

Fury end losing run

FURY ended a 10-game losing streak in a hot-tempered London derby against the Lions on Sunday.

Beaten 6-4 when the two sides met in Leyton a week earlier, Romford were determined to redress the balance back at Rom Valley Way.

And hat-tricks from Dan Sampson and Joe Berry helped them do just that in a match which saw over 300 minutes in penalties handed out by referee Rick Adams.

The hosts changed their lines around for this return clash, but saw the Lions — without Great Britain women's international Angela Taylor — take a seventh-minute lead through Richard Hodge.

Paul Merchant poked in a Fury equaliser seven minutes later and

English National League ROMFORD 12 LEE VALLEY 2

Sam Park's defence-splitting pass allowed Ricky Mills to put Romford ahead on a powerplay soon after.

Mills turned provider for Sampson's first strike, 38 seconds later, before goalie Frankie Sabine reacted angrily to a challenge from Lee Valley's Karim Kerbouche, who was given a match penalty.

Sabine received a 2+10 penalty for leaving his crease, but was one of six players to earn early showers later in the match.

Powerplay goals from Sampson and Berry, who struck again just 30 seconds later, put Fury 6-1 up at the midway mark.

Robin Turner added an unassisted seventh, with Park and Mills netting

further goals before Sabine cleared the puck to Mel Bidder who beat Robyn Maby to take Fury into double figures.

A shot after the whistle by Lions' James Hatfull led to a scuffle at the end of the period, which saw Sabine, Merchant and Dan Restarick given game misconducts, along with Lee Stobie, and the Lions bench receive a match for abuse of official.

Berry and Sampson completed trebles in a subdued third period before Hatfull beat Andrew Boot on a late Lee Valley powerplay.

Fury visit bottom club Streatham Bruins on Sunday.

Hornets are held

South Under-16 League INVICTA 2 ROMFORD 2

HORNETS had to settle for just a point in this basement battle after having a late goal ruled out.

Invicta took a first-period lead, but man of the match Henrik Kallander levelled early in the final session.

An elbows penalty against Mason Brownlie gave the home side the chance to regain the lead on the powerplay, but Olegs Lascenko's solo effort squared matters once again and Hornets thought they had netted a winner, only to be denied by the referee.

South Under-12 League STREATHAM 1 ROMFORD 11

HARRY GULLIVER needed just 35 seconds to put Raptors ahead in south London.

And he went on to score three more times as the visitors skated to a comfortable win.

Rio Grinell-Parke added a hat-trick, with Brandon Ayliffe claiming two goals and three assists, as Joseph Larke and Max Manning also hit the target.