

Prince puts Hyde in charge

Colwyn Bay.....1
Hyde Utd.....3

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HYDE took a prince to Wales on Saturday, and he helped them plunder three points from the Welsh.

Nineteen minutes into a match in which little was at stake, Richie Roberts blocked a blast from the onrushing Val Owen, and Prince Moncrieffe lashed the ball into an empty net.

That goal came after solid Tigers' pressure that could have brought two in the first ten minutes.

The game had hardly started when lethal Lutel James forced Roberts into a flying fingertip save.

Seven minutes later, James was brought down as he cut into the box, but Dave Nolan's spot kick was too close to the keeper and, although the ball almost squirmed out of Roberts' grasp, he managed to hold on.

Moncrieffe's opener seemed certain to open the floodgates, but Bay bounced back.

Just before the half-hour, the much travelled Craig Dulson beat Martin Jones with an angled shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Hyde hit back and, within minutes, Vinnie Brockie had crashed one off the post with Roberts nowhere.

Then it was Bay's turn as Jason Gallagher, trying to clear, smashed one against his own woodwork.

Roared on by the Red Army, the Tigers forced back the Welshmen and, after 61 minutes, Jake Leberl showed his attacking flair by heading a crisp cross from Brockie into the net.

The happy Hyde fans swore a Brockie shot had crossed the line, minutes later, but the referee waved play on.

Colwyn looked a better side when Gareth Drury came on, and his powerful runs upset defenders. However, the Tigers' rearguard was as tough as ever, and little got through to test Jones.

With ten minutes left, Hyde made the scoreline more impressive when Ged Kimmins mis-hit a James cross, and the ball ran to Nolan, who rammed it home from a handful of yards.

Colwyn: R.Roberts, Rigby, Mann, McCosh, Caton, Graham, Fuller, G.Roberts, Dulson, Donnelly, Lawton. Sub: Harley for Donnelly (37), Brett for Mann (68), Drury for R.Roberts (48).

Hyde: M.Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Leberl 7, Wilson 7, Reid 7, Brockie 7, Kimmins 6, Owen 8, James 7, Moncrieffe 6, Nolan 7. Subs: S.Jones 6 for Moncrieffe (75), Donnelly for Owen (88), Murray for James (30).

Ref. David Horlick (Liverpool).