

THREE DOWN IN TWO MINUTES

A squall of goals—three in two minutes—hit Yeovil at Northfleet this afternoon, and, although they rallied for Foulds to score, they changed ends still facing a 1-3 deficit.

FORMER Bristol City half-back Cliff Edwards was at centre-half for Gravesend, for whom he is now player-manager.

GRAVESEND AND NORTHFLEET.—Gould; Baldwin, Chambers; Deey, Edwards, Fulbrook; Liltburn, Wilson, Hawkins, Viles, Peters.

YEOVIL.—Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Haines, Corbett, Paterson; Dougall, Mansley, Foulds, Wright, Hamilton.

Losing the toss, Gravesend were quickly on the attack and after three minutes Dyke had to go full length to save from Hawkins.

Gravesend continued to dominate play, and their fast open football kept Yeovil's defence at full stretch.

Foulds Fails

Yeovil should have taken the lead after seven minutes when Foulds beat Edwards, but he shot tamely for Gould to save. Yeovil were finding their feet now, and Dougal was prominent at outside-right. In a swift Gravesend raid, Haines's falling body blocked what seemed a certain scoring shot from Hawkins.

Hickman was in great form for Yeovil. Again and again he broke up dangerous-looking moves. At the other end, Edwards's head checked the eager Yeovil forwards.

Transformation

Play continued to sweep from end to end with two strong defences smothering all scoring attempts. Then came a dramatic change, Gravesend scoring three goals in two minutes.

LILBURN got the first from a from a Peters' centre. Straight from the kick-off **HAWKINS** ran on to a loose ball to bang home Number 2. With Yeovil defence reeling, Gravesend came again and **HAWKINS** netted Number 3.

Yeovil hit back and **FOULDS** crashed one home from close range. Four goals in four minutes! Just before half-time Hawkins got the ball in the net again, but was ruled off-side.

Half-time:

GRAVESEND 3
YEOVIL TOWN 1

Straight from the restart Wright centred for Hamilton to force a corner, but this was cleared.

Play continued fast, with both defences at full stretch. Hawkins missed a grand chance to increase Gravesend's lead when he beat Davis for the ball, cut in, and shot across an empty net.

Yeovil were playing delightful mid-field football, but failed at shooting range. On the other hand Gravesend, more spasmodic, always looked more dangerous, and Dyke was frequently in action.

Edwards was playing a real general's role in the Gravesend defence, and his blond head was always in the thick of things.

Yeovil gradually took command and exerted heavy pressure. Play was now mostly in the home half.

WRIGHT scored a great goal for Yeovil in 72 minutes after he and Hamilton had created the opening.

Result:

GRAVESEND 3
YEOVIL TOWN 2

Easy Southern League Win Against Tonbridge

YEOVIL CONTENT WITH FIVE

Yeovil, 5; Tonbridge, 0.

Yeovil can hardly congratulate themselves on beating Tonbridge by the healthy margin of five goals to nil, for in a match which can be described as shooting practice for Yeovil's forwards, double figures could quite easily have been reached, had their finishing been a little steadier.

TONBRIDGE, on a treacherous surface, showed why they were fifth from the bottom of the league.

Only twice did they look like scoring. Their defence sagged at the slightest pressure, leaving Hankey, overworked but blameless for the defeat, to cope with a monotony of drives.

When they did break away in attack, Tonbridge lacked combination, and they petered out disappointingly.

Yeovil certainly combined well, but were inclined to steady up and be content to rest on their lead instead of, as it seemed they could have done, completely routing a tired side.

Mansley, inside-right, led the goal-rush after five minutes, and was followed by Rae and Wright (2). In the first half, Mansley also scored in the second half.

Hamilton and Dougall, the wingers, paved the way for many Yeovil attacks, and had good support from Rae, at centre-forward, and Wright and Mansley, the inside forwards.

Dyke dealt confidently with the few shots that reached him.

