

## **Lions fall behind early, lose to Brookwood**

The Peachtree Ridge Ice Lions fell behind 3-0 in the first 45 seconds and never totally recovered as they lost to Brookwood 8-4 Sunday night in Duluth. In front of a large crowd, the Lions dug a deep hole before the game was a minute old before they temporarily righted the ship. Stephen Musso scored on an assist from Shawn Rothlis to get the Lions started and Mitch Nysten followed 2 ½ minutes later on a great break out pass from Christian Huntington. When Josh Berkman scored on assists from Nysten and Musso with 16 seconds left in the first period it looked like the Lions were back in business. However, 2 goals in the first 5 minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period took the wind out of the comeback and even Christian Huntington's goal off a nice blind feed from Nysten was not enough to sustain the surge as Brookwood answered 3 minutes later with a short handed goal that effectively put the game away. 2 late goals by Brookwood finished the scoring. The Lions fell 1.5 games behind the Broncos in the AA division.

**From the Lions Den:** Greg Sauers was in the lineup for the 1<sup>st</sup> time this year on defense. Last year's captain Alex Chitty watched the game from the Lions penalty box where he had a chance to catch up with Musso and Nick Cittadino. An extremely large crowd filled the bleachers and ringed the glass at the IceForum for this rivalry showdown. It's time to settle down for a "long winters nap" as after a Tuesday practice the boys will be off until mid January. 2<sup>nd</sup> half schedule should be posted shortly... "...and I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight...Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"