

# Prince calms Tigers' jitters

**HYDE** reached the final of the Cheshire Senior Cup on Tuesday, but they certainly left it late.

With ten minutes left, they were drawing 3-3 on aggregate, and staring at extra time and possible elimination on the away goals rule.

Then, Prince Moncreiffe, who had made virtually no impact up to that point, suddenly beat former Stalybridge Celtic keeper Russ Hughes with a swerving shot.

The Tigers struggled to stamp any authority on the game, and they went a goal behind after just 11 minutes, when Carl Nesbitt's cross found centre-back Mark Noice, who rose unchallenged to power home a header.

Vauxhall, managed by former Curzon boss Terry McLean, and featuring a number of players who started the season at National Park, began to play in a way that belied their status as a midtable North West Counties League first division outfit.

They showed some nice touches, and Mike McKenzie's men must have had it in the back of their minds that Vauxhall had beaten Conference sides Altrincham and Northwich Victoria on their way to the semi-finals of the competition - probably the toughest run-in any of the four sides had faced.

However, Hyde were unlucky when Lutel James hit the post but, that apart, they struggled to find any cohesion; and the North West Counties League side certainly kept the UniBodd title chasers at bay.

The second half began with a Tony Carroll shot flying wide of a as the Tigers tried to up the tempo. A speculative effort from David Nolan flew harmlessly over the bar.

However, it was the home side who increased their lead, on 65 minutes.

Moncreiffe needlessly

**Vauxhall G.M..... 2**  
**Hyde Utd..... 1**

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**Cheshire Senior Cup**  
**semi-final, second leg**  
**Hyde win 4-3**  
**on aggregate**

gave the ball away in midfield, and a fluent movement involving Williams and Tony Ungi provided the chance for Neil Wenham to fire home and level the aggregate score.



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However, Vauxhall had a lucky escape, minutes later, when a Val Owen effort hit the crossbar.

They then suffered a blow when front man Nicky Young was sent off for an offence few people spotted. We can only imagine he spoke out of turn to the referee.

Hyde settled down after Ged Kimmins came on for James, who limped out of the action and, with ten minutes to go, Moncreiffe atoned for his earlier error when he hit a curling shot past the outstretched Hughes, enabling the Tigers to stutter into the final.

Vauxhall: Hughes, Draper, Fox, McLoughlin, Noice, Nesbitt, Schumacher, Williams, Young, Ungi, Wenham. Subs: Hardacre, McNicholas, Scott for Fox (82).

Hyde: James 6, Magram 6, Donnelly 6, Wilson 6, Garton 7, Henshaw 6, Moncreiffe 6, Owen 6, James 6, Carroll 6, Nolan 6. Subs: Camilleri, Kimmins for James (73), Reid.

Ref: David Pugh (Wirral).