

# Ged stakes claim for more caps

GED KIMMINS staked a claim for more England caps, on Saturday, with a blistering solo performance.

He cracked a superb hat-trick, and produced an all-round display that left resurgent Bamber Bridge utterly demoralised.

Until Kimmins got to work, Bamber were proving a handful; but, three goals in two minutes, on the stroke of half time, put Hyde in the driving seat; and gave them the ideal fillip for Saturday's F.A. Trophy clash at Bromsgrove.

Ex-Rochdale targetman Dave Lancaster; and Vickers, from Blackpool, both tested Martin Jones.

However, two minutes from the break, Tony Carroll picked up a pass on the edge of the area, and unleashed an unstoppable left-footer into the top corner.

Although those of us in the crowd were not to know it, two more goals were less than 90 sec-

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onds away, with Kimmins down for them both.

With a minute of normal time to go, Kimmins brought down a Lutel James cross and, shrugging off a defender, pushed it past the keeper as he raced to intercept.

Thirty seconds later, Bamber were again bamboozled as Kimmins drifted behind a sleeping defence on the right to collect a low cross which he steered past Stuart Barton.

Kimmins' third, on 58 minutes, was a shining example of why he is one of the most sought after players in the North West.

The excitement started when he picked up a

through ball, 50 yards from goal, and began a run in which he jinked past three defenders, and into the area.

Barton was in his way but, with a shrug of the shoulder, Kimmins was past him and pushing the ball into an empty net as Hyde's travelling fans went mad.

And the Tigers could have had more. James had at last three clear-cut chances, and Jason Gallagher tested Barton.

But, somehow, Bridge survived and, on 90 minutes, grabbed a consolation goal when Lancaster fired in from close range.

Bamber Bridge: Barton, Brown, Phoenix, Milligan, Burgess, Maddock, Spencer, Brennan, Lancaster, Vickers, Helme. Subs: Leitch for Spencer (59), Fairhurst for Milligan (70), Hill for Helme (82).

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 8, Donnelly 7, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Brockie 7, Kimmins 10, Owen 7, James 7, Carroll 8, Nolan 7. Subs: Moncrieffe 6 for Kimmins (73); Camilleri 7 for Brockie (74); Henshaw 6 for Carroll (81).

Ref. John Blackburn (Blackpool).