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LEE VALLEY could not build on last weeks win over Slough as they were thumped by Wightlink.

Wightlink Tigers are just one place higher than the Lee Valley Lions in the league table, but last Saturday's encounter proved to be anything but a close game.

The first period started out well enough, conceding just one goal. Richard Nembhard struck at six minutes, 58 seconds after the Lions gave away a silly penalty for having too many men on the ice.

Despite keeping penalty minutes at a minimum, Wightlink still managed to put three past Lions' netminder, Ruth Cattell.

The first of the period's goals was even-handed and scored by Graham MacFarlane at 22.36.

Wightlink goal number three was bad luck for the Lions as Cattell stretched out on to the ice to cover the puck but failed to do so fully, leaving it to be knocked past her by Jamie Lee at 31.53. Their fourth came at 37.22, a powerplay effort by Nembhard, before on 53.16 the same player completed his treble.

Lee Valley hadn't given up hope, having actually out-shot the Tigers during the second period without just reward.

It was James Scott-Joseph (pictured right) who finally broke past the almost impenetrable Aaron Knight with a neat wrap-around goal, scored on a powerplay at 55.32.

Sadly that was the only time that Knight would falter and although Lee Valley swapped netminders at 53.51, Robyn Maby fared no better as a further three goals secured the win for Wightlink Tigers.

Lee Valley Lions are in action again this weekend, entertaining the ENL Cardiff Devils at home on Saturday (face-off 4.30pm).

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