

Ged saves Tigers' blushes

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GED KIMMINS gave injury-hit Hyde a touch of credibility on Monday, when he equalised two minutes from time, but the night was very much touch and go. With regular full-backs George Switzer and Paul Cox both missing, manager Mike McKenzie had to call up former player Terry Megram to fill the gap. As usual, big-hearted Megram let no one down, but so many players are sidelined at Ewen Fields that the situation is getting critical.

After Saturday's F.A. Cup shambles against Whitby, Tigers fans turned up hoping to cheer their lads to victory.

The first team would have whipped what was little more than an average Welsh side but, despite having bags of possession and continually probing the Bay defence, Hyde's attack stuttered and faltered. Dave Nolan glanced a header wide, and Lutel James made some darting runs, but that was all Hyde had to show for the first half-hour.

Tony Carroll should have scored, minutes later, when he received a peach of a pass from James. However, Lee Williams timed his dive to perfection, and the shot crashed off his legs.

The Tigers looked the better side after the break but, for some reason, insisted on pumping long balls from defence which the big Colwyn players picked off with ease.

Hyde only looked effective when they ran at defenders but that happened all too rarely.

The game looked destined to be a goalless draw until, with six minutes left, Donnelly picked up a loose ball on the 18-yard line and sent in a shot which took a deflection to dip over Jones' hands and under the bar.

As fans started streaming out, shocked Hyde made one last move. Prince Moncrieffe glided a pass into the box for Kimmins to steer a shot through a forest of legs and in at the post.

Hyde: Jones 6, Edaille 6, Megram 6, Wilson 7, Reid 8, Brockie 6, Kimmins 7, Owen 6, James 6, Carroll 6, Nolan 7.
Subs: Cameron 5 for James (68), Moncrieffe for Megram (86), Hall.

Colwyn: Williams, McCosh, Rigby, Harley, Graham, Price, Fuller, Roberts, Drury, Donnelly, Jones. Subs: McQuillan, Dulson, Mann.
Referee: Graham Short (Ashbourne).