

EARLY MISS PROVES SO COSTLY

**Lee Valley Lions 2
Milton Keynes Thunder 6**
ROB Courtman missed a prime one-on-one opportunity to score just seconds into this game, the Lions' last home fixture of the 2005/06 season.

Milton Keynes were quickly out of the blocks, Aram Todd scoring the first goal of the game at just past three minutes and less than a minute later a scramble in front of the net allowed James Roberts to sneak the puck past

Stefan Nubert.

The Lions pushed onto the attack and were unlucky not to score in the first period.

Penalties dished out by referee Ashraff were heavy-handed: Scott Beeson received 2+10 for checking to the head, while Milton Keynes' James Roberts was thrown out of the game for butt ending.

Not long afterwards, Milton Keynes Thunder found themselves with another breakaway and their third goal courtesy of Ben White.

The Lions finally made it onto the scoreboard at 26:13 with an unassisted goal. The scorer was an elated Joe Berry, a youngster who usually plays for the under 19s team.

Just a few minutes later, Chris Goddard broke through the Thunder defence and scored Lions' second goal, assisted by Darren Wakeling.

With the score 2-3 the Lions looked in contention to win their first points of a tough season.

Optimism was short-lived as the Lions' defence weakened as the final

Hackney's girls recover from 3-0 down to win 10 goal clash

**Battersea WFC 4,
Hackney WFC 6**

HACKNEY Women's FC fought back from 3-0 down to win an amazing game 6-4 in a dramatic comeback.

The visitors made a dreadful start and were quickly 3-0 down to their South London hosts, after a series of defensive aberrations had been heavily punished.

But Hackney responded strongly in the final 15 minutes of the first-half and some fine play from Delacruz, Deignan, Bint, Cagnin and Hassan saw Anna **DEIGNAN** reduce arrears by pulling a goal back.

This spurred on the Hackney girls and when Delacruz whipped over a low cross, **HASSAN** supplied a cool finish for 3-2.

The same player applied an equally slick finish to a solo run to have Hackney back on

level terms at 3-3, by the interval.

Battersea began the second-half by scoring their fourth soon after the restart.

After keeper Pidcock was forced to make some fine saves to keep Hackney in the game, Wilson flighted over a beautiful freekick that Cagnin set up for Laura **BINT** to curl in with her left foot.

DEIGNAN thundered her way through to crash in Hackney's fifth to give the visitors the lead again and before the end, Hackney completed their tally with a thunderous freekick from **HASSAN** to complete her hat-trick and round off the victory.

HACKNEY WFC; Pidcock, Belton, Brioussel, Wilson, Penrose (Burch), Delacruz (Frew), Cagnin, Deignan, Lundie, Bint, Hassan

period saw Milton Keynes step up a gear.

The Lions' energy sapped under the pressure, shooting a lowly four shots on goal. Milton Keynes were in no mood to let up on the Lions, shooting at Stefan Nubert no fewer than 15 times and scoring a further four goals to close the game 6-2.

LEE VALLEY LIONS: Stefan Nubert (g), Daniel Sampson, Matyas Vas, Ian Courtney, Scott Beeson, Michael Ranby, Nick Braithwaite, Richard Hodge, Mark Swaine, Chris Goddard (1+0), Grant Hutcheon, Joe Berry (1+0), Ben Osborne, Darren Wakeling (0+1), Alley (g), James Scott-Joseph, Rob Courtman (a).