

# Route-one play denies Tigers

**MIKE McKENZIE'S** men produced a battling performance, on Saturday, when they came up against hosts who played direct football which frustrated both sets of fans.

Accrington were totally lacking in attacking ideas, and content to rely on the route-one game.

Chances were at a premium in the early stages, although Hyde's back line was bombarded with the long balls so highly favoured by the home side. Nevertheless the Tigers' defence, ably marshalled by skipper Gus Wilson, looked comfortable.

Thus, it was no surprise that, when Stanley took the lead, it was in controversial circumstances. With 13 minutes gone, Gary Henshaw and Peter Mellor were involved in a skir-

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**Accrington.....1**  
**Hyde United.....1**

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ish in the centre circle. As the referee's attention was drawn, the ball was played to Steve Shughnessy, who was yards offside. But the flag stayed down, and Shaughnessy ran through to slot the ball past Arthur Williams.

The Tigers' keeper was called into action again, soon after, when he produced a fine double save to stop Walsh, and then John McNally.

Hyde had the lion's share of possession, but struggled to find the fluency shown in their recent five-match winning sequence. Val Owen had their best chance, but his downward header was cleared off the line by former Tiger Chris Molloy.

Hyde started the second half brightly, with Ged Kimmins and Tony Carroll both chasing a through ball, but keeper Mulloy beat both of them to it.

Accrington hit back when Shaughnessy put a shot just over the top.

The Tigers were, by now, becoming dominant and, on 65 minutes, were rewarded with the equaliser. Colin Little ran on to a through ball from Billy Garton, and coolly slotted home.

More Hyde pressure followed, and Kimmins hit the post from close range. Henshaw fired wide from the rebound. Seconds from time, Dave Esdaille blasted high and wide when he had only goalkeeper Mulloy to beat.

Accrington: Mulloy, Robinson, Molloy, Quick, Walsh, Mellor, Hughes, Shaughnessy, Welch, Anderson, McNally. Subs Grimshaw, Beck, Smith.

Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 6, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 6, Owen 6, Little 7, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: McLellan, Esdaille for Kimmins (81), Tobin for Henshaw (84).