POSTSCRIPT PROBLEM

NO FAULT WITH YEOVIL DEFENCE

Inside Forwards Must Improve; Deputy Connachan's Mixed Luck

AN improvement on the part of Yeovil Town's inside forwards is called for, writes F.D.V. No fault could be found with the defence in Saturday's drawn game with Llanelli at Huish.

Corbett and Manager Paterson were outstanding in defence, and Hickman and Davis were safe. Haines tended to be drawn out of position too easily.

Of the forwards, none worked harder than Joe Rae, brought in at the last minute in place of the injured Dougall. Even in the wing position he was always a menace to the Llanelli defence.

After 26 minutes of Yeovil ascendancy, the visitors broke away and, before most of the crowd realised it, Taylor was there to score.

Rae Move Paid

The second half was a stern battle between two good defences, with goalkeepers Dyke and Atkinson doing well.

When Rae was moved to the middle he signalled the switch with a header which Atkinson was lucky to push around an upright. Then, when full-back Jackson miskicked, Rae quickly flicked the ball in for the equaliser.

It was a sporting contest, and the sympathy of the Yeovil fans was expressed when, just before the end, the Llanelli centre-forward Taylor was carried off the field following a collision with the Yeovil goalkeeper Dyke. He was taken to hospital for stitching.

Yeovil Fight Hard For Victory

By F.D.V.

A CROWD of 6,000 gave Yeovil a rousing reception when they took the field in their first home game of the season.

Gloster City opened strongly, and their sudden raids on the home goal were threatening, but Yeovil's defence stood firm.

Following a nice left-wing run, Foulds crashed the ball on to the side of the Gloster net.

Yeovil began to see more of the play. Foulds again crossed the ball, Lawson just beating Mansley for possession.

Dyke, Yeovil's keeper was injured following a collision with Elliott. He appeared to recover but collapsed again and the game was held up. Although still obviously dazed, he resumed. Yeovil next attacked strongly.

ESCAPES FOR BOTH

Gloster forced a corner following a free kick, but did nothing with it. Then Mansley (Yeovil) headed wide of the posts following a fine pass from Dougal.

Both goals underwent escapes, but in general there was too much hard kicking and aimless passing.

HAMILTON ALERT

Shooting of the home forwards was wide of the mark and King, in the Gloster goal, was seldom troubled.

After 40 minutes, however, Mansley pulling down a high ball from Corbett, shot hard for the far corner of the net; the ball came out to HAMILTON who promptly returned it in the back of the net.

In further Yeovil attacks Foulds, Mansley and Douglas figured prominently. Half-time:—

YEOVIL TOWN 1
GLOSTER CITY 0

Torrential rain during the second half made the playing surface treacherous. Yeovil were first to attack, King saving from Daugall.

STONEWALL DEFENCE

Play was robust and never of a high standard.

Yeovil could not get going properly against a stonewall Gloucester defence, but one Wright effort from the edge of the penalty area was pushed around the post by King.

Result:—

YEOVIL 1
GLOS. CITY 0

Thrills at Worcester YEOVIL SOON LOSE LEAD

YEOVIL forwards were quickly attacking at Worcester, but minor infringements spoiled two promising moves. Worcester took the lead in the eighth minute when full-back Newbold lobbed the ball into the goalmouth from the touch-line for SMITH to shoot over Dyke's head into the net.

Haynes, racing down the middle, released a powerful drive which hit the Yeovil upright. Dyke then did well to push a full-blooded drive from Mogford round the post.

When Yeovil forwards got under way again Hamilton and Ray both went near with shots, the latter hitting the bar.

The visitors gained a well-deserved equaliser when during a strong raid with all five forwards taking part NEWBOLD turned the ball into his own goal.

After 30 minutes Yeovil went ahead. MANSLEY shooting through a forest of legs into the net. Worcester replied strongly and MOGFORD equalised with Yeovil defence appealing for off-side. Half-time: Worcester 2, Yeovil 2.