



Skate away: Scott Beeson scored twice to help Lee Valley Lions to victory on Saturday.

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Seven-goal Lions outshine Oxford

AFTER suffering two disappointing losses on the road, Lee Valley Lions bounced back on Saturday with an emphatic 7-3 victory over Oxford City Stars.

The return to form was all the more satisfying as the Lions had been crushed by the Stars 6-1 only the previous month.

Scott Beeson opened proceedings for the Lions with a snap-shot goal set up by Calum Heath and Gary Dodds.

A second goal followed when passes from Dodds and Beeson resulted in Richard Hodge slotting the puck in from the side of the net.

Dodds, Beeson and Hodge soon shocked Oxford with a third goal – this time Dodds knocking the puck past the keeper in almost identical fashion to Hodge.

The second period was markedly different, with an error by netminder Steve Grout leading to Oxford's

first goal of the match.

Lee Valley managed to hold their opponents at bay and Heath gave the home side their fourth goal, assisted by Adam Peach.

Peach's play has impressed this season and his hard work did not go unnoticed by fans but, despite this, a defensive error allowed Oxford's Warren Jones to break away from the pack and score.

James Clarke narrowed the scoreline to 4-3 just before the end of the period and a minor skirmish followed, resulting in James Hatfull sitting out for two minutes.

The final period opened with Beeson breaking away from the centre line and scoring before Hodge and Heath added the final goals.

Lions travel to Swindon to face the Wildcats on December 17. They are back at the Lee Valley Ice Centre on January 7 against local rivals Romford Fury.