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HYDE suffered possibly their most humiliating result of recent years, on Saturday, when they lost to Knowsley - a side which conceded 19 goals in their first three games.

After the high-class football they produced at Droylsden, the previous Monday, the Tigers were strangely muted. The bite and passion were missing, and the signs were there from the start.

With 13 minutes gone, Hyde were given a penalty for a foul; but the usually dependable George Switzer hit a poor shot, which the keeper had no trouble in saving.

The usual touch had gone. Ged Kimmins fired wide, just before the break, when well placed; and Val Owen and Tony Carroll also missed useful chances.

Knowsley went ahead on 25 minutes. Iain McLellan attempted to head clear, but only succeeded in diverting the ball into the path of Rowlands, who slotted home.

Arthur Williams did his bit to keep the Tigers in the game by producing some good saves, but Knowsley made it 2-0 with 20 minutes to go. Garry Vaughan lost the ball just outside the box, and Goldbourne was able to take it around the helpless Hyde keeper.

Ged Kimmins grabbed the Tigers' consolation with five minutes to go, walking the ball round the keeper.

Hyde: Williams, Cox, Switzer, Wilson, McLellan, V. Owen, Kimmins, Vaughan, McMahan, Carroll, Nelson.
Subs: Garton for McMahan, D. Owen, Booth.