

# Yeovil v. Gillingham

defence at full stretch. Yeovil were unable to get the ball away and the crowd held its breath as first Russell and then Burtonshaw (B.) had promising shots blocked almost on the goal-line.

A little feeling crept into the game, and one or two Gillingham players looked rather disheartened by Yeovil's vigorous tactics. After one of these bouts, the referee gave Yeovil a free-kick, and Foulds went close with a neat header.

## Narrow Escape

Gillingham's goal had put an entirely different complexion on the game. Yeovil could by no means feel sure of themselves, and far from adopting defensive methods, went all out for another goal.

Then followed an astonishing incident. Gillingham's left back, Marks, tried a speculative shot from the half-way line. It cleared the heads of the entire field and was on the point of entering the net when Dyke got the tips of his fingers to the ball and lifted it over the bar.

It was a very narrow escape for Yeovil.

Gillingham were now playing with rare zest and not a little skill. They were quick to turn defence into attack, and their passing was extremely accurate.

Dyke saved a certain goal when he dived to stop a blinding shot from Briggs. Briggs was only six yards out when he let fly. How Dyke managed to get to the ball I do not know, but he succeeded in turning it round the post. This was undoubtedly the save of the match.

In performing this feat the Yeovil hero was injured, and it was a full minute before he was able to stand guard again.

## Dyke Again

Gillingham attacked again, and Hickman, who was in trouble with Forrester, turned the ball back to his goalkeeper. Forrester was on it his run-out accurately. Forrester in a flash, and had not Dyke timed would have nipped in and scored. As it was, Dyke clutched at the ball desperately, and Forrester sprawled over him.

The well-trained Gillingham side was still eager and determined. A defensive blunder by Davis let in Burtonshaw (C.), who lobbed the ball into the Yeovil goalmouth as Russell dashed in. Once again good timing by Dyke, who is a solicitor's clerk, saved the situation for the hard-pressed Yeovil side.

Dyke's goalkeeping had been an outstanding feature of this closely-contested struggle. If Yeovil were not outplayed at this point they were very hard pressed and often sorely perplexed by Gillingham's speed and thrust. Only a great piece of shadow work by Blizzard had kept Russell in control.

Gillingham's leader might have gone to many fashionable clubs during the past two years. He is exceptionally smart with his head and has a good burst of speed, added to sound ball control.

It was Russell who was responsible for the next Gillingham attack. He took the ball through, beating two men who challenged him, and finished in a superb drive which Dyke clutched as it was entering the net. This was indeed a great day for Dyke.

In a sudden breakaway and against the run of play, Yeovil scored their third goal and virtually settled the issue.

MANSLEY had his first shot blocked by Burke, and as the ball came back to him, with the Gillingham goalkeeper out of position, he swept it into the net.

Only 15 minutes now remained. The goal might easily have put paid to some teams, but not to Gillingham. They came again with all the confidence in the world, and again Yeovil found themselves defending desperately.

Keaton was knocked out when he received the ball on the back of the head. He struggled back to the fight in a daze, and in time to see Yeovil launch a snap raid which petered out in the Gillingham penalty area.

Yeovil had to fight every inch of the way. Gillingham are a bonny side, and are bound to receive serious consideration when they make a further application to the Football League for admission.

In the closing minutes Yeovil came near to scoring when Coffey fastened on to a centre from

Yeovil Had the Better Finish

# RAE'S SNAP GOAL SHOCKED BATH

There was the biggest crowd of the season at Twerton Park today for Yeovil's visit to Bath City enclosure, and for the first 15 minutes a very lively home team kept Yeovil penned in their own half and defending desperately.

ONLY brilliant goalkeeping by Dyke kept the City out.

In the first few minutes Norris sent in a pile-driver from a free-kick, but it swerved a yard wide of the post.

Yeovil had one change, bringing in Rae, their young capture from Celtic Park, for Haines.

Patterson, always working hard, tried to bring the ball away, but the City defence broke up the spasmodic attack.

## Fine Clearance

Corbett, Bath left-back, was using his head well in more than one sense. Wright shot over after a raid by the visiting right.

Then the Yeovil goal had a succession of narrow escapes, especially when Snook, in a melee, nearly pushed the ball past Dyke.

