Keeper Scargill stuns Midlanders with a goal

PADDY WILSON lined up Hyde United with an F.A. Trophy second-round date at Dr Marten's League leaders Nuneaton Borough when he scored a great solo goal on Tuesday.

In many ways, it was a miracle the match went ahead. Constant, heavy rain had turned the Queens Road ground into a paddy field, and the Hyde players' coach was delayed in traffic, so that the game did not start until 30 minutes after its assigned kick-off time of 7.45pm.

However, Wilson, who recently played a game for Curzon Ashton, and has been linked with Northampton, put a smile on the faces of the Tigers' hardy fans, with just a quarter of an hour remaining.

Seven goals, a couple of sendings-off, and a remarkable goal by goalkeeper Jon Scargill, all contributed to an enthralling contest which defied the dreadful conditions.

The Tigers went behind to the Dr Marten's League side after just three minutes, when Mike Turner's low drive left Scargill helpless; but Prince Moncrieffe then forced a great save from home keeper Williams.

An incident-littered first half continued with

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four goals in just 15 minutes, the most remarkable of which was scored by Scargill.

The keeper's long kick bounced two yards in front of Williams, and then bounced over the keeper's and into the net.

Club historians were left scratching their heads, wondering if it was the first goal scored by a Hyde keeper from open play. Colin Darcy netted a penalty in the 4-1 win at Formby, which sealed the Cheshire League title in 1982.

The Tigers went ahead on the half-hour when a foul on Cec Edey produced a penalty, which was lashed home by Paul Taylor.

However, their joy was short-lived as, a minute later, Scott Voice caught them napping to snatch an equaliser.

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The Tigers almost fell behind when, after the restart, Scargill was slow to come off the line. However, luckily for Mike McKenzie's men, Voice rattled the woodwork.

The match threatened to boil over when Stobart appeared to punch Paul Taylor. The Hyde man retaliated, and both were given the red card and sent for an early bath.

However, the Tigers dominated the second period, and they deservedly snatched the win when Wilson raced down the left, and beat three defenders before lashing home into the bottom

In fact, Hyde almost made it five, but a great Moncrieffe strike rattled the woodwork and bounced to safety.

Bilston: R. Williams, Evans, Stobart, Rollason, Smith, Brown, J. Jackson, D. Williams, Voice, Turner, Burgher. Subs: Wright, L. Jackson, Osbourne for Brown (77).

Hyde: Scargill 7, G. Wilson 9, Annan 7, Taylor 7, Edey 8, Dolby 8, Moncrieffe 8, Hall 7, P. Wilson 8, Band 7, Page 7. Subs: Richardson 7 for Hall (28), Haw, Brewer, Hardy.