

# LLANELLY GOT A SURPRISE LEAD

Yeovil today renewed acquaintance with old Southern League opponents, Llanelly, who, on being reinstated to the league, were paying their first visit to Yeovil for 20 years.

THE teams were:

**YEOVIL.**—Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Haines, Corbett, Paterson; Rae, Mansley, Phillips, Wright, Hamilton.

**LLANELLY.**—Atkinson; McInnes, Jackson; Bird, Stein, Emanuel; Lewis, Wallace, Taylor, Fleck, Ainge.

Yeovil were soon off the mark, Phillips heading against the cross-bar from Hamilton's centre. Yeovil came again, but the visitors were given relief when Stein kicked from the foot of Wright as he was shaping to shoot.

Rae, in place of Dougal, who is injured, twice showed Jackson a clean pair of heels to put over serviceable passes, both of which Phillips headed over the bar.

Little had been seen of the Welshmen up to this stage for they were confined to their own half. Yeovil were playing delightful football, keeping the ball on the ground and finding their men with first-time accurate passes.

## Chances Missed

A perfect piece of play between Paterson, Hamilton, and Wright resulted in Wright shooting wide.

The home forwards were responding splendidly to the promptings of their halves and the Llanelly defenders were hard put to save their goal.

Yeovil gained three corners in quick succession but without success. Had they taken their chances, they would have been two up, but both Rae and Wright, hitting the ball on the run, shot hopelessly wide.

Llanelly livened and took play to the Yeovil end, but Corbett stepped in and broke up a promising movement. The visitors were now beginning to get into their stride and having more of the play, but they made little progress against the quick-tackling Yeovil halves.

Yeovil pressed and twice the visiting goalkeeper fumbled shots from Hamilton and Mansley, but succeeded in clearing his lines.

## Home Reverse

Against the run of play, Llanelly took the lead in the 28th minute, when TAYLOR took the ball through on his own and beat Dyke close in.

Following this reverse Yeovil swarmed around the visitors' goal, Hamilton and Mansley missing by inches with full-blooded drives.

Stein, the visiting centre-half, was a source of strength to his side, blocking the path to his goal and keeping watchful eyes on the aggressive Phillips.

## Terrific Shot

From a breakaway, the visitors came near increasing their lead. Dyke saving under the bar a terrific shot from Wallace.

Piling on the pressure, Paterson tried his luck with a 30-yard drive which skimmed the crossbar.

Hamilton got away on the left wing and crossed the ball to Rae, who headed into the arms of the goalkeeper.

Although having all the play, Yeovil could not find a way through the tightly-packed Welsh defence.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN ..... 0  
LLANELLY ..... 1

After the interval Llanelly were given little respite, and their defence was fully extended in stemming the Yeovil onslaught.

A back-header from Phillips narrowly missed its mark, Atkinson nsaving under the bar. Yeovil bombarded the visiting goal, and at one time in a series of goal-mouth scrambles three Llanelly players were temporarily injured, but quickly recovered.

## Thrilling

In a thrilling goal-mouth struggle, Rae obtained a loose ball and fired in a shot which hit the visiting goalie on the body and rebounded for an abortive corner.

Stein was outstanding for Llanelly, clearing his lines with powerful kicks. The visitors although mostly on the defensive, were invariably dangerous when they broke away. From a free-kick, Dyke saved brilliantly from Fleck.

WRIGHT scored for Yeovil just before the end.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN ..... 1  
LLANELLY ..... 1

LEAD OVER GLOUCESTER IN FIRST HALF

# Yeovil Dominate A Fast Game

Yeovil, aggressors during the first half of their first home match this season against Gloucester, deservedly took the lead just before half-time through Hamilton, who dashed through from the left wing.

THE visitors, still seeking a marksman, replaced Boyd (on the injured list) with Beattie. Other Gloucester changes were Haydon, at inside-right, and the local lad, Tredgett, replacing Farnem at centre-half.

**YEOVIL.**—Dyke; Hickman, Davies; Haines, Corbett, Paterson; Dougal, Mansley, Foulds, Wright, Hamilton.

**GLOUCESTER.**—King; Lawson, Peacock; Myers, Tredgett, Canavan; Elliott, Haydon, Beattie, Bury, Buist.

Yeovil won the toss and, following short midfield inter-play, the season's first gasp came when Mansley passed to Dougal, only to lose the ball to a defender near the penalty area.

