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## Hounds roar into New Year with victory

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**I Not so fast... Hounds' Gary Dodds (right) tussles with a Lee Valley player during Sunday's English National League victory at Alexandra Palace. Picture: Max Flego**

Haringey Greyhounds 3

Lee Valley Lions 2

Haringey Greyhounds started 2006 on a high note, beating Lee Valley Lions in a tough English National League clash at Alexandra Palace on Sunday.

The Hounds began the game in style, weathering an early storm from Lee Valley before dominating the period. David Carr set up Jamie Hirst for Haringey's opener.

The Hounds then extended their lead before the break when Danny Cox fired home from the blue line to

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


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make it 2-0 against his former club.

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The second period began badly for Haringey. First, Lions' Romanas Fedotovas scored a fine solo effort and then Craig Metcalf's seemingly legal goal was disallowed as the referee ruled the puck had not entered the net. However, Haringey soon extended their lead to 3-1, courtesy of a Ricky Rutherford wrist-shot.

Yet again, the Lions started the third period the stronger and a Nicky Braithwaite strike pulled them within a goal of the hosts. As the intensity of the game increased, both sides became more aggressive and physical. But try as they might, Lee Valley could not find the equaliser, and Haringey stayed cool to take both points.

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