

SHACKLETON BACK-PASS LED TO YEOVIL WINNER

Dyke Plays a "Blinder" to Help Side Wembley Way

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Stock, the ball flying past the wrong side of the upright with Mapson well out of reach of it.

When Sunderland got moving on their right Duns forced a corner which he himself placed, but Reynolds headed wide.

The pace was terrific in the early exchanges and the crowd roared with delight when Keeton robbed Shackleton.

A corner on the Yeovil right produced another on the left. When this was placed Bryant knocked the ball into the net with his fist on the blind side of the referee, but he had been detected.

HAMILTON DANGEROUS

The passes of the Sunderland halves were being intercepted and this simply led up to attacks on the Sunderland goal.

From a centre by Wright, Robinson was in a good position for a shot, but the ball struck his knee and went behind.

Turnbull raced away on the left and centred, but Dyke fell with outstretched arms and grasped the ball as it was running on to Robinson.

Hamilton was always dangerous when in possession because of his speed and the way he cut in round an opponent and then went to the flank as though to make a centre.

Yeovil were certainly giving the Sunderland defence many anxious moments and when another centre landed in the goalmouth three Yeovil men went for it together and Mapson was knocked out of the road.

It looked as though a score was certain, but when the shot came Watson was almost on the goal line and kicked away.

YEOVIL IN FRONT

Alec Stock kept sweeping the ball through the Sunderland defence for his colleagues to dart after it and once Ramsden made two attempts to kick away a bouncing ball and then kicked into touch.

The Sunderland forwards could not get moving at all, but a corner was forced and when it was placed Shackleton was pulled up for a foul.

A great centre by Reynolds was headed back into the goal area by Duns and Shackleton fired one of his lefts over the heads of the defenders, but it misfired.

Twenty-eight minutes after the start Yeovil took the lead. STOCK got a lovely through-pass down the middle from Blizzard and with as nice a shot as one could wish to see he scored the opening goal. Mapson being beaten by the pace and the quickness it was taken.

TERRIER-LIKE TACKLES

This was a shock for Sunderland, but it was no more than Yeovil were worth on the play.

Sunderland had not seemed to have an answer to Yeovil's speed and enthusiasm. They seemed to have two men to one on the field.

Reynolds raised hopes with a grand centre and Robinson looked to have a chance, but when he shot low Turnbull tried to carry the ball into the net on his left, when it struck an opponent, but failed.

Facing this goal deficit Sunderland seemed to realize that they had to begin doing something, but the terrier-like tackling of the Yeovil defence would not let them get in a shot.

Robinson did get one in towards the foot of the upright, but Dykes saved magnificently by diving full length and getting his fists to the ball.

NO ROAD THIS WAY

Hall brought Ray Wright down very badly as he was going through on his own, but the free-kick only led to a goal kick.

Then from good work by

Reynolds Turnbull shot low and hard, but Dyke was in line with the ball and saved easily amid the cheers of the Yeovil supporters.

Away on the wing Hall slipped and fell when following Bryant, but the centre was cleared by Watson.

Three mistakes in succession in the Yeovil defence failed to give Sunderland any advantage, and then when Duns placed a free kick Sunderland still could not get through.

Half-time:—	
YEOVIL	1
SUNDERLAND	0

Sunderland were showing signs of great efforts, but there was no sustained attacks to worry the town defence.

Duns forced a corner and took it himself, but Reynolds was not quick enough on to the ball to make use of the placing when the goalkeeper had failed in his jump for ball.

Watson had two chances to set his forwards through and failed each time, because of bad passes.

SHACKLETON FIDDLES

Sunderland looked to be getting rattled and that did not improve their chances of equalising.

In the first half Sunderland attack had never become a co-ordinated force. In fact they have been overplayed by a side which showed overpowering speed, skill and purpose behind their football.

Sunderland's defence had not been too safe, but Mapson had been superb during the opening 45.

Yeovil had not simply hit it and followed it. They played with a plan.

Sunderland's wing halves were never getting a grip upon the game. Shackleton was fiddling with the ball.

Yeovil's first attack on resumption did not mature.

Repeatedly the Sunderland defence retreated and left Yeovil men to bring the ball up.

Watson tried a solo effort, but finally lost the ball in a tackle, and when Yeovil got up the left wing centre was put close past the post by Hamilton.

Fifteen minutes after the restart Sunderland equalized.

Ramsden from the half-way line lifted the ball into the penalty area and Dyke came out, but in his jump fell over Turnbull. The ball went close to the foot of ROBINSON and he calmly pushed it into the net.

This put a different complexion upon the game and the fight became more intense.

Reynolds, who had been the danger in the first half, was being almost starved this half in favour of lifting the ball down the middle.

In fact neither Duns nor Reynolds was being given sufficient of the ball to draw the defence out of position.

An offside decision against Duns held up an attack initiated by Watson, and when Yeovil got up on their left the ball went harmlessly behind for a goal kick.

