

# Tigers triumphant

SATURDAY was a famous day for the Tigers, who recorded their first win at Croft Park since their F.A. Cup victory of 15 years ago.

They took a 2-0 lead, and withstood heavy home pressure before they came strong again.

Blyth started well, with Wayne Edgecumbe testing Jon Scargill with a fierce shot which the keeper did well to save.

The Tigers took the lead on 35 minutes. Steve Haw latched on to a back pass only to be brought down as he attempted to round the keeper. Paul Taylor dispatched the penalty kick with some aplomb.

Hyde continued to press, and Richard Annan went close with a fierce drive.

The Tigers increased their lead just two min-

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**Blyth.....1**

**Hyde Utd.....2**

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utes into the second half, Chris Dolby whipping in a free kick which eluded everyone, including keeper Terry Burke.

However, Blyth then upped a gear, and the Hyde defence was penned back. On the hour, Edgecumbe drove past Scargill to make it 2-1.

As time went on however, it became clear Blyth would not breach the Tigers' rearguard, and the Hyde forwards - particularly Steve Haw - looked likelier to score.

Hyde: Scargill, P. Richardson, Annan, G. Wilson, Taylor, Dolby, Haw, Hall, James, P. Wilson, Page. Subs: Band, Washington, Gallagher.

Blyth: Burke, Farrey, Colledge, Cole, Looker, McGarrigle, Hutchinson, Patterson, Edgecumbe, Moat, Walker. Subs: Bassey, Lee for Hutchinson (56), Irving for Cole (85).

Ref: Thomas Jones (Ulverston)