

Stiles smiles as Tigers go down in 'home' clash

NOBBY STILES' broad grin brightened the Curzon clubhouse on Saturday, but the World Cup hero's joy at seeing son John's team snatch a late victory was not shared by Hyde.

The Tigers needed to win their first "home" game to keep fans making the trip from Hyde. The fact that they didn't, was down to sloppy defending and a shortage of ideas up front.

But take nothing from Trinity. They hit the Tigers with some slick football; and, in Jason Kabia, had a striker destined for success.

Indeed, it was Kabia who gave Gainsborough a 28th-minute lead with a goal giftwrapped by keeper Arthur Williams. He dropped a tame cross from Gary Casteldene, and Kabia tapped home.

Hyde hit back, but most of their moves floundered against a central defence in which Andy Moore and Paul Ellender reigned supreme.

However, neither saw George Switzer sneak in at the far post to meet a cross that Gary Ingham scrambled clear.

Colin Little went close twice in five minutes. An

Hyde Utd.....1
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overhead kick was scrambled around the post. Then, he was robbed as he was poised to shoot.

Kabia showed other sweet touches in the second half but, with Gus Wilson having a great game, the Tigers defence tightened.

Hyde began to assert themselves and, after 72 minutes, a Darren Pybus centre eluded defenders and Little scored with a header that crashed header in off the post.

The Tigers looked good for more but, with six minutes to go, slack marking allowed Kabia to take the ball through. Defenders saw no danger as Casteldene raced through, and he replied with a shot that squirmed between Williams and the post.

Hyde: Williams 5, Cox 6, Switzer 6, Wilson 7, McLellan 6, V.Owen 6, Kimmins 5, Vaughan 5, Little 7, Pybus 5, Nolan 6. Subs. D.Owen, Booth, Donnelly.

Trinity: Ingham, Price, Lee, Matthews, Moors, Ellender, Evans, Bishop, Kabia, Stiles, Casteldene. Subs. Beech, Ward, Erksine for Evans (75).