

# Arthur: like a knight to the rescue

**HYDE** United twice looked set to book yet another cup date with Marine, on Tuesday night, but were twice pegged back by struggling Leek.

They swept into a 16th minute lead when a deep ball from Gus Wilson was missed by John Diskin, and Colin Little rolled it past stranded keeper Simon Latham, a last-minute replacement for the injured Tony Bullock.

However, Diskin then came to Town's rescue. During another quick raid, Ged Kimmins lifted the ball over Latham's head, but Diskin was there to clear off the line.

Leek levelled on 28 minutes, following their first corner. Allan Somerville's cross was flicked on at the near post by Martin Filson, and Steve Soley controlled the ball on his thigh before rifling a shot past Arthur Williams from eight yards.

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Soley then went close to giving Town the lead, when Williams got himself in a tangle with Diskin following another corner, but Wilson came to the rescue by heading Soley's lobbed effort over the bar for a corner.

At the start of the second half, Leek were awarded a penalty when Wilson was judged to have fouled Dave Sutton. However, Williams guessed right, and held on to Filson's kick.

The lively David Esdaille struck the bar,

and Little's follow-up was headed off the line by Diskin, but Esdaille was not to be denied.

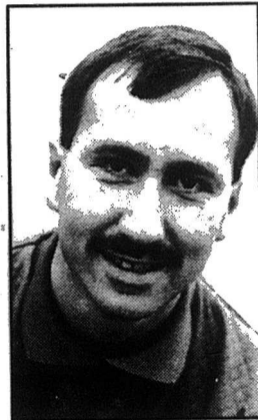
He restored the Tigers the lead just after the hour mark, beating Latham with a vicious shot from 20 yards.

Seven minutes later the Blues were back on level terms and, again, it was Soley who found the net after a good move involving Mick Bates and substitute Darren Washington.

Sutton had a good chance to win it for Leek, but headed over. At the other end, Kimmins only just missed after a mistake by Steve Jones.

Leek: Latham, Jones, Diskin, Bates, Filson, Soley, Leicester, Somerville, Sutton, Giblin, Bauress. Subs: Beeby for Somerville (70), Batho for Sutton (86), Washington for Giblin (65).

Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 6, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, McLellan 6, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 8, Tobin 6, Little 7, Nolan 6. Subs: Owen 6 for Esdaille (75), Carroll 6 for Henshaw (80), Camilleri 5 for Nolan (83).



**WILLIAMS: penalty save**