

PROUD RECORD OF YEOVIL TOWN IN THE CUP

Yeovil Town are in the third round of the F.A. Cup for the fifth time in the last ten peace-time seasons. It is a record unequalled by any other minor team in modern times. And they go into the hat for the draw today with 44 First and Second Division clubs, plus

Reading, Bournemouth, Rotherham and the winners in round two.

Weymouth are also in the third round and either Mossley or Nuneaton will join them. Chelmsford must win their replay at Ipswich on Wednesday to survive—no easy task.

All set to strike again

By ROY MOOR

Yeovil 3 Gillingham 1

YEovil, seasoned in the art of chopping the beanstalk from beneath Cup giants, are set to strike again.

Their opponents in round three should heed this warning: "We consider our present side to be the best ever to wear the club's colours and with a little luck in the draw we may well surpass our former deeds."

Mr. Percy Hardy, for many years a member of the directorate, expressed this opinion to me after Yeovil's success over skilful Gillingham. And as one who saw them beat Bury before defeating Sunderland last season. I am inclined to agree.

Defiant defence

Yeovil are fighter in defence and the forwards carry more attacking ideas. A defence that can stand up to such a battering as was given them by Gillingham must certainly command respect from the best of clubs.

Their resistance was magnificent, with Les Blizzard and Dick Dyke dominating figures of the fray.

Hughie Russell, one of the most talented centre-forwards outside League football, was so successfully "policed" by Blizzard that his only scoring chance came with the conversion of a second-half penalty.

This pulled back the 2-0 interval lead given Yeovil by Wright (30 minutes) and Foulds (35).

Two great saves

Russell's goal spurred Gillingham, but the Yeovil barrier remained unbroken and Dyke capped his fine display with two great saves from the Burtenshaw brothers.

Injuring a shoulder in the first minute, Burke was handicapped in dealing with Yeovil's less frequent raids in which Foulds and Mansley were generally the prime movers. When Mansley scored eight minutes from the end he brought great relief to Yeovil supporters, for the clever scheming of Briggs and Collins was always threatening to force a replay.

YEovil: Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Keeton, Blizzard, Paterson; Coffey, Mansley, Foulds, Wright, Hamilton.

GILLINGHAM: Burke; Dorling, Marks; Boswell, Kingsnorth, Collins; Burtenshaw (C), Burtenshaw (B), Russell, Briggs, Forrester.

GOALKEEPERS DID WELL

YEOVIL TOOK—& MISSED—CHANCES

YEovil showed something like their Cup-tie form in meeting Cheltenham at Huish on Saturday, and a score of 5-2 in their favour was a good result considering the wretched conditions, with snow falling throughout.

A snap goal by Adams for the visitors in the opening seconds spurred Yeovil, and they swarmed around the Cheltenham goal. Many chances were missed, however, before Wright and Stock gave Yeovil a half-time lead.

The Yeovil manager added another after the interval, when with conditions getting worse, it was not surprising that chances were being given.

Bobby Hamilton, however, seemed to delight in the slippery conditions, and frequently had Miller going the wrong way. He scored a good goal from Wright's pass and Bryant scored the fifth.

Cheltenham had few chances, but when Adams got away Priddy scored with a drive from 20 yards out.

Cheltenham were well served by both Crowe and Dean, but little was seen of Moscroft, Dave Affleck, playing at centre-half, never allowing him any room in which to operate.

Coltham, a youngster in the Cheltenham goal, played a sound game. His counterpart, Dickey Dyke, also gave a good display. Stan Hall will have to find his best form to regain his place in the Southern League side.

THIS was a fair reward for a brilliant all-round display.

Snow fell fast throughout the game, and this, together with the previous day's heavy rain, made the going heavy and players found difficulty in keeping a foothold.

Despite the conditions, Yeovil rarely relinquished their grip on the play.

They kept the ball moving and this puzzled the Cheltenham defence.

Wingers Hamilton and Roy responded splendidly to the promptings of Stock, Wright, Keeton, and Blizzard.

Cheltenham's counter-attack often looked dangerous, but Hickman and Davis never faltered under pressure.

Roy's Good Game

Affleck, at centre-half, was always a dominating figure, and there were few occasions when the Cheltenham leader got the better of him.

For Yeovil, right-winger Hamilton had another good game. He beat Miller often and got over a number of perfect centres.

On the opposite flank Jack Roy played a good game. It was from this pair that Yeovil's five goals came.

Brains of the home attack were Wright and Stock, whose adroit moves tore holes in the visitors' defence.

Dick Dyke, in goal, brought off a number of fine saves and is rapidly developing into a class keeper.

Cheltenham owed much to Coltham, their 17-year-old goalie, whose display marks him a player with a big future. He made a number of remarkable saves from point-blank range.

Stock and Wright scored Yeovil's first-half goals, Stock, Hamilton, and Bryant in the second. Pretty got Cheltenham's second, two minutes from the end.

Because of weather conditions, the attendance was reduced to approximately 2,000.

Finally, it is heartening to see this improvement in Yeovil's league form. Last week they got four points from three games, two of them away. If they can maintain the improvement they will soon rise rapidly in the league table.

HARDER THAN SUNDERLAND TIE

Flaws In Approach Work—But Yeovil Superior In Finishing

By F.D.V.

WELL, Yeovil are through to Round 3, but what a struggle—harder even than in the Sunderland Cup-tie last season. The Somerset side were slow in their positional play, passes went astray time after time—but they got the goals—three to one, in fact. Whether it was due to the occasion or not I do not know, but I have seen them play very much better in League games.

There was little wrong in the forward line. Foulds and company were always on the lookout for goals, especially in the first half. And that first goal, from Ray Wright, was a beauty; his shot flashed past Burke into the top corner of the net with not a hope of being saved.

