

One semi-final too far

FANS were philosophical after Hyde lost out on a third cup-final appearance on Saturday. The two goals handed out in the first leg proved too much of an obstacle.

Even so, the Tigers should have won. They took an early lead, dominated and, in a battling finish, rattled the upright and two shots kicked off the line.

Guiseley, who had looked so good at Ewen Fields, hardly created a chance thanks to a defence in which Dale Hawtin, back from Crewe, slotted in, in place of Billy Garton.

Hyde cruised into a ninth-minute lead when Tony Carroll volleyed a long clearance from Arthur Williams wide of Dickinson. It was a top-quality finish.

More goals should have followed, and Carroll shot narrowly wide after the home defence was split again. But Guiseley looked good on the break, and they almost scored when Williams blocked a shot from Tony Outhart.

The homesters had more possession after the break, but the chances still fell to Hyde, and Dave Nolan ended a swift burst down

Guiseley	1
Hyde Utd	1

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Hyde lose 3-1 on aggregate*

the left-hand side by shooting wide of goal.

It seemed a matter of time before Hyde scored again, but Guiseley drew level on 73 minutes with a strike from out of the blue. Gus Wilson, who had played a blinder, failed to control; and Richard Hepworth lobbed Williams.

Hyde went for goal and, in the space of ten minutes, Carroll back-headed a corner off the post, and Hawtin's effort was kicked off the line.

Guiseley: Dickinson, Atkinson, Hogarth, Brockie, Stevenson, Bottomley, Outhart, James, Flanagan, Roberts, Hepworth. Subs: Elliott for Brockie (57), Richards.

Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 8, Wilson 7, Hawtin 7, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 7, Donnelly 6, Varden 6, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Dove 6 for Switzer (83), Eadaille 6 for Donnelly (68), McLellan.

Ref: Graham Frankland (Middlesbrough).