

Magpies shot by Lethal Lutel

HYDE returned to winning ways on Tuesday with a stunning 5-1 demolition of Chorley - and this despite falling behind to a controversial goal.

The victory made it seven points from the last nine, giving the side a boost as they prepare for a tough trip to Spennymoor on Saturday.

Throughout the game, Mike McKenzie's men were quicker by far than the beleaguered Magpies, and the travelling fans soon forgot the horrendous journey they had endured because of traffic problems.

However, it was Chorley who caused an early scare, a curling shot from Potts hitting the post with Jon Scargill beaten.

Shaken, the Tigers quickly responded, and a Lutel James shot tested former Ewen Fields keeper Simon Marsh. Marsh again foiled Hyde when he saved a David Nolan header.

Chance after chance fell to the Tigers. Ged Kimmins was put through by Val Owen, but his shot went wide. Nolan, James and Owen all had chances which were squandered, and Hyde were made to rue those misses when, totally against the run of play, the Magpies stole the lead.

A clearance was handled by Cain, but referee Wright Shaw waved play on and, with the Tigers failing to clear their lines, Potts scored from close range.

Hyde United 5
Chorley 1

However, two minutes later, Hyde drew level when James jinked past Marsh and coolly slotted home.

Five minutes into the second period, they took the lead after a through ball from Nolan found James, who chipped the ball past the advancing Marsh. Two minutes after that, it was three, a Paul Vena cross finding the head of Nolan, who made no mistake.

The quicksilver James was not to be denied his hat-trick and, following a shot from Kimmins, he netted his third with great aplomb.

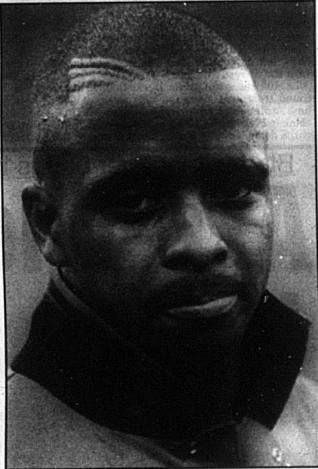
A 25-yard screamer from Val Owen rattled the bar as the hapless home defence wished, indeed looked, as though they were somewhere else.

McKenzie introduced Paul Snape and Vinnie Brockie, and it was Snape who scored the fifth. He latched onto a through ball from Owen, steadied himself, and slotted home.

Hyde: Scargill 8, Gallagher 8, Annan 8, Wilson 8, Garton 8, Lambert 8, Kimmins 8, Owen 8, Jamee 9, Varden 8, Nolan 8. Subs: Brockie (for Varden 6), Finley (for Garton 6), Snape (for Kimmins 6).

Chorley: Marsh, M. Jones, Critchley, Simms, Carrington, Allaroyce, Potts, Higginbotham, Cain, Stubbs, Ellison. Subs: Harold (for Ellison), Jones, Thorpe (for Carrington).

Ref: Wright Shaw (Blackburn).



HAT-TRICK HERO ... Lutel James