



SIMON WREN, one half of the goaltending duo that is currently pleasing Lee Valley Lions coach Lindsay Miles. (Photo: Trevor Benbrook)

MILES SEETHING OVER LIONS DISPLAY

COACH Lindsey Miles was seething after Lee Valley Lions latest defeat against the newly promoted Trafford Metros.

"There is no way that we should have lost that game," he exploded. "We had a 7-3 lead and then gave the game away. You just can't allow 6 goals to be scored against you in the third period. We've got a problem with personal discipline and mental preparation. It's an understatement for me to say that I'm not at all happy with the situation and things have got to change.

"I came here to turn this team around and I intend to give it my best shot, but I can only do it if everyone gives me 100% support and effort - and at the moment I'm not getting that from one or two guys who should know better."

The Lions introduced one new signing in the shape of Gary Dodds, a former member of the Medway Under 21 team who spent last season on loan to Stevenage Sharks in English Division One. "Gary played well for us in his first match and I see him as an important part of our development programme," said Miles.

"In a way he acts as the bench mark for the rest of the youngsters. He has reached the level that I expect the other youngsters to attain in the near future. If I can get a nucleus of eight or nine British players up to his standard then I can play the three line hockey that I have been on about since I arrived here," stated a very determined head coach.

One area causing less concern these days is between the pipes. "Simon (Wren) and John (Wynne) have kept us in the last two games. Simon put in a brilliant display against the Metro's and last week-end John had an outstanding game against Medway. They both deserve better support than they have been getting of late," stated Miles before retreating to plan his Tuesday night punishment (sorry, training) session.