

Kimmins savages Droylsden

HYDE gave Droylsden a chilling reminder of the gulf between the top teams and strugglers in the UniBond premier division on Monday.

Bloods' boss Roy Soule is under no illusions about the task he faces, but even he must have been stunned by the Tigers' dominance.

Hyde took their foot off the pedal after the break, while Droylsden responded to a rollicking from their angry manager. But, although the second period was more of a contest, there was rarely any suggestion that the Bloods would get back into the picture.

The Tigers, with Ged Kimmins in irresistible form; and Tony Carroll looking a splendid signing alongside debut-making Dave Esdaille; produced a most impressive performance.

Yet, they were lucky not to trail after six min-

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utes, when Nigel Evans skated clear, only to overrun the ball with just Williams to beat.

Hyde celebrated their escape by pouring forward, and took the lead within 60 seconds. Kimmins angled a cross behind the defence; and Carroll, ghosting in, dispatched the most emphatic of headers.

The Tigers proceeded to lay siege to the home goal, and extended their lead on 32 minutes. Esdaille helped on Garry Vaughan's corner and, although his first effort was blocked by Robbie McKie, Val Owen followed up.

The barrage continued in the minutes leading

up to the interval. Carroll crashed a 20-yard volley against an upright, and Iain McClellan headed at Steve Lyons when he ought to have scored.

The second half was scarcely as exciting, although credit to Droylsden for trying to make a game of it. It might have been different had Lyons not saved from Esdaille, or had Dave Nolan hit the target with the goal at his mercy.

As Hyde relaxed, the Bloods might easily have profited, particularly when Charlie Bradshaw's cross found Dave Kershaw in space, but the header went tamely at Williams.

Droylsden: Lyons 9, Tunncliffe 6, Doody 7, Ashton 6, Mooney 6, Lattie 7, Blain 7, McKie 5, Bradshaw 5, Evans 6, Kershaw 5.

Subs: Hall (for McKie 81) 6, Molloy (for Kershaw 86) 6, Hulme.

Hyde: Williams 7, Cox 9, Switzer 8, Wilson 8, McClellan 8, Val Owen 8, Kimmins 9, Vaughan 7, Esdaille 7, Carroll 9, Nolan 8. Subs: Doug Owen (for Val Owen 85) 6, Donnelly (for Esdaille 85) 6, Megram.