

Mark in super sub role

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AN equalising goal, deep into injury time, angered Winsford but rescued a point for the Tigers on Saturday.

Hyde's saviour was sub Phil Iounnou, who had earlier replaced an off-colour Ged Kimmins as his side looked like slipping to another Barton Stadium defeat.

Iounnou, though, had other ideas and, when he was sent clear by Colin Lambert, showed a cool head to shoot past home keeper Oakes long after the 90-minute mark.

The timing of the goal may have been a trifle fortunate for Hyde but, on the balance of play, was probably deserved, although Winsford enjoyed more of the goal opportunities.

One of the reasons these opportunities were not turned into goals was the performance of Jon Scargill. The Tigers' keeper pulled out two super saves, and generally played with great competence to thwart the home forwards.

It was Hyde who created the first chance on a pitch which, at best, could be described as heavy. A mis-placed pass by Neil Doherty looked to have set Lutel James clear but, rather controversially, he was judged to have been offside.

Scargill made the first of his saves on 12 minutes. Veteran winger Joe Connor was suddenly present with a shot on goal but, from barely ten yards, Scargill turned the stinging shot round for a corner.

However, the keeper could do little about Winsford's 39th-minute opener. Pacy winger Winnie Steele burst into the Hyde area, and crossed for Nathan Peel to slide in the ball from virtually on the line.

Peel has only been at the club for just over two weeks and, strangely enough, all of his three goals have been scored against the Tigers.

Apart from the first ten minutes of the second half, when Winsford looked to be ready to score a second, the contest was even.

Home keeper Oakes had to be alert to turn over a Paul Varden cross, and then Scargill pulled out another top save to deny Neil Doherty.

Winsford: Oakes, Clegg, German, Came, Talbot, Aspinall, Wheeler, Birmingham, Peel, Steel, Connor. Subs: Aspinall for Doherty (72), Booth for Birmingham (90), Hibbert.

Hyde: Scargill 8, Callagher 7, Switzer 6, Garton 7, Lambert 6, Kimmins 5, Owen 7, Wilson 6, James 7, Varden 5, Nolan 6. Subs: Lockett for Wilson (66), Iounnou for Kimmins (58), Annan for Varden (72).

Ref: Graham Short (Aashbourne).