

Hyde's late charge denied

HYDE were left cursing their luck on Tuesday, after Emley survived an incredible goalmouth scramble in injury time. The home side led 1-0 with a 57th-minute Gary Chapman header, but needed desperate defence amid a furious late onslaught.

The Tigers came within a whisker of a draw. The ball cannoned about amid penalty appeals, and saves by John Hawkes.

Emley chased and harried from the outset to hustle Hyde out of their slick, one-touch stride. Keeper Arthur Williams had to make a save low to his left to stop Paul David after Tim Butterfield, Steve Nicholson and Chapman had linked; and was in action again as former Leicester City midfielder Ian Banks hit a 50-yard pass to Chapman, who set up Mark Wilson.

Ged Kimmins was kept quiet throughout

Emley	1
Hyde Utd	0

- although Hawkes had to gather a sharp first-time flick just before the break.

Emley hit the winner when Colin Alcide charged down a poor clearance from George Switzer. Wilson's shot was blocked but he hooked to the far post, where Chapman nodded home.

Val Owen had a shot saved on the line as Hyde hit straight back.

Emley: Hawkes, Nicholson, Alcide, Hopley, Lacey, David, Banks, Butterfield, Chapman, Wilson, Jones. Subs: Viner, Cruttwell, Wilson.

Hyde: Williams 8, Cox 7, Switzer 6, Wilson 9, Garton 7, Owen 7, Kimmins 6, Murphy 7, Little 8, Gallagher 6, Nolan 6. Subs: Carroll for Gallagher (75), McLellan, Donnelly.