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Woking fall to former player

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BILLY DRYDEN, chairman of Skol Northern League club Newcastle Blue Star, bridged a 42-year gap on Saturday when his team beat Woking 2-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy for the first time.

In 1947 Mr Dryden, then an 18-year-old doing National Service, played briefly for Woking before an army posting took him away from the area.

Saturday's defeat of the Vauxhall-Opel League First Division side — with second half goals by Phil Linacre and John Grady — leaves Blue Star as one of the surprises in today's draw.

HFS Loans League First Division side **Bishop Auckland** also went down 2-0, at **Dartford**, of the Beazer Homes League, for whom Colin Johnson and David Myers scored.

GM Vauxhall Conference club **Wycombe**, watched by a 3,434 crowd, beat **Merthyr**, another Beazer Homes team, by the same score with goals by Mark West and Glyn Creaser. Last season's beaten finalists, **Telford**, and 1987 Trophy winners **Kidderminster**, drew 1-1 and replay at Telford tomorrow.

Hyde United of the HFS Loans League, earned a replay tonight when goals by Tony Megram and Joe Connor gave them a 2-2 draw at Vauxhall-Opel League club **Windsor**, who went ahead through Mark Woods and Michael Barnes.