

# Lightning backlash bites Tigers

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**TELFORD Tigers** felt the backlash as **MK Lightning** stormed to a comprehensive victory at the weekend.

Following a disappointing result against the Peterborough Phantoms on Saturday the squad could be forgiven for approaching Sunday's match away at Telford with caution.

But after losing 3-5 at Planet Ice player manager Nick Poole leading the Lightning to an astounding 8-0 victory against the Tigers.

On Saturday the Phantoms came out of the blocks quickly, scoring an early goal before the teams exchanged goals in the second to leave the Lightning 4-3 down.

Poole was left fuming at the referee for what he called 'the most bizarre bit of officiating I have ever witnessed' after the referee decided to deny a goal for obstruction.



**Matt Towalski** raises his arms after **MK Lightning** hit the net against **Peterborough**

Picture Jez Tibbetts

The Phantoms made it 5-3 before the end.

On Sunday the players were quick to restore the travelling fans' faith at Telford, taking a 5-0 lead by the end of the first.

Goals from Gary Clarke, Ross Bowers, Adam Carr and Clarke again gave the team a comfortable lead.

The Tigers had two goals controversially disallowed and

by the end of the second the Lightning had hit seven.

One more goal completed the rout and restored the Lightning's faith in their ability.

The response was testament to the team's mental strength after the Peterborough result and the clean sheet was the icing on the cake.

Coach Poole said: "Sunday

saw a very ticked off team take on a much improved Telford side. We went into the game with the right mental attitude and there was some excellent play from all.

"Ross Bowers scored three and that will do him the world of good as he is a player that we need to have scoring regularly. It was a great end to a frustrating weekend."