Tigers' horror night

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HYDE fans need not worry about a media millionaire snapping up their club, but Hammer Films might be interested after Monday's horror show.

Tigers supporters will point to Trinity's winner being a deflected fluke but, from the after-match talk in the social club, no one was satisfied with the showing.

The midfield was never in it, the attack lacked punch, and the defence was frequently caught out by smash and grab tactics that could have produced more goals.

Hyde went into the match fourth in the table, and Gainsborough were struggling near the bottom. However, to a casual observer, the roles were reversed.

The Tigers just about edged a lacklustre first half with Chris Dolby scorching one wide, and Lutel James twice bringing the best out of keeper Steve Cherry.

Their goal, on 38 minutes, was another example of how James can run a defence ragged.

Gus Wilson sent James down the left to fire a ground hugging shot in at the far post. Unfortunately, six minutes later, Trinity were level.

Mark Highfield gave away a free kick on the edge of the box, and Jason Maxwell darted in to head home John Reed's cross.

Jon Scargill did brilliantly to deny Trinity, early in the second half, twisting in mid-air to block a close-range shot from Maxwell.

Cherry then half-saved a shot from Paddy Wilson, and got back to scoop the ex-Ashton man's lob from under the bar.

However, only Linton Brown knows how he managed to fire wide of the post twice, with only Scargill to beat.

Trinity's winner came on 81 minutes, when a Rob Hanby shot struck a defender, with Scargill stranded, to rebound over the line.

Seconds later, Maxwell hit the post.

Hyde: Scargill 7, P. Richardson 7, Annan 6, G.Wilson 6, Taylor 6, Dolby 6, Highfield 6, Hall 6, James 7, P. Wilson 6, Page 6. Subs: Haw 6 for Page (72), Washington for Richardson (83), Gallagher for Hall (85).

Trinity: Cherry, Rogers, Limber, Hanby, Marquis, Atkin, Taylor, Bennett, Maxwell, Brown, Reed. Subs: Riley for Taylor (65), Lowthorpe for Rogers (68), Cavell for Brown (75).

Ref: Graham Griffiths (Warrington).