

Dr Martin's League side give Hyde the boot

FA Cup fourth qualifying round	
Ilkeston Town	3
Hyde United	2

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A MARTIN Jones mistake helped Ilkeston reach the first round proper for the first time in 40 years on Saturday.

But Hyde's downfall wasn't all down to the recalled keeper.

Dr Martin's League outfit Town looked a good side, but the Tigers of old would have beaten them with ease.

Jones's howler came after 73 minutes with the scores locked at 2-2 with beleaguered Hyde hoping to hang on for the replay.

John Knapper's left cross looked innocuous enough but somehow it

slipped through Jones's hands and the ever-present Dean Fearon knocked it in.

Hyde, with nothing to lose, piled on the pressure with Lutel James and Ged Kimmins both screaming shots over the bar.

But Ilkeston's tight defence held out to leave Hyde's travelling army to dream of what could have been.

Hyde never looked as dangerous as Town but they might have scored after just 20 seconds if James hadn't ended a right wing surge, sending his shot into Malcolm Rigby's hands.

As it turned out that was Hyde's only chance for the next 10 minutes as Town's powerful, free-running attack pounded their defence.

Shots flew high and wide, Gus Wilson blocked a goalbound stinger and Jones saved a Darren Ball piledriver.

The all-out pressure told in the 15th minute when Jones fisted out a Paul Eshelby corner and Garry Middleton on the edge of the penalty area headed in.

Struggling Hyde failed to make an impression against solid defending and almost went two down when Ball inexplicably headed over from under the bar.

Hyde almost scored two minutes from the break when a Jason Gallagher shot clipped a defender's heel and just squirmed past the post.

But they grabbed the equaliser against the run of play a minute later when Rigby was judged to have pushed Paul Snape and Dave Nolan blasted home from the spot.

Hyde incredibly snatched the lead two minutes into the second half when Val Owen raced onto a loose ball to blast the back of the net

from 10 yards out. Ilkeston were stunned but another defensive mistake gifted them a 53rd minute equaliser.

An Eshelby corner soared past defenders and there was full back Fearon waiting to bundle it home.

Twenty minutes later he was to get the decider and Hyde were back on the road with nothing.

On the day Hyde just didn't have the craft to carve out openings and the defensive capabilities to keep the opposition out.

Ilkeston: Rigby, Fearon, Ludlum, Middleton, Law, Knapper, Eshelby, Robinson, Carmichael, Moore, Ball. Subs. Huckerby, Simpson, Thompson.

Hyde: Jones 5, Gallagher 7, Switzer 8, Wilson 6, Raffell 6, Lambert 6, Kimmins 6, Owen 6, James 6, Snape 6, Nolan 7. Subs. Varden 5 (for Snape 74), Annan 5 (for Switzer 83), Murray 5 (for James 86) Ref. Mr P. Dowd (Biddulph).