

A Workmanlike Yeovil Side PATERSON PUT UP GOOD SHOW

Yeovil, following the necessary reorganisation of their ranks or inevitable changes, are proving to be a not less purposeful team. Paterson, new player-manager, made his debut in the game with Guildford. In a well-fought-out first half, Yeovil were good value for the odd goal lead.

YEOVIL made three changes forward. J. Haines went over from the left to the right wing, Hamilton going to inside-right in place of Foulds, who was rested.

George Paterson, the new player-manager, made his bow before the home crowd, appearing at left-half in place of Mansley, who was at outside-left. Blizzard and Davis were fit again, and came back into the side.

Guildford were a much changed side from last season, there being nine fresh faces. Among the newcomers was Clack, the former Bristol City goalkeeper.

YEOVIL.—Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Keeton, Blizzard, Paterson; Haines. Hamilton, Phillips, Wright, Mansley.

GUILDFORD.—Clack; Haslem, O'Kemback; Christmas, Sadler, Langley; Downs, Toulouse, Robson, Bennett Baynam.

Referee: Mr. L. G. Webb.

George Paterson was given a great ovation as he led Yeovil out. Guildford opened strongly, and in the first minute they forced a corner, but Blizzard, confronted with a nicely-placed flag kick, had the position well in hand. It was then Yeovil's turn. Hamilton beat Sadler and passed to Mansley, who was checked in the nick of time by O'Kemback.

In a second attack, Hamilton, with a neat pass, put Haines through. The winger made ground and got the ball into the goal-mouth, but Haslem charged down and cleared.

Well Matched

Guildford, after this let-off, settled down to some clever football. They kept the ball on the ground, finding their men with well-timed passes. Toulouse was often prominent with clever footwork.

Yeovil shone in mid-field play, but not so methodical in attack.

Yeovil were awarded a free-kick from the half-way line, but Clack skilfully held Hickman's shot.

Paterson was naturally being watched, and he pleased with some polished football in which he kept his forwards well plied with passes.

When Guildford returned to the attack Blizzard had his time cut out to hold Robson, the visiting centre forward, who twice beat three Yeovil players in a row by clever footwork.

Into Their Stride

Yeovil improved and launched a strong attack, the Guildford goal having a lucky escape when Mansley hit the post with Clack beaten.

The home team were not to be shaken off, and in the 25th minute they took the lead when WRIGHT pounced on a pass from Keeton to sweep past the visiting backs and give Clack no chance with a hard drive.

It took Yeovil some time to settle down to their reorganised attack but once they got going they always looked dangerous. Wright's goal was the result of a right flank move which split the visiting defence wide open.

Guildford were, nevertheless, a force to be reckoned with, their approach work often threatening to produce a goal. Clack, their goalkeeper, had a busy time and came well out of successive tests.

Yeovil should have gone further ahead when Haines, with the goal at his mercy, completely missed the ball from a few yards out.

Phillips, Yeovil's 18-year-old centre-forward had little opportunity against a more experienced Sadler.

Guildford often threatened the Yeovil goal but a resolute defence denied them a goal. In a left-wing attack Yeovil lost another grand opportunity when Mansley shot hopelessly wide from a few yards out.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN 1
GUILDFORD CITY 0

The pace was even hotter on resuming.

Guildford were lucky to survive several raids. After Clack had repelled several well-directed shots, he was beaten in the 65th minute by PHILLIPS.

Connecting a Hamilton pass, the young centre kicked the ball into the net wide of Clack. He was mobbed by delighted colleagues.

Hamilton was brought down in the penalty area, but the referee ignored appeals for a penalty.

In a Guildford attack Downs got clear of the backs, but Dyke was there to block his shot, and Davies raced across to finally relieve an ugly situation.

Yeovil went further ahead 15 minutes from the end from a penalty. Mansley was brought down in the area by Haslem. Taking the kick himself MANSLEY crashed the ball into the net to score the first penalty goal for Yeovil this season. Guildford reduced the lead from a free-kick, five minutes later, TOULOUSE

heading in from Langley's well-placed kick.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN 3
GUILDFORD CITY 1

YEOVIL HAD BITE

Bath Forwards Lacked It: 0-2

ONE of the biggest crowds of the season was present this afternoon when Bath City entertained Yeovil in a Southern League match.

An early free kick to Bath was well taken by Norris, who sent in a hard shot which went wide of the upright. Yeovil were awarded a free kick shortly afterwards but the Bath defence was sound.

A hard drive by Mills, of Bath, was saved by Dyke, and then Mason hit the Yeovil woodwork with a pile-driver. Bath definitely had the better of the play during the first quarter of an hour, and the Yeovil goal had many lucky escapes.

Bath played good, hard football, while the game was being fought out at a terrific pace. Corbett broke up a promising move by the Yeovil forwards and the visiting attack was quickly turned into an offensive move by the home side.

Dyke In Form

At times the Yeovil defence were hard pressed and Dyke ('keeper) made many good saves.

Rae passed the loose ball which appeared as if it was crossing the line for a goal kick, but it was neatly gathered and sent over for a fine centre from which FOULDS found the net for Yeovil.

Yeovil did not deserve to be in the lead as the home side had been in the ascendancy most of the time.

From the restart Bath again took up the attack and a good shot by Snook was well saved by Dyke. A fine cross-drive by Foulds completely deceived Cousins, the Bath keeper, who was caught well out of position. The ball appeared to be in the net but from out of the blue Owens moved across the goalmouth and had it out.

Smart Goal

The Yeovil players appealed that the ball had crossed the goal-line but it was not allowed. Close on half-time Yeovil went further in the lead through an opportunist goal by HAMILTON. Half-time:—

BATH CITY 0
YEOVIL TOWN 2

Early in the second half McManus, Bath's left winger, sent in a hard drive which was well saved by Dyke. There was very little to choose between the sides at this stage.

Cousins made two good saves for Bath from Wright and Hamilton.

As the game progressed, Yeovil showed their superiority by many clever moves in attack. Forwards were Bath's failing. They had their chances but lacked polish when near the goal.

No further scoring. Result:

BATH 0
YEOVIL 2