

Tigers savage hapless Bucks

THE champagne soccer flowed on Saturday, and Buxton drowned in it as Hyde gave their fans an early Christmas present.

Ged Kimmins, Colin Little and Dave Nolan each scored two goals, and they could all have hit three as the Tigers' demolition derby pulverised the Peakites.

Breathtaking Hyde showed bottom of the table Buxton the way football should be played, and the bewildered Derbyshire side might have lost even more convincingly.

Nolan missed a penalty, and every forward had at least one attempt saved by the beleaguered Jim O'Donnell.

The rout started after 12 minutes of solid pressure. Kimmins latched onto a Paul Green mistake, walked the ball past Tim Ryan, and slotted past the exposed keeper.

Five minutes later, Buxton defenders were nowhere as man of the match Tony Carroll

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Buxton	0

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crossed the ball for Little to send a header home.

Hyde's slick, one-touch football had the Bucks chasing shadows and, before they made it 3-0; Nolan, Little and Carroll all had shots beaten out.

Six minutes from the break, the barnstorming Little eluded defenders to slip a Carroll pass past the stranded O'Donnell.

The first half scoring did not end there. With two minutes left, defenders again failed to clear, and Carroll drilled home an 18-yard beauty.

It was a repeat performance after the break, Nolan scoring two goals in five minutes to break Buxton's heart.

His first came on 47 minutes, when he netted with a neat near-post header from a corner. The second was a close-range shot.

Hyde looked good for more, and penalty expert Nolan seemed certain of his hat-trick when Wayne Goodison pushed him over in the box. However, Nolo tried to place his shot, and O'Donnell made an easy save.

Double figures still looked on but, with Monday's match in mind, manager Mike McKenzie made a couple of substitutions and the Tigers lost a little rhythm.

It seemed like we would be settling for six but, with two minutes left, Kimmins glided down the centre for his 18th goal of the season.

Hyde: Williams 8, Cox 8, Switzer 8, Wilson 8, Garton 8, Henshaw 8, Kimmins 8, Owen 8, Little 8, Carroll 9, Nolan 8. Subs: Tobin 7 for Henshaw (52), McLellan 7 for Garton (65), Esdaille.

Buxton: O'Donnell, Goodison, Ryan, Bainbridge, Davies, Green, Eley, Connor, Maxwell, Cunninghams, Holmes. Subs: Bancroft for Eley (37), Brown and Godwin.