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## Valiant Lions can't prevent a Greyhounds' treble

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THE Lee Valley Lions faced their third encounter against the Haringey Greyhounds and after suffering two previous narrow def-eats, Lions' players and fans alike were hoping they'd strike it third time lucky.

The game started well for the Lions who put constant pressure on Haringey's net for the first few minutes.

The tables then turned as netminder Stefan Nubert faced a barrage of shots that were all successfully deflected until 11:07 when Haringey's Jamie Hirst got lucky, the puck literally trickling over the line while Nubert was out of reach.

A shot from Danny Cox hit home, the puck hurtling past two or more players before reaching its destination at the back of the net.

A swift dive from Romanas Fedotovas stopped a third Greyhounds goal. Back on his feet Fedotovas manoeuvred the puck down the entire length of the ice but failed to hit the target.

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Play promptly moved back to the other end as gaps in the Lions' defence allowed the Greyhounds a further one-on-one opportunity. The shot was stopped admirably by Stefan Nubert and the first period ended just seconds later.

Romanas Fedotovas demonstrated his speed once again as the second period commenced. He took the puck the whole way, scoring a brilliant first goal for the Lions at 21:12 with an assist going to Richard Hodge.

A two-mins tripping penalty against Kwabina Oppong-Addai allowed the Greyhounds their first powerplay opportunity of the game and they capitalised on this with a goal from Ricky Rutherford at 33:47.

Just two minutes later, at 35:42, Liam Doyle's attempts to jab the puck out from under the glove of the Lions' netminder made Mark Swaine see red.

Swaine dealt the best of the blows and was handed a 5 +Game for roughing, but Doyle didn't escape punishment, also receiving 2+2 for Roughing.

The final period started and again the Lions reacted with a swift goal at 51:17, this time scored by Nick Braithwaite and assisted by Paul O'Neill. The narrowing scoreline caused Haringey Greyhounds to call a time-out, but they failed to score again.

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A great shot from Richard Hodge was stopped by  
Wride just over three minutes later, then at 49:04  
Haringey's captain, Adam Hyman, received 2-mins for  
slashing.

So angered was Hyman that he began to batter the  
plexi with his stick. This caused referee Szucs to  
award a 10-minute misconduct penalty, followed by a  
game penalty.

Having being ejected from the sin bin Hyman threw  
his stick, made unsporting gestures to the Lions bench  
and stuck his fingers up at fans!

Unsurprisingly his ridiculous behaviour meant he had  
to be escorted to the dressing rooms.

With five minutes left on the clock and a scoreline of 2-  
3 the Lions were desperate to equalise. Scott Beeson  
had a excellent shot on goal but failed to get past the  
Greyhounds' netminder.

Lee Valley called a time-out and although the intention  
was to pull the netminder the opportunity to do so  
didn't arise and the final score was 2-3.

Man of the match for the Lee Valley Lions was Nick  
Braithwaite.

The Lions' next game is away to Peterborough  
Islanders on Saturday. 6.30pm.