Arthur Wright had one first-time drive which sped over the bar and both Robinson and Shackleton held up attacks by an overdose of finesse finally to lose the ball.

DYKE KEEPS 'EM OUT

Robinson made one commendable shot and even though it flew over the bar it was at least an effort to shoot instead of walking the ball into the net.

Sunderland halves would back away and leave an opponent to come forward with the ball and place it where he wanted.

Ramsden was none too sure in his kicking on the volley and twice sliced the ball high in his own penalty area.

Reynolds with a neat swerve forced a corner, but he did not get the place kick well over and the ball was cleared.

Turnbull nearly got through when Blizzard faltered, but Dyke ran out and got the ball.

Next Duns raced in and centred, but Dyke brilliantly turned the ball out from under the bar with one hand.

FINAL.—

YEOVIL	1
SUNDERLAND	1

Hall again won choice of ends.

In the first minute Dyke saved brilliantly on the ground when Duns centred and Turnbull tried to force the ball through.

Turnbull was twice on the mark with ground shots, but Dyke got the ball each time.

Fog swirled in as the tired players struggled for a leading goal, and at one end of the field it was difficult to follow the play for a few minutes, but it began to lift again.

Two minutes from the interval Shackleton's back-pass was taken by Collins, who pushed through the Sunderland defence and BRYANT gave Yeovil the lead.

FINAL.—

YEOVIL	2
SUNDERLAND	1

(After extra time).

Hamilton's Goal in Second Minute

YEOVIL GIVEN A FLYING START

Yeovil had one change for the return fixture with Gillingham at Yeovil today. Blizzard, who was unable to play on Thursday through eye trouble, came back into the side in place of Affleck.

GILLINGHAM had no fewer than six changes. Teams:

YEOVIL: Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Haines, Blizzard, Paterson; Foulds, Mansley, Phillips, Wright, Hamilton.

GILLINGHAM: Burke; Dorling, Marks; Boswell, Piper, Collins; Warsop, Carr, Russell, Briggs, Forester.

Yeovil scored in the second minute.

Hamilton lobbed in a perfect free-kick just outside the penalty "box." Goalkeeper Burke caught Foulds's header, but as players rushed in Burke fell, and the ball went to the foot of HAMILTON, who drove into the net.

Gillingham immediately retaliated, Briggs shooting just outside when nicely placed.

Foulds, on the Yeovil right wing, eluded the defence and crossed the ball to Wright, who smashed in a terrific shot which hit the bar.

Tipped Over

From the rebound Wright headed back, and Burke made an acrobatic leap to tip the ball over the bar for a corner.

Foulds's flag kick was cleared. Russell, the Gillingham centre, got his reshuffled forward line moving strongly towards goal, but the movement was spoiled through Warsop getting offside.

Yeovil were awarded another free kick which nearly produced a goal. Haines nicely placed the ball, which was pushed out by Burke and fell among a bunch of players.

Mansley, from a few yards out, shot and hit the upright, and the ball was cleared.

Gillingham's strength was temporarily reduced to 10 men when right-half Boswell left the field for attention.

Equaliser

Gillingham equalised in the 25th minute. Forester centred accurately from a corner, from which RUSSELL scored. Dyke fisted the ball out, but Russell, running in, chested it into the net.

In a progressive move Wright headed down to Phillips, but Burke, racing out, beat him for position.

The sides were evenly matched, and play switched rapidly from end to end.

Phillips sent Hamilton away, but Boswell neatly intercepted. A swift Gillingham attack nearly matured, but Dyke was too quick for Russell, and cleared a dangerous situation.

Quick Halves

The game was rapidly developing into an enthralling duel, with both sides full out for supremacy.

Wright schemed hard for openings, and Foulds was always dangerous. Only quick covering-up by the visiting halves and backs prevented Yeovil from regaining the lead.

Just on half-time, Phillips bored his way through the visiting defence, but his shot was deflected for a corner, which proved fruitless.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN	1
GILLINGHAM	1

No one got in a good attempt until in the 10th minute on the resumption, when Hickman sent a free-kick curling goalwards.

Burke just managed to push the ball out to Phillips, who blazed over the bar when excellently placed.

Yeovil returned to the attack, and Mansley screwed the ball past the post from a difficult angle.

Gillingham took the offensive, but Davis and Blizzard stood firm, and the visitors' efforts were broken up.

Davis, at left-back, was outstanding, and this dour little player invariably had the measure of his opponents.

Midway through the second half came the best shot of the game.

Foulds's Goal

A quick cross from Hamilton was met by Phillips, who crashed it with great power towards goal, but the ball flashed past the wrong side of the post.

Ten minutes from the end,

FOULDS restored Yeovil's lead in a goalmouth scramble.

The ball went to PHILLIPS, who was crowded out, but he cleverly passed for Foulds to drive it into the net from short range.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN	2
GILLINGHAM	1