

Tigers draw again

Spennymoor 1
Hyde Utd..... 1

HYDE'S run of draws continued on Tuesday. But, still hit by injuries and suspensions, they were unfortunate not to win.

Early on, chances were at a premium. Jason Ainsley provided the first effort, but Jones dealt with it comfortably.

The Tigers began to hustle and bustle their way into the action and, on the half-hour, Lutel James had the ball in the net only to see his effort disallowed.

Minutes later, he looked odds on to score when he chipped the keeper, but his shot trickled wide.

Jason Donnelly linked with James in a quality move to provide a chance for Val Owen, whose dipping shot flew just over the bar in the second period.

Spennymoor were becoming more and more frustrated, and a wild challenge by Lee Innes on Donnelly led to both players being booked in the ensuing melee, along with Jason Gallagher.

However, soon afterwards, the Tigers took the lead as a Donnelly free kick took a deflection and keeper Swan could only watch the ball nestle in the back of his net.

Ainsley provided their equaliser when he fired home a cross from Innes with just six minutes left.

Spennymoor: Swan, Pepper, Todd, Alderson, Saunders, Watson, Ainsley, Hunter, Elliott, Innes, Skedd. Subs: Cowell, O'Hara.

Hyde: Jones 7, Esdaille 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Gallagher 7, Donnelly 8, Kimmins 7, Owen 7, Jones 7, Moncrieffe 7, Nolan 8. Subs: Megram, Garton, Camilleri.

Ref: Garry Reynolds (Middlesbrough).