

# Tigers put opening-day traumas behind them

THE Tigers returned to Ewen Fields on Monday, with one of the quickest goals ever scored there.

Within 18 seconds, Hyde ripped through, and Dave Nolan beat Mark Thornley. The shot hit the post, but Nolan netted the rebound (writes David Jones).

The Tigers pushed back their rattled opponents and, on 26 minutes, Lutel James squeezed a shot under Thornley.

However, City gradually got their act together and, at times, threatened to take control of mid-field.

Mark Dobie shook off his marker before clipping in a cracker that produced a flying save from Martin Jones.

After the break, they looked stronger; and, in the space of five minutes, a Charlie Boyd thunderbolt dipped over the bar, and Dean

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**Hyde United.....4**  
**Lancaster City.....1**

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Martin shot wide of an open goal.

Then, a Dave Lancaster header beat Jones only for Richard Annan to clear off the line.

Hyde needed another goal to calm the nerves and, on 70 minutes, Colin Lambert sent Val Owen away. Thornley sprinted 40

yards to clear, but Owen slipped the ball past him and walked it home.

Lancaster suffered a blow four minutes later, when Martin was sent off for a second booking.

Wanting more, Hyde surged forward and, with eight minutes left, James crowned a sweeping run by cutting into the area and cracking in a superb shot.

To their credit, Lancaster kept

going and, a minute later, grabbed a goal when a low 20-yard free kick from Peter Craven squirmed out of Jones' grasp.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Annan 8, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Lambert 7, Kimmins 7, Owen 8, James 9, Varden 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Murray 6 for Varden (77), Brockie 6 for Nolan (79), Smith for Kimmins (90).

Lancaster: Thornley, Craven, Graham, Bairstow, Jones, Flannery, Boyd, Martin, Lancaster, Dobie, Worthington. Subs: Hartley, Dring, Cheal.

Referee: Andrew Oldham (Poulton).