

Sad farewell to the Arms

THERE is more than a hint of truth in the joke when Mike McKenzie says that he would rather stay at Droylsden than go back to Ewen Fields.

In two games at the Butchers Arms, the Tigers have scored ten goals, conceding only one; and McKenzie has nothing but praise for his team's temporary landlords.

He said: "Droylsden bent over backwards to make us feel welcome, and I'd like to thank them for that. Their pitch has taken quite a lot of stick in recent years, but we found it to be fine."

On Monday, there was an added boost for Hyde in that they gained sweet revenge for their F.A. Cup defeat at the hands of Colwyn Bay two weeks ago. This time, it was back to the tradition of big wins.

Jason Gallagher set the ball rolling

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after just seven minutes, with what his manager described as his first goal since the age of eight. It was just the fillip the Tigers needed, and they poured forwards, causing Bay problems with precision balls into the box.

Indeed, during the first half, the nearest Bay came to scoring was when Arthur Williams called for a spinning ball, and collided with Iain McLellan. The goal was at Craig Dulson's mercy, but he hit the post.

Colin Little seemed to have all the time in the world when he made it 2-0 on the half-hour and, five minutes

from the break, Tony Carroll was in like lightning when Colwyn failed to clear their lines.

Perhaps as a result of the size of Hyde's lead, the game died at the start of the second half, only for Bay to regain a toehold on 73 minutes. Williams seemed to have easily snuffed out Steve Morgan's speculative shot but, somehow, he let the ball under him and into the net.

For a moment, Bay scented a comeback, but it was snuffed out by late goals from Ged Kimmins, and Little, who netted with a clever header.

Hyde: Williams 6, Cox 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 9, McLellan 7, Gallagher 7, Kimmins 8, Murphy 7, Little 8, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Esdaille for Carroll (42), Pybus for Murphy (46), Camilleri for Gallagher (80).

Colwyn Bay: Roberts, McCosh, Mann, Harley, Woods, Price, Nicholas, Dulson, Drury, Donnelly, Rigby. Subs: Morgan for Roberts (58), Nelson, Armor.