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SECOND HALF SPARKLE SEES HAWKS THROUGH

Aylesford Hawks breezed into their second semi final of the season, as they brushed aside plucky Tamworth Tigers 116-100 to move into the penultimate round of the Inter-Divisional Shield.

But the old campaigners did not have it all their own way, as Tigers fought hard to stay in contention until half time when they trailed 70-74. They had started with a six point handicap lead, and that quickly became eleven thanks to some fine shooting from veterans Dave Foskett and John Malia. But Hawks had their own sharp-shooter, in the form of Alex Birch, who showed his colleagues how to do it, with 18 by the end of the first quarter. But Birch faded, and when the two turned for half time, it was nip and tuck with Hawks just ahead.

In the second though, they started to pull away, and Tigers could sense this as Coach Paul Jackson called time out. Birch, back on song grabbed another eight, and Hawks were sharpening their claws at 93-82. Then Foskett came good once more with seven points to keep Tigers interested, but the end was coming and Hawks moved in to match their hosts before going for the kill to win comfortably. Birch hit 30, and Ricky Fennel 19, with Malia and Dean Woodward also making 19 for Tigers.

There were fireworks at Hereward College where Tile Hill Trojans 1 met GAC who finished level with them on points in the First Division. Trojans were first out of the blocks, but GAC countered well to push ahead at 33-27. Trojans' Coach Ross Alexander fumed and his men responded with a salvo of their own to get their noses back in front as they closed for the half at 53-45.

Then, after Richard Onions had nailed a long three pointer it was GAC who rose to threaten Trojans as they bounced back to 68-63. Time was going and the foul count mounting against the visitors who lost Tim Donaldson with four minutes left. This was the signal for Coach Marcus Garvey to kit up and he made a rare court appearance as Trojans moved away. Trevor Robinson was their man on fire, and he succeeded from the line to take his match tally to 20 – ten coming in the final period. Onions was supreme though with 28, and Teet Reinson notched 23, but the leader on the night was GAC's Marcin Twiederski who was impressive with 33 of his own.

Trojans play Woodway Nuggets in the semi final after they demolished six-man Warriors 117-87, and Hawks go on to meet Arden Griffins who put out their fellow Second division opponents Westwood Rhinos 150-136. Rhinos, along with the other first and second round losing teams now move into the Plate competition.

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Inter-Divisional Shield Quarter Finals

Tamworth Tigers 100-116 Aylesford Hawks (26-20)

Tile Hill Trojans 1 107-83 GAC (15-12)

Arden Griffins 150-136 Westwood Rhinos (60-40)

Premier Warriors 87-117 Woodway Nuggets (4-55)

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