

Macca's men save their best till last

**Hyde Utd.....5
Frickley Ath1**

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HYDE fired a five-goal warning to their title rivals on Saturday, and they did so despite dogged resistance from the Colliers.

Struggling Frickley surprised the Tigers at times, and there were moments when the gulf between the sides was not as big as league positions suggested it ought to have been.

However, Hyde kept plugging away and, in the last 20 minutes, rewarded their fans with blistering attacks and brilliant goals.

Ironically, it was Frickley who opened the scoring, on three minutes, when Gary Hatto went down in the box. Hatto dragged himself up, dusted himself down, and scored a low penalty.

The Tigers struggled against the tough tackling pitmen but, nine minutes later, Ged Kimmins picked up a Tony Carroll cross and, in one sweet move, delicately lobbed the ball over Tommy Allen's head from just inside the box.

Hyde took a 24th-minute lead with another top-drawer goal, Vinnie Brockie scorching home a 30-yard shot.

Yet, Frickley had shown signs that they could soak up pressure and hit on the break, and they almost went a step further, early in the second half, when Scott Armstrong proved a handful on the right.

For a time, Frickley looked more likely to score, and fans held their breath when Jones dropped an innocuous cross which Armstrong pounced on to.

Fortunately, Jason Gallagher cleared off the line.

Then, suddenly, Carroll found his form and, in the space of two minutes, he

had powered in a 25-yarder which Allen tipped clear, and tested the keeper with a point-blank shot.

Gradually though, the home side's class shone through and, after 75 minutes, Kimmins powered in



CARROLL: spectacular

a shot from the angle of the area that scorched into the top corner.

Five minutes later, Carroll hit a spectacular 30-yarder that left the Frickley keeper grabbing air.

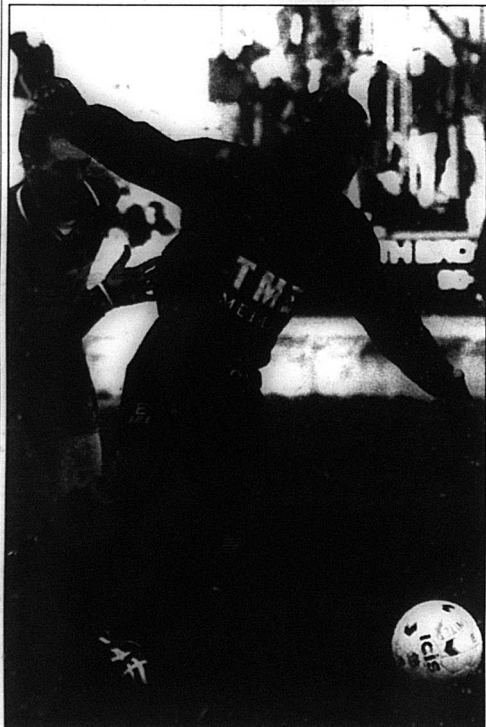
But, in many ways, the best goal was the last. With three minutes left, a move from defence ended with the ball clipped inside to Prince Moncrieffe.

In one delightful move, he controlled it on his chest, put it on to his foot, and scored.

Hyde: Jones 6, Gallagher 7, Cox 6, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Brockie 7, Kimmins 8, Owen 6, James 6, Carroll 7, Nolan 6. Subs: Donnelly 8 for Cox (8), Henshaw 7 for Brockie (76), Moncrieffe 7 for James (82).

Frickley: Allen, Stubbs, Hatto, Thompson, E Taylor, C Taylor, Armstrong, Fields, Lancaster, Thorpe, Dempsey. Subs: Kelly for Fields (82), Duffy for Lancaster (74), Yates for Dempsey (79).

Ref. Jim McGrath (Birkenhead).



TAKE-OFF ... Lutel James gives a quick Dambusters impression as he leaves Frickley defenders trailing in his wake. (D97.168). Picture: David Dent.