

Point is a fair reward

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LAMBERT: equaliser

ALL credit to Hyde for coming back from 2-0 down on Saturday.

Play was even in the opening 20 minutes, with chances to both sides but nothing clear cut; and it was slightly against the run of play when Moor took the lead in the 20th minute.

Craig Veart scored with a shot from the edge of the area, after exchanging passes with Richie Alderson.

After that, the home side looked the more dangerous, with Paul Richardson creating the best chances for the homesters.

Moors finished the first half comfortably in control, and things went better for them after the break, when they made a bright start.

The second Spennymoor goal, after 54 minutes, was a peach; Richardson running through to hit the net with a tremendous right-foot strike.

A minute later, it could have been all over. Richardson had another pot at goal but, this time, Hyde keeper Jon Scargill made a good save.

Hyde never gave up and, gradually, gained the upper hand. However, home keeper Adrian Swann made some fine saves to keep the visitors at bay.

Two substitutions, and a change of tactics, finally produced the reward the Tigers deserved for their endeavour. Manager Mike McKenzie brought on Paul Snape for Ged Kimmins, and pushed midfielder Colin Lambert up into the attack.

After 70 minutes, Hyde pulled back the first goal. Greg Wilson's through ball found Lutel James, who controlled it well before going on to score with a strong drive.

Hyde were now back in the game, and had their tails up. Vinnie Brockie was brought on for Paul Varden, and the Tigers equalised four minutes from the end.

After a succession of corners, Lambert netted from close range at the near post, after a great cross by Richard Annan.

In fract, Hyde almost grabbed a late winner. Annan again sent over a cross, which Lambert just failed to reach in front of goal, with the home defence all at sea.

Spennymoor: Swann, Pepper, Lowes, Bates, Sunley, Watson, Alderson, Key, Richardson, Innes, Veart. Subs: O'Hara (for Sunley), Pearson (for Veart).

Hyde: Scargill 8, Gallagher 7, Annan 6, Wilson 7, Garton 8, Lambert 7, Kimmins 6, Owen 7, James 9, Varden 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Brockie 7 (for Kimmins), Snape 6 (for Varden). Ref: Paul Bennett (Bradford).