

Kimmins to the rescue

GED KIMMINS was the king of Cantilever Park on Saturday, after scoring a late goal which spared Hyde's blushes.

Other than that, the Tigers struggled on a pitch which rendered their free-flowing style ineffective.

Town, led by Paul Kirkham, held Hyde for 70 minutes. The reason was simple. Some of the Tigers' passing was poor. If the strikers had taken just a few of their chances, Town would have been tamed before half time.

It had looked easy for Hyde, early on. Lutel James hooked over a Dave Nolan cross after only 60 seconds and, when Tony Carroll was fouled in the box on 19 minutes, it seemed a formality that Dave Nolan would score.

For once, however, Nolan put his kick too close to the keeper and, although Graham Bennett pranced around as the Hyde man ran up, there was no re-take.

After the break, the chances stacked up like charter planes over Ringway. Several fell to Tony Carroll who, last

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season, would have gobbled them up.

He shot wide and high then, on the hour, ghosted behind defenders to head a James cross which Bennett turned for a corner.

Kimmins ran onto a lovely ball just outside the area, but fired wide.

Bennett was suddenly the busiest man on the field, but Hyde's efforts lacked power or went straight at him.

Then it happened. Kimmins threaded his way along the 18-yard line before tucking a low shot through defenders, and past Bennett.

For virtually the first time, Hyde had hit one low, and it paid off.

Warrington: Bennett, Meehan, Boden, Gordon, Sutcliffe, Sang, Henshaw, Timmons, Fleury, Kirkham, Willcock. Subs: Lawson for Meehan (76), Anderton, Sinnott.

Hyde: Jones 7, Esdaille 6, Switzer 6, Wilson 8, Gallagher 7, Brockie 7, Kimmins 6, Owen 6, James 6, Carroll 6, Nolan 6. Subs: Henshaw 6 for Brockie (69), Cameron 5 for James (81), Donnelly 5 for Owen (87).

Ref: Mike Dean (Wirral).