

# Tigers pay price for misses

HYDE could not complain too much about this result. They created lots of chances, but failed to put them away.

In fact, the Tigers had an escape on five minutes, when Bishops were awarded a penalty. However, Nicky Peverell fired wide.

The incident came about when Martin Jones let Andy McKenna's shot slip through his legs. Garton held back Ellison as he tried to finish, and got away with a booking.

Paul Snape had two early chances saved by Simon Bishop; who smothered the first from close range, and then kept out a back-post header.

A double defensive mistake by Gus Wilson, who was having a nightmare, gave Peverell a simple tap-in on 28 minutes.

The Hyde defender tried to clear, but ballooned the ball up into the air. Wilson got his head to it, only to send it into the path of Peverell, who could not miss.

Colin Lambert equalised with a strong header from a Richard Annan corner, after 35 minutes, but Hyde finished the half strongly. They forced

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three successive corners and Bishop made a fine diving save.

After the break, the Tigers were looking dangerous, with Snape and Lutel James causing problems. These two were then pulled off, but their replacements, Paul Varden and Vinny Brockie, were much less effective.

Garton had a header knocked over the bar by George Adams. McKenna spun well, but his shot took a deflection off a defender to go inches wide.

Lee Ellison gave Bishops their 81st minute winner after great work by man of the match McKenna, who headed across bravely under a strong challenge. All Ellison had to do was run in and nod past Martin Jones.

Bishop Auckland: Bishop, Taylor, Lynch, Weller, Osborne, Adams, McKenna, Bayles, Peverell, Ellison, Lee. Subs: Watson (for Waller), Banks (for Lee).

Hyde: Jones 6, Gallagher 7, Annan 8, Wilson 5, Garton 6, Lambert 8, Kimmins 7, Owen 7, James 8, Snape 7, Nolan 6. Subs: Brockie 5 (for James), Varden 6 (for Snape).

Ref: Peter Kelly (Billingham).