



PARTY TIME ... Joy is unrestrained as Hyde United sing to their third consecutive Manchester Premier Cup success. Picture: Tim Holt

# Two trophies out of three ain't bad



RANDES: two goals

**HYDE'S** walking wounded just about held out on Tuesday night to claim their second trophy of the season.

Incredibly, and for the third time in five days, a final involving the Tigers went to extra time. As with Friday's UniBond Challenge Cup final, penalties were needed to settle the issue.

The result was hard on battling Curzon, whose Ewen Fields old boy, Malcolm O'Connor, did his best to spring a surprise. However Hyde, who were without several key players, and forced to field the injured Ged Kimmins and Val Owen, deserved to end the season with victory.

Dave Esdaille and Dave Nolan both had chances in a goalless first half, but the Blues kept them out and sprang a surprise in the 57th minute. A move involving O'Connor and

**Curzon Ashton.....2**  
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**Manchester Premier Cup final**  
**After extra time**  
**Hyde won 6-5 on penalties**

Chris Pickering set up Gary Randles, who beat Kurt Edgington from close range.

Kimmins seemed to have headed the Tigers level, two minutes later, but the goal was ruled out. After the game, the England non-league international admitted he had handled.

Hyde's equaliser came in the 67th minute, when the referee waved play on after Gary Finley had handled. Esdaille knocked home a Nolan ball.

The Tigers forged ahead after 71 minutes, with a goal that was sheer class. Gary Henshaw bent a beautiful free kick around the National Park

team's wall to flash past Karl Williams.

Curzon stormed forwards and, five minutes later, a defensive mistake allowed the unmarked Randles to level the scores.

Esdaille went close in extra time, but the best chance went to the Blues. A great O'Connor ball found Paul Heavey, but Paul Cox made a telling tackle as the striker was poised to shoot.

Curzon's name looked to be on the cup when Julian Dowe missed one of the Tigers' five spot kicks, but the scores were level when Williams saved ex-Tiger Ian Callaghan's penalty.

When Heavey missed, Dale Hawtin had to score to give Hyde victory, and he made no mistake.

Hyde: Edgington 7, Hawtin 7, Cox 7, Wilson 7, McLellan 6, Henshaw 8, Kimmins 6, Owen 7, Dowe 8, Esdaille 8, Nolan 7. Subs: Gartton. Curzon: Williams 7, Ashton 7, Randles 8, Finley 7, Callaghan 6, Burns 6, Warder 8, Nestor 6, Heavey 7, O'Connor 8, Pickering 6. Subs: Lee, Wardle, Schofield.