

Macca's men gain revenge

HYDE turned back the clock on Sunday, to produce the kind of football that was their hallmark just a few weeks ago.

The tired legs and lack of ideas - so common in recent games - were gone as Macca's men gave the Geordies a lesson in football.

Blyth took a 12th-minute lead when a dreadful Gus Wilson clearance fell to Richard Bond, who blasted past goalkeeper Arthur Williams.

Then, the Tigers took control, with Dave Nolan - playing his 200th consecutive game for Hyde - having a blinder.

He equalised four minutes later when he slithered a shot, practically from the by-line, though Paul Connor's slippery fingers.

The red-haired Liverpoolian almost grabbed another, seconds later, when he pounced on a high-bouncing ball, only to hook it over the top of the cross-bar.

Hyde made Spartans look a spent force, and Paul Varden, after swivelling in the box, saw his left-foot shot hit the post.

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Connor was kept busy with shots from all angles and, on the stroke of half time, he brilliantly pushed a Varden shot round the post.

The escape was short-lived, however. The corner found George Switzer, who despatched an absolutely glorious 35-yard shot into the top corner.

Hyde kept up the pressure after the break and, on 68 minutes, Gary Henshaw's cracking 20-yard shot hit the bar, and Tony Carroll headed in the rebound.

Five minutes later, Dave Esdaille found Carroll on the edge of the box, and he gently pushed the ball past Connor.

Hyde: Williams 7, Cox 8, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Hawtin 7, Henshaw 7, Evans 7, Esdaille 7, Varden 7, Carroll 9, Nolan 8. Subs: Donnelly 6 for Esdaille (79), Camilleri 6 for Varden (46), McLellan.

Blyth: Connor, Curry, Bean, Raffell, Gamble, Cole, Bond, Ball, Pyle, Young, Nicholls. Subs: Walker for Bean (46), Most for Bond (68), Telford for Nicholls (68).

Ref: Joe Copeland (Wallasey).