

# Score flatters quiet Tigers

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*Hyde Utd*..... 1  
*Marine* ..... 1

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MARINE rocked Hyde with an injury-time strike on Saturday, but the Tigers could have no complaints.

The Tigers' goal had led a charmed life for the last ten minutes, as the visitors went for broke. However, a combination of poor finishing and resolute defending had seemed certain to give Hyde the points.

Then, two minutes into stoppage time, Marine made a last-ditch attack, and Mark Nulty out-jumped a packed defence to nod home.

In truth, the Tigers had always had problems with a rock-solid Marine defence that funnelled back at the first sign of danger.

Without Lutel James - out with a hamstring injury - no one showed the speed and flair necessary to create chances.

Ged Kimmins really should have doubled Hyde's account early in the second half, when he broke down the middle, but keeper Kevin O'Brien narrowed the angle, and Kimmins' shot cannoned off his legs.

James' place in attack was taken by the promising Tommy Murray, and it was the bustling striker that hit a wonder goal after 25 minutes.

Kimmins ended a surge down the right with an inch-perfect cross, and Murray thundered it home on the valley.

Until then, chances had been shared. John Morgan had tested Martin Jones, and Jimmy Blackhurst had powered a shot at the ex-Tranmere man.

Colin Lambert went close, Murray threw himself at crosses in vain, and a David Nolan header was swooped on by O'Brien.

In the main, defences were on top. Neither attack was able to create much against tackles best described as full blooded.

However, Marine looked the better side after the break and, as the game wore on, started to control midfield. However, as with Hyde, most of their efforts were long-range shots, easily snapped up.

Fans held the breath as the minutes ticked away. A win against workman-like Marine looked on, but up popped Nulty.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Annan 7, Wilson 8, Garton 7, Lambert 7, Kimmins 7, Owen 7, Murray 8, Brockie 7, Nolan 7. Subs. Smith 6 for Murray (80), Raffell, Donnelly.

Marine: O'Brien, Nulty, Proctor, Rodwell, Draper, Gautrey, Doolan, Carberry, Morgan, Blackhurst, Baines. Subs. Cavanagh for Morgan (69), Kier for Baines (86), Moss.

Ref. Carl Dunn (Stoke).