

Williams puts up shutters



DELIGHT ... Tony Carroll runs in after scoring Hyde's opening goal. Picture: Jon Snape.

HYDE'S reputation as a top semi-pro side took another giant leap forward on Saturday, when they crushed Carshalton to reach the F.A. Trophy quarter-finals.

But they had to endure a frantic last five minutes in which the ICIS League title chasers threw caution to the wind.

Fortunately, Arthur Williams was equal to the task. A spectator for most of the first half, he pulled off two brilliant saves to rule out a replay.

For most of the first half it was one-way traffic, with the Tigers the masters. However, the only real chance they created during 20 minutes' solid pressure came when Julian Dowe crossed after a defence splitting run, but Dave Nolan headed over the bar.

Six minutes later, a Gus Wilson cross was back-headed into the goalmouth by Val Owen, and Tony Carroll netted with a deft shot.

Fans screamed for a penalty when Carroll's shot appeared to hit a hand, but the referee said no, and Carshalton raced onto the attack. Andy Salako seemed sure of the equaliser, but pulled the ball wide with only Williams to beat.

Athletic seemed to step up a gear as half time loomed and, with two minutes to go, an Ian Hazel corner bobbed in the box and Paul Clark stabbed home the ball.

With Ged Kimmins inspirational, Hyde rocked Carshalton with some neat moves after the break. But, suddenly, the visitors showed their class.

They opened up the Tigers, only

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for Salako to slice wide of an open goal.

Hyde won the game with two goals in three minutes, and the first was a classic.

With 68 minutes gone, Dowe unleashed a pass down the middle that Kimmins chased and chased. Brushing off challengers he cruised into the box before drawing Les Cleevely and walking the ball home.

Three minutes later, followed a mix-up in the Carshalton goalmouth, Owen fired home through a forest of legs.

With nothing to lose, Athletic went for broke. Salako had a third chance, and this time he was on target, but Williams made a super save.

However, with nine minutes to go, Clark scored his second with a shot that went in off the far post. Suddenly, there was a chance the visitors might fight back, and the last few minutes seemed an eternity as they threw everything into attack.

Deep into injury time, Gary Bowyer turned on the 18-yard line to slant in a shot, but Williams pounced on the ball and Hyde were home and dry.

Hyde: Williams 8, Gallagher 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Henshaw 7, Kimmins 8, Owen 7, Dowe 7, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Murphy 6 for Henshaw (85), Ednaile 6 for Dowe (77), Donnelly.

Carshalton: Cleevely, Robson, Underwood, Harmsworth, Saunders, Clark, Hazel, Bowyer, Vines, Ugbah, Salako. Subs: Wiggins for Underwood (71), Whiter, Rains. Ref: Christopher Foy (St. Helens).