

# Tigers fail to breach fortress Marine

MARINE might move the goalposts next season as part of ground extension work. There were times on Saturday when it looked like the job had already started.

There were not all that many chances created in a Trophy tie that was typically tight and tense, but both sides created enough to make a replay unnecessary.

Most of Hyde opportunities fell to Tony Carroll, but the normally red-hot finisher failed to connect even once.

His first chance came after five minutes, with the usually sure Marine defence all at sea. However, Kevin O'Brien just managed to beat Carroll as he chased a long ball into the goalmouth.

It set the pattern for early play, with the home side struggling to cope with the livewire Tigers, who forced them into making mistake after mistake.

However, a Ged Kimmins shot on the turn that was smothered by O'Brien; and a fierce

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Marine.....	0
Hyde United.....	0

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## F.A. Trophy first round

Carroll header from a free kick that skimmed the bar; were all the Tigers could show for their pressure.

Slowly, Marine found their composure and, in the space of five minutes, had carved out two openings. Graham Rowlands' shot was kept out by an ice-cool Arthur Williams, and Peter Withers fired badly wide when very well placed to score.

Hyde's travelling army got ready to cheer what looked like the opening goal, two minutes before the interval, when Colin Little got on to the end of a George Switzer cross. Howev-

er, Little's shot crashed off an upright and rebounded to safety.

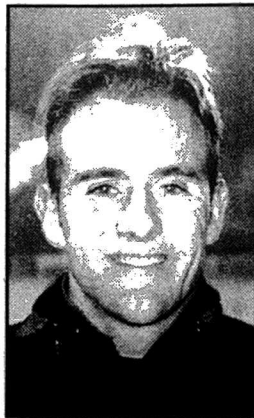
After that, it was the Tigers' turn to feel the pressure. Marine's wide men suddenly found a way around defenders, and Jim Blackhurst tested Williams.

Ironically, the game could have gone either way in the space of ten minutes. Gary Henshaw, with the goal at his mercy, fired right at O'Brien; and Jon Penman brought a brilliant low save from Williams as he burst through.

Spurred on by their fans, Hyde finished stronger and, with minutes to go, David Esdaille had a chance of glory, but fired straight at O'Brien.

Marine: O'Brien, Baines, Proctor, Ward, Draper, Gautrey, Withers, Rowlands, Blackhurst, Penman, Rooney. Subs: McNally for Proctor (71), Murray for Withers (72), Grant for Blackhurst (82).

Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 8, Wilson 8, McLellan 7, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 6, Owen 7, Little 6, Carroll 6, Nolan 7. Subs: Murphy 6 for Henshaw (78), Esdaille 6 for Little (81), Camilleri.



CARROLL: chances