



NUMBER-ONE ... Ged Kimmins opens the scoring for Hyde United after seven minutes of Saturday's match. (CG97-27).

Kimmins shows his old class

THREE Ged Kimmins crackers gave Hyde fans a badly needed Christmas boost on Saturday. However, the fans who cheered them on, every step of the way, were still short changed.

If the score had hit double figures, bottom of the table Town could not have complained.

Kimmins should have scored another three and, with every home attacker going close, Alfreton were lucky.

A combination of bad luck, poor finishing and a great display by keeper Duncan Roberts stopped a rout. Alfreton's goal, which made the scoreline look a little more respectable, was down to a Jason Gallagher clanger.

With Billy Garton having his usual great game, the defence seemed as safe as the Bank of England.

There were a couple of shots that were close to Jon Scargill's net, in the early minutes, but

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after that it was Hyde all the way.

Kimmins grabbed his first goal after seven minutes, when Paul Snape steered a ball into the goalmouth, and he slipped it home.

Building moves from midfield, pushed Town back and, on 29 minutes, Dave Nolan brilliant headed home a Gallagher cross.

Roberts had no chance with either, but he kept Alfreton's faint hopes alive, minutes later, when he brilliantly beat out a Snape free kick that crashed through the wall.

However, he knew little about Hyde's third, after 38 minutes, when Kimmins raced on to a defence splitting Colin Lambert

pass, and arrowed it into the bottom corner.

Alfreton looked complete no-hopers after the break, as the craft of Lutel James and co created havoc.

Kimmins completed his hat-trick when he drilled home a low shot from 30 yards that may just have clipped a defender's heel as it sped across the Alfreton goalmouth.

There was still 11 minutes left, and the Tigers looked good for more. However, on 84 minutes, Gallagher took his eye off a simple ball in the area, and Jason Bullevant nipped in to push past Scargill.

Hyde: Scargill 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Garton 8, Lambert 7, Kimmins 9, Owen 7, James 8, Snape 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Varden for Kimmins (81), Henshaw for Lambert (81), Finley.

Alfreton: Roberts, Glenister, Connerley, Pickering, Warden, Weston, Taylor, Bartholomew, Dring, Adams, Dolby. Subs: Noble for Dolby (38), Sisson for Warden (46), Bullivant for Adams (46).

Ref: Paul Bennett (Bradford).