

Twin wins keep Lightning third

LIGHTNING turned on the style at the weekend with two impressive wins to maintain their third spot in the EPL table.

The double win keeps the pressure up on first placed Guildford Flames, who are seven points clear, but Lightning have three games in hand.

Once again in-form Adam Carr was the star of the show following up his hat-trick last week with five goals against Swindon Wildcats.

Despite their guests having a decent run of form ahead of the clash Lightning looked a class above from the offset.

It took nine minutes for them to break the deadlock with Clarke finding plenty of room through the Swindon defence and firing in his first and two minutes later he grabbed his second.

At 2-0 down Swindon would have been optimistic heading into the second period but that confidence was dealt a massive blow when Clarke sealed his hat-trick on the 22nd minute.

From then on it never got any better for the visitors as their sloppy play and individual mistakes cost the team and invited Lightning to extend the lead further.

The fourth of the night came on the 32nd minute with goal scoring machine Clarke on the end of swift Lightning movement.

The real nail in the coffin came in the final period as Toni Alassarela scored seconds after face-off before Clarke bagged his fifth of the night.

John Wheaton managed to pulled one



Lightning's Gary Clarke scores against Swindon

Picture Jez Tibbells

back for Swindon on the 47th minute from a power play, but the shot of the evening came from Dan Croft who fired in a super goal from inside the blue line.

Adam Radmall completed another fine display from Lightning five minutes from time to give his side a 8-1 victory.

Their game against Telford Tigers proved tougher than expected with a scoreless first period.

And it took until the final minute of the second period for the first goal to come courtesy of Ales Perez. Adam Carr slotted in the second before Mikko Skinnari made it 3-0 and secured the two points.

■ **ON Saturday** Lightning host Bracknell Bees at Planet Ice, face-off is at 7pm. They then travel to Guildford Flames on Sunday for the 6pm face-off.