

# Carroll keeps cool head

HYDE overcame a bruising battle with their Cheshire Senior Cup final opponents on Monday, to win for the first time in five outings.

Little love was lost in a match that produced seven bookings, a host of niggly fouls, and various angry scenes involving the two management teams.

In addition, as the teams left the pitch, incensed home fans made their feelings known about some crunching Witton tackles.

Games between these sides are usually red-blooded affairs, and this one was no different - with no mercy demanded or given. But it gave Hyde the win they needed to put them in good heart for the F.A. Trophy semi-final second leg with Witton's neighbours Northwich.

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It also produced another great goal for fireman Tony Carroll, whose 33rd strike of the season kept alive the Tigers' flickering championship hopes. It came in the 16th minute, when he took the ball along the 18-yard line before putting a low shot past David Whyke.

Albion might have snatched a 20th-minute leveller, but Arthur Williams soared at the post to keep out a Neil Whalley blockbuster.

Bang on half time came a mis-hit

shot, that produced a great header, and a fabulous save. Carroll's cracker was shooting wide until Dave Esdaille threw himself forward. His stunning header seemed destined for goal, but Whyke brought off a sensational reflex save.

Witton started the second half brightly, with Geoff Horsfield and Alan Fahy forcing great ground saves from Williams. But Hyde forced their way back with Carroll and Paul Varden both hitting the woodwork.

Hyde: Williams 8, Cox 7, Switzer 7, Wilson 7, Garton 7, Donnelly 7, Evans 7, Esdaille 7, Varden 7, Carroll 7, Nolan 7. Subs: Dowe 6 for Evans (84), McLellan, Camilleri.

Witton: Whyke, Rodwell, Taylor, Jones, Pritchard, Benchley, Morley, Whalley, Horsfield, Fahy, Watson. Subs: Stannard, Macauley, Ranson.

Ref: Gary Foulkes.