

Annan screamer clinches points

HYDE moved up the Uni-Bond premier division table with a solid performance at Canal Street, on Saturday.

On a difficult surface, the Tigers started brightly, and Ged Kimmins missed a glorious chance on ten minutes, firing wide when he really should have scored.

Dave Nolan then fired in a shot which keeper Morris had to tip over the bar.

The home side came into the game as the half wore on, and Liam Watson wasted a very good chance.

For the Tigers, Paul Snape powered a shot narrowly wide, however he caused plenty of problems.

Hyde scored their vital goal on the stroke of half time, when Richard Annan smashed a 30-yard bullet-

Runcorn	0
Hyde Utd	1

like free kick to the keeper's left. As Kimmins later commented: "It was smoking. No goalie would have saved that."

As expected, Runcorn increased the pressure in the second half, although Kimmins had another good chance. Unfortunately, he put it high and wide.

The Tigers stood firm as Runcorn upped the tempo. Watson shot wide, and Jeff Parker headed over. However, Gus Wilson and the defence kept them at bay.

Hyde: Jones 8, Gallagher 8, Annan 8, Wilson 9, Garton 8, Lambert 7, Kimmins 7, Owen 7, James 7, Snape 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Varden for Snape (87), Brockie, Donnelly.