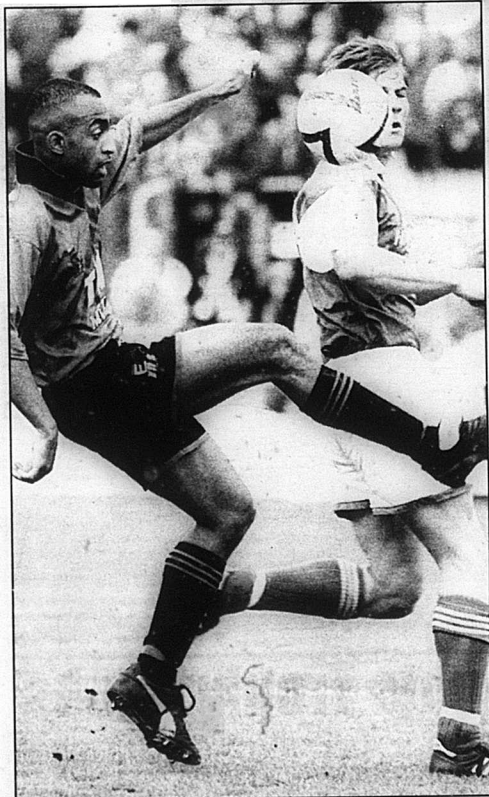


# Rovers escape from Tigers' lair



**DOUBLE DEAL ...** Tigers midfield man Val Owen scored in both games against Bromsgrove Rovers, but neither strike was enough to give the Ewen Fields side victory.

Picture: Jon Snape

**GED KIMMINS** crashed two 25-yard crackers off the bar in the last few minutes of extra time on Monday, but ten-man Bromsgrove Rovers held out to fight another day.

Hyde terrified the Conference side throughout the second half, and bombarded their goal for the 30 minutes of extra time – and the reason for that dominance was down to one man.

England cap Kimmins shrugged off the injury that ruled him out of Saturday's match, and gave Rovers a roasting.

A Tigers victory looked certain when Adrian Smith was sent off in only the second minute of extra time, for his second bookable offence.

The teams were locked at 2-2; but Hyde, thanks to dominance and the extra man, looked certs to kick out the Conference lads. And they should have done it. On top of the game all night, they were strong at the back and creative in attack.

Bromsgrove got off to a disastrous start, having striker John Hunt taken to hospital after only two minutes. A broken leg was feared, but tests later showed Hunt has suffered damage to knee ligaments.

The Tigers showed up better in a first period which was adversely affected by a bitterly cold wind which blew strongly around the ground.

Free-flowing, and packing a punch, they created most of the chances; but keeper Chris Taylor kept them out.

Hyde went into a 59th-minute lead when Val Owen turned on the edge of the penalty area to sweep home a lovely left-foot shot.

But, four minutes later, a mix-up between Martin Jones and Gus Wilson allowed Steve Taylor to latch onto a loose ball and send it trickling over the line off the post.

It was a bitter blow, but the Tigers kept on going and, on 73 minutes, a move orchestrated by Garry Henshaw and Kimmins opened

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the Rovers defence, and a perfectly flighted ball into the goalmouth was crashed into the net by David Nolan.

With Owen superb, Hyde



**NOLAN: second goal**

took the game to Bromsgrove but, with six minutes left, it was gift day again.

Andy Reid, who had played his heart out, failed to clear; and Mark Crisp's cross fell to Jon Nesbitt, whose glancing near-post header beat Jones.

Hyde: Jones 6, Gallagher 8, Pybus 7, Wilson 7, Reid 7, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 9, Owen 8, James 7, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Brookie 6 for Henshaw (105); Donnelly, Moorcliffe.

Bromsgrove: C.Taylor, Skelding, Gardner, Smith, Wardle, Clarke, Peters, Crisp, S.Taylor, Hunt, Groucott. Subs: Nesbitt for Hunt (2), Trowman for Groucott (75), White for Peters (90).

Ref: Mike Reed (Birmingham).