

Carroll shows killer touch

MIKE MCKENZIE'S muddy marvels did Hyde proud at the weekend. In streaming sleet, they played Runcorn off the park.

Winning at Canal Street is never easy. In fact, Saturday's triumph was the first McKenzie had experienced there as player or manager, but the Tigers were good value for a win that took them to second in the table. To look good on a pitch that was barely playable needed something extra, but Hyde had that quality in abundance.

The conditions made for a flurry of half-chances, early in the game, and they contributed to Runcorn's goal after ten minutes.

It was difficult to tell if Joey Dunn's effort from the left was a cross or a shot, but the wind made it dip over Martin Jones's head and into the far corner.

However, with 33 minutes gone, the Tigers were on level terms after Alan Finley pushed Ged Kimmins in the 18-yard box.

With penalty ace Dave Nolan on the subs' bench, the job fell to Vinny Brockie, whose powerful spot kick sent Mark Morris the wrong way.

Runcorn reacted with rapid fire action. Jones was suddenly keeping out a

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close-range power packet from Steve O'Shaughnessy, and turning a Dunn effort for a corner.

But, with the half almost over, Hyde hit back. Lutel James, who had been surprisingly quiet, cut through the mud to power in a 20-yard shot. Morris only half-held it, and Tony Carroll stabbed home.

Seconds later, the referee signalled half time and, seconds after the break, Joe Copeland was blowing again. A move started by Jason Gallagher ended with Brockie feeding Carroll with a lovely through ball, and Hyde's favourite fireman clipped it home.

After that there was no holding the Tigers. Carroll smashed one off the post, Kimmins hit one narrowly wide, and Nolan turned in the box to fire in a shot that Morris blocked.

Runcorn: Morris, O'Shaughnessy, Ashton, Callaghan, Finley, Ruffer, Whalley, Heavey, Dunn, Handles, Lees. Subs: Carragher, Finley (49), McClellan, Warder for Whalley (58).

Hyde: Jones & Gallagher & Cox 7, Wilson & Reid 9, Brockie & Kimmins 7, Owen 7, James 7, Carroll & Donnelly 7. Subs: Nolan 7 (for Donnelly 78), Henahaw and Camilleri. Ref: Joe Copeland (Wirral).

DOUBLE DEALER ... Tony Carroll, Hyde's two-goal hero

