

Lee Valley Lions
Lee Valley Ice Centre
Lee Bridge Road
London

A view from the centre line,

It's really good to be back following the Lions each week and this season has started in a very positive manner with a good set of results last weekend.

This team survives on the membership payments made by the players, time given by volunteers and the support of Lee Valley Park Authority plus any sponsorship we may arrange. In truth this only accounts for a tiny part of our costs. If you have any time, skills or donations (e.g. raffle prizes paper to print programmes etc.) they would be most gratefully received.

I am not able to go to many away matches because of work commitments but the guys do appreciate your support if you can get to one.

As we approach the Olympic year there will be an increasing emphasis on sport, especially for young people. Have a look at the Junior Hockey website for details of opportunities to learn and play. For the non-skaters there are courses run at the rink to teach basic techniques, a shop on site to get basic equipment and there are always people selling second hand kit, so it's not necessarily going to break the bank to play.

Regards

Mike

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Lee Valley Lions 7 Invicta Mustangs 2 17 September 2011

Lee Valley Lions' first home game of the 2011/12 season kicked off in style with a resounding victory over Kent-based rivals, Invicta Mustangs. The Lions iced Swiss-born Philippe Mueller in place of Romanas Fedotovas, who was already serving a match ban. On the other team was veteran Ali Rodger, a Scot who played several seasons for Lee Valley back in the 1980s who ably demonstrated that he's still able to keep up with his considerably younger team-mates.

The Lions were solid throughout the first period, coordinated attacks on goal by Philippe Mueller and Joe Berry being particularly impressive. Despite out-shooting the home side by 20 shots to 11, Invicta never looked dangerous and were kept from scoring by the sterling efforts of Steve Grout between the pipes. After the first 20 minutes Lee Valley were already 2-0 up and by the middle of the second period their lead had doubled, the third goal the result of a cracking blue line slapshot from defenceman James Hatfull. Invicta finally put the puck past Grout in the Lions' net at 38:37, but at the start of the last period they were still trailing by 3 goals.

The final 20 minutes brought out a more assertive Invicta performance, but it was Blair Dubyk who scored the first goal of the period, increasing the Lions' lead once more.

The visitors' optimism rose when luck brought them their second goal of the match, but with the scoreline 5-2 to their hosts, victory for Lee Valley looked certain. The Lions crushed all hopes of a late comeback for the Mustangs, Philippe Mueller and Scott Beeson firing in a further two goals in the dying minutes to create a satisfying 7-2 win.

Lee Valley Lions traveled to the Isle of Wight the following day and celebrated a 4-point weekend after defeating Wightlink Tigers 10-5. The Lions hope to make it three wins in a row on 24 September, when they are at home to Cardiff ENIHL Devils, face-off 5.15pm.

Match report: Julianne Bonner



Blair Dubyk in action.

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Joe Berry attacks the Mustang's net.

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Fans Announcements

If you want a programme mention just email mike.teahan@ntlworld.com.

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.

Sponsorship

We are most grateful to our sponsors, both commercial and individual, who have helped in many ways. If you could help us out with a raffle prize donation, equipment, match beer prizes or alike please let us know.

Fixtures

Peterborough 01/10/2011 17:30 P'borough (A)

Swindon Wildcats 08/10/2011 17:15 Lee Valley (H)

Check it out at:

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

What's in a job?

Net Judge:

Views the net from the rear and records any shots that would have entered the net and all goals scored. This is reflected in the team's 'shots on goals' statistics. They also show the red light if the puck passes over the goal line and record any empty net times, also for the statistics.

Penalty Box attendant.

Opens and closes the box to let in players on penalties and releases them when the time is served. Usually this is shown as the time when the minor penalty expires but becomes more complicated for 'plus 2, 5 or 10' because the release is on the first whistle after the total penalty time has elapsed and not after the penalty expiry.

Timekeeper.

Runs the rink clock system; stopping and starting the clock at the whistle/puck-drop.

They also record penalties on the display board. Currently he also announces the penalties and provides music in stoppage times and intervals.

Game sheet recorder.

Records all the players' names, licence numbers and details on the match game-sheet.

During the match they note and record the times of all goals, penalties, changes of netminder and any other significant aspect of the game.

This match report is signed off at the end of the game by the match referee and sent to the league as a record of the match.

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.

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