

Yeovil Improved as They Went On

MARKSMANSHIP ON UPGRADE

In a game in which both sides shone in turn Yeovil, in their home game with Lovell's Athletic, mostly had the measure of their opponents. The result was a pretty foregone conclusion when in the sixtieth minute Yeovil led by three clear goals.

YEOVIL had one change from the side that beat Barry on Wednesday, Mansley coming in for Collins at left-half.

Lovell's made one change, Williams displacing Cross in goal.

YEOVIL.—Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Keeton, Blizzard, Mansley; Hamilton, Foulds, Bryant, Wright, Coffey.

LOVELL'S.—Williams; Fisher, Edmonds; Evans, McConnon, Bye; Hodder Wood, Holland, Hogg, Shaw.

Referee: R. J. Ingram, Bath.

Lovells showed up first, Davis having to concede a corner, but the advantage to the visitors was short lived. On arrival in the visitors' half Wright gave Williams an early chance to prove his mettle with the kind of shot which bowls some goalkeepers over but did not defeat this one.

Coffey was probably as surprised as anybody at how he came to miss scoring from Bryant's pass.

All this had happened inside three minutes. It was then BRYANT'S turn to get a pass (from Wright) and he made no mistake with it for the first goal, scored amid protesting shouts of "Offside."

Yeovil had Dyke to thank for the fact that Lovell's did not draw level soon after through Holland, whose hard drive from Hodder's centre was saved single handed. After a promising movement, Shaw shot wide.

Lovell's were good in mid-field, and about this time a goal to them would have been deserved. Yeovil then re-applied the pressure, but shooting was not their card.

Not So Lucky

Wright was unlucky, however, when he looked certain to succeed from a scoring position prepared for him by Hamilton. His header was only inches over the bar.

Coffey made up for preceding omissions by good play in front of goal in which he shared the honours with Hamilton. It was from the left-winger's pass that BRYANT scored Yeovil's second goal after 30 minutes.

Yeovil continued pressing but could not get through again.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN 2
LOVELL'S ATHLETIC 0

In a dangerous movement by the visitors on resuming, Hickman nipped in to rob Holland as he was about to shoot. Lovells kept it up and the Yeovil defence was sometimes hard pressed. Hamilton and Foulds missed easy chances for Yeovil.

It was in the 60th minute when Mansley started a move which brought Yeovil their third goal. He passed to Wright who, in turn, gave it to Bryant. The centre passed to FOULDS, who ran through and eluded the advancing goalkeeper to crash the ball into the net.

Two Penalties

A splendid raid by Lovells followed. They were awarded a penalty and BYE opened their account from the spot kick.

Next penalty was to Yeovil for a foul on Bryant. Taking the kick himself the home centre shot wide.

A few minutes later WRIGHT brought Yeovil's total to four, beating Williams all ends up with a 20-yard drive.

Five minutes later, HAMILTON seized on a partial clearance by Williams to score Yeovil's fifth goal.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN 5
LOVELL'S ATHLETIC 1

YEOVIL SCORE TWICE IN LAST 5 MINUTES

Yeovil Town, 3; Chelmsford, 0.

Two goals in the last five minutes provided a hectic conclusion to Yeovil's home Southern League match against Chelmsford, which they won by three goals to nil.

IT was a game full of interest and thrills, but fog which descended over the ground just before the interval made play difficult to follow.

Although Yeovil had more of the play in the first-half, they were unable to pierce the well-organised defence of their opponents, despite the scheming of Wright and Mansley.

Yeovil owe their victory to the superb play of their halves. Splendidly covered by full-backs Hickman and Davis, they held the visiting attack and serviced their forwards with well-timed ground passes.

With Haines limping badly on the right wing, the brunt of the attack fell on the opposite wing.

Foulds was a masterful leader and despite the close attentions of Wick he scored Yeovil's first and second goals. George Paterson's first goal for Yeovil, which came almost on time from a free kick, was greeted with prolonged cheering.

Chelmsford played stylish football, but their attacks were never allowed to develop due to the resolute defence of Blizzard, Hickman, and Davis, while Dyke in the home goal, was always in the right place to deal with shots that came his way.

Wright and Hamilton, on the left wing, showed clever understanding, the latter responding magnificently to his experienced partner's promptings. Cliff Mansley, at inside-right, played a dual role and worked like a trojan.

