Champagne Carroll supplies the fizz



THE spies from Carshalton must have left

Ewen Fields with mixed feelings on Saturday. For three-quarters of the game Hyde had trouble breaking down struggling Frickley's dour defence. Then, Champagne Tony Carroll completed a hat-trick to claim the bubbly club chairman Steve Hartley buys for three-goal heroes.

All of a sudden, the true pride of Tameside

were doing a demolition job on another team. Saturday's match was the Tigers' third in a week. At times, it showed, and it didn't help that Ged Kimmins and Gary Henshaw were injured. It all combined to produce a lacklustre Hyde

performance which was only brightened by Carroll's red-hot finishing.

Yet, it was a defender who nodded the Tigers into a seventh minute lead. Gary Copley could only fist a Colin Murphy corner in Billy GarHyde United.....4 Frickley Athletic.....1

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ton's direction, and the fans' favourite headed it over the keeper's clawing hands. Instead of boosting Hyde, the goal pepped up Frickley and, 13 minutes later, the Colliers grabbed the goal they had been threatening

when Mike Thompson headed home a Garry Duffty cross. Home supporters used to flowing moves were shocked into silence and, minutes later, a Miles Thorpe shot beat Arthur Williams only to rattle the bar.

The Tigers needed a goal and, five minutes

before the break, they got it. Carroll picked up a loose ball and squeezed a shot between keeper and post. Early second-half play was dull, but Carroll lit

up the sky on a day the floodllights were dodgy by tucking home a 61st-minute Esdaille cross. Eight minutes later, the two combined again for the goal of the game. Esdaille flicked over a cross, and Carroll's diving header gave Copley

no chance Hyde were now in control, and ran home easy

winners in a match which, while never a classic, took the Tigers another step nearer the title. Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 8, Garton 7,

Murphy 6, Dowe 6, Owen 7, Esdaille 7, Carroll 9, Nolan 7. Subs Donnelly 7 for Murphy (31), Cox 6 for Carroll (74), McLellan. Frickley: Copley, Hilton, Hatto, I.Thompson, M.Thompson, Yates, Hancock, Armstrong, Thorpe, Duffty, Dempsey. Subs. Kelly for Yates (41), Dickinson for Thorpe (83), Colley.

Referee: Carl Dunn (Stoke).