It was ding-dong and exhilarating, and the crowd cheered when Mason pushed over a lovely centre, and then, a minute later, came through and tested the Yeovil keeper, who again cleared magnificently.

Against the run of play Yeovil went ahead. After 27 minutes Rae took the ball almost to the corner flag. He swung over a perfect centre, and FOULDS scored, with Cousins unprepared.

City returned to the attack undismayed by this opportunist score, but Rae, who was playing well, sent in another crashing drive which Cousins punched out.

## Second Goal

For some minutes Yeovil were in the picture, and Bath conceded several fruitless corners.

When Cousins ran out and Foulds shot, Owens saved an almost certain goal by heading away. Just before half-time, Bath went away again, but Yeovil increased their lead when HAMILTON ran through almost on his own and pushed the ball into the net.

Half-time:

BATH CITY .....	0
YEOVIL TOWN .....	2

After half-time Yeovil's superiority was obvious, but the game was hard fought, and Bath City did not give up hope. Bath came into the picture when McManus shot clean over the bar from seven yards when unmarked, so another of Bath's chances was thrown away.

Snook was the best of the Bath forwards, who had neither the fierceness, speed, or the finesse of Yeovil.

Hamilton sent in a long shot which tested Cousins, and then at the other end Dyke brought off a smart save from the feet of Kelly.

The game had a real Cup-tie flavour for the 4,000 crowd, and towards the end tempers began to be frayed. Owens played well in the Bath defence.

Result:

BATH CITY .....	0
YEOVIL TOWN .....	2

Hamilton. He drove the ball with such force that Burke was temporarily laid out when the ball hit him full in the face. Nevertheless, he saved a certain goal.

Play was held up while he received attention from the trainer.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN .....	3
GILLINGHAM .....	1

# Fog 'Ends' Yeovil Match—Then Fans Return

SEVEN thousand people saw Yeovil kick-off against Chelmsford at Huish this afternoon while several hundred others were queuing outside the ground.

From the start Yeovil broke through, but left-winger Haines overran the ball and goalkeeper Crosier cleared. Chelmsford's attack went into action and Suttle brought Dyke to his knees.

Hamilton sent over a perfect centre to Foulds who neatly hooked it into the net. Chelmsford retaliated strongly and pressed as hard for an equaliser but Yeovil's defence was on form.

YEOVIL: Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Keaton, Blizzard, Paterson; Haines (D.), Mansley, Foulds, Wright, Hamilton.

CHELMSFORD: Crosier; Hutton, Bidwell, Hurst, Wick, Lane; Gowers, McCormack, Plunkett, Gallacher, Suttle.

Play was fast and exciting. Yeovil swept into the attack again and this time Crosier punched clear when Haines leapt up to head and then pulled down a crisp drive from Hamilton. Foulds fired in a dangerous shot from among a crowd of players but Crosier showed excellent anticipation and reached the ball in the nick of time. Yeovil's middle trio, Mansley, Foulds and Wright, took the ball through Chelmsford's defence beat Crosier went out to meet them and prevented a certain goal.

Yeovil were enjoying the advantage at this stage and the visitors' defence was fully extended.

Chelmsford made a dangerous raid but Yeovil's defence quickly blunted the attack and sent the play moving to the other end. Left winger Haines was carried off for treatment after a heavy fall and Yeovil were forced to give ground for a while.

Yeovil's forwards were combining brilliantly and a beautiful bout of inter-passing took the ball half the length of the field. The move ended with Mansley sending in a terrific shot which Crosier just blocked with his foot.

Crosier was outstanding for the great game he was playing in goal.

Towards the interval, Chelmsford threw everything into an all-out attack, and the home defence was subjected to its first real test.

Five minutes before half-time a thick fog descended on the field and visibility was very poor. At half-time the referee decided to abandon the match. Thousands of spectators had already streamed out into the street, when the fog began to lift, and it was announced over the microphone that the game would continue.

People streamed back into the ground again, and after everyone had been cleared from the field of play the game was continued.

Half-time: Yeovil 0, Chelmsford 0.

When Yeovil opened the scoring through centre-forward FOULDS only half the crowd saw the goal owing to the fog.