

Tigers win at double

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PADDY WILSON made a great debut for Hyde, on Saturday, but manager Mike McKenzie missed every scintillating second.

He went home ill, an hour before the kick-off of a Tigers' performance that oozed class; and the linchpin was the former Ashton United star.

Wilson was part of a forward line that ran the former Conference side ragged, and he capped his performance with a wonder goal (*David Jones writes*).

On Saturday's showing, Macca's marauders can go all the way, and there were some on show good enough to get back in the Football League.

One to watch is defender Paul Richardson, who joined Hyde from Crewe, in the close season.

Three minutes from the end of the first half, a free kick from namesake Lloyd Richardson was helped on by Cec Edey, and the 19-year-old was on hand to send a back header in at the post.

It was just reward for a half in which the speed of Hyde's attacks had left Gateshead breathless. Wilson, Lutel James and Neil Hall had posed questions the Geordies had trouble answering.

The class carried on after the break and, on 58 minutes, a defensive mistake allowed Wilson to thread the ball to Don Page, who slotted in a low shot from the edge of the box.

With 18 minutes left, Wilson grabbed the goal of the game, when he chased a long ball down the left, and brilliantly lobbed the keeper from fully 30 yards.

Hyde: Scargill 7, P. Richardson 8, Switzer 7, G. Wilson 7, Edey 7, Dolby 7, L. Richardson 7, Hall 7, James 7, P. Wilson 9, Page 7. Subs: Annan for P. Richardson (86), Haw, Washington.

Gateshead: Swan, Pepper, Scott, Watson, Kitchen, Rowe, Hall, Proudlock, Rowntree, Fletcher, Bowey. Subs: Veary for Rowntree (74), O'Hara for Pepper (87), Lowe for Scott (53). Ref: Paul Bennett (Bradford).