

# New boys to fore as Hyde march on

LOAN star Steve Jones became an instant favourite with the Ewen Fields fans on Monday.

The Bury striker may have failed to score, but he led the second half rout that kept Hyde in the title race, reducing Leek's lead to seven points.

Alfreton, fighting to stave off relegation, had clearly come for a point. They slung five men across the back and invited the Tigers to come at them - which is just what they did.

However, in the early stages, free-flowing Hyde had trouble breaking down their visitors, and it took them 19 minutes to open the scoring.

Jones, bustling into the box, was bundled off the ball by Andy Glenister; and Dave Nolan as usual slammed home the spot kick.

Minutes later, Tony Carroll swivelled on the edge of the box to slam a shot inches over the bar. Ged Kimmins also went close, and Billy Garton scraped the bar with one header, before see-

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ing another cleared off the line by a defender.

Phil Yeoman was in the thick of things, saving a Nolan shot with his legs, and being in the right place as Jones met the rebound.

However, seconds before the break, an Alfreton break ended with Chris Parkins missing a sitter.

Working down the right, Jones constantly opened up Town in the second half, but the Derbyshire side still posed problems and, after 50 minutes, Darren Schofield crashed one off the bar.

They hung on until the 70th minute, when Nolan slotted his second from close range, thanks to a Kimmins pass.

Three minutes later, after yet another right-wing raid, Jones punched a short pass inside, and several shots were blocked before Jake Leberl blasted home.

Matt Warren lost the ball to Kimmins, a minute later, and the England man ran 40 yards before hitting a shot over the advancing keeper.

The Tigers kept up the pressure and, with six minutes to go, Lutel James - who had come on 60 seconds earlier - slotted home a low shot.

Hyde: Edgington 7, Leberl 8, Pybus 7, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 8, Owen 7, Jones 9, Carroll 7, Nolan 8.  
Subs: Camilleri 6 for Henshaw (78), James 7 for Carroll (83), Reid 6 for Garton (83).

Alfreton: Yeomans, Glenister, Schofield, Pickering, Warren, Rigg, Weston, England, Stafford, Parkins, Dick. Subs: Dawes for England (75), Stew, Frain.

Ref: Peter Harrison (Northwich).



**JAMES: first touch**