

Lutel ensures game ends on high note

THE Tigers' roar may have barely risen above a whimper, but it was loud enough to dispose easily of a Colwyn Bay side who merely seemed to be on a day trip from the seaside.

As a game, it was hardly a cheap paperback, never mind a classic; but it was enriched by a picture-book goal from Lutel James.

Apart from a second-minute shot by Graham Roberts, which was easily gathered by Jon Scargill, Hyde were on top throughout the first half.

Paul Varden and Val Owen both drew good saves, and Jason Gallagher posed a constant danger with his probing runs down the right.

On 36 minutes, his cross skidded across goal, and Colin Lambert narrowly failed to make contact. Lambert then did well to create a chance, but pulled shot wide.

The Tigers opened the second half looking as if

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they had received a wake-up call from Mike McKenzie. Gallagher once again surged down the right, and Lambert arrived just too late.

Owen fizzed a rasping drive just over the bar, and Dave Nolan should have done better when presented with a free header.

However, despite all the pressure, keeper Richie Roberts was relatively untroubled; and it came as a surprise when Hyde finally took the lead on 61 minutes.

Nolan released Gallagher, and the full-back's cross was bundled over the line by Ged Kimmins.

Paul Varden tested Roberts with a shot from the edge of the box, and Kimmins warmed the keeper's fingers with a 20 yard drive.

He screwed another effort across goal, and then caused Roberts to make the save of the night when he turned on a sixpence in the end and flashed a drive which the keeper tipped round the post.

Then came the moment which was totally out of keeping with the second-rate fare which had gone before. James collected the ball 40 yards out, ran to the edge of the box, and unleashed a right foot rocket into the roof of the net.

A fantastic goal to end what was a forgettable match.

Hyde: Scargill 6, Gallagher 8, Switzer 7, Wilson 6, Gordan 6, Lambert 7, Kimmins 6, Owen 8, James 7, Varden 7, Nolan 6. Subs: Annan 6 for Switzer (57), Brewer 6 for Lambert (80), Tucker.

Colwyn: Roberts, Brett, McCosh, Graham, Donnelly, Price, Limbert, G. Roberts, Drury, Congerton, Hughes. Subs: Mottram for Brett (71), Jones, Armor.