

Snape looks one to watch

LEAGUE scouts were at Ewen Fields in their usual numbers on Monday, to watch Hyde's established stars, but it was an American import that stole the show.

The representatives of Huddersfield, Sheffield United, Oldham and Lincoln could not have helped but be impressed by Paul Snape.

The ex-Liverpool junior, snapped up from collegiate football in the USA, capped a great game by scoring.

It was a night when the Tigers enjoy 90 per cent of possession against a tough Trinity team. They always had more of the running, but it took 33 minutes for Ged Kimmins to open the scoring.

On the edge of the area, and with defenders backing off, he brought the ball down beautifully before drilling a low shot through a forest of legs past former Stalybridge and Watford keeper Steve Sherwood.

With the referee about to blow for half time, Kimmins missed a sitter when he fired over the bar from less than ten yards.

However, he made up for it, two minutes after the break, when he squared a low ball from the right, and James tucked it past the advancing keeper.

Free-running Hyde piled on the pressure with a series of fluent moves that

Hyde United 4
Gainsborough 1

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pushed back Trinity; and the Tigers made it 3-0 after 52 minutes, when Dave Nolan scored from the spot, after Kimmins had been brought down as he powered into the box.

The Tigers were firing on all cylinders, with Owen dipping one over the bar and James having a shot blocked.

However, after 69 minutes, a Steve Circuit cross hit Jason Gallagher's hand, and substitute Grant Morrow blasted home from the penalty spot.

For a time, Gainsborough piled on the pressure and, in the space of 60 seconds, two shots were blocked on the line.

However, Hyde kept their cool and, with two minutes left, a James piledriver crashed off the bar.

Snape raced in and, as defenders frantically tried to cover, he squeezed a rising shot between Sherwood and the post to crown a dream debut.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Annan 7, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Lambert 7, Kimmins 8, Owen 8, James 9, Snape 8, Nolan 7. Subs: Varden, Shaw, Donnelly.

Gainsborough: Sherwood, James, Lee, Ogley, Timmons, Ellender, Brown, Circuit, Maxwell, Riley, Limbar. Subs: Morrow for Riley (59), Dennis for Lee (46), Price.

Ref: Peter Harrison (Northwich).