

Lightning back after Slough slump

WIGHTLINK felt a Lightning backlash as MK hammered home nine unanswered goals a day after being embarrassed at Slough.

The eagerly anticipated clash with title rivals Slough Jets did not live up to expectations as MK failed to turn up.

Nicky Chinn and Kevin Philips had Slough 2-0 up within four minutes as the home side dominated play. While Ross Bowers' goal on the seventh minute gave the travelling support some hope, it turned out to be the solo Lightning strike.

And within a minute Chinn had his second, restoring the two goal difference, before Steve Moria took advantage of a power play giving Slough a 4-1 lead.

It was much the same in the second as the game was played around Lightning and Zornan Kozic netted at the start and end of the period.

Lightning, trailing by five, looked out of sorts and appeared miles behind the Jets, who rounded off the 7-1 whipping with Moria's second of the evening.

But fans were in for a treat the next day as Lightning side sent Wightlink packing with their tails between their legs.

Having put the off colour performance to the back of their minds Lightning ran rampant throughout the sixty minutes.

Ross Bowers was on fine form, hitting his first of five in the second minute, to steer MK to an vital win.

Toni Alasaarela grabbed two while Michael Wales, Gary Clarke and Adam Carr completed the 9-0 victory.

Losing to the Jets must have hurt Light-



Michael Wales rounds Isle of White netminder to score

Picture Jason Jackson

ning but had they lost two on the bounce, their league position would have suffered. As it turned out they kept their third place and are eight points behind leaders Guildford Heat.

The mixed weekend came just days after Lightning had secured a one goal advantage in the Knock-out Cup semi-finals.

Bracknell Bees will visit Milton Keynes tomorrow night knowing they need an early goal to get back on even terms.

Clarke had given Lightning a 1-0 lead at the end of the first and Alasaarela struck to double their lead before Michal Kanka pulled one back.

A flurry of scores in the final period eventually saw Lightning take the all important 4-3 advantage.

■ ON Thursday Lightning host Bracknell in the cup, face-off is at 7.45pm. On Saturday they travel to Swindon, face-off is at 5.45pm. Then on Sunday they host Telford in the league, face-off is at 6pm.