

Band strikes right chord

PETER BAND struck the right chord for Hyde, only for the defence to spoil things by hitting a bum note.

Hovering on the edge of the box, six minutes from the break, Band saw Mark Rutter put a pass back to keeper Terry Hollywood. In a split-second he darted in to flick the ball past the stranded keeper.

It was a fabulous strike but, five minutes after the restart, his defence let him down.

Jon Scargill could not get to a Lee Noble corner and, as the ball bobbed about the goalmouth, Chris Camden moved in to crash it into the net.

It was a bad goal at a bad time. After that, Marine shut up shop, and it was only when Prince Moncrieffe came on that the Tigers looked capable of breaking the deadlock.

With key men suspended, it was always tough against a well drilled Marine.; but early on, it was all Hyde. Paddy Wilson and Haw went close, and Cec Edey was a giant in defence.

Hyde United.....1
Marine.....1

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Richard Annan set up two glorious chances, but Don Page fired wide, and Chris Dolby shot his inches over.

Marine came into it as the half wore on, and Scargill brilliantly blocked John Morgan's header. Minutes later, Jon Gautrey cracked a shot that Annan cleared off the line.

Hyde had the edge in the second half, with Band and Paddy Wilson going close, but it was only when Moncrieffe came on that the attack looked lively.

Hyde: Scargill 7, Edey 7, Annan 7, G.Wilson 7, Taylor 7, Dolby 7, Haw 6, Hall 6, Band 7, P.Wilson 7, Page 6. Subs: Moncrieffe 8 for Haw (63), Highfield 6 for Dolby (75), Washington 5 for P.Wilson (84).

Marine: Hollywood, Lawton, Rutter, Rodwell, Proctor, Gautrey, Morgan, Bainbridge, Noble, Camden, Price. Subs: Blackhurst for Camden (59), Douglas for Noble (79), Nulty.

Ref: Glyn Mellor (Derby).