

YEOVIL BACK TO THEIR OLD FORM

Gillingham Outrun

In the less-eventful atmosphere of League football Yeovil, in some dashing first-half play in their game with Gillingham, provided the next best thing to Cup-tie thrills. By really good team work they were more than a match for their opponents.

WITH the exception of Dyke for Hall in goal, Yeovil team was the same as in the historic match with Manchester:

YEOVIL.—Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Keeton, Blizzard, Collins; Hamilton, Stock, Bryant, Wright, Roy.

GILLINGHAM.—Burke; Marks, Dorling; Boswell, Kingsnorth, Piper; Warsap, Wilson, Russell, Carr, Forrester.

Referee, Mr. Haines, of Swindon.

In the opening minutes Yeovil should have taken the lead. Bryant pounced on a pass from Wright, but was crowded out a few yards from goal as he was preparing to shoot. Marks nipped in to kick clear.

Play was transferred to the Yeovil end, where Blizzard broke up a threatening Gillingham attack. Yeovil continued to have the upper hand and the Gillingham goal bore a charmed existence.

Centres from Hamilton and Bryant flashed across the goalmouth, but with no one in position to apply the finishing touch. Shortly after, Marks and Dorling headed out on their knees robust efforts by Roy and Wright.

These early thrills kept the crowd on their toes, and it became more and more a question of how long before the visiting goal fell. Hamilton on the wing was in quite dazzling form. Frequently he swept by his opponent to drop the ball in the goalmouth, but Kingsnorth and the visiting backs were in position to intercept and clear.

Sent Roy Away

Collins next sent Roy away on the left and the winger got over a brilliant centre. Stock connected and skimmed the bar with a beautiful header. The visiting defenders were again in difficulties when Hamilton flashed the ball into their goalmouth but relief came for them after a scrimmage.

Yeovil took the lead in the thirtieth minute when BRYANT seized on Roy's centre to head into the net for the first goal of the match.

Russell, the visiting centre, tried hard to set his forwards going, but his efforts availed little against the quick tackling of the home halves.

Continuing to play superb football, Yeovil, by well-timed passes, severely tested the opposing defence. Cleverly swapping positions with Hamilton, Bryant drew the defence, and squared the ball across the goalmouth, but the inside-forwards just failed to make good.

Dyke, in the home goal, had little difficulty in dealing with the few shots that came his way. Russell sent Warsap away on the left, but Hickman got in the way of his centre.

Yeovil went further ahead three minutes from the interval. Accepting a pass from Stock, BRYANT raced between the backs to give Burke no chance with a fast rising shot.

It transpired that the first goal described above was disallowed for offside, so that the half-time score read:

YEOVIL TOWN	1
GILLINGHAM	0

Immediately on resuming Bryant sent Roy away, and the left-winger got round Marks to flash the ball across the goalmouth. Hamilton, standing unmarked, drove in a terrific shot which cannoned off a visiting defender for a fruitless corner.

Stock and Wright schemed for openings, but the visiting defence successfully intervened. Gillingham set up a determined attack.

Russell, Wilson, and Carr in turn probed for an opening. They could not, however, find a way through a solid defence.

Dyke Was Good

During this period of pressure Dyke distinguished himself with a number of fine saves. He was loudly cheered for a full-length, one-handed save for a corner which yielded no advantage to the visitors.

Yeovil returned to the attack with a left-wing move. Wright and Roy did some scheming, and ROY, accepting a return pass, gave Burke no chance for the home team's second goal.

Shortly after, Yeovil went further ahead, BRYANT, fastening on to a cleverly-judged pass from

10,000 CHEERED YEOVIL SUCCESS

Weymouth Fade After Setting Pace; Hickman's Amazing Goal

By F.D.V.

STAGING a second half recovery, Yeovil Town scored a 4-1 victory over Weymouth in a Southern League match which attracted a crowd of about 10,000 at Weymouth last evening.

There was a "surprise" start. Weymouth were a goal up in five minutes, when JONES took his opportunity after Davis had failed to hold the elusive McGowan.

Yeovil opened sluggishly as compared with their form against Kidderminster. They failed to find openings and often fell back on defence.

Encouraged by their lead, Weymouth exerted severe pressure, and goalkeeper Dyke distinguished himself with a number of good saves.

