

Goal By Mansley Celtic Praise Yeovil's 'Grand Team' Beats Colchester

By F.D.V.

THE vital Southern League game between Yeovil, unbeaten at home, and the leaders, Colchester, attracted a crowd of 10,000 to Huish this afternoon. Both sides were at full strength, and the opening had all the thrills of a Cup-tie with Yeovil attacking from the off.

Phillips broke through, to be brought down. The referee awarded Yeovil a corner kick. Yeovil came again, and Wright dropped a shot from Paterson, which he gathered at the second attempt.

A high ball from Phillips also caused Wright some trouble, the Colchester goalkeeper appearing unsettled in these opening minutes.

Both Survive

Colchester were quite unable to keep the ball clear of their goal area, but in defence, Beach and Kettle were never rattled.

Swinging the ball about, the visitors launched their first attack, and Dyke gathered well from Cutting.

A free kick taken by Haines was headed out by Stewart who appeared to come from nowhere to make the clearance.

After 15 minutes, Foulds got the ball into the Colchester net, but the point was disallowed for off-side.

Foulds delighted the large crowd when he worked the ball right across the Colchester goalmouth, but he rather overdid it and nothing resulted.

Still it was all Yeovil with the Colchester defence striving hard—and succeeding—in keeping the home forwards out. Stewart once put Kebble through, but Dyke leaving his goal, saved in fine style. A neat header from Foulds was saved by the post by Wright, who made other good saves.

Just on the interval Hamilton forced Kettle to concede a corner for which Foulds headed inches wide of the upright. Half-time:—

YEOVIL 0
COLCHESTER 0

Colchester did the attacking on the resumption, the home team having lost much of their first half punch.

BLIZZARD THERE

Blizzard, by clever positioning, saved the home goal from downfall. The importance of the game to both sides was evident, and the referee was kept busy dealing with minor infringements.

Ray Wright, with a shot from the wing, caused his namesake to punch over the bar, and it was some seconds before the ball was cleared from the Colchester area. A few minutes later Wright again tested the Colchester keeper, but his shot lacked sting.

There was still no score at three-quarter time.

MANSLEY scored the all-important goal for Yeovil just before time from a free kick by Haines. Result:—

YEOVIL 1
COLCHESTER 0

3-1 Margin

YEOVIL BEAT CITY IN CUP

A strong Bristol City team, including eight players who have appeared in the Third Division, were beaten 3-1 by Yeovil Town in the semi-final of the Somerset Professional Cup, at Yeovil, last night.

THERE were no goals in the first half, when Yeovil tended to keep the ball too close against a quick-tackling defence.

Yeovil played with more determination in the second half and scored twice within eight minutes.

Hamilton, always a menace to the City defence, created an opening for Foulds to score. Phillips scored the second after Wright had put Hamilton away on the wing.

City's reply was a goal by Leslie Lowrie but Yeovil made victory certain when Mansley beat Coombs after receiving a clever back pass from Foulds.

No one was more surprised than Yeovil Manager Geo. Paterson when his team beat his former club—Glasgow Celtic—2-0 in a friendly on Tuesday last.

IT was the first visit to the West Country of the famous Scottish club, who have been winners of the Scottish Cup on 19 occasions and League champions 16 times.

No greater tribute could have been paid to the Yeovil club than that of Celtic Manager Jimmy McGrory, who, after the match, said: "You have a grand team, with a match-winning spirit, and I shall be disappointed if you do not win the Southern League championship."

Tributes to Manager Paterson were paid in after-dinner speeches at Sherborne, where the teams were entertained.

Gentleman Player

This is what Col. Michael Shaughnessy, Celtic vice-chairman, had to say about the Yeovil manager: "We shall always rate George Paterson as one of our greatest gentlemen players. It gives us great pleasure in Glasgow to know he is doing so well and giving such satisfaction in his new venture at Yeovil."

Jimmy Hogan, former Villa manager, and coach of many first-class Continental sides, including the Vienna team which beat both England and Scotland in 1936, made this comment: "George Paterson always played football intelligently, and was a perfect gentleman on and off the field."

George Paterson has proved to the management and supporters at Yeovil that he is not only a good

sportsman, but a good manager," said Mr. H. A. Smith, the Yeovil chairman, thanking the Celtic club for making the long journey to Yeovil. "Our position in the Southern League is evidence of that."

Manager Jimmy McGrory, replying to Mr. Smith, said: "We have enjoyed our first visit to the West Country."

Amid laughter, he commented: "I don't think we have taught you much. Personally, I was disappointed in our play. We showed a lot of good football, but since the beginning of the season our forwards have been goal-shy. Your players showed us how to get the ball into the net quickly."

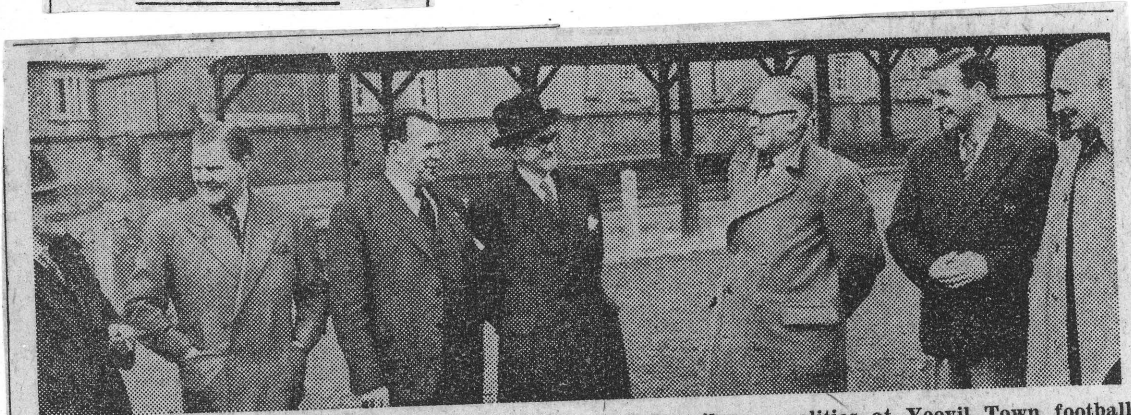
Return Match?

Mr Paterson, after referring to the help and guidance he had received from the club officials, said: "We have a good side, and we have a good chance of winning the league championship."

In the distant future, at the invitation of the Celtic directors, there is every probability of Yeovil visiting Celtic Park for a friendly match, Manager Paterson told me after the Celtic team had departed for home.

An interested visitor to Yeovil on Tuesday was Cyril Spire, manager of Cardiff City and former Villa goalkeeper. I understand he was more than interested in Goalkeeper Dickie Dyke, who is right in the top class.

After Dickie's display against Celtic, he must have gone away highly impressed. YEO.



SOME OF THE GLASGOW CELTIC officials chatting with Yeovil personalities at Yeovil Town football ground, yesterday. Left to right: Messrs. P. Hardy (Yeovil director), T. L. Devlin (Celtic director), James McGrory (Celtic manager), Col. Shaughnessy (Celtic senior director), Messrs. H. A. Smith (Yeovil chairman), George Paterson (Yeovil player-manager), and James Hogan (Celtic coach).

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A section of the large crowd who saw Yeovil Town gain a victory over Colchester on Saturday in a match which had all the keenness and thrills of a cup-tie.

