

# Taste of victory is sweet

**Hyde Utd.....1**  
**Blyth.....0**

FORGET the scoreline, Hyde were always on top in this one, registering their first league victory in almost three months.

Mike McKenzie's gamble of throwing big Colin Lambert in attack once again paid dividends. He scored, had several other chances, and generally made his presence felt.

Val Owen had his best game for months, Paul Varden was bang on form, and Lutel James packed punch with silky moves.

In fact, the Tigers buzzed so much they hardly missed the injured Ged Kimmins.

Hyde signalled their intentions from the start, with Lambert drilling a beauty inches past the post on ten minutes, and Billy Garton's header from a free kick going right to Stephen Jones.

Lambert made his presence felt on 35 minutes, when he out-jumped a packed goal-mouth to head home.

It was like the Hyde of old as Owen burst into the box to test Jones with a stinging drive, and James cut through a stactic defence to crash in shots that were narrowly wide.

Bemused Blyth had no answer, and had to wait until five minutes into the second half for their first real chance. However, Jon Scargill made a brilliant save from Steve McGargle, and then looked on as William Moat's free header went over the bar.

The Tigers came again, with Lambert unlucky not to grab a hat-trick. Minutes after screaming a shot over the bar, he scorched in a thunderbolt which was headed off the line by Martin Pike, who then needed treatment.

Later, Lambert looked on in agony as Stephen Walker cleared another shot off the line.

Hyde: Scargill 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Lambert 8, Tucker 7, Owen 8, James 8, Varden 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Annan, Manning, Ioannou.

Blyth: Jones, McGarrigle, Cole, Tinkler, Gamble, Walker, Farrey, Ramsey, Wilson, Atkinson, McGargle. Subs: Moat for Wilson (46), Pike for Ramsey (64), Renforth for Tinkler (80).