

# Tigers net three useful points



NOLAN: penalty

HYDE had trouble fixing the nets - and finding them - on Saturday. The game kicked off late, after a linesman asked for the Walker Lane net to be secured. It ended with Hyde conceding a last-minute goal for the second week running.

The Tigers should have romped it. Leek played with ten men for 75 minutes and, on chances, the Tigers won hands down.

However, a combination of class keeping and some poor finishing gave Leek a lifeline, even though they struggled before the 15th-minute incident that resulted in Dave Bennett being sent off. He got the red card when he instinctively threw up his hands to stop a Billy Garton header that was crossing the line. Dave Nolan fired home from the spot.

Leek were lucky to be only one down. Before

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the goal, Tony Bullock had had to punch away a Henshaw free kick, and Ged Kimmins crashed the rebound wide. After that, Bullock blocked a Tony Carroll cracker, and saved from Kimmins with his legs.

Amazingly, Leek soaked up the pressure to equalise on 29 minutes, when Dave Sutton drove in a low shot. It was only the second time Arthur Williams had touched the ball.

The Tigers continued to attack and, on 38 minutes, the pressure told when Bullock could

only parry a Kimmins blast, and Carroll lashed home the rebound.

Steve Tobin fired in a 20-yarder that Bullock saved at the second attempt, and then beat two men before again testing the keeper.

The breakthrough came on 82 minutes, when Val Owen picked up a loose ball, and jinked through before hitting home a shot that seemed to take a deflection. Seconds later, Nolan had a shot cleared off the line.

However, in the last minute, Sutton put a looping header past Williams.

Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 7, Tobin 8, Little 7, Carroll 7, Nolan 8. Subs: Owen 7 for Henshaw (16), Esdaille 6 for Carroll (86), McLellan.

Leek: Bullock, Jones, Bennett, Diakin, Beeby, Ogley, Leicester, Somerville, Twigg, Sutton, Bates. Subs: Fisher for Jones (46), Wheaton for Ogley (90), Washington.



HENSHAW: injured