

Gain Yeovil a Dyke's Fine Saves Lucky Point

DARTFORD HELD TO DRAW

Dartford, 2; Yeovil, 2.

Yeovil will never get a luckier point than the one they gained in this match at Dartford on Saturday.

TWICE in arrears, they pulled up to level terms at the interval, but then had the benefit of some hotly-disputed decisions.

Butler, the Dartford leader, was twice given off-side after he had put the ball into the net, and on another occasion the referee awarded Dartford a penalty, but reversed his decision after consulting a linesman.

The Yeovil attack rarely struck its true form. Foulds, at centre-forward, was too carefully watched by Wenham to be really dangerous, but Wright moved the ball well and was the brains behind all

Yeovil's best moves. Hayward was a lively raider but was inclined to be erratic.

Blizzard was outstanding in the Yeovil defence. He had a difficult task in looking after Butler, but once he had got the measure of the Dartford leader he usually came out on top.

But it was Dyke in goal who saved Yeovil from defeat. He made many fine saves, at least two bordering on the miraculous, when Dartford were staging their grandstand finish.

Butler and Farrington scored for Dartford and Mansley and Hamilton replied for Yeovil.

YEOVIL UNLUCKY LOSERS IN KENT

Blizzard Header Nearly Got Point In Closing Rally At Northfleet

IN a hard-fought Southern League game with Gravesend and Northfleet, at Northfleet, last night, Yeovil Town were unlucky to lose by the odd goal in three in a match that was more in keeping with the opening of the season than the end, writes a Gravesend correspondent. A fair result would have been a draw.

Both sides produced sparkling football with Yeovil having the better of matters in the midfield. Phillips was a dashing leader and was unlucky to hit the cross bar and then blaze over from the rebound.

He, with Foulds on the right, were the chief sources of danger to the Gravesend defence, where reserve back Borrower and goalkeeper Gould stood out.

After Gravesend had seen Baldwin's penalty kick superbly saved by Dyke at the expense of a corner, they took the lead shortly after the second half through Wilson, who slammed home from close range. Yeovil were quickly on terms.

Dyke In Form

From the kick-off they swept through the Gravesend defence, and Foulds equalised. The third and last goal was not long in coming and when Hawkins fairly hurled himself at a centre, to beat Dyke with a well-placed header.

Yeovil crowded on pressure in the closing 20 minutes, and Blizzard, who had played coolly at centre-half, was unlucky with a header that deserved to equalise.

Dyke, in addition to saving the penalty, brought off a number of fine saves when Gravesend retaliated.

Vic Dyke

Surprise, too, has been occasioned by the non-acceptance of terms by Goal-keeper Vic Dyke. It will be a matter of regret generally if terms cannot be agreed and the club decide to place him on the open-to-transfer list.

Nevertheless, these are problems which doubtless Manager Paterson will overcome. Close season activities at the ground comprise chiefly of the installation of permanent seating in the enclosure, which is being carried out mostly by voluntary help.

Bill Bissett, hon. sec., Westland F.C., tells me that they have decided to apply for admission to the Yeovil Junior League, but they will continue to run a team in the Perry Street League.

Major problem for Secretary Bill Bissett will be to find more players, as he states that several of their last season's teams are joining Yeovil Town. Among those who have signed for Westland for next season are: Spurdle, Vaisey, Arnold, Pickford, Hobbs J., Williams, Phillips, Parsons, Hobbs G., West, Saville, Cook.



DICK DYKE, the Yeovil Town F.C. goalkeeper, who has caused a sensation by refusing terms for next season. It appears he will now be placed on the open-to-transfer list. He has been a great favourite with the Yeovil supporters since he was put into the first team against Sunderland in the famous Cup-tie of 1949.

BLEW HALF-TIME 10 MINS. EARLY

Yeovil Resumed Cup-tie Scoring; Dorchester Beat League Champs.

EVEN allowing for the fact that they were without centre-forward F. Starr for half the game, Glastonbury were never in the hunt against Yeovil Town in the final of the Somerset Professional Cup at Glastonbury, writes F.D.V.

Yeovil won by six goals to one. Bobby Hamilton opened the scoring in 28 minutes, his right foot drive leaving Taylor helpless.

He followed with a second goal four minutes later. Then Referee Cornelius stopped the game for the interval ten minutes early. His attention was called to the error; the ball was bounced down, and play resumed.

Mansley scored the third goal after Ray Wright had crashed the ball against the cross-bar.

Surprise Goal

In the second half, Glastonbury broke away, and Allaway scored a surprise goal. Yeovil immediately responded with goals by Mansley, Wright and Hickman, the last from a penalty.

Triers though they were, Glastonbury could not make much impression on Yeovil's defence. Their own was often split by the short passing of the visiting inside forwards.

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End-Of-Season Display Ragged Yeovil

YEOVIL, kicking off before 3,000 in their Southern League match at Hereford, had the advantage of a slight slope, and at once came into the picture with some clever ground passing, but Watson halted the attack just as it was reaching a dangerous point.

Hereford were mainly on the defensive for a period, but Yeovil's finishing was not good enough to enable them to get to close quarters.

Hereford eventually fought back, and a long shot by Evans just cleared the bar.

Hereford's goal had an escape when Wright hooked the ball over his head with Lovett out of position. The ball struck the cross-bar, and Evans, who had rushed back, managed to clear.

At the other end Thompson miskicked with the goal at his mercy. Chapman next had a glorious chance, but, although he had plenty of time, his shot went tamely to the goalkeeper.

BARRACKING

The game became unenterprising, and apart from the two right wings neither side had an incisive forward. The defences were generally well on top. Blizzard kept very close watch on Thompson, former Sheffield United centre-forward, but even when he broke away the Hereford man rarely looked dangerous.

Yeovil had a great chance when Wright sent Hamilton well away, but, with the Hereford defence spreadeagled, the wing man's return pass went straight to Wood.

Hereford showed little keenness, despite their need of vital points, and there was some barracking. Their best attempt was a glorious centre by Bowen, from which Turner just beat Thompson for possession of a high ball.

Yeovil came back through Phillips, whose pass, however, was blazed over the bar by Wright. A magnificent header, by Thompson diverting a Johnson shot enlivened the game, but Turner was covering up.

At this stage Yeovil were playing well and much of their passing was delightful.

Nevertheless CHAPMAN gave Hereford the lead towards the close of the first half, and BOWEN added a second. Half-time:—

HEREFORD	2
YEOVIL	0

YEOVIL HARD PRESSED

Hereford's interval lead was against the run of play, but Yeovil regained much of their ground territorially. Hereford were still in a dangerous mood and Duggan shot outside from a yard from the line. Yeovil's accuracy was still unreliable and Wright, with only the goalkeeper to beat, shot against the side of the net.

Then followed, at the other end, four shots in quick succession with the ball being cleared off the line on each occasion. Yeovil's goal was kept under bombardment and on the run of play Hereford should have been well ahead.

Hereford's second-half display was considerably better than in the opening period, and with better finishing they would have won the game even more easily. But Yeovil's marksmanship was even worse. Wright being the chief offender. The game ended in ragged fashion—and with frayed tempers. Result:—

HEREFORD	2
YEOVIL	0

FOOTBALL WINS

DICKY DYKE, Yeovil goalkeeper, has re-signed for the club. Dicky, a solicitor's clerk, was undecided whether his legal career should not come before football, but football has won.