

Fireman comes to rescue of Hyde

Hyde United 1
Barrow 0

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AS goals go Hyde's winner won't make the Tony Carroll collection of greatest hits. But the Lancashire fireman's 76th minute strike was still one of the most important of the season so far.

It gave Hyde their first league win in four outings and more importantly, saw the Tigers leap frog the Barrow boys to go into fourth place.

Tony's effort came at the end of all-out Hyde pressure that somehow didn't seem destined for a goal. Hyde had easily outpointed the Shipbuilders when it came to possession but a draw seemed almost inevitable.

Then Ged Kimmins drifted into the box to crack a shot which Mike Deegan

blocked and as the ball bobbed, Carroll hit it low through the crowded goalmouth and in at the post.

There was little to choose between the sides in the early stages with tight defences and the offside trap keeping chances to a minimum. What there were went Hyde's way with Vince Brockie dipping a 20 yard free kick over and Ian Harold heading a Dave Nolan cross off the line.

Barrow had to wait 30 minutes for their first chance when Andy Green for once escaping Andy Reid hit a 20 yard shot just wide.

Hyde's reply was immediate. Nolan floating over a cross that deceived Deegan and Lutel James headed narrowly wide.

Barrow came more into it late in the half with John Doolan winning the ball on the edge of the box and hitting a shot that had Martin Jones at full stretch.

The visitors also looked hot after the break but a solid defence marshalled by Gus Wilson was always in control. Then Hyde suddenly seemed to realise Barrow's giant back four was vulnerable on the ground. Moves started to flow and Barrow were continually opened up by sharp incisive moves.

James should have scored after breaking through with only the keeper to beat but Deegan came out to save the weak effort. Soon it was all Hyde. Val Owen's header was inches too high, Dolan's close range shot right at Deegan. But then fireman Tony Carroll rescued Hyde.

Hyde: Jones 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Reid 8, Brockie 7, Kimmins 6, Owen 6, James 6, Carroll 6, Nolan 7. Subs. Cameron for Carroll (90 mins), Hall and Donnelly. Barrow: Deegan, McDonald, Doolan, Harold, Parker, Humphries, Speak, Smith, Green, Morton, Ford. Subs. O'Keefe (for Speak 72 mins), McGuire (for Humphries 89 minutes), Hennigan (for Ford 81 mins). Ref. Mr W. Shaw of Blackburn.