

Iain starts as the keeper

Leek Town.....0
Hyde Utd.....1

A COUPLE of unusual sights graced the Tigers' final league game of the season.

Injury to Arthur Williams, and a cricket match for Kurt Edgington, meant Iain "Shaka" McLellan played his first game in goal; and George Switzer appeared with hair coloured a somewhat less than delicate shade of green.

In fact, Hyde's start was as bright as Switzer's hair, with Tony Carroll having an early change following good work by Jason Gallagher.

It was Carroll once more who kept Leek keeper Tony Bullock on his toes when he fired inches over the bar.

The Tigers took a deserved lead on the half-hour, when Keith Evans flicked on a Paul Varden cross for Jason Donnelly to score.

Leek provided their first effort on goal just before the break, when John Diskin fired just wide for the somewhat less than adventurous home side.

Julian Dowe supplied a super shot which had Bullock struggling to turn it round the post, and Varden fired in a snap shot which again had Bullock keeping his side in the game.

Town struggled to provide McLellan with any serious work but, what he had to do, he did competently.

Leek: Bullock, Jones, Diskin, Ogley, Beeby, Soley, Leicester, Mellish, Twigg, Batho, Blackman. Subs: Gruppy, Higgins, Bates.

Hyde: McLellan 8, Cox 8, Switzer 6, Wilson 7, Hawtin 7, Donnelly 8, Evans 7, Gallagher 7, Varden 7, Carroll 8, Nolan 7. Subs: Dowe 7, Edalle 6, Garton.