

Nolan nets a useful point

HYDE made another successful raid into County Durham on Monday, but it took a goal by David Nolan, six minutes from time, to earn the point.

Bishops had the upper hand in the first half. After 14 minutes, Steve West cut inside his marker and fired in an angled shot only for Paul Cox to clear off the line. Michael Ward had a chance after 24 minutes, but his header from a George Adams cross was easily collected by Arthur Williams.

West had another chance after 33 minutes, when he collected a rebound from his own throw-in, but his shot from just inside the box went over the bar.

Bishops finally found the net two minutes after the break. Andrew Banks squared the ball to Gary Hyde, who finished with aplomb.

Until then, the Tigers had shown nothing as an attacking unit. Colin Little, who scored in both league games against Bishop Auckland last year, had been snuffed out by Dave McKinlay but, after the goal, Hyde began to create more chances - albeit without troubling the home goalkeeper, Simon Bishop.

McKinlay had to clear from under his own bar after 59 minutes, when a

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Gary Vaughan corner threatened to go all the way into the net. Little attempted an acrobatic volley on 68 minutes following Tony Carroll's run down the right, but he failed to connect properly.

The Tigers equalised on 84 minutes. Ged Kimmins played the ball out to Darren Pybus, whose cross was headed home by David Nolan.

After that, Hyde could have snatched a winner. With two minutes left, a long cross from Nolan found Little, who just failed to connect.

In the dying seconds Val Owen hit a shot which just cleared the bar.

Bishop Auckland: Bishop, Barratt, Foster, Waller, Lobb, McKinley, Banks, West, Hyde, Ward, Admas. Subs: Norton, Pearn, Owers.

Hyde: Williams 7, Cox 6, Switzer 6, Wilson 7, McClellan 7, Owen 6, Kimmins 6, Vaughan 7, Little 8, Carroll 6, Nolan 6. Subs: Pybus 7 for Carroll (70), Megram.
