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SUPERB KNAPPERS BAG LOCAL BRAGGING RIGHTS & WOKING HOSPICE CUP SILVERWARE

FOOTBALL: THE first ever Woking Hospice Charity Cup fixture between neighbours Westfield and Knaphill proved to be a memorable one for the away side as Keith Hills' men romped to a 6-1 win over Dan Snare's stunned hosts at Woking Park.

A hat-trick from pocket rocket forward Danny Taylor was the inspiration as a depleted Field were put to the sword. The

Raynes Park 6

Woking 18

■by Matt Goldsmith

remaining strikes were supplied by Matt Morris' opener in the 18th minute, Charlie Postance's first-half goal and a late Yassa Kabuye effort.

Westfield winger Ben Blackwell netted what proved to be a consolation effort in the 24th minute, while Snare's surprise inclusion of Scott Steele caused a stir on

the sidelines. Ex-Woking star Steele, now 44, rolled back the years in a 75-minute cameo – and that game time will come in useful for next week's Woking Legends XI v Celeb XI match at Kingfield.

But at the end of 90 hugely entertaining minutes it was Knaphill skipper Robbie Kersley who held aloft the sparkling Charity Cup, which will now sit proudly in the Redding Way trophy cabinet until the sides meet again on 15 March. Speaking after the match, Community Fundraising Officer at Woking & Sam Beare Hospices, Wendy Denty, said: "It is wonderful to be supported by two local sides.

"Half of the gate from this and future matches are being donated. We raised £200, which is great, especially as we move to our new Goldsworth Park home."

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Woking catch Moles in the cup

Surrey Senior Cup – Quarter-Final Molesey 1 Woking 3

FOOTBALL: THE Cards bounced back from their FA Trophy exit at Grimsby by snaring Molesey 3-1 in the Surrey Senior Cup on Tuesday night.

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Mole catching is a trick Woking Chairman Mike Smith knows all about from his day job, and he approved as John Goddard bagged a brace (one from the penalty spot) either side of a Charlie Samuels reply for the hosts, before Shaun Jeffers' injury-time clincher booked the Cards a place in the semi-final draw.

■MEANWHILE, Dave Curtis has been unveiled as the club's newest board member.

Farnham-based carpet-fitting business owner and Woking supporter Curtis, 46, fills the vacant sixth Director's chair – vacated by BBC Sport's Garry Richardson last year – around the Kingfield boardroom table.

In a statement released on its official website

on Monday, the club said of the appointment: "Woking Football Club is delighted to announce that Dave Curtis has been appointed to fill a vacant role on the board. His role will focus on ground operations."



FAN – Dave Curtis



CHEERS! – Hayden Roger-Lund, Jack Thomson, Rob Heasman, Justin Robinson and Paul Reilly

Squash club's vintage year

Surrey Winter League Division 3R Woking 16 Dorking 9

SQUASH: CORKS were being popped down at Woking Squash Rackets Club last week after the men's first team secured promotion to Division 2 of the Surrey Winter League.

The five-man squad of Rob Heasman, Jack Thomson, Hayden Roger-Lund, Justin Robinson and Paul Reilly saw off Division 3R rivals Dorking 16-9 to ensure the Horsell Moor club will now be represented at level two of the county game for the first time since 2002 — with captain Reilly hoping 'to make the step to Division One'.

Woking Club Chairman Mark Watts added his congratulations, joking that the win was up there with another of the town's sporting highlights: "I'm so delighted for the team and for the club. This is a huge achievement – it's up there with Woking beating West Brom in the FA Cup in 1991!"

"We have several other teams, including our juniors, ladies and veterans sections. We would also welcome new members to join our friendly club – check out wokingsquashclub.org."



CUP WIN KEEPS WOKING FIGHTING ON TWO FRONTS

RFU Surrey Bowl Quarter-Final Raynes Park 6 Woking 18



Add that to a nine-game unbeaten streak in league action—which has propelled Coach Pete D'Cruz's men to within touching distance of the summit of Surrey Division 4—and this could be a

campaign to remember at Byfleet Rec.
Woking travelled to a boggy Raynes Park Sports
Ground on Saturday with vivid memories of a
feisty encounter the last time the two sides met, a
clash in which skipper Mike Aitchison was dismissed.

Experienced

From the first whistle, it was clear that another physical encounter was in the offing but, with a more experienced referee this time around, the huge tackles were kept within the laws of the game. Meanwhile, a swirling wind was also adding to the challenge, although this

seemed to play into the hands of Woking as it took the huge boot of their hosts largely out of the game.

With No8 Joe Bennett filling in admirably for the absent Dan Hills to drive Woking forward, some precision Aitchison and Phil Robertson distribution was finding open space out wide.

Surprisingly, the first points of the day went to the hosts as they dispatched two penalties to punish some rash Woking infringements.

Territory

Some strong words from disgruntled captain Aitchison clearly drifted away on the breeze as the Woking penalty count crept up.

Despite making huge inroads deep into Park territory, time and again white-line fever gripped the away attack.

But, after several thwarted attempts, Aitchison's men finally did cross the whitewash through a strong carry from Alisdaire Hamilton-Wilkes, who offloaded nicely for Bennett to crash over.

Taking his time with the conversion attempt, the Woking skipper had his kick charged down to the bemusement of all involved. Moments later, just on

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