

Super start wasted

Frickley.....2

Hyde Utd.....1

MIKE MCKENZIE'S men travelled to Frickley on the back of a seven-match unbeaten run in the league, and came back with it in tatters, even though they had got off to the perfect start.

With just two minutes gone, Colin Lambert struck a sweet volley past keeper Goldborough to give Hyde the lead. The supporters assumed the way was open to victory.

In fact, the Tigers should have increased their lead soon after; but Paul Snape, and then Ged Kimmins, both missed good chances. However, Hyde continued to have the home side on the defensive, and Snape hit a post with Goldborough beaten.

As the half progressed, however, the Yorkshiremen began to play a more active role in the game, and Jon Scargill had to produce a good save from a Kevin Kelly effort.

Frickley continued to pile forwards and, seven minutes before the break, they levelled from the penalty spot after Gary Finley was penalised for a foul on Armstrong. Hancock made no mistake with his spot kick.

Three minutes later, the Yorkshiremen scored what was to prove the winning goal.

The Tigers were pushing forward, a quick clearance caught out Billy Garton, and Miles Thorpe beat the Hyde defender to the ball before rounding Scargill to slot home.

After the break, there was constant pressure from the Tigers, and chances galore, but all of them went begging.

Snape headed across the box when it looked easier to hit the target, and David Nolan hit a post. Paul Varden missed a glorious opportunity following a good cross from Richard Annan.

Chances came and went, with Val Owen and Varden failing to convert. However, despite having the vast majority of the game, the Tigers were unable to score.

Frickley: Goldborough, Hilton, Stratford, Field, Haran, Green, Hancock, Kelly, Thorpe, Armstrong, Hatto. Subs: Duffy, Fuller, O'Donnell.

Hyde: Scargill 7, Finley 7, Annan 7, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Lambert 8, Kimmins 7, Owen 7, James 7, Snape 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Lockett 5 (for Annan), Varden 5 (for Snape), Henshaw 5 (for James).