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Lions Keep Cool to Beat Harrison in Opener

The Peachtree Ridge Lions opened league play with a 5-3 victory over the Harrison Hoyas, Sunday night in Duluth. The Lions jumped out to a 3-0 lead and were never threatened in winning their AA GSHL opener. Stephen Musso had 3 goals and 2 assists, Mitch Nylen had 2 goals and 3 assists and Shawn Rothlis had 2 assists as the Lions withstood a Hoya team whose sole focus seemed to be trying to intimidate the home team with physical play.

Nylen scored first with a nifty goal scored while sliding on his backside after being hooked down with an assist from Musso. Musso again set up Nylen who broke in alone and deked the goaltender to put the Lions up 2-0. The tables were reversed when Nylen sent a beautiful pass through traffic to Musso who buried it top shelf for a 3-0 lead. After Harrison got on the board, the Lions came right back as Musso rifled in a bullet of a backhand with assists from Rothlis and Nylen. Harrison scored again and the Lions again had the answer as the same 3 players accounted for the 5th goal, as Musso scored with Rothlis and Nylen on the assists. Harrison scored one more but it didn't matter as the outcome was long decided.

Wesley Edenfield turned in a strong performance in net and kept the Hoyas at bay throughout the game not allowing a goal until the game was well in hand for the Lions.

The Lions Den... Stephen Musso was named team captain for the 2008-09 season and Zach Tomlinson, Nick Cittadino and Josh Johansson were named alternate captains. **PRHS Hockey spirit** wear will soon be available on the hockey website.