

Marine sunk for a fourth time

THE quest for trophies continued at College Road on Tuesday, when injury-ravaged Hyde produced a performance which left Marine chasing shadows.

Incredibly, the Tigers - who were playing the Crosby side for the sixth time this season - achieved their win without four regulars: Gary Henshaw, Julian Dowe, Tony Carroll and Jason Gallagher.

Hyde opened brightly, and Val Owen made a good shot from within the penalty box, but Kevin O'Brien smothered the ball.

O'Brien was called into action again, when he had to tip a Billy Garton header over the bar. From the resulting corner, David Nolan fired just wide.

In fact, it was the flame-haired midfielder who put the Tigers firmly in control scoring two

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goals in a five-minute spell after the half-hour.

The first followed a defensive error, combined with great work from David Esdaille, and Nolan netted from close range. The second was a glorious header, when Nolan above the somewhat leaden Marine defence.

With 20 minutes to the break the Tigers were in complete control, and Nolan and the industrious Esdaille had further chances. Hyde's latest signing, Paul Varden, looked a useful acquisition, and had a lively debut.

The second half began in similar fashion to the

first. A speculative shot from Owen forced O'Brien to scamper across goal to cover. He also tipped over a snap shot from Varden.

Hyde were controlling the game with ease, and left the once fearsome Mariners looking a shadow of their former selves.

A superb through ball from Tony Camilleri led to Ged Kimmins being up-ended in the box. However, the referee deemed the tackle good and waved play-on.

Colin Murphy sealed the tie right on full time, blasting in a low shot from the 18-yard line, which gave O'Brien no chance.

Hyde: Williams 7, Cox 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 8, Garton 7, Murphy 7, Kimmins 7, Owen 7, Varden 8, Esdaille 8, Nolan 8. McLellan for Nolan, Camilleri for Switzer, Donnelly for Owen.

Marine: O'Brien, Roberts, Proctor, Ward, Draper, Landon, Grenhalgh, Rowlands, Blackhurst, Penman, Rooney. Subs: Murray, Renshaw, Moss.

Referee: Richard Sutton (Macclesfield).