

Hyde Utd.....0

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STANLEY fans held a quick whip round after Saturday's game to stage their own man of the match ceremony, and it was fitting that the player who picked up the £15 in loose change was defender Ollie Parillon.

The ex-Barrow boy was the linchpin of a defend-or-die side that snuffed out free-flowing Hyde. It wasn't good to watch, but it was highly effective.

At the least sign of danger, Accrington got eight men behind the ball. Otherwise, they hit the Tigers with breaks that could have brought goals.

My man of the match was Iain McLellan, who came on for the limping Billy Garton, but pushing him close was Arthur Williams.

During the first ten minutes, the ex-Runcorn keeper kept out a close-range rocket from John McNally; and, as defenders froze, raced out to block a blast by nippy Brian Welsh.

Hyde gradually got over Garton's loss, and could have scored twice in two controversial incidents.

Colin Little was cleared pulled back as he burst into the penalty area, but the referee waved play on. The fans screamed for a penalty as another tackle by the rugged defence felled Ged Kimmins.

The Tigers tore into Stanley and, in the space of ten minutes, McLellan's headed against the bar, Tony Carroll poked the ball wide, and a tantalising lob from George Switzer was just tipped over.

Five minutes after the break, Stanley should have gone ahead. Welsh ghosted behind defenders to meet a McNally cross, but hit the side netting.

Accrington continued to catch Hyde on the break as the Tigers constantly attacked, but the chances were all home grown. As the game entered injury time, Kimmins swept a glorious shot wide, and Carroll did the same with a header.

Hyde: Williams 8, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 6, Tobin 6, Little 6, Carroll 6, Nolan 7.

Subs: McLellan 8 for Garton (17), Murphy 7 for Tobin (78), Camilleri.

Accrington: Mulloy, Robinson, Molloy, Quick, Pickup, Mellor, Parillon, Rogerson, Welsh, Anderson, McNally. Subs: Thornton (84), Walsh for Rogerson (73), Shaughnessy.