

YEOVIL MAKE SURE

Defence Survives Severe Test

GILLINGHAM UNDAUNTED

BY 2-0 DEFICIT

By Pat Kavanagh

Yeovil had to thank their strong defence for being able to enter the Third Round of the F.A. Cup. Two goals behind at the interval through Wright and Foulds, Gillingham made a terrific fighting recovery in the second half and narrowed the lead with a penalty goal from centre-forward Russell.

But 15 minutes from the end Mansley made the game safe.

Cup fever came to Yeovil, home of last season's "giant killers," again to-day. The green and white favours of their supporters mingled in the streets with the red and white of the couple of thousand Gillingham supporters who had made the long trip from Kent for the second round of the F.A. cup.

Haines, the Yeovil left winger, reported unfit to-day and his place was filled by Coffey from the Reserves. The only Gillingham doubt was in goal, but to-day Burke reported fit.

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.
Referee, Mr. G. Jarvis (Plymouth).

Half-an-hour before the start about 14,000 people had poured into the ground. Yeovil, led onto the field by their 10-years-old mascot, Rex Rainey, won the toss and in the first couple of minutes set up a hot attack after Paterson had made the initial openings.

Twice Foulds got through and the second time Burke was injured as he charged away a hard shot from point-blank range. Dorling and Kingsnorth were fully extended for a while as Yeovil returned again and again to the attack.

When Gillingham hit back on the left, Yeovil conceded two corners in quick succession, one when Dyke punched over the bar a rising shot from Briggs. Davis cleared well when the Burtenshaw brothers tried to break through on the other flank and Blizzard effectively blocked two attacks through the middle.

GILLINGHAM NERVOUS

There were signs of nervousness in the Gillingham defence when Hamilton crossed over to the right to hold Coffey and Mansley, and only a wild relief kick from Kingsnorth took the ball from the goal to unmarked Foulds.

Foulds sent up a through pass from Wright and forced Kings-

north to concede another corner which Burke punched out, but there was another hectic spell in the Gillingham goal before Dorling eased pressure with a wild kick to touch.

Davis was doing a fine job of work stopping Burtenshaw on the right wing—most of the Gillingham danger came from the right. Russell headed one past and Dyke ran out to clear, when Briggs slipped the ball into the centre.

Yeovil passes, especially from the left, went astray for a while, but Blizzard gave the Gillingham attack no road in the middle.

The best chance so far went to Foulds, but the leader did not anticipate a rather weak centre from Hamilton sliding through the defence and Burke ran out to clear.

Yeovil went ahead after 23 minutes Coffey had been upset as he went through on the wing and Keeton placed a free kick in the goalmouth. Burke only partially cleared and **WRIGHT pivoted on one foot before sending a left-footed drive into the top of the net.**

Gillingham hit back promptly and Dyke smartly intercepted a cross from C. Burtenshaw and later saved well from Briggs.

Yeovil got a second goal after 28 minutes when Coffey got through and instead of shooting squared in the goalmouth. **Burke was unable to hold Fould's shot which rolled over the goal-line into the net.**

A couple of minutes later Burke lost possession of another shot from Wright, but this time was able to clear.

Wright and Keeton both shot wide as Yeovil continued their pressure, and when Gillingham came back on the right, Dyke was there to hold a nicely-timed centre from Forrester.

Yeovil's narrowest escape came when Dyke lost possession of a shot from Russell, but when the ball came out of the scramble it was cleared by Blizzard. Half-time **Yeovil 2, Gillingham 0.**

There was a lot of big, rather aimless kicking by both sides early in the second half. Then Collins swung two long high



PATERSON, Yeovil.

shots into the Yeovil goalmouth to start a series of Gillingham attacks.

Dyke punched one almost off Russell's head and Blizzard safely kicked away a second.

Collins continued to be the craftsman of the Gillingham attack and it was a movement initiated on the left which gave them a goal in the 52nd minute. Keeton handled a centre from Forrester and **RUSSELL** scored from the penalty kick.

Gillingham almost got the equaliser a couple of minutes later when Forrester sent over another perfect cross which Burke placed just wide of the upright.

Yeovil were holding their passes too long and the speedy Gillingham forwards were nipping in time after time.

Yeovil came back with a couple of raids but Foulds was offside during the most promising of them.

Yeovil were caught three times in the offside trap during snap raids, although Burke held a rather weak shot from Hamilton after good distribution by Foulds.

The Yeovil defence looked rather muddled when Collins and Forrester opened up another Gillingham attack on the left.

Three shots at goal were charged down before Dyke brought off a great save from Briggs. The ball ran loose and Forrester slammed it outside, but it was a close thing.

Wright conceded a corner to the lively Russell but Dyke was cool as he handled two difficult high balls from Burtenshaw.

Yeovil opened up one of their best attacks when Foulds and Hamilton switched positions, but Dorling intercepted and cleared.

Yeovil got a third goal after

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78 minutes when **MANSLEY** snapped up a pass from Foulds. His first shot was charged down by Burke but the Yeovil forward recovered possession and pushed the ball 15 yards into the empty net.

Gillingham were still pegging away and Dyke did well to hold a header from Russell and a ground shot from Burtenshaw. Two minutes from the end, Foulds missed a sitter when from five yards he shot straight at Burke.

Result: Yeovil Town 3, Gillingham 1.

The Master Touch PATERSON WAS ARCHITECT OF YEOVIL WIN

EVEN the most sceptical supporter must admit that George Paterson's influence made itself apparent in Yeovil's 3-1 victory over Merthyr Tydfil at Huish on Saturday. Never before this season have spectators seen Yeovil adhere so rigidly to the "along the carpet" tactics, nor have they seen such defence-shattering incisiveness produced in this way.

Merthyr opened the more determined side but after 15 minutes their attacks faded against the home defence in which Blizzard was outstanding. Time and time again after this, only the frantic efforts of goalkeeper Sellick and full-backs Avery and Phillips, held the Yeovil forwards at bay. Shots crashed against the cross bar as the forwards continually raced the ball goalwards.

In Foulds, Yeovil appeared to have the answer to the centre-forward problem with which they were faced after Bryant's departure. Another position which has been unsettled for some time, that of the right wing, was adequately filled by versatile Don Haines.

In his second appearance on the home ground Paterson once again impressed the discerning spectator. He never came out of a tackle empty handed, and his passing helped to tear gaps in the Welshmen's defence, through which shots literally poured non-stop.

Mansley fitted well into the forward line pattern, and Hamilton was more comfortable on the left flank.

Merthyr scored their consolation goal through Lloyd after good work by Jarman. Foulds, Mansley and Wright netted for Yeovil.



A TENSE MOMENT for the Weymouth Town goalkeeper as one of the Yeovil forwards tries to beat him with a hard ground shot.