

Val returns to light Hyde's touchpaper



ACTION MAN ... Val Owen (left). Picture: Tim Holt

HYDE had Spennymoor spellbound on Saturday, winning every bit as convincingly as the scorelines suggests. Almost back to full strength, they turned their visitors inside out.

Right from the whistle, the Tigers stunned Spennymoor with slick moves that had defenders at sixes and sevens; and Val Owen, back after suspension, was the linchpin of the team.

Hyde should have been three up in the first ten minutes, but had to settle for one.

In the opening seconds, a lovely though ball found Steve Jones in the six-yard box with the goal at his mercy, but his weak shot was easily saved.

Then, a quick raid ended with a low cross that Tony Carroll missed completely.

But a goal had to come and, after seven minutes, Lutel James set off after a Carroll cross. He slipped as Adrian Swan raced from his net, but picked himself up to slide the ball into an empty goal.

Seven minutes later, Owen - my man of the match - thudded home a 20-yard shot that ripped into the net.

Spennymoor might have got in on the act when they were awarded an indirect free kick in the home area. Graham Pepper played the ball to Mark Sunley, but Sunley's full-blooded shot was blocked on the line by Dave Nolan.

Nolan, playing his 300th game for the Tigers, was in the thick of things; and was part of the move that led to

**Hyde Utd.....4
Spennymoor.....0**

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Carroll lashing home another great goal on 20 minutes.

Hyde continued to produce razor-sharp moves and, seconds after the break, Jones amazingly sliced wide of an open goal. However, with 50 minutes



CARROLL: two goals

gone, Carroll popped up in the goalmouth to push the ball past Swan.

Full of ideas, the Tigers continued to dominate. A Jones cross skimmed the bar, Swan saved a Carroll cracker with his legs; and

Paul Varden, back after a long injury lay-off, also went close.

Hyde: Bankole 7, Gallagher 7, Lebert 7, Wilson 7, Reid 7, Hemshaw 7, Jones 7, Owen 9, James 8, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Varden 7 for Jones (67), Brockie 7 for Hemshaw (76), Manchester 7 for Carroll (83).

Spennymoor: Swan, O'Hara, Veart, Todd, Paxton, Watson, Alderson, Pepper, Sunley, Robson, Cowell, Sibley, Purvis for Alderson (51), Wharton for Cowell (51), Raitt for Sunley (72).

Ref: Graham Clay (Gainsborough).