A few minutes later Hickman shot weakly from a relatively short range.

Gloucester were much faster on the ball in the first 10 minutes. Twice Dyke was alerted by balls from Buist and Beattie.

Dyke, in an attempt to retrieve a dangerous position, collided with Gloucester right-winger Elliott, and both were knocked out.

The ball, as it rolled loose, was put into the net by a Gloucester player but the referee blew for an infringement. Dyke and Elliott resumed after treatment.

## Goal From Rebound

From a free-kick by Haines 15 yards outside the box Foulds headed over from a good position.

Yeovil were awarded another free-kick just inside their own half, but King, the Gloucester goalkeeper, made a fine save.

Yeovil were the attackers and time after time Wright, Mansley, and Dougal made fast, accurate kicks. A corner kick from Dougal was headed over the bar by Wright a minute later.

Yeovil took the lead in the 35th minute, when Hamilton, dashing in from the left wing, smashed the ball into the net after a shot from Foulds had rebounded off the post.

Foulds, following good play by Gloucester in the Yeovil half, made a shining 75 yards dash, only to be thwarted by the busy Gloucester keeper.

A heavy downpour at half-time thinned the crowds on the terrace.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN ..... 1  
GLOUCESTER CITY ..... 0

Play resumed in rain and Yeovil attackers immediately took the ball to the Gloucester penalty area, while spectators rushed to enclosed stands. The attack was only repelled after a similar thrust.

Dougal, receiving on the right wing from Mansley, took the ball along the edge of the goal line, but was robbed by goalkeeper King as he was about to shoot.

It was nearly, but not quite all, Yeovil's game — good fast play resulting in two corners, both admirably taken by Hamilton.

A dangerous moment for Yeovil came when Dyke made a full-length save from Buist after the goalkeeper had mistakenly thrown the ball out into what he thought was a dispersing goalmouth scramble.

Six times in 20 seconds opposing couples slipped on the now slimy pitch. In one of the collisions Davies and Haydon were laid out.

Paterson brought the crowd's applause when he made a rogue attack with a loose ball 30 yards from King.

Gloucester made many attempts to equalise, but these fizzled out against a staunch Yeovil defence.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN ..... 1  
GLOUCESTER CITY ..... 0

# YEOVIL DEFENCE TOOK HONOURS

## Llanelly Forwards Share In Goal Shyness; Chard's Fine Wing Pair

LLANELLY'S quick-firing attack was effectively held by Yeovil at Stebonheath Park, and the Welshmen had to rest content with a share of the Southern League points after having much the better of the exchanges.

In an exciting opening half Llanelly failed to accept a few very acceptable scoring chances and, thereafter, a staunch Yeovil defence clamped down firmly on the Llanelly forward line, in which Scottish international Wallace, at inside-right, tried hard but unsuccessfully to find a chink in the Yeovil armour.

To some extent Llanelly had themselves to blame for being goalless—they were poor marksmen—but, to a greater extent the credit must go to the visiting full-backs, Davies and Hickman.

## Quick Tackling

They were quick into the tackle and assiduous in their play throughout. Goalkeeper Dyke, too, dealt cleverly with one or two difficult situations.

Of Yeovil's forwards Phillips, in the centre, was a dangerous raider, but suffered from lack of support.

It was an entertaining game played at an exacting pace, and marred only by the goal-shyness of the forwards. Yeovil deserved their point if only for the steadiness of their defence.

# RAE GOAL TURNED THE TIDE

YEOVIL earned their Southern League point at Dartford, writes our Dartford correspondent.

After conceding two early goals, they fought back so effectively that they took almost complete command of the game, and the home side, outplayed for long periods, were lucky to save the day at 2-all.

At the start Dartford adapted themselves better to the difficult conditions imposed by the frozen, snow-covered pitch, and only good work by Dyke, in the Yeovil goal, prevented the home side adding to their two early goals, scored by Withington and Jefferies.

The turning point came when Rae profited by a Dartford defensive lapse to score Yeovil's first point.

## FAST AND SURE

After this the visitors played fast and accurate football, and had the Dartford defence in constant trouble. But indifferent finishing kept Yeovil from equalising until ten minutes from the end, when Mansley got through.

Rae, a grand leader, was the inspiration of Yeovil's successful fight back. He had full support from his colleagues, with Hamilton the most dangerous winger afield.

Corbett and Davis were the pick of the Yeovil defence.