

Hyde crush Conference champions

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Macclesfield1

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*Cheshire Senior Cup
semi-final, first leg*

HYDE tamed one of the best non-league sides in the country on Monday, and they did it in a way that must boost their morale for Saturday's F.A. Trophy tie with Carshalton.

After the fiasco at Frickley, the Tigers needed to look good against mighty Macc, and they did just that.

They dominated the first half with quicksilver attacks, continually finding gaps for in their opponents' defence. They scored twice, created chances galore; and only looked vulnerable after the interval, when shrewd substitutions by manager Sammy McIlroy pepped up the Conference side's attack.

The pace of Hyde's raids made Macc gasp, and it was no surprise when they took a 17th-minute lead. Keeper Phil Morgan virtually threw the ball to Colin Murphy, who coolly crossed, and Dave crashed home the ball.

Seven minutes later, the silky-smooth Tigers were in the driving seat. Gary Henshaw split the Macc

defence, and Tony Carroll fired home.

With Julian Dowe oozing class, Hyde came again. Carroll smashed a shot over the bar, and put in another cracker that Morgan turned for a corner.

At half time, McIlroy attempted to boost his attack by bringing on Darren Lyons and Phil Cavell, and the tactic worked. Suddenly, the Silkmen were looking Football League material but Hyde, to their credit, confidently contained them.

Five minutes into the half, Marc Coates put in a close-range shot that Arthur Williams brilliantly blocked. Then Lyons flashed in a power packet, and the keeper had to twist in mid-air to turn it for a corner.

The Silkmen made the scorsheet on the hour, when Billy Garton was judged guilty of pushing in the box, and Lyons cracked home from the spot.

With both sides committed to attack, it made for a grandstand finish, in which Town looked stronger and fitter, but Hyde held out for the win they deserved.

Hyde: Williams 7, Gallagher 7, Switzer 8, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Henshaw 8, Dowe 7, Owen 7, Murphy 7, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Donnelly 7 for Carroll (62), Camilleri, McLellan.

Macclesfield: Morgan, Edey, Bradshaw, Payne, Howarth, Gardiner, Hutchinson, Wood, Coates, Hulme, Hemmings. Subs: Cavell for Hutchinson (46), Lyons for Gardiner (46), Sorvel.

Ref: Joe Copeland (Wallasey).



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