

Torquay Goalkeeper's Masterly Saves

# YEOVIL SHINE IN KEEN STRUGGLE

Yeovil figured in a keen struggle when they met Torquay Reserves at Yeovil this afternoon. Yeovil launched many attacks, but the Torquay goalkeeper was in brilliant form and made a series of masterly saves.

**Y**EOVIL were unchanged, but the visitors brought Whitfield, in place of McGuinness, at centre-half. Teams:

**YEOVIL.**—Dyke, Hickman, Davis; Haines, Blizzard, Paterson; Rae, Foulds, Phillips, Wright, Hamilton.

**TORQUAY.**—Pegg; Targett, Lewis; Winters, Whitfield, Northcott; Giddy, Kovandzich, Calland, Reid, Thomas. Referee: R. Swift, Peasedown.

Yeovil went straight into the attack, but were driven back. Play veered to the Yeovil end, where Reid fired in a great shot which skimmed the bar. Yeovil came again, and Phillips tried his luck with a 25-yard shot, which went wide over the bar.

Phillips, Yeovil's young leader, soon got the wingers moving. He sent Hamilton away with a delightful pass. The winger cleverly rounded Targett, but Whitfield stepped in and cleared. Calland was a lively leader for Torquay, but Blizzard kept a close watch on him.

## Timely Clearance

Torquay came near to taking the lead from a free-kick, only a timely clearance by Blizzard preventing the downfall of the home goal.

After Rae shot wide from a possible scoring position, Hamilton came into the limelight with a run, which forced the visitors to concede a corner. Pegg tipped the ball over the bar.

Territorially, Yeovil had more of the play, but the Seaside were always dangerous in their goalward thrusts.

In a Torquay attack Dyke was loudly cheered for a brilliant one-handed save from Kovandzich. Yeovil returned to their opponents' half, and only fine defensive play prevented them from taking the lead.

From halfway Hickman hit the bar with a terrific long-range shot. Just after, Hamilton, when nicely placed, shot wide of the post.

## Strong Defence

A Rae centre ended in a goal-mouth scrimmage, but Pegg emerged with the ball from a bunch of players and cleared. Play was fast and keen, with Yeovil having slightly the better of the game, but their forwards were unable to find a way through the visitors' defence, whose position and coverage was a marked feature.

Yeovil set up a concentrated attack, in which the visiting goal underwent a series of narrow escapes. Pegg was in brilliant form, and defied the efforts of the home forwards with a series of masterly saves.

Shots from Phillips, Foulds, Wright and Hamilton rained on the Torquay goal, which Pegg brilliantly saved.

For some minutes, play was in the Yeovil half, and the home defenders were hard pressed in preventing the lively visiting forwards from scoring. Dykes the home goal, was often prominent with a number of fine saves.

Yeovil played delightful football, keeping the ball on the ground and finding their men with beautifully-timed passes. Yeovil continued to press right up to the interval, but without success.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN ..... 0  
TORQUAY UTD. RES. .... 0

Torquay were first to attack after the interval. Dyke, the home keeper, as injured in running out to clear, but soon recovered after attention from the trainer.

With the slope in their favour, Torquay kept the play in their opponents' half, in which the defence had many anxious moments. Blizzard, at centre-half, was outstanding, and frequently broke up dangerous moves.

## Yeovil in Lead

Yeovil got away and a centre by Roe was kicked clear by Lewis. Yeovil, for a time, threw all they had into getting the lead but the visiting defence never faltered. Play went from end to end, in which both goalkeepers were kept busy. Yeovil should have taken

the lead after Wright had made the opening. He passed to Rae, who completely missed the ball, with the goal at his mercy.

In the 65th minute, RAE atoned for his previous errors when he fastened on to a pass from Wright and crashed the ball into the net, to give Yeovil the lead.

Torquay swarmed to the attack, and shots from Northcott and Reid narrowly missed the bar. Calland got the ball into the net for the visitors, but the goal was disallowed through a foul of the home goalkeeper.

Five minutes from the end RAE put Yeovil further ahead with an unstoppable shot.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN ..... 2  
TORQUAY UTD. RES. .... 0

# Guildford Drop a Point

Guildford City, 1; Yeovil Town, 1.

Yeovil Town played a defensive role throughout most of their Southern League match at Guildford, and have their cast-iron defence to thank for saving a point.

**G**UILDFORD'S forwards enjoyed three parts of the play, but spoiled an otherwise good performance by over-eagerness and weak shooting.

Yeovil's attack was always dangerous, however, and the Guildford goal was often threatened in breakaways. The home club's defence, although it looked sound enough, showed signs of panic under pressure.

