

Kinney quietens Tigers

Hyde Utd.....2
Droylsden.....2

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DAVID PACE stated before this game that the Bloods were frightened of no one, and it was soon very clear that they were in no way intimidated by their Tameside neighbours.

After a generally dour first half, Hyde seemed to have won the tie by taking a 2-0 lead; but they were unable to cope with a last half-hour bombardment which enable Droylsden to pull level, and even to go within a whisker of winning the game.

In fact, the Bloods showed up better early on, but both sides had problems on the greasy surface, and Jonathan Scargill was never stretched by the busy Wes Kinney.

That early exuberance seemed to have burned itself out when, on 23 minutes, the Tigers went ahead. Lutel James crossed from the right, David Williams spilled the ball, and Peter Band made it five goals in five games.

Occasional chances followed at both ends, before Hyde seemed to have finished off Droylsden's impertinent challenge, just after the break.

Supplied by Prince Moncrieffe, James left defenderrrs floundering in his slipstream as he powered up the right like a rocket before driving home the ball.

That should have been that, but there was a taste of things to come on the hour, when Gus Wilson had to clear a Kinney header off the line.

As the minutes ticked by, the Bloods took charge of the game, and looked the only side likely to score as the Tigers began to be overrun in midfield.

That inevitable goal came on 71 minutes and as the result of a bustling run up the left during which Carl Holmes battled his way forward to beat Scargill with a well-struck shot.

There was no respite for Hyde, and Droylsden continued to attack - although James should have done better with a chance for the Tigers on 82 minutes.

Four minutes later, a shot from Kinney struck Cec Edey. It could have gone anywhere, but flew into the net. It was no more than Dave Pace's men deserved.

With the smell of a famous victory within their grasp, Droylsden continued to attack, and Kinney might have won it at the death but fired narrowly wide.

Hyde: Scargill, G. Wilson, Annan, P. Richardson, Edey, Taylor, Moncrieffe, Hall, James, Band, Page. Subs: Haw, Washington for Band, Varden.

Droylsden: Williams, Lettie, Taylor, Ashton, M. Wright, Morley, Jones, Holms, Cooper, Kinney, Hennigan. Subs: Stannard for Jones, A. Wright for Hennigan, Quinn for Taylor.

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