

# Tony breaks deadlock

TONY CARROLL set the celebration bells ringing on Monday, with an 89th-minute goal that booked Hyde a place in the final at Burnden Park.

But there was little in Monday's drab battle to give home fans much to shout about. The Tigers held a 2-0 lead from the first leg, so the tie was as good as over before it had begun.

Hyde only had to draw to stay alive and, to be honest, that's all they seemed capable of. Without Ged Kimmins, who was on England duty, The Tigers lacked the flair to trouble a resolute Trinity defence.

Most of their attacks lacked class and cohesion, and chances were few and far between.

Gainsborough, with more at stake, played the better football, and looked more positive. Had they possessed anyone who could shoot on target, there might have been a shock.

As it happened, debut keeper Kurt Edginton dealt with anything that came his way, and looked on as chances were squandered.

Trinity pushed Hyde back for long peri-

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**Hyde United ..... 1**  
**Gainsborough Trinity ..... 0**

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Hyde win 3-0 on aggregate*

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ods in the second half, but most of their attacks ended with long shots that went nowhere. The Tigers relied too much on Dave Esdaille chasing long balls - a task to which he is unsuited.

With 60 seconds left, a goalless draw looked certain. Then, Julian Dowe blasted over a low cross from the right, which Carroll tucked in at the far post for his 28th goal of the season.

It was final number three for Hyde, and a blessed relief for the fans.

Hyde: Edginton 6, Hawtin 6, Switzer 6, Wilson 7, Garton 6, Henshaw 6, Esdaille 5, Owen 5, Varden 5, Carroll 6, Nolan 5. Subs: Dowe 6 for Esdaille (86), Gallagher 6 for Switzer (46), Donnelly 5 for Henshaw (87).

Gainsborough: Ingham, Price, Whitlam, Hardwick, Moore, Ellender, Cooper, Riley, Stiles, Simpson. Subs: Bishop for Cooper (35), Morrow, Snodin.

Ref: Brian Coddington (Sheffield).