



Dan Croft celebrates Mikko Skinnari's third goal against Sheffield Scimitars

# Mixed bag as Lightning lose – then blast in ten

**TWO different performances for MK Lightning at the weekend saw them pick up two points from the weekend.**

Lightning slipped to their fourth home defeat of the season when Sheffield Scimitars took advantage of a poor display from MK.

They recovered from the result to convincingly beat Wightlink Raiders 5-10 on Sunday, but once again their games were marred by more injuries they have sustained.

Both Ross Bowers (wrist) and Nick Poole (hamstring) are expected to be back in action soon, however they are doubts for this weekend.

Player-coach Poole described the results as a 'mixed bag' blaming 'sloppy play and a terrible second period' for gifting Sheffield the win.

And it was a bad 20 minutes that cost Lightning the match, after taking the lead a minute in through Poole, they then began to take their foot off the pedal and were 2-1 down at the end of the first period following goals from Stephen



**Gary Clarke just misses out**

Wallace and Robert Dowd.

The wheels then fell off in spectacular fashion as Sheffield netted three goals in three minutes to pull away from Lightning.

It was a rude awakening for MK, who were then forced to tighten their defensive line, and prevent the side from leaking any more goals.

In the final period Lightning did manage to grab two goals of their own back through Toni

Alasaarela and Mikko Skinnari.

Second from bottom Wightlink felt the full backlash of the poor 60 minutes the day before as Lightning smashed ten goals passed them to claim their second win over the Isle of Wight side. A relatively calm first period saw Lightning take a 2-1 lead courtesy of Gary Clarke and Skinnari.

But, it was a fast paced second period that had spectators on the edge of the seat, Pool and Alasaarela had given Lightning a 4-1 advantage until Nicky Watt pulled two back.

Skinnari then slotted in his second of the evening before Jason Coles brought the score to 5-4 in Lightning's favour.

MK killed of the game in the final period, firing home five goals, with Clarke and Alasaarela sealing hat-tricks before Coles claimed a late consolation.

■ **LIGHTNING** host Bracknell on Saturday, face-off is at 7pm before they travel to Chelmsford on Sunday for the 6.30pm face-off.