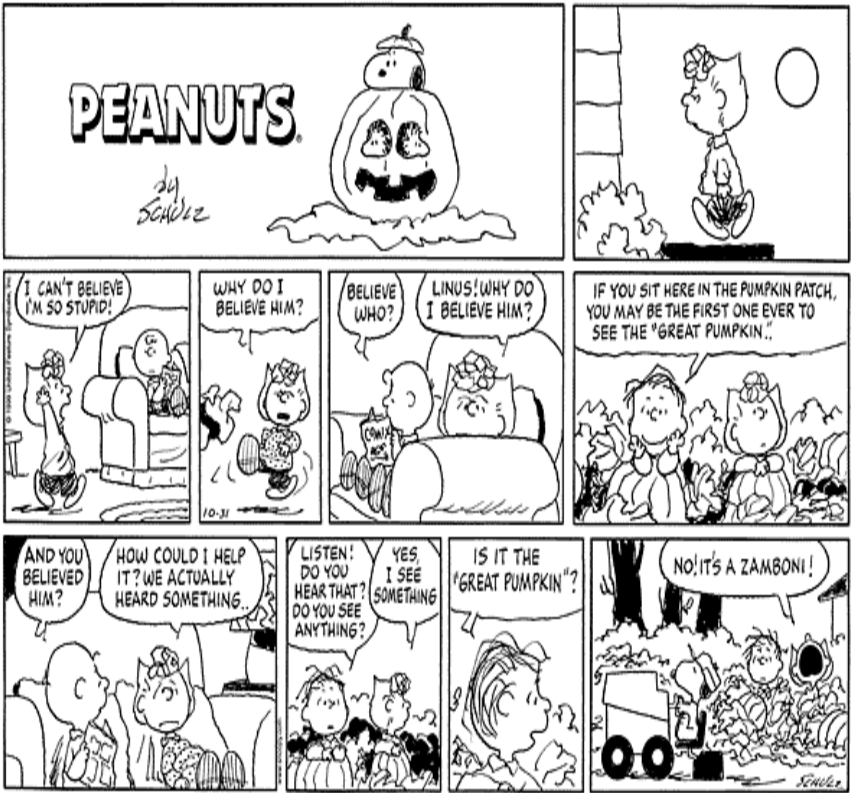
Note: Sections 11 through to 16 (inclusive) in the seating blocks are reserved for teams **ONLY**. Spectators are not permitted in these areas, please walk around the rink by passing behind the announcer's box.

This area is closed because of the lack of flexi-glass protection for spectators.

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.

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



The last Zamboni machine strip drawn by Charles Schulz was published October 31, 1999

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.

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As the name suggests this team plays home matches in Hamburg, Germany. Playing in the DEL (German Ice hockey league). Currently standing at 4th position in that league.

If you are up to a trip abroad to mix a city break with an evening of hockey this could be the one for you.

Flights to Hamburg are affordable, although be careful Ryanair flies to Lubeck (Hamburg) which is like flying to Birmingham to see the Lions. Pay a higher fare and fly direct to Hamburg. Getting round the city is easy with busses, underground (UBahn) and over-ground (SBahn) trains. It's common for these to all run to schedule and normally trains connect to busses with minimum waiting times. Get a family day ticket and you can go anywhere cheaply.

Hamburg is a vibrant city and there's a lot to do with many music venues etc. Steer clear of the 'naughty district' Reeperbauhn, St. Pauli District, because it's not that entertaining. There are lots of concerts, exhibitions and shopping to do.

Best place for an outdoor beer and sausage is the Town Hall (Rathaus) square.

Look out for the shopping the Euro is not exchanging at a fantastic rate (around 1.2 to the pound) and some shops close on Saturday afternoons.

There are some great opportunities to go on the Alster lake boat trips and also around the harbour on the Elbe. Both of these are great the trip around the docks is highly recommended as you will see some really interesting sights.

The Freezers are one of the AEG stable of teams having started after the demise of the Munich Barons; they get an average of 13,000 at matches.

<u>Hamburg Freezers</u>	<u>Augsburger Panther</u>	20.01.2012	19:30
<u>Hamburg Freezers</u>	<u>Grizzly Adams Wolfsburg</u>	14.02.2012	19:30
<u>Hamburg Freezers</u>	<u>Thomas Sabo Ice Tigers</u>	19.02.2012	14:30
<u>Hamburg Freezers</u>	<u>ERC Ingolstadt</u>	04.03.2012	14:30
<u>Hamburg Freezers</u>	<u>Krefeld Pinguine</u>	09.03.2012	19:30

A little bit about Basingstoke

Basingstoke is a town in northeast Hampshire, in south central England. It lies across a valley at the source of the River Loddon. It is 48 miles (77 km) southwest of London, 30 miles (48 km) northeast of Southampton, 16 miles (26 km) southwest of Reading and 19 miles (31 km) northeast of the county town, Winchester. In 2008 it had an estimated population of 82,913. It is part of the borough of Basingstoke and Deane and part of the parliamentary constituency of Basingstoke. Basingstoke is often nicknamed "Doughnut City" or "Roundabout City" because of the number of roundabouts.

Often mistaken for a new town, Basingstoke is an old market town expanded in the 1960s as part of a tripartite agreement between London County Council, Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke Borough Council. It was developed rapidly, along with Andover and Tadley, to accommodate part of the London 'overspill' as perceived under the Greater London Plan, 1944. Basingstoke market was mentioned in the Domesday Book and Basingstoke remained a small market town until the 1950s. It still has a regular market, but is now bigger than Hampshire County Council's definition of a market town.

Basingstoke is an economic centre, and is the location of the UK headquarters of De La Rue, Sun Life Financial of Canada, The Automobile Association, ST Ericsson, Huawei Technologies, GAME, Motorola, Barracuda Networks, BNP PARIBAS Lease Group UK,^[4] the leasing arm of BNP Paribas in the UK, and Sony Professional Solutions (Europe). Other industries include drug manufacture, IT, communications, insurance and electronics.