

Nolan makes difference

LUTEL JAMES was sensationally sent off on Monday, as a match that had constantly simmered, threatened to boil over.

He was shown the red card, deep into the second half, after an incident in which Neil Lacey was dismissed for a second bookable offence.

Several players were involved in a rumpus on the edge of the Emley area, but fans close to the trouble claimed James was innocent.

Doncaster referee Bryan Lowe tried to stamp his authority on the game with a spate of early bookings, mainly for Emley players. However, he seemed to lose control, soon after the break, when the game became hotly contested and physical.

Apart from the odd flash of brilliance, this match was not particularly exciting, but Hyde did what they had to. They stuck it out, defended strongly, looked for openings, and finally ground down the opposition.

Paul Snape again looked sharp, against a defence that gave him little room, and showed he had the flair and finishing to get the goals.

The lone strike came after 36 minutes. Richard Annan sent over a corner, and Dave Nolan out-jumped static defenders to head powerfully past former Derbyshire wicketkeeper Chris Marples.

Nolan had been the most attack minded player up to then, hooking over from 15 yards, and just losing a race with the keeper.

Hyde United	1
Emley	0

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The Yorkshiremen looked strong on the break and, after 15 minutes, Glyn Hurst pumped in a dipping shot that Martin Jones was happy to punch to safety.

With defences on top, the game became gridlocked in midfield, and neither keeper saw much action.

Former Manchester United striker Deiniol Graham was well shackled by Steve Raffel, while tricky winger Michael Reynolds looked good, but lacked support.

Hyde mounted a series of slick, defence-splitting moves, late in the game, with Annan supporting the attack well. They could have increased their lead in a purple patch during which Colin Lambert shot against the bar, and Ged Kimmins had a low angled shot smothered.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Annan 7, Wilson 8, Raffel 7, Lambert 7, Kimmins 7, Owen 7, James 7, Snape 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Varden, Brockie, Shaw.

Emley: Marples, Nicholson, S.Jones, Thompson, Lacey, David, Banks, Hurst, Graham, Wilson, Reynolds. Subs: Calcutt for Hurst (79), Tunks for Wilson (79), Woods.

Referee: Bryan Lowe, Doncaster.