Win the jam in a turkey sandwich

MK Lightning paid the price for their week of busy fixtures losing two and winning one.

Just before Christmas Lightning snatched a victory at Wightlink Raiders, but that was sandwiched between defeats to Slough Jets and Guildford Flames.

The most dramatic game came on Saturday when MK hosted the Jets and it went all the way to overtime before the visitors eventually claimed the points on penalties.

Two power play moments in the first period allowed Lightning to take a 2-0 lead through Toni Alasaarela and Greg Randall after four minutes.

But Slough showed they were keen for a battle as Blaz Emersic and Michael Bowman both squeezed the puck passed goalie Barry Hollyhead within three minutes to pull the scores level.

Jamie Milton was set up by Jan Krajicek to put Slough ahead for the first time in the match, yet Ales Parez hit back to make honours even going into the second period.

It remained a tight game in the second with the only goal coming courtesy of Milton which set up a tense final period.

Steve Moria grabbed the Jets' fourth after Milton had claimed his hat-trick four minutes into the period.

Once again the game was far from over as Lightning struck back through Adam Radmall and Randell to take it into overtime.

But that is where the fightback ended for MK as they slipped to defeat in penalties.

On Sunday, Lightning looked like they had run out of steam as they slipped 3-1 down in the first period, but it was a wake-up call and Gary Clarke, Kurt Irvine and Alasaarela managed to take the scores level minutes into the third period.

The winning goal came from Alasaarela five minutes later and they were able to shut up shop to claim the two points.

Greg Randall is pumped up after scoring for against Slough Jets   Pic: Jezz Tebbitts

Boxing Day dealt the second defeat in five days as the Flames claimed a 4-3 win to conclude the cup group round.

Lightning got on the board first with a Nick Poole strike, but Lukas Smital replied to even the score. Adam Carr netted to restore his side's edge, but a David Savage goal just 20 seconds later ensured the lead would not last long and both sides went to the first break on even terms.

The Flames took their first lead of the afternoon when Vinny Zavoral scored his first of two, but with fewer than two minutes into the second period Michael Wales equalized leaving it all to play for in the final frame. At 45:55 Zavoral scored the game winner to give the Flames the win

Despite the loss Lightning qualify at the top of the table.
■ Lightning host Telford at Planet Ice on Saturday, the league fixture will face-off at 7pm.