

# JACK KILLED THE GIANT-KILLERS

## Yeovil Out After Rowley Hat-Trick

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IT was a case of Jack (Rowley) the giantkiller at Maine-road to-day. The Manchester United inside-left scored a hat-trick in the first twenty-two minutes of the fifth round Cup-tie against Yeovil Town, whose glorious run ended in an 8-0 defeat.

They were not the Yeovil of previous Cup-ties this season.

Blizzard played a hero's part in defeat against a machine-like United. There was a crowd of 81,565; receipts totalled £7,141.

### Line-Up

#### MANCHESTER UTD.

Crompton  
Carey Aston  
Cockburn Chilton McGlen  
Pearson Rowley  
Delaney Burke Mitten

Referee: Mr. A. Bond, Fulham.

Roy Bryant Hamilton

Wright Stock

Collins Blizzard Keeton

Davis Hickman

Hall

#### YEOVIL TOWN

There were still wet patches in the centre of the field, but the turf looked in fine condition.

Yeovil received a rousing welcome on arrival at the ground. There were no team changes.

Twenty minutes prior to the start the gates were closed, with approximately 80,000 people inside the vast arena.

Manchester United were first out, quickly followed by Yeovil, led as usual by their ten-year-old mascot, Rex Rainey.

Yeovil were first away, and Hamilton forced a corner after fifty seconds, and as the ball came across it was scrambled away by Carey.

A throw-in by Keeton sent Bryant away, but he was cleverly robbed by Cockburn. Then Manchester forced two corners, the second of which was well cleared by Keeton, who placed Wright in possession.

The old Exeter forward passed out to Bryant, but the ball was too hard and went harmlessly into touch.

**DOUBLE BLOW**  
United were playing clever football, but the Yeovil forwards were dangerous when on the move.

Hall made his first save after five minutes' play—a weak effort by Burke, but a minute later Manchester took the lead.

**ROWLEY**, with a shot which Hall should have saved quite easily.

Another minute later Hall pushed around the upright a drive from Rowley which looked exceedingly good—a grand save this!

Delaney raced right through, but was pulled up for offside, and then

another corner to Manchester resulted, after ten minutes' play, in **ROWLEY** netting their second.

Yeovil appeared a very different team from that which beat Sunderland. There was none of that close marking. Both Rowley and Burke were allowed far too much scope.

The Cup-holders were fast and clever side, and deserved their lead. Hamilton raised Yeovil's hopes by a shot from the right, but Crompton gathered the ball well. Hall next made a wonderful save from Burke.

Yeovil still kept pegging away with some clever play between Hamilton and Bryant, which ended in Crompton making a great save by the post.

### ROWLEY'S FEAT

A few minutes later—in the 21st minute to be exact—**ROWLEY** completed a "hat-trick." Hall was knocked out in his attempt to save, the game being held up while he received attention. He resumed, though badly shaken.

Mitten was far too good for Hickman, but Blizzard at least generally kept a tight hold on centre-forward Burke.

Once, however, when Burke managed to elude his opponent, he shot very wide from 20 yards' range.

Manchester slackened their pace, but still had the Yeovil forwards well in check, Hamilton being the only player to threaten danger.

Collins was next to receive attention from Trainer Abbott; he fell heavily after an encounter with Cockburn.

Yeovil were not done with yet, and Crompton dealt with shots from Bryant and Stock, but these were lacking in power.

### BRYANT GOES CLOSE

An exciting scramble in the Manchester goalmouth ended when Bryant hooked a ball from Wright just wide of the post.

A brilliant run by the home right-wing was smartly checked by Blizzard, but shortly afterwards Rowley, with all the time in the world, drove high over the bar from the six-yard line. A bad miss this when a goal seemed certain.

After 43 minutes Manchester went ahead. **BURKE** raced

which Hall stopped. He could not hold. The centre-forward, following up, tapped the ball into the net.

At this stage Yeovil appeared beaten and outclassed. Half-time:—

MANCHESTER UTD. .... 4

YEOVIL ..... 0

### Goals Timed

Rowley (Man. Utd.) .. 6 mins.  
Rowley (Man. Utd.) .. 10 mins.  
Rowley (Man. Utd.) .. 21 mins.  
Burke (Man. Utd.) .. 43 mins.  
Burke (Man. Utd.) .... 47 mins.  
Rowley (Man. Utd.) .. 65 mins.  
Mitten (Man. Utd.) .... 72 mins.  
Rowley (Man. Utd.) .. 88 mins.

### ALL MANCHESTER

Manchester got through straight from the restart, but Delaney was pulled up for offside when in a scoring position.

In the 47th minute, however, **BURKE** scored the fifth goal, beating Hall close in.

There was no stopping this Manchester football machine, for they did much as they liked with the Yeovil defence, Ralph Davis being outplayed at left back.

After beating five men, Burke ballooned the ball over the bar—the only consolation so far as Yeovil was concerned.

It was all Manchester now, with Yeovil trying their hardest to keep down the score.

Crompton was throwing the ball out instead of kicking it, and to say that Manchester did just as they wished is no exaggeration.

**ROWLEY** was certainly on top of his form, and he netted again after 65 minutes.

Manchester penned Yeovil in their own half for some time, and on occasions the home half-backs joined the forwards in swarming before the Yeovil goal.

