



HAT-TRICK ... David Nolan

Nolan gives a royal show

A DAVE NOLAN hat-trick put the skids under Stalybridge at Bower Fold on Tuesday, and made Hyde kings of Tameside.

Jubilant Hyde fans had a field day as their heroes strolled to victory, thanks to Nolan's treble.

Hyde were too quick and tenacious in most areas for a Celtic team which failed to take its chances.

Before Nolan's opener, on 32 minutes, Stalybridge had excellent opportunities which fell to Alex Jones, whose header was cleared off the line; and Paul Wheeler, whose effort was too weak.

The Tigers punished Celtic when Little got the better of Steve O'Shaughnessy, and Nolan fired home the rebound after keeper Harvey Willetts had stopped the original effort.

Right on half time, Ian Arnold hit the post, and that may have been the turning point. After the break, Hyde simply had too much pace for the Vauxhall Conference club.

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moment to settle on the ball, and Hyde's harrying produced a host of chances as the speedy duo of Ged Kimmins and Little exposed the Bower Fold side.

Having said that, it took a dubious free kick, awarded against David Hall, to set up Nolan's excellent headed second goal, which took the game away from the home side.

The penalty converted by Nolan, after a trip by Lee Coathup, put the icing on the Ewen Field's cake.

Celtic felt they were unlucky to lose by such a scoreline, but they can have few complaints.

Stalybridge: Willetts 7, O'Shaughnessy 7, Coathup 7, Bauress 6, Jones 6, Hall 5, Burke 9, Frain 6, Wheeler 5, Arnold 6, Ryan 6. Subs: Higginbotham 6 for Wheeler (73), Patterson for Coathup (89), Goodacre.

Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 8, Garton 8, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 7, Owen 7, Little 7, Carroll 7, Nolan 9. Subs: McLellan, Esdaille, Murphy.