

Carroll back on song

Hyde Utd.....2
Gainsborough....1

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PETROL problems on the motorway meant Trinity arrived 45 minutes late for Saturday's match, and they soon ran out of gas on the pitch, too

Hyde were eager to make their visitors pay for the 15-minute delay in kick-off, and it was not long before the action started.

Tony Carroll put a header narrowly wide, and Gary Ingham was forced to race out of his area to clear as Ged Kimmins chased a long ball.

However, it was Gainsborough who almost went into a shock lead when Steve Price pumped over a cross which the unmarked Greg Morrow inexplicably headed into Martin Jones' hands.

Defences tightened, and both sides began to rely on long-range shots to break the deadlock.

The Tigers made most of

the running, but fell away in the last third of the pitch. Their best chance was a dipping 20-yarder from Vinnie Brockie, which Ingham dropped but managed to scramble clear.

After the break, Hyde took control, and a Lutel James shot was turned for a corner as Ingham brilliantly performed contortions in mid-air to dive backwards.

Twice in a minute, Carroll sent shots thundering over the bar and, in one crazy incident, virtually every Hyde attacker had a stab at a ball that bounced around the box.

A goal simply had to come and, with 53 minutes gone on the watch, the mercurial James pulled back the ball

from the byline and his short pass was slotted in by Carroll.

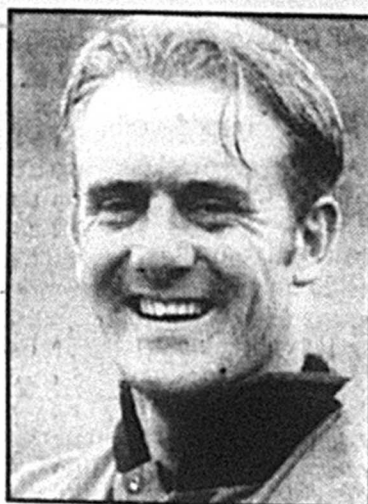
That strung Trinity, and Morrow beat Jones only to see his shot hit the bar. Later, Dave Nolan headed a John Stiles effort off the line.

Disaster struck in the 65th minute when Jones, diving at Paul Ellender's feet, was very harshly judged to have brought down the player. Morrow scored from the spot.

Another draw seemed certain, but Hyde kept one battling away and, with 11 minutes left, James eased past two defenders before slipping the ball sweetly past Ingham.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Reid 7, Brockie 7, Kimmins 7, Owen 7, James 8, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs. Esdaille 6 for Switzer (46), Henshaw 7 for Brockie (46), Moncrieffe.

Trinity: Ingham, Price, Smith, C. James, Timmons, Ellender, Morrow, Williams, Riley, Stiles, Tilly. Subs. Maxwell, Matthews, Nicholson.



CARROLL: single