

# Battling Lions overcome setbacks to draw with Devils

LEE VALLEY LIONS continued their unbeaten start to the season with a 4-4 draw against Cardiff ENIHL Devils.

In a frenetic start to the game, the Lions opened the scoring inside the first minute when Joe Berry slid the puck home.

The Devils took no time to turn the game around and by the third

minute had taken the lead when Alex Williams collected a pass from Matthew Downward before firing the puck past Steve Grout in the Lions net.

The pace of the game slowed and the Lions fought back into the contest and grabbed an equaliser through Scott Beeson, with the assist coming from man

of the match James Scott-Joseph.

However, Cardiff stepped up a gear in the second period and, thanks in part to the Lions being two men down, scored in the powerplay.

Ellis Price then put the visitors two goals ahead of their hosts and it looked as if the Lions' hope of another win was fading.

A Valley fightback was required after the break but Berry took that too literally and found himself sidelined for ten minutes with a misconduct penalty.

Further controversy followed when defenceman Romanas Fedotovas stepped in to protect netminder Grout.

This ignited a fight between Fedotovas and Cardiff's Williams which resulted in Fedotovas being ejected from the game and banned from the Lions' next match against Peterborough.

Despite the setbacks, Lee Valley refocused and Scott Beeson and Blair Dubyk combined for the late equaliser.