

Yeovil on the Warpath Again TOUGH GOING, THEN SUCCESS

Tonbridge were not so easily subdued by Yeovil as were Kidderminster in the season's opening game, but after a stern challenge had to toe the line. Only by packing their goal were the visitors able to hold out as long as they did.

YEOVIL team, for their home match with Tonbridge, was unchanged from that which trounced Kidderminster.

Tonbridge made one change, Rickett, their goalkeeper, missed his train, his place being taken by the club's manager, Harold Hobbis, former Charlton Athletic player.

Teams:
YEOVIL.—Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Keeton, Blizzard, Mansley; Hamilton, Foulds, Bryant, Wright, Coffey.

TONBRIDGE.—Hobbis; Swinfen, Bell, Lunn, Livesley, Flemming; Smirke, Fitzgerald, Gray, Longdon, Weddell.

Referee: E. F. Errington.

Yeovil might have been three up in the opening minutes, as Bryant, Wright, and Coffey each missed from a few yards out. In a break-away, Gray, the Tonbridge centre, tested Dyke with a shot which he pushed round the post for a fruitless corner.

Yeovil monopolised the play and time and again looked likely to score.

Swinfen kicked one shot by Bryant off the goal-line with Hobbis beaten. Hobbis, true to his job, next managed well when Foulds had a go.

Yeovil kept at it, but by packing their goal the visitors held out. **Manager Hobbis was as good as the rest.**

Sound Defence

There was a free-kick outside the Tonbridge penalty area, but the all-important goal was still awaited. Keeton this time shot wide from Wright's pass.

Bryant, the home centre, was foraging hard, but Swinfen and Bell were difficult to get past.

Success to Yeovil came at length, the home team deservedly taking the lead in the 19th minute. Hamilton, who had been a source of trouble to the defence with his runs and centres put in a high one which WRIGHT made no mistake with.

Tonbridge rallied and Dyke saved brilliantly from Longdon.

Yeovil went very near increasing their lead when a lusty one from Wright went straight enough for the net, but was kicked round the post by Hobbis.

Hamilton was prominent again in a clever run, and was giving Bell no end of trouble. Swinfen, the former Yeovil player, was good, but once made a glaring mis-kick from which the ball was only just scrambled away.

The Second Goal

Yeovil's second goal came in the 30th minute when FOULDS, who had been in the limelight with his scheming and footwork, headed in a picture goal from Wright's pass.

The third came in the 35th minute, COFFEY banging in a shot which hit the underside of the net, after a scrambling effort at defence.

Yeovil were the faster and more methodical side and at times completely outplayed their opponents. Tonbridge's efforts to reduce the lead were quickly broken up by a quick-tackling half-back run.

YEOVIL TOWN 3
TONBRIDGE 0

Ten minutes after the restart BRYANT scored Yeovil's fourth goal, heading in from a long kick by Hickman.

Seven minutes from the end WRIGHT brought Yeovil's total to five.

Result:
YEOVIL TOWN 5
TONBRIDGE 0

By F.D.V.

TONBRIDGE were forced to make a last-minute change against Yeovil this afternoon, Hobbis, their manager taking the place in goal of Rickett, who failed to make the journey to Yeovil, having missed his connection.

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Tonbridge.—Hobbis; Swinfen, Bell, Lunn, Livesley, Fleming; Smirke, Fitzgerald, Gray, Longdon, Weddell.

Referee: Mr. E. F. Errington (Exeter).

Yeovil caused the first thrill in the opening second when Foulds put Bryant through for the Yeovil centre-forward to hit the cross-bar. They came again and this time Hobbis saved his shot.

Tonbridge launched an attack on the left and Dyke managed to push a shot from Grey round the post.

With most of the play in the opening stages around the Tonbridge goal, Swinfen charged down an effort from Coffey and Hobbis saved from Bryant, tipping the shot over the bar.

Longdon and Fitzgerald combined well for Tonbridge in a further attacking effort, Dyke saving a left-foot shot from the former.

Hobbis caused some amusement, when, following a good save from Hamilton, he ran well outside the penalty area with the ball and looked at the referee with some amazement when a free kick was given against him.

EFFORTS REWARDED

Yeovil's determined onslaughts brought their reward in the 20th minute, when Hobbis fumbled a shot from Hamilton, and WRIGHT, following up, tapped it into the net.

Tonbridge fought back, and several times they had the Yeovil defence wide open, but Dyke made some fine clearances.

