

Hyde horrify their fans

HYDE served up a horror display on Monday, that would have given Freddy Kruger a nightmare.

After a brilliant victory at Altrincham, two days earlier, the Tigers were unbelievably bad.

They played with all the discipline and composure of a pack of park players, and went out of their third cup competition in ten days (*David Jones writes*).

With no Billy Garton to keep them going, Hyde looked ragged; and, with all due respect to Salford, the team from the rugby league stronghold did not look a good one.

Glossop North End put three past them on Saturday, before committing soccer suicide and letting in five after the break. However, Salford certainly held terror for the tired Tigers, who were totally bereft of ideas.

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Ged Kimmins and Lutel James frequently opened up City, down the flanks, but the game called out for incisive runs through the middle.

Whenever the ball was worked inside, defenders funnelled back to pack the penalty box.

We all thought it was an inconvenience when Salford took a 20th-minute lead. After all hadn't Paul Varden and Dave Nolan missed sitters?

However, there was something about Phil Osborne's low left-footer, from inside the penalty area. Defenders were nowhere to be seen.

Nolan went close, ten minutes later, with a snap shot that was cleared off the line. However,

although the Tigers had more of the play, they seldom looked dangerous.

Vinnie Brockie pumped in a 20-yarder that Graham Bennett pushed over and, as the half wore on, the away keeper kept out shots from James and Nolan.

There was something in Hyde's disjointed attack that lacked confidence and, after 68 minutes, Osborne hit his second.

Hyde pulled one back, four minutes later, when Kimmins crashed home from close range and, for a time, they buzzed.

In the end, however, the Tigers got what they deserved - absolutely nothing.

Hyde: Scargill 5, Cox 5, Switzer 5, Wilson 5, Raffell 5, Brockie 5, Kimmins 5, Owen 5, James 6, Varden 5, Nolan 5. Subs: Simpson 5 for Brockie (61), Murray 5 for James (77), Annan.

Salford: Bennett, Lomas, McIntosh, Simpson, Taylor, Cameron, Lochlan, Oldbury, Osbourne, Wilcock, Hughes. Subs: Duran, Harrison.

Re: Owen Dyce (Moston).