

Cool Nolan spoils Trinity party

HYDE ended their season with a flourish on Saturday, spoiling Gainsborough's party in the process.

Before the match, Trinity had paraded the UniBond League Challenge Cup which they had won the previous Tuesday, with an extra-time defeat of Lincolnshire neighbours Boston United.

On Saturday, however, thanks to a David Nolan spot kick, it was the Tigers who took the honours, to wrap up the 1996/97 season on a winning note.

Mike McKenzie's men provided a confident performance, taking third place in the UniBond premier division by keeping their fifth clean sheet out of their final six games of the campaign.

Gainsborough started brightly enough, with Jason Maxwell testing Martin Jones; and, although the Ewen Fields side had plenty of possession early on, they failed to test the home defence, with the dominant Paul Ellender

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standing firm.

However, as half time approached, Ged Kimmins and Lutel James had efforts saved by Gary Ingham, and the impressive Jake Leberl had two headers on goal. Again, however, the rock-like Ingham refused to concede an inch of territory.

The Tigers began the second period well, Val Owen putting a header just off target. The lively James provided a cross for Kimmins, who put his shot just wide.

At the other end, Leberl cleared off the line following good work by both Circuit and Maxwell.

Then, dangerman James again teased the

home defenders, and a fizzing cross provided a chance for Nolan to flash a header just wide of the target.

Hyde then had what seemed a blatant penalty turned down.

A defender clearly appeared to try to remove the shirt from Nolan's back, but Cleveland official Garry Reynolds paid no attention. No matter, the flame-haired midfielder was soon in the action again.

He was impeded in the box and, on this occasion, referee Reynolds showed no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Despite two recent misses, Nolan gladly accepted the responsibility; and blasted home the spot kick with great aplomb, with just nine minutes to go.

Gainsborough: Ingham, James, Taylor, Riley, Davies, Ellender, Morrow, Circuit, Maxwell, Matthews, Smith. Subs: Beech, Bailey, Dempsey.

Hyde: Jones 8, Leberl 8, Switzer 8, Wilson 8, Reid 8, Brockie 7, Kimmins 7, Owen 8, James 9, Jones 7, Nolan 8. Subs: Moncrieffe, Donnelly 7 for Brockie (63), Murray 7 for Jones (73).

Ref: Garry Reynolds (Middlesbrough).