

Lightning strike twice to claim bragging rights

MK LIGHTNING claimed 'The Ashes' at the weekend, with a double win over their biggest rivals, Peterborough Phantoms.

Despite the clash being officially titled a friendly, both sides went all out to claim the bragging rights in the local derby and it was Lightning who came out on top with two impressive performances against former Lightning captain Dwayne Newman's side.

Lightning went 3-0 up within 14 minutes of the first period, Gary Clarke scored either side of Adam Radmall before James Archer pulled one back for the Phantoms.

New signing Toni Alasaarela doubled Lightning's lead with the help of Clarke and Ales Parez but James Morgan, the former Lightning defender, added Phantoms' second to make the scores 4-2 going into the final period.

The Phantoms continued to plug away and Taras Foremsky grabbed a third, yet

Clarke had the final say as he grabbed his hat-trick and won the game 5-3 for Lightning.

The story was much the same in the away fixture as Lightning again found themselves 3-0 up. Player-coach and man of the match, Nick Poole, scored two while Mikko Skinnari also got his name on the scoreboard.

But Craig Peacock found a way through to goal and Archer netted Phantoms' third although that was where the fightback ended, as Lightning won 8-5 on aggregate.

On the back of wins against Romford and Peterborough, Lightning are hitting form just in time as their EPL Cup campaign starts this Saturday.

They take on Guildford at home, with face-off at 7pm and on Sunday Lightning play Chelmsford at the Riverside Ice and Leisure centre, face-off is at 6.30pm.



Nick Poole and Toni Alasaarela celebrate Poole's opening goal for Lightning