Yeovil's display augurs well for next Saturday's Cup match. On this showing they should safely account for Romford, and go into the hat for the next round.

The only flaw in the match was an incident in the closing minutes between the visiting goal-keeper and Mansley. Otherwise it was a fast game full of interest.

Hereford Were A Live-Wire Team

YEOVIL were as per programme for their home game to-day, but Hereford made two team changes, Rowley coming in at left-half in place of Thompson, who took over the right-back position, Adams being injured.

Hereford got off to a good start but Banks, receiving between the two Yeovil backs, shot wildly over the bar from a scoring position.

HEREFORD'S SPEED

The speed of the Hereford forwards frequently found the home defence out of position and Dyke was often in action making some good saves, but as the game proceeded Yeovil overcame this initial shock, and Lovett was rather fortunate to clear a ball from Bryant at the second attempt, whilst at the other end, 6ft. 3in. Prangley headed just over the cross-bar from Alfred's corner kick. A combined movement on the left by Hargreaves and Coffey got under way, but by clever anticipation Thompson nipped in and relieved the danger. A free kick, well taken by Davis, was saved by Lovett with Bryant in close attendance, and again a minute later Lovett was in action, this time saving from Fouldes.

For the next five minutes Yeovil overran Hereford's defence, but they were kept out by the sound and fearless tackling of Watson and Thompson.

Even when Coffey put Bryant through the middle the centre-forward shot straight at Lovett who cleared.

Hereford's nearest attempt at scoring came when their centre-forward beat Hickman and, taking the ball in his stride, flashed it the wrong side of the upright.

Attack on the Hereford goal followed and this time Coffey was responsible for a glaring mistake. With the goal at his mercy he shot so feebly that Watson had little difficulty in clearing.

It looked as if Yeovil were doomed not to score when Lovett, in a most amazing fashion, scrambled the ball off his goal line after Bryant had shot. Six attempts he had, and in the end he succeeded.

The feature of this game, which, although lacking the finer points, was full of interest, was the positional play of the Hereford defence, which frequently broke up the home attack. Try as they would, Yeovil failed to break down the stone-like barrier until two minutes to half-time, when Keeton sent a high ball across into the middle and BRYANT headed it past the advancing Lovett.

Half-time:—

YEOVIL 1
HEREFORD 0

An attack by Hereford started off the second half when Dyke haved through Banks and then Davis headed the ball from the foot of Duggan as he was about to shoot. At the other end Lovett dropped the ball dangerously near Bryant, but the Yeovil centre-forward failed to get it under control and it was cleared.

Play deteriorated and the referee was kept very busy.

YEOVIL 1
HEREFORD 0

RECORD CROWD SEES YEOVIL TOWN DRAW

There was very little good football in last night's return Southern League match between Yeovil and Weymouth, which ended in a 2-2 draw—a fitting result taking everything into consideration, for neither side deserved the full points.

THERE was a great deal of aimless kicking and too much playing the man instead of the ball.

Weymouth were a fast-moving side and their quick-tackling halves gave the home forwards little opportunity of settling down. As the pace quickened, brains gave way to brawn, and at times tempers became frayed.

Bryant was a closely-marked man and had little opportunity of showing his skill. He rarely succeeded in eluding the attentions of Brawley, the Weymouth centre-half.

So busy were the home halves in stemming the lively Weymouth forwards that they were unable to give their own forwards a full measure of support. Nevertheless, three good scoring chances were missed in the second half, Bryant,

Foulds, and Coffey shooting wide from short range.

Although Wingers Coffey and Hamilton were given little scope, they provided most of the danger to the visiting goal. Ray Wright was rarely in the picture, while Foulds was too closely watched to be effective.

Hickman and Davis were sure and resourceful at full-back and gave excellent cover to Goalkeeper Dyke.

Haynes gave Weymouth the lead after 20 minutes, scoring from a McGowan centre. Before the interval, Wright equalised from a free-kick.

Yeovil went ahead soon after the interval, Bryant heading in from a Hamilton flag-kick. Before the end, Jones equalised for the Seaside's with the best goal of the match, with a first-time drive, Dyke having no chance.

The game was watched by a crowd of nearly 10,000—a record for a league match—including a big following from Weymouth. The gate receipts of over £500 were also a record.