

PITBULLS MAIM THE LIONS IN CLASH

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Bristol Pitbulls	21

LEE VALLEY LIONS put in a poor performance as they were thrashed by Bristol on Saturday.

Lions' netminder, Ruth Cattell, was not at her best, with Bristol having already scored three from four shots by three minutes, 40 seconds.

Although a further five Bristol goals found the back of the net before the end of the period, **Richard Hodge** (*pictured left*) managed to interrupt the flow with a powerplay goal at 15.27, assisted by **Angela Taylor**.

Despite collectively playing well, Lee Valley were no match for Bristol who netted six in the second period.

The Lions' only response was at 26.38 with a goal that was set up nicely by **Adam Peach** and **Yassin Ahrazem**. **David Tyler** received the puck, took his time and flipped it over the shoulder of Pitbulls' netminder, **John Dibble**.

There was no let-up in the third period with Bristol adding a final seven to their impressive tally. However, Lee Valley did at least manage two stand-out goals.

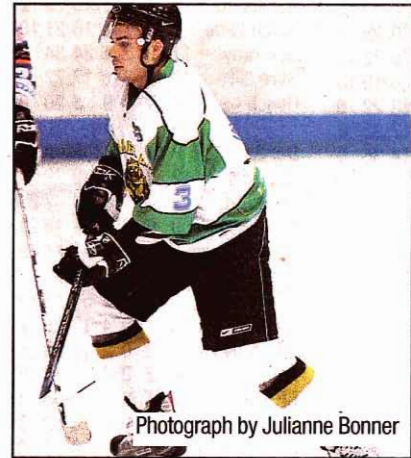
The first was a long-range slapshot, scored from the angle at 51.03

by well-deserved Man of the Match, **Yassin Ahrazem**.

The second- Lions' fourth and final goal- came just 40 seconds later. **Ian Courtney** fired a shot that was going wide of its mark so **Phillip Carson** intercepted the puck and deflected it straight onto target.

Lee Valley Lions faced an even tougher challenge the following night, playing league-leaders **Invicta Mustangs** away and were beaten 14-1 by the strong Kent-based outfit, who are flying at the moment in the league.

A closer game is envisaged on Saturday as Lee Valley entertain **Romford Fury**, face-off 4.30pm.



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