

# Lions roar back with Wildcats win

LEE VALLEY LIONS put their crushing defeat at the hands of Peterborough behind them as they got back to winning ways with a 5-2 victory against Swindon ENIHL Wildcats.

The Lions faced a strong Swindon squad without key forwards Scott Beeson and Joe Berry.

Defenceman Romanas Fedotovas was also missing with a two-match ban, with his spot filled by Philippe Mueller.

Perhaps with the 11-3 loss to Peterborough still on the play-

ers' minds, Lee Valley made a shaky start to the game.

The Wildcats soon took advantage of the Lions' hesitancy and grabbed the lead through Adam Cloakley following a spell of shots on goal.

Much of the first period was controlled by Swindon but a snapshot from Blair Dubyk gave Valley a much-needed first goal.

However, John Spence put the Wildcats back in the lead just seven seconds before the buzzer sounded.

Lee Valley were still strug-

gling to make their mark in the second period but Mueller and Dubyk fired in two goals in quick succession - Dubyk's coming on the powerplay with an assist from defenceman James Gosling.

Having taken a slightly undeserved 3-2 lead into the break, 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.

Instead, it was the Lions who added to the scoring when Richard Hodge extended their advantage on the break.

After an altercation around the Wildcats goalmouth which resulted in Ryan Martin being ejected from the game for the visitors, Dubyk secured the victory.

His goal cancelled any hope the Wildcats had left and sealed a 5-2 victory to move Valley up to third in the table.