

Bandwagon derailed

TWO first-half goals by super-sharp Lutel James left Hyde with a mountain to climb to reach the President's Cup final.

The Tigers' first home defeat since October was a bitter pill for fans to swallow, but all good things must come to an end.

Losing to Guiseley was no disgrace. Quick on the attack and strong in defence, the Yorkies were always a tough nut to crack. It must also have been hard for Hyde to rise to the occasion after the heroics against Stevenage.

The visitors went ahead after 13 minutes, with a goal that had more than a hint of offside. As defenders waited for the whistle, James ran on to a through ball to fire past Arthur Williams.

Twelve minutes later, James cleverly lobbed Williams and the prospects of a third final were looking bleak.

The Tigers tried to hit back, and a

<i>Hyde United</i>	0
<i>Guiseley</i>	2

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Julian Dowe shot brought a class save from Steve Dickinson, and Paul Varden's full-blooded volley was blocked.

Hyde made all the running after the break and fans screamed in vain for a penalty when Jason Gallagher seemed to be pulled down.

But nothing was given and, to confirm the Tigers' bad luck, Varden smashed a shot wide of an open goal.

Hyde: Williams 6, Gallagher 6, Switzer 6, Wilson 7, Gart 6, Henshaw 6, Kimmins 6, Camilleri 5, Varden 6, Dowe 5, Nolan 6. Subs: Carroll 5 for Dowe (60), Donnelly 5 for Henshaw (67), Eadaille 5 for Varden (76).

Guiseley: Dickenson, Atkinson, Hogarth, Brockie, Stevenson, Bottomley, Outhart, James, Flanagan, Roberts, Hepworth. Subs: Elliott for Outhart (89), Lewdingham, Richards.

Ref: Trevor Jones (Barrow).