The game produced good, enter-

taining football, but was marred to some extent by frayed tempers.

Yeovil's leader, Phillips, and Guildford's pivot, Sadler, were both spoken to by the referee after some unusually robust exchanges.

Best in the Yeovil defence were Goalkeeper Dyke and Blizzard. The lofty centre-half hardly put a foot wrong and was the rock on which the majority of the home attacks foundered. Wright, who scored Yeovil's goal after 22 minutes, was prominent among the visiting forwards. Bennett replied for Guildford after 43 minutes.

# Reading Lags Behind

**B**OTH Yeovil and Reading made late changes for their "friendly" to-day. Rae took Haines's place on the Yeovil right-wing and Gliddon played instead of Hanley for Reading.

Scheming well Yeovil forward, Wright manoeuvred into a good position after only two minutes, but his shot went wide. Yeovil stormed to the attack but fast, crisp passing was broken up by the strong tackling of the visiting defence.

A determined Reading raid took Yeovil by surprise but goal keeper Dyke went down on his knee to save a shot from Blackman. Soon afterwards a dazzling run by inside forward Hutton sent Yeovil running the wrong way but Davies cleared.

In the next minute the home side nearly scored. Phillips tapped the ball sideways to Rae whose well-directed drive was just stopped. Reading appeared to be gradually settling down and there followed a period of sustained pressure by their lively forwards. Yeovil's rear guard stood firm, however.

A pass by Hutton to right-winger Fisher looked certain to bring success to the visitors, but Fisher had to fire from an acute angle and his shot hit the side netting.

Then Yeovil really sprang to life, netting three times within eight minutes. The energetic Hamilton put over a centre and FOULDS crashed the ball past McBride. Then PHILLIPS sprinted forward to flick the ball past an astonished goalkeeper. Back came Yeovil again and as the ball bounced tantalisingly in front of goal the vigilant PHILLIPS headed it over McBride into an empty net for goal number three.

Reading's centre-half, Brice, went off injured but resumed after five minutes. Both teams showed plenty of constructive movements. Half-time: Yeovil 3, Reading 0.

Reading had a great chance to score when former amateur international Edelston, cleverest forward on the field, was right through. His shot hit the approaching Dyke, who grabbed the ball as it rolled away.

Yeovil scored their fourth goal through PHILLIPS, who had then completed his hat-trick. There was good work by left-winger Hamilton, who beat two opponents before giving the ball to Phillips. At three-quarter time Yeovil were leading 4-0.

# Yeovil Made the Most Of Their Chances

On the defensive at the start of their Southern League match against Guildford today, Yeovil let no chance weakening in home team go unchallenged.

**I**N the first minute, Yeovil's goalkeeper, Dyke, was forced to scramble the ball away from a shot by Jutsum.

Fighting back, Yeovil forced the pace and had the Guildford defence in a tangle, but Phillips was knocked off the ball in front of the Guildford goal as he was about to shoot.

Bennett, Guildford's inside-left, went close after a fine bout of passing on the left had drawn the Yeovil defence out of position. Phillips missed a chance after 13 minutes' play, when he shot wide with only Clack, the Guildford keeper, to beat.

A few minutes later, Clack just blocked a free-kick from Wright, stopping it on the line.

## Clear Run

Yeovil took the lead after 22 minutes when WRIGHT was sent away by Phillips. He had a clear run between the Guildford defenders and sent in a shot from the edge of the penalty area. The ball went high into the net and had Clack beaten all the way.

Guildford had a golden chance to equalise soon after, but Gleeson blazed the ball over the bar from five yards out. Jackson went close for Guildford soon after, heading Howard's corner kick just outside the post.

Guildford equalised two minutes before half-time after Gleeson slipped the ball through to BENNETT, who sent the ball into the right-hand corner of the net.

Half-time:

GUILDFORD CITY ..... 1  
YEOVIL TOWN ..... 1

Guildford came out in fighting form after the interval, and the Yeovil defence was almost constantly in action during the opening quarter of an hour. Ten minutes after the start Yeovil's goal had a narrow escape when Dyke just managed to turn a free-kick by Langley over the bar.

## Fine Save

Dyke made another fine save in the early stages of this half, knocking down a shot by Jackson when a goal seemed almost certain.

Guildford's forwards were dangerous in approach, but their effectiveness in front of goal was minimised by the cast-iron defence presented by centre-half Blizzard and his full-backs.

Twenty minutes after the resumption, Dyke just managed to beat Howard in a goalmouth race for the ball. A few minutes later Sadler, Guildford's pivot, was lucky to block a shot by Fouldes.

Result:

GUILDFORD CITY ..... 1  
YEOVIL TOWN ..... 1