

# Big occasion finds Tigers floundering

**Hyde United.....0**  
**Dover Athletic.....2**

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smash in a blockbuster of a shot which smashed through the defensive wall.

Lambert had chance to make amends, minutes later, when he raced into attack, but he needed too much time and Lutel James' pass was wasted.

However, Hyde were so much on top it did not seem to matter.

Paul Varden and James kept home fans on their feet as they repeatedly found their way through.

Ged Kimmins looked certain to grab the equaliser, ten minutes from half time, when he ran on to a James flick.

However, with only the keeper to beat, he somehow put his shot wide.

It turned out to be one of the Tigers' last chances. Lambert and Varden had half-hearted efforts after the break, but there was little for fans to cheer.

The fact that Hyde were trailing by a single goal meant they were still in it, but they were left with a mountain to climb when Dover scored a second, on 69 minutes.

It was another one from the top drawer. Neil Lebihan netted with swerving right-footer which left Scargill grabbing air. From then on, the game was over.

Hyde: Scargill 6, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Tucker 8, Lambert 6, Kimmins 7, Owen 6, James 7, Varden 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Brewer 6 for Gallagher (62), Ioannou 6 for Varden (73), Annan 6 for Switzer (73).

Dover: Davies, Leberl, Palmer, Budden, Shearer, Stebbing, Wilson, Strouts, Dobbs, Lebihan, Henry. Subs: Daniels (for Leberl (46), Adams for Wilson (66), Godden for Adams (81).

Ref: Steve Brand (Wirral).

HYDE are so good against Conference sides that Saturday's clash was considered a home banker, but it was the Dover fans that left Ewen Fields singing, after Macca's men blew it.

The Tigers had enough chances to have taken fans another step on the road to Wembley but, once again, they wasted the lot.

Hyde did everything but score in an action-packed first half, and Dover's goal seemed but a minor irritation.

After the break, however, it was the visitors who went on the attack as the Tigers visibly wilted.

With Billy Garton sidelined after a nose operation, Hyde were without their most experienced player, but Gordon Tucker deputised well, and it was arguable whether the Tigers would have won with Garton in the side.

Hyde suffered a 16th-minute setback when Colin Lambert gave away a needless free kick on the edge of the penalty area. Up strode John Budden to