Free Kick Shock

Towards the interval it was evident that Weymouth might fail to keep up the pace—and so it proved. Almost as soon as the game restarted inside-right FOULDS seized an opening to put Yeovil on level terms with a smart header from a Coffey pass.

Next came a goal which will long be remembered. Yeovil full-back HICKMAN took a free-kick five yards inside the visitors' half of the field—and to the general amazement the ball sailed in under the Weymouth cross-bar to put Yeovil ahead.

Yeovil now took charge of the game. Lucas beat out a shot from Wright and another from Hamilton, but was beaten by BRYANT when, seizing on a back-pass by Brawley, he nipped in and tapped the ball over the line before the goalkeeper could gain possession.

The fourth goal came from WRIGHT, who crowned a clever display with a perfect left-foot shot. Lucas had no chance with it.

Weymouth put up a game show, but their outer defences cracked in the second half. The crowd gave Yeovil a big cheer as they left the field.

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BRYANT IN A GOAL RUSH FOR YEOVIL

YEOVIL took the lead in the second minute of the home game with Lovell's Ath. this afternoon.

While Lovell's defenders stood appealing for off-side Wright drew goal keeper Williams and passed to BRYANT, who scored an effortless goal. This sudden shot galvanised the visitors into a determined counter attack and centre forward Holland brought down Dyke with a hard drive.

Fifteen minutes after the interval Yeovil went further ahead through FOULDS. Wright put the ball through the centre and Bryant tapped it to Foulds who walked it into the net unopposed.

A few minutes later Lovell's were awarded a penalty for a foul and BYE made no mistake. Almost immediately after this Yeovil were given a penalty and Bryant shot wide. The game was packed with excitement at this stage and WRIGHT scored a picture goal for Yeovil from outside the penalty box.

Showing splendid cohesion the visitors attack was again dangerous but Blizzard cleared well. Dyke gave the crowd a shock when he leapt out to meet a ball but missed, and, when he caught another, dropped it. Yeovil were enjoying the advantage and both Foulds and Wright narrowly missed with headers. When Lovell's forwards got moving they were more polished in their play.

In the 30th minute BRYANT scored again. Coming in from the left he beat the full-back, and sent in an awkward ground shot which had Williams beaten all the way.

Half-time: Yeovil 2, Lovell's 0.
Result: Yeovil 5, Lovell's Ath. 1.

PATERSON GUIDES YEOVIL TO 3-1 VICTORY

YEOVIL TOWN, 3; GUILDFORD CITY, 1.

A rousing second-half display provided Yeovil with a comfortable 3-1 home Southern League victory over Guildford City.

YEOVIL, who made three positional changes in the forward line, took some time to settle down.

It was not until the second half, when J. Haines, Hamilton, and Mansley got accustomed to their new positions, that the shape of things began to make themselves apparent.

Nevertheless, Yeovil owe much to their defence for their sterling work in the early stages of the game. It was during this period the visitors, with nine experienced newcomers in their side, served up some delightful football.

It was due to the grand play of the home defence, plus some fine saves by Dyke, who is rapidly reaching the top class, that these attacks were staved off.

Compared to the precision-like movements of their opponents, Yeovil lacked cohesion, and their forwards failed to respond to the promptings of their halves.

However, under the generalship of new Player manager George Paterson, Yeovil began to feel their way, and the game gradually turned in their favour.

A defence-splitting pass by Bob Keeton was seized on by Ray Wright, who

raced between the backs to give his side a 1-0 interval lead.

Second-half goals by Phillips and Mansley (penalty) sealed Guildford's fate.

Guildford's only goal came when Toulouse connected with his head a well-placed free kick taken by Langley.

Contributory factor to Yeovil's victory was the influence and guidance of Manager George Paterson.

His carpet and streamlined passes were a model, and delighted the crowd of 7,000.

Eighteen-year-old Lionel Phillips at centre-forward showed promise, and scored a good goal, but will need to gain a lot more experience before he has reached Southern League standard.

With careful coaching he should soon make the grade.

Ray Wright was outstanding at inside-left, and was the brains of the Yeovil attack. He often prompted Phillips with cleverly-conceived passes.

Wright, shooting well out of the reach of the visiting goalie.

CARR scored for the visitors in the closing minutes of the game.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN	3
GILLINGHAM	1