

Strugglers thwart weary cup heroes

AFTER the heroics of Saturday afternoon, Hyde fell back to earth on Monday night.

Tired legs, and a Lancaster side who seemed keener to win, combined to make it a long struggle for the Tigers.

Hyde had a couple of openings, in the first half. A square ball from Ged Kimmins, on 20 minutes, set up Dave Nolan, whose shot almost squirmed out of Andy Newell's grasp.

Five minutes later, a Vinnie Brockie free kick from the edge of the penalty area was tipped over the bar.

Lancaster had plenty of the play, but lone striker Peter Borrowdale got little change from Billy Garton and Gus Wilson.

Goalkeeper Martin Jones, back after injury, also had little to do. Dis-jointed moves, especial-

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ly from the Tigers, broke down before they became dangerous.

Hyde's fans' cheers died in their throats when a goalbound Val Owen header drifted off the far post. Nolan smashed one into the side netting.

Unfortunately, the Tigers had left their energy and their flair at Northwich Victoria. After a hard season, they looked laboured.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Leberl 7, Wilson 8, Garton 8, Brockie 7, Kimmins 8, Owen 7, James 8, Jones 8, Nolan 8. Subs: Moncreiffe 6 for Jones (87), Donnelly 6 for Brockie (73), Reid for Kimmins (90).

Lancaster: Newell, Craven, Flannery, Key, N. Jones, Hartley, Trainor, Lodge, Borrowdale, Dobie, Graham. Subs: Stimpson, Armstrong, Diggle.

Ref: Joe Copeland (Wallasey).