

# Macca right to deliver blasting

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**MIKE McKENZIE** locked his side in the dressing room for 30 minutes after Saturday's shambles and, from the look on the players' faces, when they emerged, he hadn't been handing out any Easter eggs.

Whatever blasting the manager gave them was probably justified. After cruising into a two-goal lead, Hyde threw away the match with some disastrous defending. Keeper Kurt Edgington could be faulted for at least two of the goals, but it would be wrong to lay all the blame on his shoulders. The Tigers' defence was mediocre, the midfield melted in the spring sunshine, and the attack looked as lethal as an Easter chick.

The only bonus was that the Northwich spies would have seen very little.

It is hard to believe that what finished as such a nightmare, had a dream beginning. Hyde had Boston in trouble from the start, and were 2-0 up within 14 minutes.

The first goal, scored on four minutes, was full of class. Great work on the right by Jason Gallagher ended with a precision pass to Colin Murphy, who struck a cracker into the top corner from 20 yards. Ten minutes later, the game seemed over when Dave Nolan's scorching run down the left ended with a low cross that Tony Carroll stabbed in at the near post.

A rout looked on, but disaster was only eight minutes away. Ball watching by Edgington and Gus Wilson resulted in Darren Muntion nipping in to shoot. Dale Hawtin tried to clear as the ball trickled towards goal, but he got there a fraction too late.

Three minutes later, Ged Kimmins lost the ball on the left, and Chris James' cross was headed in by the unmarked Gareth Price. From being totally out-classed, Boston were back in it - and they went on to run things.

The Pilgrims made further progress after 57 minutes, when Edgington missed a lovely cross, and Phil Brown potted into the empty net.

Brown scored another, six minutes later, when the keeper failed to come out for a centre.

As poor as they had become, Hyde could still have salvaged something, but an overhead kick from Carroll hit the bar. And the best two chances came late in the game, falling to the normally prolific Kimmins. However, he shot yards wide, and then lobbed just over the bar.

Hyde: Edgington 5, Gallagher 5, Switzer 5, Wilson 5, Hawtin 5, Murphy 6, Kimmins 5, Owen 5, Evans 5, Carroll 6, Nolan 5.

Subs: Varden 5 for Evans (63), Cox 5 for Murphy (70), Dowe 5 for Owen (78).

Boston: Bastock, Chambers, Mason, Fee, James, Circuit, Casey, Brown, Muntion, Price, Appleby. Subs: Timby for Muntion (86), Cook, Hardy.

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