

Hyde fell Robins with a double whammy

TWO goals in 60 seconds turned this tie on its head on Monday, and possibly saved Hyde from a shock defeat.

The first division Robins were chirpy in the first half, with ex-Tiger Andy Gayle a will o'the wisp striker with punch. Ashton had more flair and flow, and it was no

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It took a 35-yard stinger from Mark Lavallo that went right at Williams, and a Keith Evans piledriver that was tipped over the bar, before the Tigers woke up.

Then, a diving Ged Kimmins header was beaten out by Ryan Briars, and the former Hyde keeper got down brilliantly to smother Dave Nolan's header from a pinpoint Tony Carroll cross.

Ashton looked strong early in the second half, until the Tigers hit them with a double whammy.

They equalised in the 57th minute when ex-Leeds United youth team player Steve Tobin fired in a low shot from 18 yards that squeezed between Briars and the post.

Sixty seconds later, Kimmins was brought down by Paul Clowes as he drifted into the box, and the ever-dependable Nolan buried the spot kick.

Shell-shocked Ashton had more problems on 74 min-

utes, when Steve Hollis was dismissed for a foul on Nolan; and, a minute later, they were reeling from another blow when Colin Little knocked in the third.

Ashton visibly wilted after that and, in the closing minutes, Kimmins should have got on the scoresheet but his shot was-



COLIN LITTLE: third goal surprise when Gayle ran through a hesitant central defence after 22 minutes to slide the ball past a totally exposed Arthur Williams.

Ashton were slick in comparison to Hyde, whose main mode of attack was to sling high balls down the middle which were met with relish by the Robins' tall defenders.



KEITH EVANS: piledriver saved in a one-on-one with Briars, but he clipped the ball wide.

Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 8, Switzer 8, Wilson 7, McLellan 7, Owen 7, Kimmins 6, Tobin 7, Little 6, Carroll 6, Nolan 7. Subs: Pybus 6 for Nolan (77), Cox 6 for Owen (81), Booth 6 for McLellan (83).

Ashton: Briars 7, P. Robinson 7, Hollis 7, Clowes 7, D. Robinson 7, Simms 7, Williams 7, Lavallo 7, Evans 7, Gayle 8, Thompson 8. Subs: Jordan 6 for P. Robinson (74), M. Jones 6 for Gayle (74) and T. Jones,