

Gravesend Defenders Were Kept Busy

YEOVIL PASSING DID THE TRICK

Playing their last home League match of the season, Yeovil quickly found the gaps in the Gravesend defence. Relentless pressure and good passing brought a reward after eight minutes, and the home team had a 3-0 lead at the end of the first half.

YEOVIL were unchanged, but the visitors made five last-minute changes. They included in their side Leslie Gore, former Yeovil player. Teams:

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

GRAVESEND.—Gould; Deevey, Chambers; Dimmock, Baldwin, Burgum; Gore, Wilson, Hawkins, Viles, Lilburn.

Referee: Mr. R. G. Haines.

From the kick-off Yeovil took the play to the Gravesend penalty area, and from a Hamilton centre Phillips headed high over the bar. The Yeovil team launched repeated attacks, but were driven back by the visitors' defence.

Dictated Course

There was another thrill at the visitors' goalmouth when a Hamilton centre hovered from player to player until it was cleared by Baldwin. Yeovil dictated the course of play, and the defenders were kept busy stemming their attacks. Yeovil were one up after eight minutes' play.

Wright split the Gravesend defence wide-open with a delightful shot to PHILLIPS, who gathered the ball, ran forward, and shot into the net wide of Gould.

From the kick-off, Gravesend took the play to the Yeovil end where Blizzard completely missed the ball which left Hawkins, the visitors' centre-forward, in possession only a few yards out.

Masterly Save

Only a masterly save by Dyke prevented the visitors from leveling the scores. He dived full length to gather a "hot shot" from Hawkins, which looked a certain goal.

Following this escape Yeovil hammered away at their opponents' goal, and Gough was kept busy saving shots from all directions.

Little Support

Yeovil's second goal came in the 20th minute, when **WRIGHT** ran forward to a high ball from Haines. As the goalkeeper came out to intercept, Wright put the ball in.

Up to this stage the Yeovil defence had been little troubled and Hickman and Davis dealt efficiently with the spasmodic raids of the visitors.

Yeovil kept up the pressure, and the visitors confined themselves mostly to defence, their forwards getting little support from the halves.

After 25 minutes Phillips left the field for attention by the trainer, and although left with ten men Yeovil continued to hold the upper hand.

With return of Phillips, Yeovil put on more pressure.

Good Passing

Yeovil kept play open, finding their men with beautifully-timed passes to which the visitors had no answer. A feature of the play was the understanding between the home left-wing, Hamilton and Wright, whose interchanging movements were a menace to the Gravesend defence.

Splendidly fed by the halves, the Yeovil wingers kept moving and their frequent crosses often looked dangerous.

The Gravesend goal almost fell the third time when Phillips hit the bar from a Foulds' centre. Gravesend broke away but were halted on the penalty line by Blizzard, whose play throughout the first half was outstanding.

Driven Back

Eight minutes from the interval, Yeovil increased their lead through **WRIGHT**, who, receiving from Phillips, ran through to give Gould no chance.

Gravesend made an attempt to score, but were driven back before they were within shooting range.

Yeovil pressed right up to the

interval, but were unable to add to their score.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN 3
GRAVESEND 0

Gravesend launched a series of spirited attacks, and in their turn the home defence were kept busy. Dyke was frequently in action, but dealt capably with shots from Wilson, Hawkins, and Lilburn.

Yeovil returned to the attack, but a promising movement was spoiled through Hamilton being offside.

Gravesend came again, and Dyke was almost beaten for possession by Hawkins as he moved to collect a ball from Lilburn.

Hard to Hold

The visiting left-winger, the most dangerous forward, was proving difficult to hold, and Yeovil were forced to concede two corners.

Yeovil, however, began to gain the upper hand, and the Gravesend goal survived a number of lucky escapes.

From a Foulds centre, Wright headed against the crossbar with the goalkeeper beaten, and from the rebound he headed wide of the post. Play went from end to end, with Gravesend striving for a goal, while Yeovil went all out to increase their lead.

Fifteen minutes from the end **HAWKINS** scored for Gravesend from a breakaway. Gravesend had more of the play in the closing stages, but Yeovil added to their score a few minutes from the end through **PHILLIPS**.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN 4
GRAVESEND 1

Cheltenham's Defence Was Too Strong YEOVIL ONE DOWN AT HALF-TIME

Cheltenham took the lead after 25 minutes in their Southern League fixture with Yeovil.

YEOVIL fielded the same side as that beaten at Chelmsford on Wednesday. Teams:

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

CHELTHENHAM.—Nicholls; Alcock, Horner; Titchcombe, Sherlock, Rushworth; Harris, Young, Dean, Shiner, Crow.

Referee: R. Jewel.

The home side took the play to their opponents' end from the kick-off, and Alcock was forced to yield a corner to prevent Fouldes from getting in a centre. The flag kick was well placed, but was kicked clear by Horner.

Yeovil kept up the pressure, and the visitors' goal was in danger when Fouldes, from a well-placed pass, pushed the ball into the goalmouth. It was cleared during a scrimmage, in which the visiting goalkeeper was temporarily laid out in a collision with Fouldes.

Paterson, Hamilton, and Wright took part in a three-pronged attack, but as the ball came to Wright he slipped when about to shoot.

Visitors Attack

Cheltenham took the play to the Yeovil end, and their right wing looked dangerous. Harris twice eluded Davis to cross the ball dangerously in the home goalmouth. Blizzard intercepted, however, and broke up the attack.

Cheltenham came again, and Blizzard, with a clever back-heel pass, dispossessed Dean as he was making towards the goal with a clear field.

After this Yeovil kept play in their opponents' half for a time, but in the 25th minute Cheltenham took the lead from a breakaway. Blizzard missed the ball, and **YOUNG** sent the ball into the net, Dyke making a vain attempt to intercept it.

Yeovil set up a series of strong attacks in their efforts to get on terms, and showed clever approach work, but it broke down against a strong defence. Phillips, the home centre-forward, was well shadowed by Sherlock, and was "blotted out" when near goal.

The visitors were restricted to the defensive for long periods, but were always dangerous in their raids.

Phillips had a great opportunity to level scores from Hamilton's centre, but his shot lacked sting, and was easily saved by Nicholls.

Yeovil gained a corner, and from Foulds' flag kick, Nicholls brought off a brilliant save, throwing himself full-length to deflect a header from Wright.

Yeovil, who seemed to be feeling the effects of their heavy Easter programme, their passing lacking its usual accuracy, fought without avail to level scores, but the visitors' defence stood firm.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN 0
CHELTHENHAM TOWN ... 1

Resuming with Fouldes at centre-half and Phillips at outside-right, Yeovil put up a strong attack and swarmed round the opposing goal. Shots from Wright and Mansley were safely cleared by Nicholls.

Yeovil kept hammering away at the Cheltenham goal, but despite all their efforts the visiting defence held out. From a centre by Phillips Fouldes headed for goal, but Nicholls prevented the ball from entering the net.

Yeovil continued to press, with Cheltenham rarely leaving their own half.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN 0
CHELTHENHAM TOWN ... 1