

Lee Valley Lions  
Lee Valley Ice Centre  
Lee Bridge Road  
London

## **A view from the centre line,**

Well it's been a bit of a break, I missed the October home match (wife's birthday) but managed to get over to Guildford recently to see an under 18's match. Great spirit and the 13:0 loss didn't do justice to the team.

It's worth looking at the youngsters because they will probably become Senior Lions one day. See the match report, page 7, mentioning Alan Go.

Money is tight in this sport so you can see easily that we are a 'no frills' team. Counting the crowd at matches reveals around 50 or so. This year the rink is being very strict in asking all spectators to leave the rink just before matches so that they can ask each one to pay an entry fee. Don't forget the Lions get a percentage of the gate receipts so it's not all going to the Rink coffers.

This is a bumper issue tonight because I have several match reports from Julieanne covering October games.

The good news is that the club have ordered programme covers, so soon we will be back to professional programme covers.

A warm welcome to the team and supporters of Oxford City Stars for tonight's match.

Regards

Mike

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**Lee Valley Lions 5**  
**Swindon ENIHL Wildcats 2**  
**8 October 2011**

Lee Valley Lions had been left reeling when their promising start to the season was interrupted by a 3-11 defeat away to league-leaders Peterborough Islanders, but they bounced back last Saturday with a victory against Swindon ENIHL Wildcats.

The Lions faced a full Swindon squad while their own reserves were depleted by the absence of key forwards Scott Beeson and Joe Berry. Defenceman Romanas Fedotovas was also missing thanks to a 2-match ban, his spot filled by speedy Swiss, Philippe Mueller.

Perhaps still smarting from their pounding at Peterborough, Lee Valley had a shaky start. The Wildcats soon noticed their opponent's lack of cohesion and general lethargy, netminder Steve Grout facing a barrage of shots when the visitors were one man up. The sustained attack in front of the net inevitably resulted in Swindon's first goal, the scorer Adam Cloakley. Swindon ran rings around the Lions for much of the first period and although a slapshot from Blair Dubyk gave the team a much-needed first goal, John Spence put the Wildcats back in the lead just seven seconds before the buzzer sounded.

Lee Valley's bitty performance still failed to inspire during the second period, but Philippe Mueller and Blair Dubyk pushed through to fire two goals in quick succession at the halfway mark, Dubyk's coming on the powerplay with an assist from defenceman James Gosling.

Having snuck into the lead at 3-2, the Lions came out for the final period noticeably fired up and determined not to let a win slip from their grasp. The Wildcats were now floundering and although still putting pressure on man of the match, Steve Grout, they failed to capitalise on the chances handed to them. Instead, it was Richard Hodge for the Lions who had a lucky break, his goal unassisted at 42:46.

After an altercation around the Wildcats' goalmouth which resulted in their Ryan Martin being ejected from the game, Blair Dubyk hammered the final nail in Swindon's coffin. His goal at 50:37, assisted by Gary Dodds, sealed the Lions' 5-2 win. Lee Valley have risen to third place in the league table and next face Oxford City Stars away, before returning home to battle Chelmsford Warriors on 23 October, face-off 5.15pm.

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## Philippe Mueller



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**Lee Valley Lions 3**

**Chelmsford Warriors 3**

**23 October 2011**

Lee Valley Lions came from behind to secure an important point against Chelmsford Warriors in a thrilling 3-3 encounter on Sunday. This was despite the home side still missing banned defenceman, Romanas Fedotovas, while netminder Steve Grout was sidelined through injury.

The visitors came out strong and the Lions had to battle hard against the team who'd beaten their Essex rivals, Romford Fury, only the previous night. Lee Valley held out for 15 minutes before Ricky Mills slotted the puck past goalie Ruth Cattell, the assist going to Adrian Woodyard. Lions' defence were caught snoozing less than a minute later as the due of Mills and Woodyard struck again to put the visitors 2-0 by the end of the first period.

Lee Valley were very nearly handed their first goal soon after the second period began as an error by Warriors' netminder, Nathan Lawrence, caused the puck to slide towards the line. The puck was rescued in the nick of time and it wasn't until 35:55 that Blair Dubyk secured a pass from Gary Dodds and finally put the Lions on the scoresheet at 35:55. The Lions' second came within 60 seconds, Joe Berry's shot flipping off the top of Lawrence's glove and landing over the line.

The final minute of the second period was marred by a set of controversial penalties for both sides following a scuffle in the corner of the ice. The Warriors had brought a number of talented young players, but Grant Bartlett's immaturity showed in his response to the punishments awarded and he was ejected from the game.

At two apiece, there was everything to play for during the final period. With the Lions severely short-handed, ex-Lion Ben Osborne pounced for the Warriors, nudging them into the lead at 48:54. After calling a time-out, Lee Valley regrouped their efforts and jubilation erupted when Scott Beeson equalised with less than 30 seconds of the game remaining.

16-year-old defenceman, Alan Go, impressed in his first senior outing for the Lions, while Adam Peach put in a gutsy performance throughout. It was netminder Ruth Cattell, however, who was awarded Man of the Match in recognition of a stunning display between the pipes.

