

Roaring Lions dish out Mustangs mauling

LEE VALLEY LIONS' first home game of the season ended in a resounding 7-2 victory against Kent-based rivals Invicta Mustangs.

The Lions started Saturday's game well and looked in control throughout the first period, with co-ordinated attacks on goal from Philippe Mueller and Joe Berry particularly impressive.

Despite having more shots on goal in the contest, Invicta never looked like they would claim victory and were kept at bay by the efforts of Steve Grout in the Lions' goal.

The home side were already 2-0 up inside the first 20 minutes and by the middle of the second period their lead had doubled - the third goal coming from a fantastic shot by defence-man James Hatfull.

Invicta finally managed to get on the scoreboard but they were still trailing by three goals at the start of

the final period.

Despite the visitors starting the final 20 minutes they could not find the breakthrough and it was the Lions who added to the scoring thanks to Blair Dubyk.

The visitors' optimism rose when luck brought them their second goal of the match, but with the scoreline at 5-2 victory for Lee Valley looked certain.

The Lions crushed all hopes of a late comeback as Mueller and Scott Beeson fired in a further two goals in the dying minutes to round off a satisfying 7-2 win.

Lee Valley were in action the following day as they travelled to the Isle of Wight and celebrated a second weekend win after defeating Wightlink Tigers 10-5.

The Lions will hope to make it three wins in a row on Saturday when they are at home to Cardiff ENIHL Devils.



Joe Berry goes through on the Mustangs goal despite the best attempts of an opponent.

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