

Victory eludes Hyde at death



CHALLENGE ... the Boston game marked a return from injury for Billy Garton.

Picture: Tim Holt

A DISASTROUS injury time own goal ruined Hyde of two points on Saturday, but it could have been much worse as Boston mounted a big finish.

With 90 minutes up, the Tigers seemed certain to hang onto the points in a game in which fortunes fluctuated from the first whistle.

However, unknown to Hyde, the referee was about to add on five minutes of stoppage time.

And, midway through, disaster struck. A defensive blunder ended with Paul Cox - standing at the near post - back heading a Darren Munton cross over his own line.

Fans behind the goal claimed keeper Martin Jones had shouted "mine," but no matter whose fault it was, the goal stood.

And it could have been worse as Boston went for broke. Gary Smaller headed wide with only Jones to beat, and dangerman Leroy Chambers wasted another good chance.

Hyde had looked so dominant in the first half that there was only one team in it. Quick, decisive raids continually cut through the Pilgrims' defence and, with more luck and precision, the Tigers could have taken a 3-0 interval lead.

Prince Moncrieffe put a header just over the bar,

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and saw a low shot saved by Paul Bastock.

As it was, we had to settle for one. Ged Kimmins picked up a lovely through ball from Gary Henshaw to fire a shot in at the far post on 15 minutes.

Wave after wave of attacks should have brought more goals. Kimmins crashed a 30-yarder wide, and Moncrieffe again went close.

However, as a taste of what lay ahead, Phil Brown crashed an angled shot off the home woodwork.

Boston improved after the break, and equalised on 59 minutes when Steve Chambers beat Jones with a fierce shot from just inside the box.

The Pilgrims went at Hyde from all angles, but the Tigers weathered the storm and, after 77 minutes, Kimmins brilliantly cut down the right before threading a fierce low shot in at the far post from all of 25 yards.

Hyde: Jones 6, Gallagher 7, Cox 6, Wilson 7, Garton 8, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 8, Moncrieffe 7, Brockie 7, Carroll 6, Nolan 7. Subs: Donnelly, Camilleri, Megram.

Boston: Bastock, Brown, Withe, Fee, Hardy, S Chambers, L. Chambers, Appleby, Watts, Williams, Munton. Subs: Smaller for Williams (87), Cook for Watts (45) and Maddison.

Ref: Rob Pashley (Sheffield).