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Joe Berry







## **Richard Hodge.**

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## English National Ice Hockey League South 2 2011/12

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	<a href="#">Peterborough Islanders</a>	12	9	1	2	61	25	19
2	<a href="#">Solent &amp; Gosport Devils</a>	9	9	0	0	81	27	18
3	<a href="#">Chelmsford Warriors</a>	11	6	1	4	54	44	13
4	<a href="#">Basingstoke Buffalo</a>	8	4	2	2	36	27	10
5	<a href="#">Lee Valley Lions</a>	10	3	2	5	45	59	8
6	<a href="#">Oxford City Stars</a>	8	3	2	3	23	35	8
7	<a href="#">Swindon Wildcats 2</a>	9	3	2	4	39	44	8
8	<a href="#">Wightlink Tigers</a>	10	4	0	6	44	58	8
9	<a href="#">Bristol Pitbulls</a>	6	3	1	2	28	26	7
10	<a href="#">Cardiff Devils 2</a>	9	2	2	5	34	52	6
11	<a href="#">Invicta Mustangs</a>	10	2	2	6	26	48	6
12	<a href="#">Romford Fury</a>	9	1	3	5	34	40	5
13	<a href="#">Slough Jets</a>	7	1	0	6	18	38	2



## **Scott Beeson**

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## **Fixtures**

Swindon Wildcats Away	17/12/2011	17:15
<b>Romford Fury Home</b>	<b>7/01/2012</b>	<b>17:15</b>
<b>Basingstoke Buffalo</b>	<b>14/01/2012</b>	<b>17:15</b>

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## **Rink Safety Announcements**

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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.

## **THE PUCK**

Hockey pucks are flat, solid, black disk-shaped objects made of vulcanized rubber. Regulation National Hockey League (NHL) pucks are black, 3 in (7.6 cm) in diameter, 1 in (2.54 cm) thick, and weighing 5.5-6 oz (154-168 g). The edge has a series of "diamonds," slightly raised bumps or grooves. The diamonds give a taped hockey stick something to grip when the puck is shot. The blue pucks used in junior hockey are sometimes only 4 oz (143 g).

During a game, each team keeps a supply of pucks in a freezer at all times. When a professional hockey team receives their supply of pucks for a season, they are rotated so that the older pucks are used first. During games, pucks are kept frozen in an ice packed cooler, which usually sits on the officials' bench. All pucks are frozen to reduce the amount of bounce.

Though no one knows exactly how the hockey puck got its name, many believe that it was named for the character in William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. Like the impish flighty Puck, the hockey disk moves very quickly, sometimes in unexpected directions.

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



December 14, 1971

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**Romford Fury 7**  
**Lee Valley Lions 5**  
**5 November 2011**

In recent years Lee Valley Lions nerves have faltered against local rivals, Romford Fury, and last Saturday's away game was no exception. The Essex-based side had yet to win a game in this season's campaign and their desire for victory greatly outweighed that of their visitors from the start, Fury's style of play and determination only serving to emphasise weaknesses in the Lions that had been absent against other stronger opponents.

It took Romford less than two minutes to score their first goal, netminder Ruth Cattell making the initial stop, only for the puck to slide over the line. Lee Valley equalised with a powerplay goal at 3:46, the shot coming courtesy of reliable Richard Hodge. However, Romford clearly dominated play and Cattell's unusually shaky performance between the pipes left the Lions trailing by three goals by the end of the first period.

The second period got off to a bad start for the Lions as their defence stood back and watched while another soft Romford goal made it into the back of the net. Although a further Fury goal got past Cattell, Lee Valley's efforts did improve and goals from Adam Peach, Blair Dubyk and Calum Heath gave the visiting fans hope that all was not yet lost. However, with only a few exceptions, the team were lethargic and did not match Romford's hunger for the puck.

At 6-4 down, Lee Valley Lions really had to turn up the heat in the final period and a stylish goal from Blair Dubyk, assisted by Richard Hodge, narrowed the home side's lead to the slimmest of margins just two minutes in. After

a further easy goal from the Fury at 47:48, however, the Lions rested Ruth Cattell from netminding duties, replacing her with George Alley.

Alley's confident display was solid enough to thwart the Romford attack, but despite a final push in the dying minutes Lee Valley could not close the gap and the final 7-5 score gave the elated Romford Fury their first win of the season.

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### **A little bit about Oxford**

The city of Oxford is the county town of Oxfordshire, England. The city, made prominent by its medieval university, has a population of just under 165,000, with 153,900 living within the district boundary. It lies about 50 miles (80 km) north-west of London. The rivers Cherwell and Thames run through Oxford and meet south of the city centre. For a distance of some 10 miles (16 km) along the river, in the vicinity of Oxford, the Thames is known as the Isis.

Buildings in Oxford demonstrate an example of every English architectural period since the arrival of the Saxons, including the iconic, mid-18th century Radcliffe Camera. Oxford is known as the "city of dreaming spires", a term coined by poet Matthew Arnold in reference to the harmonious architecture of Oxford's university buildings. The University of Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

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