

VICTORY AT LAST



Lee Valley Lions	6
Romford Fury	4

LEE VALLEY LIONS' losing streak finally ended last Saturday as the fans' patience was rewarded with a satisfying win against local rivals, Romford Fury.

Fury had also suffered a run of losses so were keen to overthrow the Lions but fortunately the home team had no intention of letting victory elude them once more, as they registered their second win of the 09/10 season.

The Lions are just two points below the Fury due to head-to-head results.

The first period was fast-paced, but Romford were better on the attack and kept Ruth Cattell busy in the Lions' goal.

Neither team could find the back of the net and the score remained 0-0 when the buzzer sounded at the end of the first period.

Lions' new, last-minute signing, Yassin Ahrazem, finally nudged the home side into the lead with an unassisted goal at 23 minutes 58 seconds.

The jubilation was short-lived

as ex-Lion, Joe Berry, evened the score just 30 seconds later.

Ahrazem took Lee Valley back ahead at 38.09, his goal assisted by Lions' other new signing, Calum Heath.

Although Romford out-shot Lee Valley by 13 to eight during the second period, Ruth Cattell remained solid between the pipes and the Lions held onto their fragile lead going into the final session.

Play really livened up in the third, with penalties and goals galore.

Lee Valley capitalised on Romford's dip in confidence by going 4-1 up as Angela Taylor scored at 44.25 before Ahrazem completed his hat-trick just over a minute later, at 45.40.

The celebrating Lions thought they had the game in the bag, but Romford continued to impress with both stamina and passing prowess.

Their efforts paid off as they brought the score back to 4-4, goals coming courtesy of Ricky Mills, Sam Park and ex-Lion, Michael Jacobs.

The frustrated Lions were determined to get a much-needed boost from the encounter, so it was left to Angela Taylor to hammer home the point.

She put the puck past former Lee Valley netminder, Andrew Boot, at 56.11 with a goal assisted by captain, James Hatfull, before securing victory for Lee Valley with her hat-trick goal at 59.25.

With only seconds left on the clock, Romford Fury had run out of time to pull back again and Lee Valley Lions skated away with smiles on their faces, the final score 6-4.

Lee Valley will be looking to repeat their achievements next weekend as they face Chelmsford Warriors at home on Saturday with face-off at 4.30pm.

They then make the short trip down the A12 to face Romford's Fury once more with the Rom Valley Way face-off at 5.15pm.

**Super six: (above) Lee Valley celebrate one of their goals against Romford on Saturday, after Angela Taylor (below) hit a hat-trick
Pics by Julianne Bonner**

