

Hyde snatch a point

HYDE must count themselves lucky to have escaped with a point on Tuesday. Trinity had two good penalty claims waved away, while Gary Ingham did not have a shot to save.

But luck was not the only factor. The Tigers' defence worked overtime and successfully got men behind the ball, and keeper Arthur Williams was a rock.

After an initial spell of Hyde pressure, Gainsborough worked their way back, with Glyn Snodin's cross inviting Gary Evans into a diving header which was deflected for a corner. From that kick, Neil Beech ran in at the far post but was denied, George Switzer forcing the ball over the line.

In a rare Tigers raid, a free kick on the left found Colin Little charging in at the far post, but he could only turn the ball back across goal.

Then, twice in successive minutes, Trinity claimed a penalty. On 28 minutes, Evans pushed the ball past Williams and

Gainsborough	0
Hyde United	0

went down over the keeper's outstretched arms. Seconds later, when Evans appeared to be well inside the box, he was pushed down from behind - the free kick being awarded outside.

Another scramble in the Hyde goalmouth emphasised just how dangerously they were living, but they survived to the interval, although Williams had to make another save to keep out Evans' header.

The Tigers used the break to compose themselves, and Ged Kimmins was only inches away with a delicate chip shot on 55 minutes.

Gainsborough: Ingham, Price, Lee, Matthews, Moore, Ellender, Beech, Smith, Evans, Stiles, Snodin. Subs: Kabia (for Smith), Womble, Cooper.

Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 6, Switzer 7, Wilson 8, Cox 6, Kimmins 6, Tobin 6, Little 6, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Pybus 5 (for Cox), Esdaille 5 (for Little), and McLellan.