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first round*

A VAL OWEN sizzler sent Bedworth to sleep on Saturday and put Hyde on the road to Wembley. And, not only was the goal from the top drawer, it came at just the right time.

The second half was less than a minute old, and the score was 1-1, when Lutel James pushed over a cross for Owen to volley home from 20 yards.

It was a goal to savour, and one that devastated the Dr Martens League lads. It forced them to throw more men into attack, leaving gaps in defence.

There was not that much to choose between the sides in the first half, although the Tigers always looked poised to pounce.

Yet, on 16 minutes, home fans were silenced when Robbie Beard split the defence, and Jon Graham scored with a low shot.

To their credit, the Tigers kept their composure and, on the half-hour playaholic Dave Nolan found Ged Kimmins, who fired home the equaliser.

The turning point came when Martin Jones superbly kept out a header from Peter McBean. From then on Hyde dominated, and only a string of great saves from Wayne Starkey saved Bedworth from heavier defeat. Kimmins made it 3-1 on 50 minutes, when he raced down the left and drilled low inside the post.

Seconds later, the Tigers had a penalty after Kimmins was fouled, but Nolan was too casual with the kick and put it too high.

If Bedworth thought lady luck had smiled, they were wrong. Hyde mounted attack after attack.

Brockie brought a class save from Starkey, Nolan headed over, and Kimmins forced another fine stop.

But something had to give and, with 19 minutes left, James dragged the ball back before finding Tony Carroll, who blasted home.

Bedworth kept plugging away and, with ten minutes to go, they got on the score sheet when Andy Penny bundled in from a corner.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Cox 7, Wilson 7, Garton 8, Brockie 7, Kimmins 8, Owen 8, James 9, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Donnelly 6 for Nolan (85), Henshaw 6 for Brockie (77), Moncrieffe 6 for Carroll (77).

Bedworth: Starkey, Wileman, Platnauer, Corden, Williams, Penny, Titterton, McBean, Symonds, Graham, Beard. Subs: Warner for Wileman (88), Crowley, Holland.

Ref: Andy Hogg (Sheffield).