

# Tigers in no mood for mercy

WHEN Hyde beat Lancaster 4-1, in August, the score was rather flattering - but there was nothing flattering about Saturday's scoreline.

City officials were probably relieved it was not more convincing. Right from the start, the Tigers threw everything into attack, and it was only keeper Shaw that saved the visitors from a much heavier defeat.

After 13 minutes, Lutel James smashed a brilliant through ball over the advancing Thornley, only to see it crash off the bar. Moments later, the ever-prominent Richard Annan fired a tapped free kick inches wide.

Lancaster had clearly come for the draw, and their tactic of playing five men across the back flustered Hyde at the start.

However, the Tigers showed a taste of what lay ahead when Thornley had to dive back to tip a James header over the bar. Ged Kimmins then hooked a left-footer wide.

Goals had to come and, five minutes from the break, Dave Nolan almost bent double to head home a pin-point Paul Snape cross.

A minute into the second half, Hyde were looking at the next round when Annan threaded home a

Hyde Utd.....4  
Lancaster .....0

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hard low shot from 20 yards.

Lancaster had no option other than to come out of defence, but that only served to give the Tigers more openings.

Their fast, fluid attack tore into the visitors, and Kimmins made it 3-0 on the hour when he jinked his way into the area and drilled home a low shot.

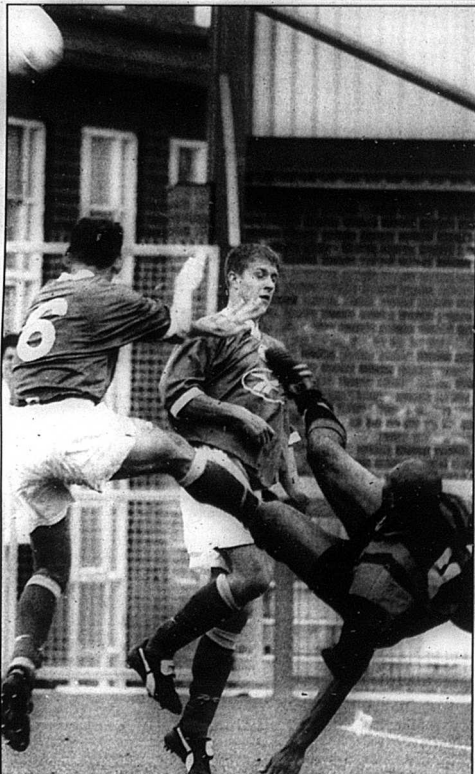
Lancaster's goal, on 70 minutes, had more than a shade of luck. Jimmy Graham centred from the right, and Dave Lancaster's header went past the stranded Martin Jones and a surprised Billy Garton.

Five minutes later, it was 4-1 when Snape picked up a perfect. Kimmins pass to fire past Thornley.

For the next 15 minutes it was all Hyde, and Thornley had to pull off one flying save after another.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Annan 7, Wilson 8, Garton 7, Lambert 7, Kimmins 8, Owen 8, James 9, Snape 8, Nolan 8. Subs: Shaw 7 for Gallagher (78), Vardon 6 for Snape (80), Brookie 6 for Lambert (80).

Lancaster: Booth, Craven, Graham, Phillips, Jones, Finnsy, Boyd, Martin, Worthington, Dobie, Dring. Subs: Leitch for Dring (34), Lancaster for Leitch (45), Creed. Ref. G. Turner (Chersterfield).



SCISSORS ... Colim Lambert tries an overhead kick as the Tigers mount another attack. Picture: Jayne Emsley.