

Prince's goal is the only high

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A SUPERB goal from Prince Moncrieffe failed to lift the frustrations from Ewen Field on Monday. A defensive blunder gifted Marine a late equaliser, and Hyde's hard work was all for nothing.

The best feature of a game that failed to hit the heights was the form of Moncrieffe.

His first goal for the club was a cracker. Bursting through the middle from the halfway line, he drew the keeper before burying a beauty from the edge of the box.

Moncrieffe looked like adding to his 30th-minute strike as the Tigers opened up the Crosby side. He crashed one off the bar after an exciting run up the left, then saw a cracking low shot saved by Kevin O'Brien.

For most of the game, the Tigers' attack and midfield looked solid. Unfortunately, against a team like Marine, one goal is never enough.

Midway through the second half, Roly Howard's troops began moving forward and, sad to say, the inevitable happened.

A defensive mix-up in the 74th minute resulted in Paul McNally being home and alone three yards out, and he responded by hooking home a bouncing ball. And, had it not been for the brilliance of keeper Martin Jones, worse could have followed. Seconds later, he was diving to turn away a Rick Norris shot, and later blocked an Andy Draper piledriver.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Megram 7, Wilson 7, Reid 7, Brockie 7, Kimmins 7, Eadalle 7, James 7, Moncrieffe 8, Nolan 7. Subs: Donnelly 6 for Brockie (80), Cameron for Kimmins (88), Carroll.

Marine: O'Brien, Baines, Proctor, Cavanagh, Draper, Gautrey, Cowley, Norris, Brocklehurst, McNally, Renshaw. Subs: Moss for Cowley (72), King, McDonough.

Ref. Keith Scoffham (Tynemouth).