Hall brought the huge crowd to their toes by making a masterly save from Mitten. A free kick for a foul on Bryant on the edge of the Manchester penalty area was blocked by Carey.

### STOOD STILL—GOAL

The seventh goal came as a shock, for Mitten received in what appeared to be an offside position. Expecting the whistle, the Yeovil defence stood still and **MITTEN** fired in a shot which Hall made little or no attempt to save.

After having a word with the linesman, Referee Bond pointed to the centre of the field for a goal, the game then being 72 minutes old.

In this now decidedly one-sided match, Carey and Aston joined in the attack.

**ROWLEY** scored again two minutes from the end. Result:

MANCHESTER UNITED .. 8

YEOVIL ..... 0

### COMMENTS

To have lost to such a fine team as Manchester United was only to be expected, but only once, in the first half, did Yeovil play in anything like their Cup-fighting form.

Hall should have saved at least two of the goals; Bryant was never in the picture. Man of the match from Yeovil's standpoint was Les Blizzard, who did the work of two.

The full-backs had no answer to the raids of Mitten and Delaney. United's teamwork was superb.

Points: £7,141.

Official attendance was 81,565.

### HAT-TRICK ROWLEY



Jack Rowley (left), Manchester United's inside-left, who scored a 22-minutes' hat-trick for the Cup-holders against Yeovil Town at Maine-road. Jack Hargreaves (right), of Yeovil, was watching. Jack Roy played in his place.

The 6,000 Yeovil fans who hit Manchester to-day after travelling through the night by six special trains and a fleet of 30-odd motor coaches had a sample of the city's worst weather of the winter. Driving rain, brief sunny periods, blustering wind, more rain and some sleet was the mixture.

Folk from Somerset paraded up and down Market-street and round about Piccadilly, whirling rattles showing the green and white, and dancing figs.

They joined the queues an hour, and by mid-day several thousands were waiting for admission to the Maine-road ground as the turnstiles clicked. Their match cheers were swelled by supporters of Manchester City, United's local rivals.

Yeovil received a late good wishes' cable from Gloversville U.S. This small town was formed nearly fifty years ago by a party of emigrants from Yeovil who went over to establish the glove industry. Gloversville is now regarded as Yeovil's adopted town in America.

Two 17-year-old fans set off yesterday to hitch-hike from Yeovil to Manchester—each with 8s. 6d. in their pocket.

## THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF YEOVIL

### MANCHESTER UNITED 8, YEOVIL TOWN 0

With eight goals piled up against him, Yeovil goalkeeper Stan Hall was nevertheless the hero—and an unknown hero—of a team who were outclassed from start to finish.

Immediately after the match he had four stitches inserted in the lower part of his abdomen and nobody off the field knew that for 70 minutes he had been playing in agony.

He was injured after 20 minutes in a collision with Rowley, the man who scored five of Manchester United's eight.

True to the great sporting spirit of his gallant Southern League club, Hall said after the game: "Although I did feel upset by the injury, please do not blame that for the goals. The Manchester United forwards beat me fairly and squarely."

The result was never in doubt from the sixth minute when the smooth United goal machine clicked into gear for Rowley, a near-genius at inside-left, to score the first of his five.

He had added two more after 22 minutes, obtained another 16 minutes after half-time, and his last a minute before time.

Burke also claimed two opportunist goals and Mitten completed the Manchester total.

Yeovil forced a corner in the first 30 seconds, but they attacked only spasmodically after that, and centre-forward Bryant was too often a lone

figure in the Manchester penalty area.

Forced to give a great deal of help in defence, Stock and Wright, the visiting inside forwards, at times seemed over-anxious in their passes to the wings, which were often faulty.

Deputy left-winger Roy tried hard against Johnny Carey, and once or twice beat him to the ball, but the Manchester defence were generally the complete masters.

Delaney, back into his stride as the United outside-right, was too much of a handful for Davis, and plied his inside men with well-judged centres.

Yeovil found the heavy, slippery ground a severe handicap, but Blizzard, overworked at centre-half, emerged with great credit.

Yeovil should have no regrets. They gave of their best throughout, but were just not good enough for a first-class League team, which included six internationals.

## Bullet hits Yeovil train

A BULLET crashed through a window of the train in which Yeovil Soccer team returned from Manchester yesterday.

It happened when the train was near Gloucester.

"The bullet passed a few inches from my face," dark-haired Doris, wife of Yeovil's left-half, Nick Collins, said last night.

"I was sitting next to Jack Hargreaves, the outside-left. The glass was splintered, but no one was hurt."

That Slope on the Yeovil ground may go—although some think it

helped the team to get as far as the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup.

Tomorrow the club's directors will discuss what to do with its £3,000 share of the "gate" at Saturday's match, which Manchester United won 8-0.

Last night the club chairman, Mr. H. A. Smith, spoke of ways in which the money might be spent.

"We would like to have the slope levelled," he said. "We shall try to do this but there may be some difficulty in getting the licence. In any case we shall make every effort to improve our seating accommodation."

But player-manager Alec Stock wants to keep the Slope. He said: "It's one of our greatest assets—why should we get rid of it?"