Gillingham were defending for long periods, and Foulds added a second goal. After Russell had scored from the penalty spot, however (the referee adjudged Hickman to have handled), for a long period the rattled home defence had all their time to keep Gillingham out.

Brilliant, But—

The Kent side played brilliant football at times without being able to finish it off. Russell was excellent with his head, but many of his flicks to his wingers were wasted.

So George Paterson marshalled his men and, once more on the attack, Yeovil did not take long to find an opening for Mansley to put the issue safe.

Of the full-backs I thought Ralph Davis played the better. His kicking was cleaner. Dickie Dyke certainly saved his side on many occasions when Gillingham piled on the pressure. Keeton was below his best, and Blizzard had a hard afternoon watching centre-forward Russell—still a first-class leader.

These Yeovil wing men, Hamilton and Coffey, found the attentions of Marks and Dorling a little too keen.

For Gillingham Marks was a fine full-back and Boswell a good captain. Their forwards played clever stuff midfield but it broke down near goal.

WITH three reserves in the home, were never very the Yeovil goal.

End-to-end play in the first half saw Hillman, with a clear goalmouth, miskick.

In the first 15 minutes Dyke was several times pressed, but Haines, the scheming right-winger, opened up the Colchester defence.

After 29 minutes' play FOULDS slammed home a winner, which found Wright out of position, after a raid by the whole of the Yeovil forward line.

Foxall, United's right-winger, lacked finish. Paterson, of Yeovil, just missed scoring when he booted from 25 yards out, the ball just missing the crossbar. Half-time:—

COLCHESTER 0
YEOVIL TOWN 1

From the commencement of the second half, Colchester United went straight into the attack and SHARPE, pouncing on a loose ball, equalised in the first five minutes.

A few seconds later he again just failed to find the net with the United still pressing. Yeovil defence cleared, but Foxall was back again.

Bombarded by the United's forwards, Dyke managed to keep his goal clear for 20 minutes or so. Two minutes from the end CUPPING made no mistake and banged home the winning goal with Dyke flat on the ground. Final result:—

COLCHESTER UTD. 2
YEOVIL TOWN 1

WELL, once again Yeovil go into the big Cup draw with the crack clubs of the League (writes Alex Bannister), and every man, woman, and child in the west country town is asking: Can we do it again this season?

George Paterson, the club's player-manager, summed up their hopes of the draw with: "If it isn't a home draw with another non-League club, we would like Arsenal away."

And one of his directors added: "Definitely not Manchester United, please." (United beat Yeovil 2-0 in the Fifth Round last season.)

But after Saturday's display I look elsewhere for this season's giant-killers. Yeovil won 3-1, but they were rather like the boy who surprises his teacher with the right answer to the sum after the wrong workings.

As I read the match, Gillingham should at least have earned a replay, and for them the result was sheer tragedy. Talking-point for many a day in Kent will be: Would a fit Johnny Burke in the Gillingham goal have saved any of Yeovil's three?

Heavy fall

In the first minute Burke fell heavily on his left shoulder, and for the rest of the hard game his left arm was lifeless and numb. Thus for 89 minutes Gillingham virtually had a one-armed goalkeeper.

My interpretation of Burke's handicap is that he would not have saved Wright's opening goal (25 minutes), but would have stopped the shot from Foulds five minutes later. Burke got his hands to the ball, but it eluded his grasp and crossed the line.

The third came from Mansley, following a breakaway near the end when Gillingham were a 10-man attacking team striving desperately to improve on Russell's second half goal.

Burke told me afterwards: "Without making excuses, I think I could have saved that second goal." And that second goal, remember, was the turning point.

Archie Clark, Gillingham's manager, said: "Every plan we made came off—except in the vital matter of scoring the goals."

Outstanding men for Yeovil were Dyke, who made two brilliant saves in Gillingham's onslaught, Davis, and Blizzard, and for Gillingham George Forrester was the best

winger afield with Collins also superb.

As George Paterson said: "Gillingham were a good team, but we have goal-scoring forwards."

CUP FINAL AT YEOVIL

Giant Killers Meet

A BIG crowd is expected for tonight's Southern League Cup final, at Yeovil, between the two giant-killers—Yeovil and Colchester. Both sides are fielding their full team.

The cup will be presented to the winners after the match, and the players of the winning team will each receive a wrist watch and the losers a pint tankard each. Teams:

YEovil: Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Keeton, Blizzard, Collins; Hamilton, Stock, Bryant, Wright, Coffey.

COLCHESTER:—Keeble; Kettle, Allen; Berryman, Stamper, Nunn; Hillman, Curry, Turner, Cutting, Foxall.

Referee: Mr. A. Marsh (Exeter). Kick-off 6.30.

YEOVIL SHAKY IN DEFENCE

A Two-Goal Lead Lost In Kent

A DRAW (2-2) was a fair result of a thrilling game, although Yeovil had what luck there was going in their Southern League visit to Northfleet last evening. During a hard-fought second half they were on the defensive for long periods.

Fifteen minutes after the start Yeovil held a two-goal lead, Rogers scoring in two minutes when the ball rebounded off the crossbar, and Bryant adding a second with a fine shot.

The Yeovil defence, apart from left-back Davis, did not inspire confidence, and it came as no great surprise when Hawkins beat Dyke all ends up after twenty minutes. This goal followed a defensive blunder that left the route to goal wide open.

LATE EQUALIZER

It was not until the last two minutes that Gravesend drew level, Wipfler heading in from a corner.

The Yeovil inside trio of Coffey, Bryant and Wright were always dangerous until Wright pulled a muscle which slowed up his movements.

Dyke kept a good goal, but the half-backs were unsteady, Blizzard in the middle being kept at full stretch by Hawkins, Gravesend's best forward.