

Little to cheer the fans

GUS WILSON scored one of his rare goals on Saturday. Unfortunately, the Tigers' most consistent player put it past his own keeper.

The third-minute shocker set the seal on what was a dismal afternoon for home fans, but don't forget that Hyde were woeful against struggling Bamber Bridge just days before crushing Dagenham in the F.A. Trophy.

With Dover at Ewen Fields on Saturday, fans are hoping that history will repeat itself. I hope they are right, because the Boston game was a disappointment.

It started when Wilson, with all the time in the world to clear, somehow steered an Andrew Mason cross past the stranded Jon Scargill.

Stringing five men across the back, Boston stifled home moves, and the Tigers were left launching suicidal long balls which the 6ft 4ins Martin Filson took in his stride.

The visitors went two-up on 25 minutes, when Mason made it four goals in four games by racing onto a ball down the middle to coolly shoot past the advancing Scargill.

That shook Hyde out of their slumbers and, in the space of ten minutes, they could have clawed it back.

Suddenly sharp, the Tigers were

Hyde Utd.....0
Boston Utd.....2

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cutting through their opponents, and Paul Varden testing Paul Bastock with a low shot at the foot of the post.

Ged Kimmins screamed a 20-yarder over the bar after Varden had put him through and, seconds before the break, Jason Gallagher launched himself at a Lutel James cross, but his fierce header went wide.

Thirty seconds after the break, a high cross from Phil Ioannou beat Bastock, but bounced off the bar.

Boston knew how to defend a two-goal cushion and, although Dave Nolan and Gallagher went close, the result was never really in doubt.

In fact, Boston could have hit the Tigers harder on the break, but for a brilliant display by man of the match George Switzer.

Hyde: Scargill 6, Gallagher 7, Switzer 8, Wilson 6, Garton 7, Lambert 6, Kimmins 7, Ioannou 6, James 7, Varden 6, Nolan 7. Subs: Tucker 6 for James (65), Annan 6 for Lambert (72), Brewer.

Boston: Bastock, Gowshall, Withe, Fee, Hardy, Marshall, Cook, Appleby, Filson, Mason, Cavell. Subs: Stanhope for Cook (77), Price, Taylor.

Subs: Carl Boyesson (Hull).