

# Keeper thwarts Tigers

**Emley.....2**  
**Hyde Utd.....1**

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CHRIS MARPLES showed the form that made him a County wicketkeeper as Hyde gave F.A. Cup giantkillers Emley a late hammering on Saturday.

The former Derbyshire player was diving in all directions as the Tigers shook off an indifferent start to battle for a point.

In the last few minutes, Marples made a fabulous low save from Tony Ioannou, and denied close range efforts from Dave Nolan and Ged Kimmins.

However, it was never a great game. A heavy pitch, combined with a swirling wind, saw to that; and, with defences on top, clear-cut chances were hard to come by.

Despite playing into the wind in the first half, Emley looked strong going forward, and they might have gone ahead on 12 minutes.

A George Switzer slip allowed Dean Colcutt to go for goal, but a great one-handed stop by Jon Scargill saved the day.

The Yorkies looked that little bit sharper, and it was no surprise when Glynn Hurst picked up a useful pass, just outside the area, and tucked it past the advancing keeper.

Hyde had prodded and probed, with Paul Varden looking creative. However, a Ged Kimmins 30-yarder which gave Marples few problems, was their sole chance.

Things were different after the break, and the Tigers might have equalised, minutes into the half, when Kimmins launched a lovely cross that beat the keeper. Unfortunately, Ioannou headed wide.

Then, Dave Nolan burst through to crash in a shot that bobbed up and almost beat Marples.

Soon, the keeper was under siege as Hyde, inspired by Varden, went for the equaliser.

It came on 63 minutes, when Ioannou ran onto a Varden pass to drill a beauty past the advancing keeper.

It should have ended there, as a draw would have been a fair result, but Emley came again, and Scargill had to save from Paul David, and then saw Ian Banks miss a header, almost on the line.

However, with 12 minutes left, David slotted home Micky Reynolds' low cross after a surge down the right.

Emley: Marples, Nicholson, Tonks, Thompson, Lacey, David, Banks, Hurst, Colcutt, Woods, Reynolds. Subs: Dysart for Colcutt (63), Johnson, Graham.

Hyde: Scargill 6, Gallagher 7, Switzer 6, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Lambert 6, Kimmins 7, Owen 6, Ioannou 7, Varden 8, Nolan 7. Subs: Tucker 6 for Lambert (81), Annan 6 for Switzer (82). Ref: Andrew Page (Ilkeston).