

Ged's absence dulls firepower

VAL OWEN put a patched-up Tigers team within a whisker of victory on Saturday; but quick, slick Rovers bounced back with a morale shattering equaliser, seven minutes from time.

To be brutally honest, Bromsgrove should have settled the tie at the first time of asking. On occasion, they were yards faster than a Hyde team racked with injuries.

And the absence of Ged Kimmins, because of a hamstring injury, left the Tigers without the firepower to trouble a well-drilled outfit whose form belied their lowly Conference position.

It resulted in a chase for long balls; with Prince Moncrieffe, Lutel James and Tony Carroll rarely having the clout to trouble the home side.

Most of the chances fell to Rovers, with bustling Andy Mainwaring a constant threat. Only a dogged display by Andy Reid and Co. kept them out until the last few minutes.

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The goals did not come, Hyde took heart and, suddenly, Carroll pushed a pass into the goalmouth for Moncrieffe to hit wide, and Owen was powering a shot over the bar.

Bromsgrove turned the screw in the second half and, in the first minute, Garry Henshaw was heading a Steve Taylor off the line.

However, frustration crept into their play when the goals failed to come, and the tide began to flow Hyde's way.

After a delightful piece of ball juggling, Moncrieffe fired wide of the post. Then, with 73 min-

utes gone, Dave Nolan helped a long ball on to Owen.

The midfielder deftly headed down, and the ball around the keeper and into the area before clipping a low, angled shot, through defenders and into the net.

Minutes later, a ground-zipping shot from Carroll was turned for a corner by a full-stretch Chris Taylor.

Rattled Rovers seemed down and out, but they got the goal they deserved on 83 minutes.

Adrian Smith sent in a corner. Jones, in two minds, came off his line, then went back; and Taylor rose like a rocket to hammer home a header.

Bromsgrove: Taylor, White, Gardner, Smith, Wardle, Skelding, Taylor, Crisp, Mainwaring, Hunt, Peters. Subs: Troorman, Nesbitt, Talbot.

Hyde: Jones 6, Gallagher 5, Pybus 7, Wilson 7, Reid 7, Henshaw 7, Moncrieffe 5, Owen 8, James 5, Carroll 5, Nolan 7. Subs: Donnelly, Brockie, Camilleri.

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