

Tigers sustain a knockout blow

HYDE'S title hopes were surely destroyed in this game on Wednesday last week, when they were well beaten after making a good start.

Ged Kimmins was twice unlucky, chasing over-hit early through balls; and home keeper Simon Bishop escaped a couple of fumbles before Bishops took control.

David Bayles forced two saves from Ademole Bankole, and Michael Parkinson tortured Darren Pybus with his skill and pace. Following a free kick against Pybus, for one of several fouls on Parkinson, Chris Lynch lofted in the free kick for Bayles to head home powerfully Bishops into the lead on 38 minutes.

Nicky Peverill made it 2-0 after 44 minutes, when his first effort rebounded off Bankole's chest, and fell back to the striker for a

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neat finish under the keeper from a tight angle.

Bishop made a great reflex save from a Prince Moncrieffe snap shot before Bishops went 3-0 up on 57 minutes. Parkinson cut in from the right and crashed a brilliant shot into the roof of the net.

David Gallagher fired just wide of the Hyde post, but Auckland rode their luck when Bishop misjudged a dropping ball, which Moncrieffe pounced on, but spooned over the bar.

Bishops: Bishop, Gray, Taylor, McKinlay, Lobb, Lynch, Parkinson, Bayles, Peverill, Ellison, Gallagher. Sub: Scaife Jnr for McKinlay (47). Driscoll, Scaife Snr.

Hyde: Bankole 6, Leberl 5, Pybus 4, Wilson 7, Reid 6, Henshaw 5, Kimmins 8, Owen 6, Jones 7, Carroll 6, Nolan 5. Sub: Varden 6 for Jones (72), Moncrieffe 5 for Carroll (44), Garton.

Ref: Gary Brittain (Doncaster).