Hobbis was doing quite well in the Tonbridge goal, and on one occasion he stuck out his foot to deflect a real pile-driver from Bryant round the post. A lucky escape this for Tonbridge, who were playing really good football, but lacked finish.

FOULDS added the second goal, heading in from Wright's centre, and, following a scramble in the goal-mouth, COFFEY scored a third.

The next effort came from Hamilton with a shot from the wing which deceived Hobbis, dropped on the goal-line, and rolled out of play.

Half-time:
YEOVIL 3
TONBRIDGE 0

Forcing a corner, Coffey sent in an "in-swing" which Hobbis managed to beat out with his hands. He did, however, make a splendid save from Hamilton who had raced completely through the Tonbridge defence, having sold Bell a perfect dummy. Tonbridge so far in this half had failed to hold the Yeovil forwards, and Hobbis was constantly in action, but he certainly was not letting his side down in spite of his inexperience.

He was, however, beaten completely with a beautiful header from BRYANT, who had been supplied with a long pass from Hickman. Yeovil were on top now, and the Tonbridge defence was working almost to a standstill. It fell to Hobbis to keep the Yeovil forwards out.

Before the end WRIGHT added a fifth for Yeovil.

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YEOVIL'S SECOND HALF CRESCENDO

Wind A Useful Ally In 3-1 Win; Reserves' Best Home Display

WHAT might well have proved one of the brightest and toughest Southern League matches for the season at Plainmoor, Torquay, on Saturday, was spoiled by a wind approaching gale force.

Playing the first half backed by the powerful wind, Yeovil were in Torquay territory for considerable periods.

When the teams changed ends the wind moderated and almost dropped away altogether at times.

At half-time the teams were on level terms, Wright having netted for Yeovil in the 25th minute, and Reid, the Torquay leader, equalising two minutes afterwards.

Well Blended

More polished and faster football was seen in the second half, Yeovil showing greatly-improved approach work and solidity in defence.

62nd minute and Wright sealed the Hamilton put them ahead in the issue.

Yeovil's forwards who showed a perfect blend of constructiveness and speed, but Foulds, centre-forward, Hamilton, outside-left, and sharp-shooter Wright were often in the picture.

Dyke, in goal, was cool and confident.

Yeovil's Western League side gave an excellent display and won their home game with Peasdown with ease—by 3-1. The North Somerset team showed plenty of grit but were never in the same street from the football standpoint, writes F.D.V.

Played A Stormer

Haines, J., who played a storming game on the right-wing, opened Yeovil's scoring in the first five minutes. Young Phillips, who is fast improving, scored a second, and before the interval Hayward got a third from a peach of a pas from Chris Coffey.

I was impressed by the play of Harris, at left-full-back, and with the speed and ball control of Jackie Haines.

After almost continuous attacks in the second half had been frustrated by goalkeeper Chandler, the Yeovil defence lapsed and Ball netted.

This was without doubt the Reserves' best game at home so far. If they can keep it up they should be near the top at the end of the season.

SWINDON'S FIRST XI. FOR YEOVIL

Dyke Injured, 10 Reserves Beaten Despite Brace By Bryant

By F.D.V.

YEOVIL fans will have a chance of seeing a Third Division team at Huish next Monday. Swindon Town are sending their full League side to meet Yeovil in a game to help the ground development fund. Permission for the playing of this match has been given by the Somerset County F.A.

Kick-off will be at 6.30 p.m.

On Saturday, May 14th, Bath City meet Glastonbury in the final of the Somerset Professional Cup at Yeovil.

But for the fact that Clevedon lost their game with Bristol City Colts, Yeovil's position in the Western League would have been serious by reason of their 2-4 home defeat by Poole last evening.

The Reserves—strengthened by the inclusion of Bryant, Hamilton, Dyke and Coffey—were a goal up after 30 minutes' play through Bryant. But within a couple of minutes Lowcock had equalized. Then Yeovil lost Dyke, their goalkeeper, who was carried off with facial injuries and took no further part in the game.

Rogers, who took his place in goal, was beaten before the interval by Notley.

Then There were 9—

In the second half Yeovil looked like getting the equalizer when Cook crashed one against the underpart of the crossbar, but the ball rebounded into play with Ware beaten.

Hayward was the next to receive the attention of the trainer, and whilst he was off the field Bryant raced through the Poole defence to make the scores level. But even with the return of Hayward, the handicap of a man short was too great, and Langley scored twice before the end. Bryant's tally is now 65 goals for the season.

The game was spoilt by far too many petty fouls, which resulted in injuries on both sides, due to the inability of the official to keep the game in hand.